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Open Space Strategies



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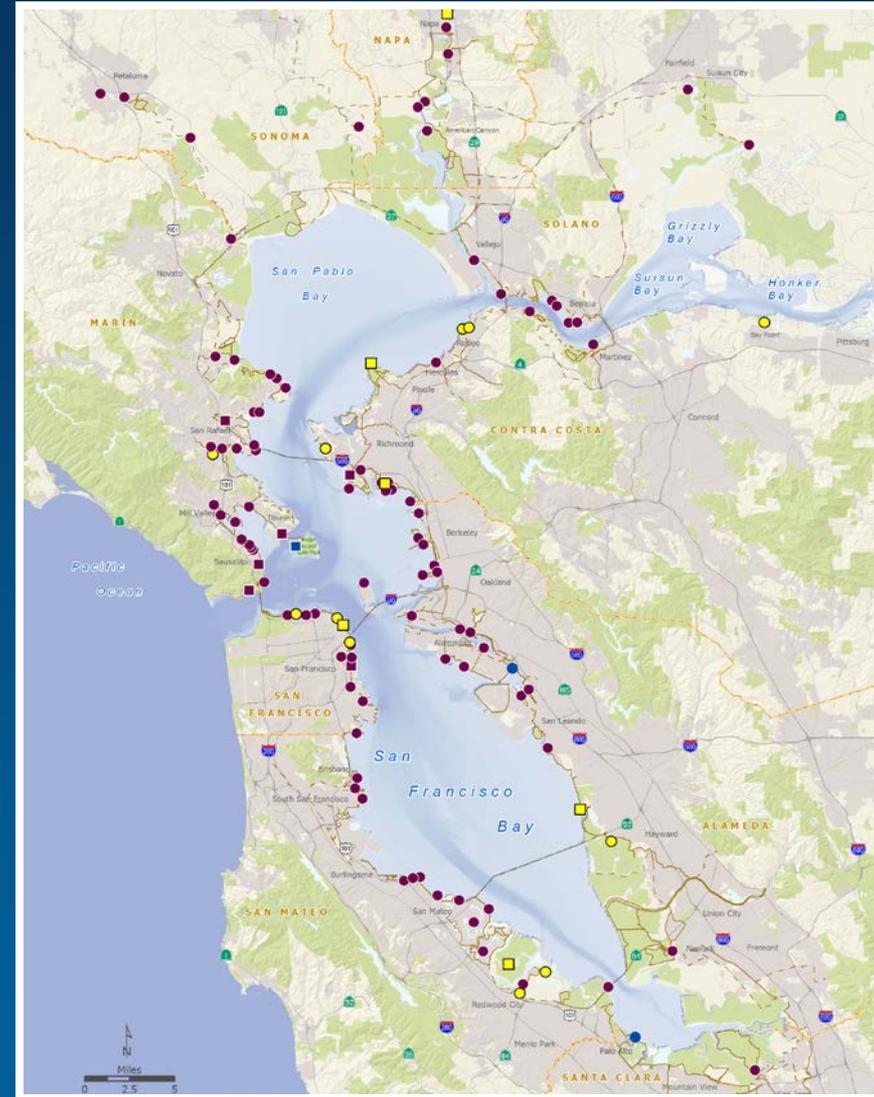
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Water Trail Vision

