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## HIDDEN BEACH AND FALSE KLAMATH ROCK

**Length:** 8 miles round-trip**Hiking time:** 4 hours**High point:** 600 feet**Total elevation gain:** 600 feet**Difficulty:** easy to moderate**Season:** year-round**Water:** none; bring your own**Map:** USGS 7.5' Requa**Information:** Redwood National and State Parks, Crescent City Information Center

This excursion features vistas of notable highlights, including the mouth of the Klamath River, the Pacific Ocean, Hidden Beach, and False Klamath Rock.

Turn west on Requa Road 2 miles north of the town of Klamath on Highway 101. Go 2.3 miles on Requa Road to the trailhead next to a stop sign.

The Coastal Trail drops at the onset as you view the wide mouth of the Klamath River. Look

for California gray whales and barking sea lions. Commanding eagle's-eye views continue as the trail travels 0.7 mile past open grasslands, where bracken fern, horsetail, and lupine grow.

Take a break at 0.7 mile by a trailside bench to admire the Klamath River valley to the south, where the river, loaded with sediment washed down from the interior and coastal mountains, joins the Pacific Ocean. Proceed



into a red alder forest highlighted by Sitka spruce.

The main attraction of the hike awaits at 2.7 miles, where a spur trail takes you to driftwood-covered Hidden Beach. Spend some time exploring this secluded area, featuring dark gray sand, wildflowers, and large waves exploding on jagged rocks.

Regain the Coastal Trail, which at 2.8 miles descends to near beachside and then enters grasslands as a steady surf chant accompanies continuous open views of the ocean. A spectacular view of Hidden Beach awaits at the end of a 50-yard loop spur trail to the left at 3.3 miles.

Go right onto the signed Yurok Loop Trail 0.1 mile farther, which takes you under a dense canopy of willow, oak, and alder.

**Hidden Beach provides seclusion for seaside explorers.**



*Hidden Beach*

The freshwater pond on Lagoon Creek on the right provides a setting for yellow pond lilies and native and migrating birds. Spot massive False Klamath Rock offshore to the north at 3.8 miles. The trail winds westward at 4 miles to rejoin the main path back to the trailhead.

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