



PUBLIC HIKE

Sonoma's Coastal Forest: Management Challenges Today



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Event date and time: Saturday, September 17, 2022, 10am-2pm

Location: Meet at the Fort Ross State Historic Park parking lot, 19005 Coast Hwy, Jenner, CA 95450. See the location here: <https://goo.gl/maps/FDizgPLNEG3t7aaz7>

Driving Directions: The parking lot is located on Hwy 1 at the corner of Fort Ross Road, about 11 miles north of Jenner.



What we'll see: We will be touring the larger area from Fort Ross to Salt Point and back through Plantation, Seaview Ridge and the Coast Range Community Forest. This area is strongly affected by Sudden Oak Death, Pitch Pine Canker, drought and plantations of non-endemic species. Many people believe the coast is immune to fire, and that the forest manages itself. Changes in management, climate and ecology challenge this notion, and we will look at how forest shifts affect recreation, economy, and local ecosystems.

Hike guides: Our guides will be Fred Euphrat, professional forester, and Brendan O'Neil, Senior Environmental Scientist for Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District of California State Parks. We will also have experts in the field from universities, industry, recreation, and the local community.

About our outing: We'll hike from 10am to about 2pm on coastal and ridge roads. We will look at the work necessary to keep this land ecologically balanced and safe. There's slow driving with beautiful views. Whales and huckleberries are a possible value-add to our outing.

What to bring: Your own snacks, water, sun protection, and hiking apparel.

Cost: Free. Your donations to support events like this are welcome at: <https://sonomaforests.org/get-involved/donate/>