

## Tomales Bay Half Day Paddle, Inverness

Welcome to Blue Waters Kayaking on Tomales Bay! We welcome experienced and first time kayakers alike to join us on this beautiful paddle. Tomales Bay is a beautiful coastal inlet that is protected from the sea by the Point Reyes Peninsula. It is not uncommon to see osprey, harbor seals, pelicans, bat rays and other species of wildlife.

**Itinerary:** We will meet at the Blue Waters Kayaking site in Inverness. After organizing gear and going over basic kayaking instructions and safety procedures, we'll launch our boats and paddle along the bay. We'll explore along the Pt. Reyes shoreline, enjoying the wildlife and beautiful scenery. We'll go fog or shine.

**Equipment:** Our double kayaks track well, are difficult to capsize, and are easy to maneuver. All the necessary gear such as life jackets, paddles, and spray skirts is provided.

**What to bring:** Come prepared for variable weather. Bring clothes that reflect your degree of sensitivity to heat and cold.

- Sun screen & lip balm
- Hat with sun visor
- Wool or fleece hat (for cold days)
- Sunglasses
- 1 liter (minimum) water bottle and snacks
- Shorts or baggy pants that can be rolled up to your knees are best for paddling.
- Shoes you don't mind getting wet. Teva type river sandals, wetsuit booties, or aqua socks. Tennis shoes with wool socks or rubber boots are good in cool weather.
- Windbreaker jacket
- Wool, capilene, poly pro, or some other synthetic long sleeve, long underwear shirt that will keep you warm when it is wet. (Cotton or cotton blend clothing retains water and will keep you cold if it becomes wet.)
- Pile or fleece pullover or a wool sweater
- Change of clothes, including dry shoes
- High energy snacks

**Release Forms:** Please read, sign and **bring** the enclosed release of liability and assumption of risk form with you on our trip.

**Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Marin County, take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west until it meets Hwy 1. At Olema, turn right (north) on Hwy, 1 and then take an immediate left onto Bear Valley Road. Drive 2.5 miles and then merge left back on to Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Drive through the towns of Inverness Park and Inverness. The Golden Hinde Inn and Marina is one mile north of town on your right. The driveway entrance to Blue Waters Kayaking is immediately past the main entrance to the Golden Hinde on your right. PLEASE DO NOT park in the motel parking lot. It takes about an hour from the Hwy 101 turn off to our meeting spot.

*Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time!*

**Launch site:** 12938 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Inverness, CA 94937 • Tel: 415-669-2600