

# Napa County

**The Napa County Courthouse in Napa.  
Part 1 of 2: American Canyon, diRosa Preserve, Napa,  
Domaine Chandon, Yountville.**



## **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

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 Lica-tiut 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 Bahia de Nuestra Senora del Rosario la Marinera by Ayala in 1775 and it is possible that Marin is an abbreviation of this name.

## **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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**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.**

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# American Canyon

(June 2005)



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## Di Rosa Preserve

Rene and Veronica di Rosa put together this collection of 2,000 pieces by 800 contemporary artists. Di Rosa was a journalist who collected art as a hobby and with inherited money bought an old winery and turned it into a museum. It is on Highway 12. (September 2008)





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The city was incorporated in 1872. Today it has a population of 77,000 (June 2008)





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# Yountville

Yountville has a population of 3,000. One third live at the Veterans' Home. The town is famed for its gourmet restaurants such as the French Laundry. (June 2008)





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**Domaine Chandon**



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