



General Information

On February 15th GGAHC will be hosting a coast tour (Half Moon Bay/North Santa Cruz Mountains) with a few wonderful key stops including the Ano Nuevo Marine Reserve where you will get a rare opportunity to have a beautiful hike with a state docent to see one of only two elephant seal breeding grounds in California. This tour is timed so we should just see all the newly birthed seals on the beach before they leave in early March. If you have not seen this it is truly spectacular.

Detailed route information will be provided at the meetup which will be at Skyline and Hwy 92. The tour departs at 9:00 am where we will enjoy some local mountain roads and have quick lunch in the quaint town of Pescadero at the world famous Duarte's Tavern at 11:00 am. We will then continue on to Ano Nuevo for our 12:20 (first group of 15) and 12:40 (second group of 15) tours. The Ano Nuevo tour will conclude at approximately 3PM where folks can choose to depart or feel free to join us for stops on the route back up Hwy 1 at the tide pools at Bean Hollow and/or the newly renovated and re-opened Pigeon Point Lighthouse.

Ano Nuevo Tour Info

When: February 15th 2026

Length: The trail to see the elephant seals includes a 3-4 mile hike and is considered moderate with varied terrain including sand dunes.

Time Needed: Guided walks run 2.5 hours from start to finish and operate daily, rain or shine.

Price: \$7.00 + \$3.99 reservation fee for public walks.

Availability: We have only 30 spots reserved. First come first serve so RSVP asap to keith@kcstudios.com

What Should I Bring?

- Elephant seal walks are conducted rain or shine. Winter weather can be very cold and windy, even on sunny days. Rain is frequent and the trail may be muddy with small puddles.
- Visitors should bring hooded rain gear, a warm jacket, layered clothing, and sturdy walking shoes. Bring water for drinking on the trail.
- Cameras and photography are permitted. Although there are no restrictions on flashes, photographers are restricted to stay with the guided walk group and cannot leave. Staying 25 feet from the elephant seals is firmly enforced.
- Binoculars are helpful for seeing seals further out on the beaches and on the island.
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What Not To Bring

- For safety reasons, umbrellas are not permitted on the walks.
- No food is allowed on the tour, but you may picnic in designated areas before or after the guided walk.
- Pets are not allowed in the park and cannot be left inside parked vehicles in the parking lot.