

# Marin County

The Marin County Courthouse in San Rafael.  
Part 1 of 4: Headlands, Stinson Beach, Bolinas, Olema, Lagunitas, San Geronimo, Taylor SP, Novato.



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## Marin County Data

Population: 247,289 (Rank: 24)

Land Area (square miles): 754 (Rank: 48)

The county lies entirely in the Coast Ranges and is made up of soft rolling hills and valleys. The southern part of the county is made up of expensive suburbs of San Francisco. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is located along the ocean side west of the Golden Gate Bridge. This includes the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

The northern part of the county is agricultural, mostly made up of dairies. Mt. Tamalpais dominates the southern end of the county. Mt. Tamalpais is a state park. At its base is the Muir Woods National Monument and the town of Mill Valley

Marin Civic Center, Marin County

Just north of San Rafael is the landmark Marin Civic Center. It houses the courts and administrative offices for Marin County. It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and built in 1957.

The Point Reyes National Seashore forms the ocean edge of the county. The San Andreas Fault slices through Tomales Bay and onto Bolinas Bay to separate the Pt. Reyes peninsula from the mainland. The National Seashore includes several long beaches and the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse. It was at Pt. Reyes that Sir Francis Drake landed in 1579 and claimed California for England, calling it New Albion.

An original county, the origin of the name is

unclear. One story is that it is named for Chief Marin of the Licatiut tribe who lived in the area. This story is conveyed on a plaque in front of the San Rafael Mission. The second version is that the bay between San Pedro and San Quentin points was named Bahía de Nuestra Señora del Rosario la Marinera by Ayala in 1775 and it is possible that Marin is an abbreviation of this name.

Cities: San Rafael, Novato, San Anselmo, Fairfax, Ross, Larkspur, Corte Madera, Mill Valley, Tiburon, Belvedere Sausalito. Towns: Marin City, Bolinas, Stinson Beach, Inverness, Pt. Reyes Station, Olema, Kentfield, Tomales, San Quentin.

## Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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# Headlands

(November 2003)



# Headlands

A pillbox. (November 2003)



# San Bonita Lighthouse

(November 2003)



# Headlands

A gun emplacement. (November 2003)



# Headlands

(November 2003)





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(November 2003)



# Stinson Beach

Stinson Beach has a population 632 . (January 2010)



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# Bolinas

Bolinas' first post office was set up in 1863. The locals are very reclusive and tear down any signs giving directions to the town. The population 1,620. (January 2010)





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# Olema

Olema is a small town that once was at the end of Tomales Bay. Tomales Bay is gradually filling up and the town is no longer at the end of the Bay. (March 2009)



# Olema

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# Lagunitas

The first post office opened in 1906. (March 2009)



# Lagunitas

(March 2009)





# Lagunitas

(March 2009)



# Lagunitas

(March 2009)



# San Geronimo

(March 2009)



# San Geronimo

(March 2009)



# Nicasio

Nicasio is built around a town square. It has a population of 96. (March 2009)



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(March 2009)



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# Samuel P. Taylor Park

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# Platform Bridge

(March 2009)



# Platform Bridge

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# Novato

(August 2003)



# Novato

Downtown Novato undergoing renovation. (August 2003)





# Novato

Downtown renovation. (August 2003)





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