

THE TRAILS

BLUFF TRAIL

1.6 miles one-way | Easy

Easy hiking over the Marine Terrace, along the coastal bluff and access to the beach and mouth of the Estero Americano.

ACCESS TRAIL

0.9 miles one-way | Easy

RIDGE TRAIL

1.9 miles one-way | Moderate

A moderate climb through coastal grassland to an elevation of 400' for amazing views of the Estero east to Valley Ford and West to the Pacific Ocean.

PERMISSIONS & PROHIBITIONS



Hiking



Dogs on Leash



Picnicking



Birding



Wildlife Viewing



Wildflower Viewing
(Seasonal)



Whale Watching
(Seasonal)



No Fire of
Any Kind



No Bikes



No Equestrians



No Camping



No Collecting



No Alcohol or
Smoking



No Shooting



No Potable
Water



Rattlesnakes



Poison Oak



Ticks



Livestock on
Trails

THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

Since 1995, The Wildlands Conservancy has protected over 2.3 million acres, safeguarding ecological connectivity and vast natural landscapes across the American West. Our 25 nature preserves – spanning more than 200,000 acres – are dedicated to active stewardship, restoring wildlands, rewilding species, and fostering meaningful relationships between people and nature. Access to our preserves is free, as are our outdoor education programs, which focus on reaching disadvantaged youth and inspiring the next generation to cherish and protect the natural world.

Behold the Beauty is more than our motto – it's a set of guiding principles that shape our work, from land stewardship to public access and education. We invite you to help protect these landscapes and inspire future generations by volunteering, donating, or including Wildlands in your estate planning. Together, we ensure a thriving future for nature and people.

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THE WILDLANDS
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ESTERO AMERICANO COAST PRESERVE

OPEN FREE OF CHARGE

The preserve and trails are open
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 AM to 5 PM



photo by Corby Hines

Estero Americano Coast Preserve protects 547 acres of coastal prairie, wildflower-covered bluffs, and rare estuarine habitat along a geologically unique fjord-like valley. Located in the traditional homeland of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples, the preserve also sits at a historic boundary between Spanish and Russian colonial influence.

Part of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, its tidal marshes, mudflats, and open waters support steelhead trout, tidewater goby, red-legged frogs, and migratory birds – within one of the most biologically productive marine regions on Earth.

Since acquiring the land in 2015 with support from Sonoma County Ag + Open Space, The Wildlands Conservancy has been restoring native ecosystems and preparing for full public access. With your help, this extraordinary landscape will soon be open daily, free of charge, for all to experience the beauty of California's Sonoma Coast.

Learn more at wildlandsconservancy.org/opentheestero



P **U** **N**
Pinnacle Gulch Trailhead & Parking

R
Ranger Residence

S
Shorttail Gulch Trailhead

P
Preserve Trailhead

K
Kayak Pullout & Picnic Area

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Seasonal Beach Access

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