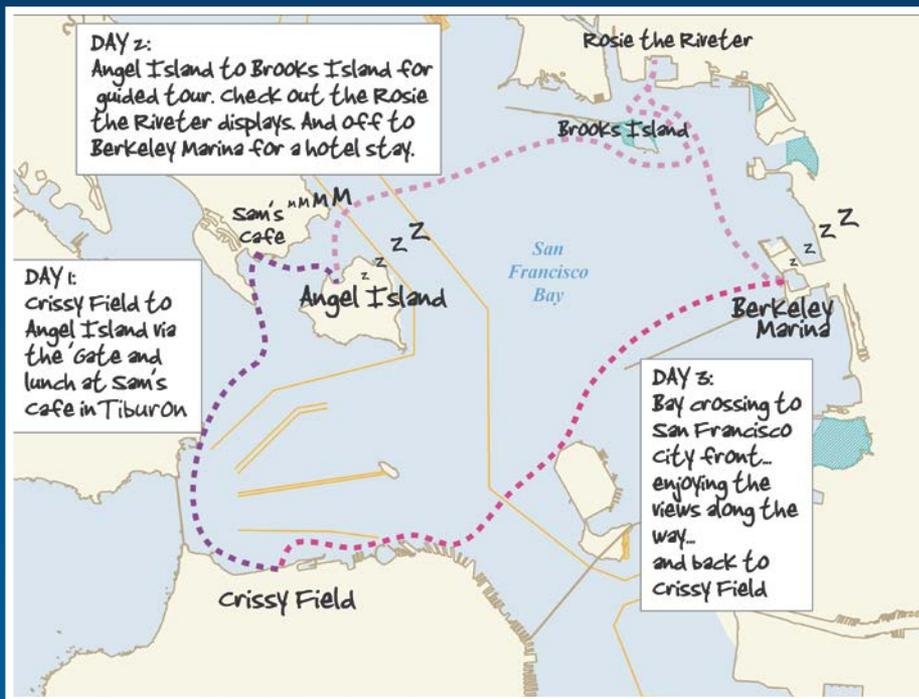
A network of landing and launching sites around the nine-county Bay Area for non-motorized small boats





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Benefits



Karl Nielsen



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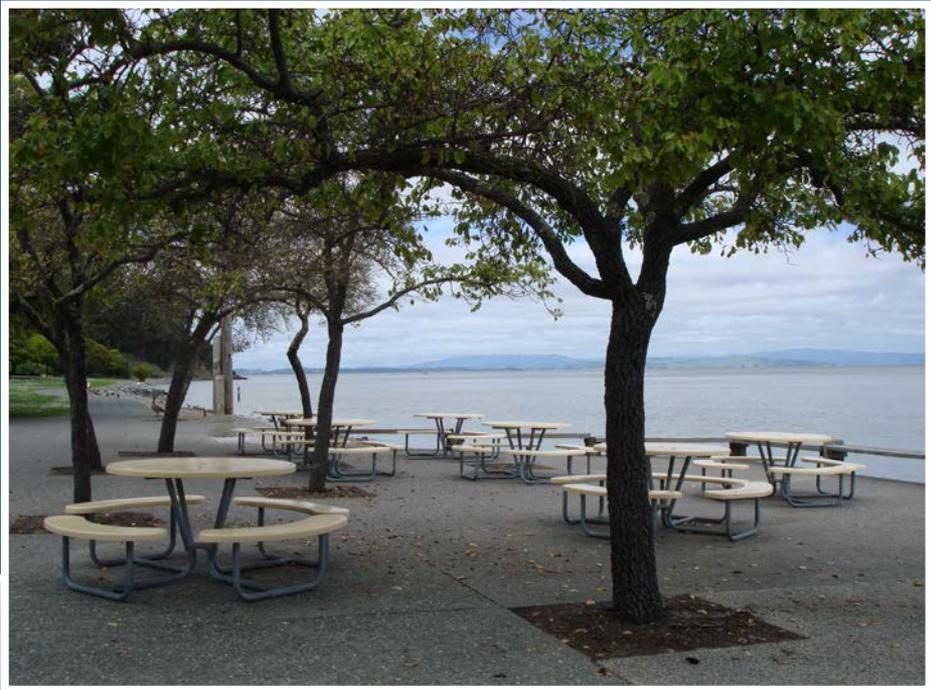


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Origin

1990s - Vision of Bay Access, Inc.

