

# *Bodega Bay*

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# Where is Bodega Bay?

## CHAPTER 1

### THE PERFECT TRIP

Have you ever thought of going on a short vacation or a short weekend trip to a low key beach town by the sea, away from the busy big cities. Well this is the perfect guide book for you. In this guide book you will be learning about all the amazing things you can do in Bodega Bay like eating amazing food, playing at the beach and much more exciting adventures and excitement.



## WHERE IS BODEGA BAY?

**Bodega Bay** is **located** on the Northern **Coast** of **California**. Just as it shows in the picture above on the previous page. **Bodega Bay** is above San Francisco but almost next to Santa Rosa. **Bodega Bay** is part of the **Sonoma** coast and is part of the wine country.



Purple Sea Glass (learn more in Beaches chapter)

# Beaches

## CHAPTER 2

The beaches in Bodega Bay are very relaxing and pretty especially when it is **low tide**, you can find so many things at the beach. Along with many of the of the best beaches in Bodega Bay. (can see more information in the More Information chapter) So come on! What are you waiting for let's have some fun on the beach!!!

### Doran Beach

#### A CALM BEACH FOR KIDS

One important thing to know about Doran Beach is that it is a very calm beach for kids. It is one of the most popular beach to go to. The water is pretty shallow so you can't really go surfing. But kids can go play in the water more. You might have notice that there are tents and RVs at the beach on the other side of the road. That is because you can go camping there and just walk across the road to the beach. Something that might surprise you is that you can grill on the beach! Usually at the beaches in Bodega Bay do not allow grilling on the beach but Doran does. Actually you don't have to bring a grill they many there. So the next time or when you go to Bodega Bay go to Doran Beach. (Bring some cash because you have to pay to get in)



Picture of Doran Beach



# Things you can Find on the Beach

FOR AGES 3+( IF YOUR CHILD CAN'T CONCENTRATE THAT WELL AGES 4-5+)

There are many thing you can find on the beach but these are just my top 2 things to find on the beach. One thing I like to collect/find is shells and **Sand Dollars**. You can normally find both of these things on the shore or near/by. A typical Sand Dollar looks like a flat shell that has a unique flower pattern.( If you find a full Sand Dollar you are lucky)

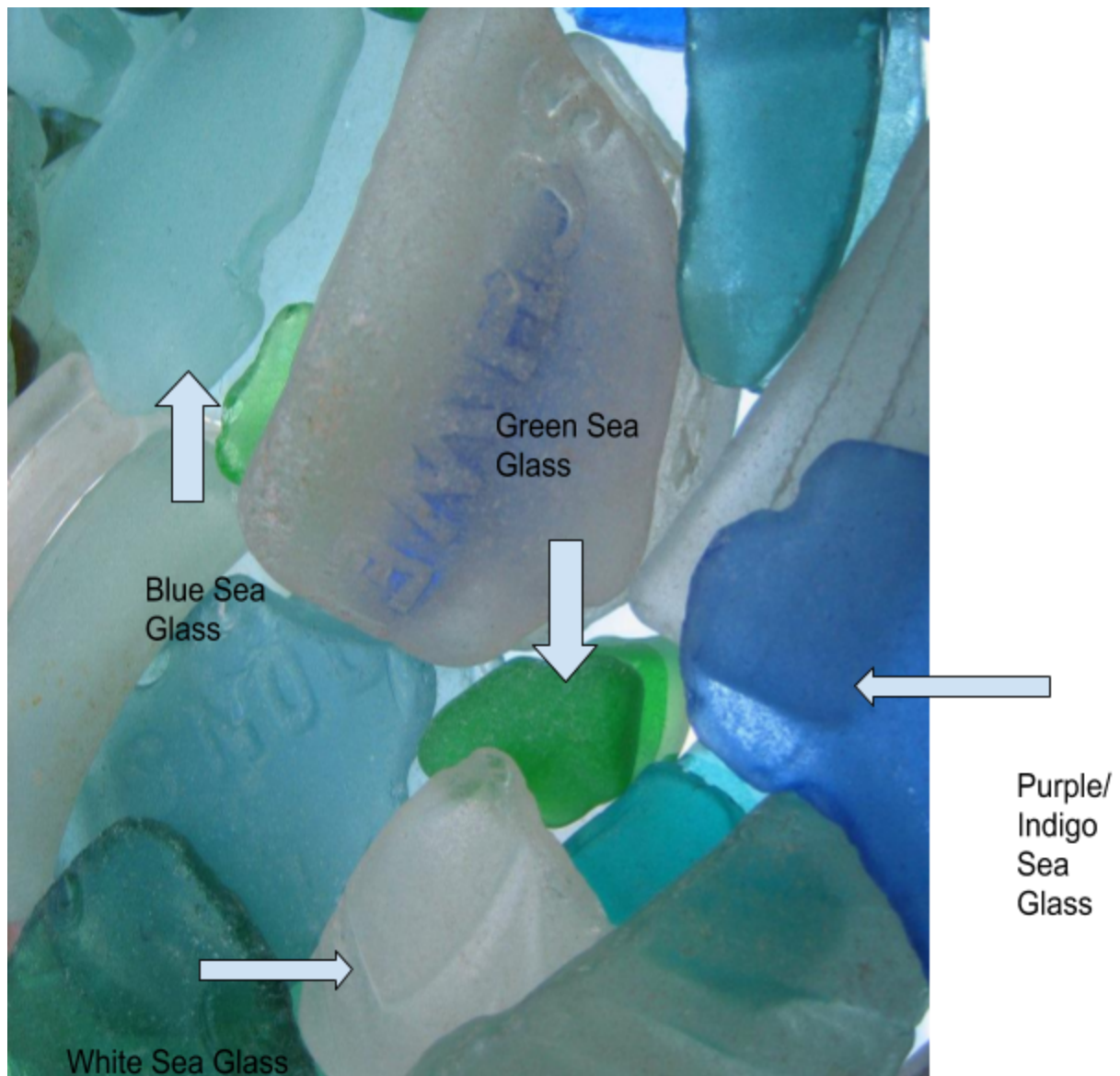
Now this is my number 1 thing to collect/find at the beach it is called **Sea Glass**. Normally you can find Sea Glass in the part of the sand that is still in small pebbles and small rock form. Sea Glass comes in these 5 colors, green (common), white and brown/orange (fairly common), Blue (rare), and finally purple/indigo (really rare). Sea Glass is made of glass bottles(beer bottles) that are left that people throw in the ocean and get pushed and tossed then turns out as transparent(not translucent) with a pretty final color.( Sea Glass is small so you need to really look for them.)



