

7 Moonstone Beach

Beautiful vistas of headlands and rocky coves surround this county park, a great spot for surfing, sea kayaking, beachcombing, bouldering, climbing, tide pooling and beach caves. The scenic Little River runs through it too. **100 Moonstone Beach Rd., Trinidad** humboldt.gov.org/1429 | 707-445-7651

8 Clam Beach

On the south side of Little River, this county park is known for tasty giant razor clams, which hunters scoop up furiously at negative tides. Otherwise, regular folk like to tent or RV camp on this sandy stretch between the ocean and Hwy 101. **1100 Clam Beach Rd., McKinleyville** | humboldt.gov.org/1429 707-445-7651



11 Lost Coast Headlands

About six miles west of Ferndale, this 500-acre preserve marks the northern end of the famous Lost Coast. It has rolling mountains, coastal bluffs, and narrow secluded beaches at the mouths of Fleener and Guthrie creeks. **4001-6111 Centerville Rd., Ferndale** blm.gov/california | 707-825-2300

12 Black Sands Beach

At the north end of Shelter Cove, the only settlement on the fabled Lost Coast, begins a three-mile beach composed of curiously dark pebbly sand, framed by the steepest coastal mountain range in the nation. **856 Beach Rd., Shelter Cove** | blm.gov/california 707-986-5400



NOTE: Our beaches are beautiful and private, but caution is advised due to unpredictable waves and tides. For beach hikes, consulting a tide chart is recommended.

9 Mad River Dunes

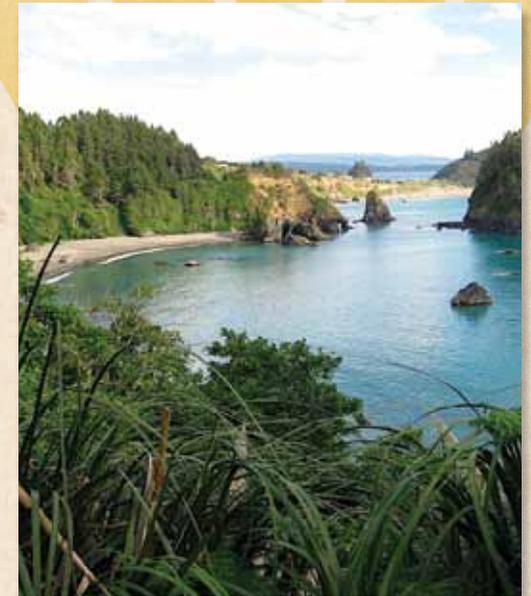
This picnic, beachcombing and fishing nirvana is a county park comprised of two units. One is the beach with coastal dunes and grasses behind the wave slope. The other is a large parking area with a paddle friendly boat ramp into the Mad River. **1 Mad River Rd., Arcata** | humboldt.gov.org/1447 707-445-7651

10 Samoa Beach

Just west of Eureka, this peninsular strip of sand extends unbroken for miles, making it popular with walkers, joggers, beach anglers and bird watchers. At the north jetty, OHV enthusiasts have a playground in the dunes, some of which have hidden WW2 era bunkers. **New Navy Base Rd., Samoa** blm.gov/california | 707-825-2300

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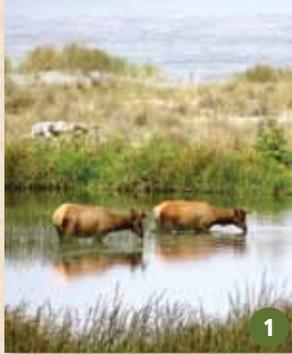
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1 Gold Bluff Beach

This Redwood National and State Parks beach has primitive camping, beachcombing and watchable wildlife, marine and terrestrial. Briefly mined for gold, the beach has another treasure toio, Fern Canyon, a gorge draped in luxurious ferns.

Davison Rd., Orick | nps.gov/redw/planyourvisit | 707-465-7335



2 Humboldt Lagoons

This state park, a string of three large natural lagoons just south of Redwood National and State Parks, offers paddling, fishing, bird watching, swimming and camping. Stone Lagoon has a secluded boat-in campground too.

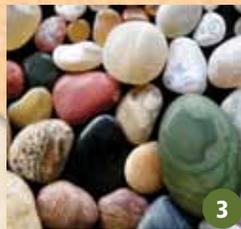
5336 Hwy 101, Trinidad | parks.ca.gov/?page_id=416 | 707-677-3570



3 Agate Beach

In Patrick's Point State Park just north of Trinidad, this beach draws rock hounds from all over, who scoop up rainbows of semi-precious stones, especially after early year storms.

4150 Patricks Point Dr., Trinidad | parks.ca.gov/?page_id=417 | 707-677-3570



SHELTER COVE

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4 College Cove (see cover photo)

Take a short forest hike, with picturesque cliff overlooks along the way, and reach a perfect hideaway protected from strong winds and tides, with noticeably warmer sand and water compared to other beaches. Park of Trinidad State Beach.

585 Stagecoach Rd., Trinidad | parks.ca.gov/?page_id=418 | 707-677-3570



5 Trinidad Beach

This small sandy state beach features dramatic sea stacks, cliffs, a forest trail and access to Trinidad Pier and Trinidad Head, a giant rock jutting into the ocean, with a loop trail that leads to California's most secluded working lighthouse.

Lighthouse Rd and Bay St., Trinidad | parks.ca.gov/?page_id=418 | 707-677-3570

6 Luffenholtz Beach

This county park starts with a picnic area and sweeping overlook of the ocean, a steep trail to the beach, then a spectacular rocky cove with tidepools and wildlife. Just south of the town of Trinidad.

1639 Trinidad Scenic Dr., Trinidad | humboldtgov.org/1429/Parks-Trails | 707-445-7651