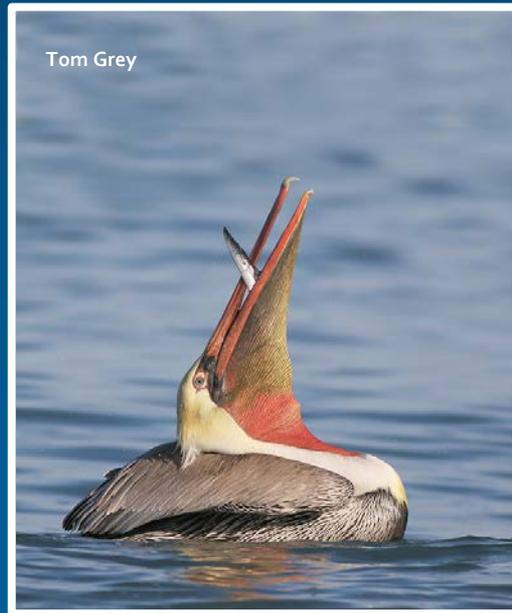




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Origin

2005 - Water Trail Act (AB 1296, Hancock)





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Four Agency Partnership

- State Coastal Conservancy
- Association of Bay Area Governments
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- California Department of Boating and Waterways





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Water Trail Plan





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Governance Structure

Project Management Team





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Advisory Committee

- Accessibility expert
- Bay Access, Inc.
- CA Assoc of Harbor Masters
- CA Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- County or Local Parks
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Hospitality Industry
- Outfitter/Tour Guide
- National Park Service
- US Coast Guard
- Wildlife/habitat Protection Organization
- State Parks



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Recent Accomplishments

Tidewater Boating Center



Penny Wells



Daniel Mannisto



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Recent Accomplishments

Angel Island State Park



Lyrinda Snyderman





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Recent Accomplishments

- Palo Alto Sailing Station



Fred Parkes



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Survey of Water Trail users





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Logo and Website

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Brochure

Make the Bay Your Playground



Imagine a trail with no beginning or end, a non-linear path that takes you to world-class destinations...

This is the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, a growing network of launch and landing sites, or “trailheads” around the San Francisco Bay area.

Each launch or landing site allows non-motorized small boat users to enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay. This unique network of sites will allow people to explore San Francisco Bay in different boat types and in a variety of settings through single- and multi-day trips.

The vision for the Water Trail began with Bay Access, Inc., a non-profit group working to ensure a future for the Bay with access for human-powered boats and beachable sail craft. This vision



became law in 2005 with the passage of the Water Trail Act. Multiple agencies and partners are working together to make the Water Trail a reality.

From each Water Trail “trailhead”, discover jaw-dropping views, amazing wildlife, and rich history — the possibilities are limitless.

Many of us have walked, jogged, or biked along the Bay, enjoying our shoreline for exercise, relaxation, wildlife watching, or for personal reflection. The Bay offers a completely different type of experience — out on its waters. This great 450-square mile estuary provides many



opportunities for recreation for those that venture out beyond land. Some are thrilling, and others are quiet and peaceful.

**We invite you to explore,
discover, learn, and enjoy!**

So, you'd like to get out on the water. Where do you start? How do you build skills? What do you do if you don't own a boat? Where should you go? How do you learn to be safe around other vessels, and prepare for tides, currents, and weather?

Our website has resources to help you get started and become a safer and more experienced boater. The foundation of safe boating on the Bay is preparation — from there fun and exploration will follow!

www.sfbaywatertrail.org

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Sign Program





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Looking Forward – Short Term

- Grant program
- Expand outreach efforts





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Looking Forward – Short Term

- Water Trail Accessibility Plan
- Site Designations
- Additional Funding



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Looking Forward – Long Term

- Stewardship and Docent Program
- Guidebook
- Events
- Long-term funding





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RPC Action

Provide guidance on outreach efforts to shoreline agencies and jurisdictions

- Highest impact
- Key organizations





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RPC Action

Recommend the
ABAG Executive
Board adopt the
resolution
endorsing the
Water Trail