A Full Sand Dollar



Sea shells you can Find





Shells that I found



Sea Glass that I found.



# Food

## CHAPTER 3

There are many choices of food in Bodega Bay. For example, there's **Oysters**, **Dungeness Crab**, **Clam Chowder** and much more. So come find out what to eat in Bodega Bay with me.

### Food Choices

#### THINGS TO EAT(KIDS TO)

If you have kids and don't know what to feed them for your trip to Bodega Bay I have some advice for you. Almost every restaurant has food for kids like Grilled Cheese sandwiches, Mac-n-Cheese, and soup. Some restaurants even have a kids menu for your kids to have a bigger variety to choose from.

Now here are some choices adults can choose from. Of course there are many more to choose from but these are just some of the things you can look forward to. Some of the foods you can look forward to is the Oysters. The Oysters come on a plate with a delicious little sauce on the side and you normally get 8-10 on a plate. Another food to look forward to is Crab. The Crab in Bodega Bay is the Dungeness Crab. They are much bigger and have more meat than the Blue Crab in the East Coast. Now the last food I can tell you a little bit about is the Clam chowder. The clam chowder is always fresh and homemade from the cafe, dinner, dive, and restaurant. Clam chowder is a thick creamy soup with clams in it.



Oysters



Dungeness Crab  
Cooked



Fresh Clam Chowder

# Restaurants

## BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINER, AND BARS

Here are some of my favorite restaurants to go to. One of my favorite restaurants to go to is Spud Point. Spud Point has Crab, Soups, and most famous Clam Chowder. They are located in the area of Bodega Harbor. And next door to Spud Point is another of my favorite restaurants called Fisherman's Cove. It is a very nice restaurant along with a shop for fishing. They serve Soups, Grilled Cheese(for kids), Fish Tacos, and Fish and Chips. It is also located in the Bodega Harbor area. The last restaurant I want to recommend you to go to is The Birds Cafe. The Birds Cafe is named after the movie The Birds was made.(learn more on Fun Facts chapter) The Birds Cafe serves Corn Dogs, Chicken Tenders, Fish and Chips, Clam Chowder, and much more. The Birds Cafe is located off of Highway 1. Make sure to check out 1 or all of these restaurants.



Spud Point logo



Fisherman's Cove



The Birds Cafe



Bodega Harbor in the late afternoon



Spud Point crowded with a lot of people

# Activities

## CHAPTER 4

There are many interesting and fun activities you can do in Bodega Bay and around Bodega Bay. For adults wine tasting would be a good and relaxing, and for kids you could go see whales, the Russian River, and see seals.

