

Light Houses

Pigeon Point

- Perched on a cliff on the central California coast, the 115-foot Pigeon Point Lighthouse has guided mariners since 1872. This hostel offers comfortable, affordable lodgings in four houses set just beside the lighthouse. Guests enjoy cozy indoor lounges, fully equipped kitchens, cove beaches, tidepools, and an oceanfront boardwalk. Amenities include satellite Internet, free WiFi, and free parking, and are proud to be a certified green business.



- On weekends, free history walks guided by State Parks docents are available on the hostel grounds. The Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel is also a popular spot for whale watching, and a convenient base for exploring nearby coastside communities as well as the ancient redwood forests at Butano State Park, the bird sanctuary of Pescadero Marsh, and Año Nuevo State Reserve, breeding site of northern elephant seals.
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Point Montara

- Just 25 miles south of San Francisco, this hostel is both an idyllic retreat and a convenient base for exploring nearby Half Moon Bay. They also offer easy access to a wide range of outdoor



recreation, including hiking, biking, swimming, surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, horseback riding, whale watching, or just relaxing on the beach.

- Originally established in 1875 as a fog signal station after several ships ran ashore in the late 1860s, this historic lighthouse is still an operating aid-to-navigation maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. The hostel has been in operation since 1980 through a partnership with California State Parks.
 - Guests are accommodated in both shared and private rooms in former Coast Guard quarters and the historic fog signal building. Enjoy cozy lounges, a secluded beach cove with tide pools, and landscaped native plant gardens. Amenities include DSL Internet and free WiFi, on-site laundry, free parking, and an espresso bar. They are proud to be Bay Area Green Business, and have received Gold-level STEP (Sustainable Travel Education Program) certification from Sustainable Tourism International.
 - The coastside location of the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel offers convenient access to several beaches for swimming, surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, and horseback riding. The hostel is also the perfect base for exploring the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Pillar Point Harbor and Marsh, the Devil's Slide Coastal Trail, Mount Montara, and the quaint coastal town of Half Moon Bay.
 - This is where Chris and Amy Heumann got married on April 14th 1996. Click [HERE](#) for photos
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Point Bonita

- Point Bonita today is part of the largest urban national park in the United States, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. A secret jewel of the Bay Area, Point Bonita is still an active lighthouse. The U.S. Coast Guard maintains the lighthouse and the National Park Service provides access to visitors.

- Point Bonita Lighthouse is reached by a half mile trail that is very steep in parts. Discover Point Bonita's wild landscape, geology and fascinating history. The tunnel halfway to the lighthouse is open only during visiting hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fun Facts

Very limited parking availability.

Battery Wallace, near the Point Bonita trailhead, is one of the parklands' most scenic picnic spots with tables and grills overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge.

Bring your own water when visiting.

Sights along the trail to the lighthouse include the ruins of an historic Coast Guard rescue station, wildflowers, and pillow basalt rock formations.