

PATHFINDER HIKE PROGRAM

MT. WITTENBURG

Point Reyes National Seashore

Point Reyes, CA

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Trail Length: 6.9 miles

Average Elevation: 745'

Elevation Change: 1,268'



Overview

Mt. Wittenberg Trail is a steep ascent to the highest point on the Point Reyes peninsula at 1407 feet. Look for the sign to the summit near the intersection with the Z Ranch Trail. The summit is a short hike (0.4 miles) off of the main trail. Mt. Wittenberg summit is covered in fir trees allowing only filtered views through the dense foliage. It doesn't feel like you're at the highest point in Point Reyes and it's unclear exactly where the summit is — many unmarked foot paths circle through the trees of the summit.

How To Get There

West Bay: North on Highway 101. Take Sir Francis Drake Exit. Follow Drake until it deadends into Highway 1 at Olema. Turn right onto Highway 1, then take first left onto Bear Valley Road. Park entrance is 1/2 mile on left. Follow signs for "Seashore Information."

East Bay: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (Highway 580) to Sir Francis Drake Highway (DO NOT GET ON HWY 101). Then same as above.

[Google Maps Driving Directions](#)

The Hike

There are several loop trails available. Start at the Bear Valley Visitors Center.

MEADOW TRAIL: Take the Bear Valley Trail 0.6 mile south and turn right up Meadows Trail. Meadow Trail joins Sky Trail at the junction to Sky Camp. Turn right on Sky Trail and at about 0.2 mile, you will be at the point where Sky Trail tops out coming from Bear Valley. A short trail leads to the summit, where you have a 360 degree view of the entire Point Reyes Peninsula. From the summit, you descend south to rejoin the Sky Trail. Here you can turn right to reach Sky Camp or left to take of the trails back to Bear Valley or to the coast. At this point is is approximately 3.5 miles to Coast Camp.

