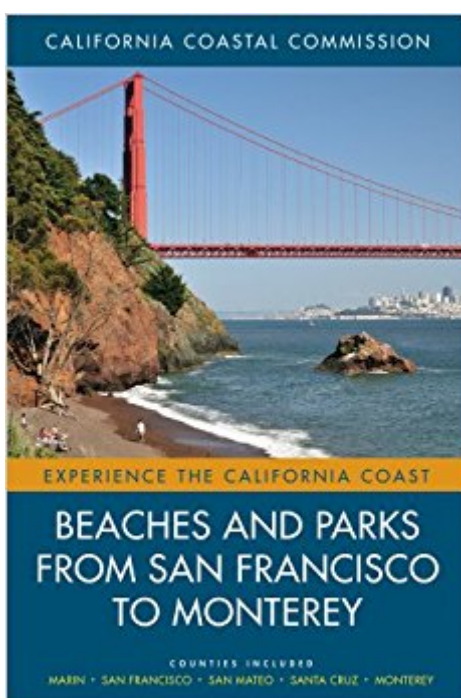


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Many of California's most alluring attractions are found along the coast from San Francisco Bay to Monterey Bay: Alcatraz Island, San Francisco's waterfront, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Point Lobos. This easy-to-use, up-to-date, comprehensive guidebook is the essential companion for visitors; sightseers, hikers, swimmers, surfers, campers, birders, boaters, and anglers; who want to explore California's fabulous shoreline. The book describes some 350 shoreline destinations, including every known publicly accessible beach along the coast of Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties. It also lists wildlife reserves, marinas, and public parks, and includes descriptions of plants and animals, places where dogs are welcome, nature centers, aquariums, and much more. The guide features:

- 53 color maps that show topography, roads, trails, bicycle routes, and other features
- 299 color illustrations
- Sidebars on shipwrecks, railroads, aviation, and other aspects of California history
- Descriptions of geologic formations, wildflowers, tidepools, and beaches
- Information on recreational outfitters, whale-watching trips, surf shops, and more

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As a biologist in the Bay Area for the last 15 years, I've tried to find a comprehensive guide to the area. There are books that cover plants and animals, but I wanted more. Now, I've found it! This book covers more information than you might think at first glance. It has information about wildlife and geology as well as other things to do in the area. It's great for people coming to visit and for those of us that already live here. This book would also be a great resource for any field course for a variety of areas. There is a great intro on with information on tide-pool etiquette, brings dogs to beaches, watching wildlife, etc. I am thinking to use it for my intro biology course next semester. I can't wait to look at the rest in the series!

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