### Activities for Kids

#### WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING

Something you can do if you have kids is go **Whale watching** (watching Whales swim and play with their young in the ocean) and **Dolphin watching**. Whale and Dolphin watching are very similar. You are both watching **mammals** and their young swim throw the sea water. But there are some differences. First of all, the whales that **migrate** throw Bodega bay is the Grey Whale and the Blue Whale. The season for Whale watching is the springtime. (March through the end of June) But for Dolphins there is only one type of Dolphin, the Bottlenose Dolphin. The Bottlenose swims throughout the who year, scientist are still trying to figure out we they don't have a exact migrating time. So, if you're lucky you might see them.



A Blue Whale in Bodega Bay.



Bottlenose Dolphins swimming through Bodega Bay.

### Activities for Adults

#### WINE COUNTRY V.S. GOING TO A LOCAL BAR

Both Wine Tasting and going to a local bar are relaxing times of your day mainly because you are drinking something cool and maybe trying some of the wine or beer that they have on tap or have been in barrels ageing for a few year that are ready for you to taste. One main difference is you may have to drive 10-40 minutes due to the



location of the winery, but if you're going to a local bar for local beer on tap it takes about 5-30. Though if you want to be out in the fresh air closer to the valleys for wine tasting it would be more calm and settle. On the other hand if you want to hear some local music while drinking, then going to a local bar would be good on the music because there is live music.



Local Beer  
you can get at local bar



Local wine you  
can get at local winery



Local beer you  
can find

## FARMERS MARKET ON THE WEEKEND

Another activity you can do in Bodega Bay is go to the local Farmers Market. Also if you want to stay in the local area and see or visit a little heart of Bodega Bay then I recommend going here. On Sundays the farmers market is behind the Bodega Bay Community Center. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. All of the stands that are there are local. Sometimes there may even be new stands. They have Fresh fruit, Grilled goods, and more. Hope you enjoy the farmers market!!!:)

People lined up for a stand at the local farmers market.



# Fun Facts

## CHAPTER 5

### SURPRISING FACTS THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND

1. Bodega Bay is named after Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra. He was a Spanish traveler in the 1770s. He was born in Peru **1743**.
2. In 1963 a movie was filmed in Bodega Bay called "The Birds"( Do Not Watch **Unless** you are 11)
3. If you go to the beach Goat Rock you will notice that there are **tons** of seals laying on the sand by the shore
4. There is a small town nearby called "Bodega" so don't mistake Bodega bay for Bodega.
5. The first Russian settlement was in Bodega Bay that is why there is a river called "The Russian River"



Seals laying on the beach called Goat Rock



# Conclusion

## CHAPTER 6

Now that you have learned what to do in Bodega Bay, where Bodega Bay is located you are ready for your trip to Bodega Bay. If you are wondering where to stay I recommend renting out a house mostly because, the Hotels are expensive and you will have a better experience renting a house. So next time you are planning a trip you will know one good trip...

### Going to Bodega Bay!

Advice : Don't bring Sand toys unless rental does not provide.



# More Information

## AUTHOR'S CHOICE

### **Other Beaches you might visit**

1. Salmon Creek beach (can put your feet in the water on certain days)
2. Goat Rock (not safe)
3. Jenner Beach (not safe)
4. Portuguese beach (not safe)
5. Doran beach (can definitely put feet in the water)

### **A River close by that you can go to**

1. Russian River Montorio (can rent Kayaks and canoes)



### **More things to collect**

1. Large sticks to make a fort on the beach



2. Soft sand and place in small jar
3. Starfish (don't take to collect just find)

# Glossary

(WORDS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT NO)

**Bodega Bay** - A small beach town located on the North coast of California

**Clam Chowder** - A creamy thick soup with clams, oyster crackers, and sometimes vegetables

**Coast** - Land that is by the ocean

**California** - A state that is in the western part of the US

**Dolphin Watching** - Watching Dolphins swim and pass by in the ocean

**Dungeness Crab** - The crab that is much larger and is in the western part of the US

**Mammals** - A animal is a animal that gives birth to their young naturally

**Migrate** - To move or go somewhere else on a schedule on the same time of the year

**Oysters** - According to wikipedia a oyster is a salt water molluscs

**Sand Dollars** - A dried up flat sea urchin

**Sea glass** - Glass bottles washed up on shore that turn small and transparent

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