

Fort Ross & Salt Point News



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Fort Ross is open every day.
10am-4:30pm
Reef Campground is open.
The Call House Museum and
Garden is open first weekend
of each month
from 1 to 4 PM.
Please visit our website for
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FORT ROSS-SEAVIEW HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 15th - 10am-6pm
Grand Wine Tasting: 12pm-5pm

Join Fort Ross Conservancy, California State Parks, and the [Fort Ross-Seaview Winegrowers Association](#) at our 4th Annual Fort Ross-Seaview Wine and Harvest Festival for an incredible day of world-class Wine Tasting, delicious local foods, music and much more, all set on the spectacular Sonoma Coast at Fort Ross State Historic Park.

[Buy Tickets on Eventbrite](#)

Enjoy the [Grand Wine Tasting Tent](#) with wines poured by Apriori, Banshee, Blue Farm, Brick & Mortar, Flowers Vineyards & Winery, Fort Ross Vineyard, Gary Farrel, Martinelli Winery, Raen, Ramey, Wesmar, Wayfarer, Wild Hog Vineyard, and Williams Selyem.



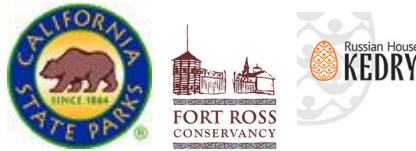
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2016 WINE FESTIVAL

Or sign up for the ["Pinot Noir - Elevated" Wine Growers Seminar](#) where four renowned vintners from the AVA will present their wines, showing a current vintage alongside an older vintage.

Harvest Festival is a family friendly event. The day starts out with gentle apple picking in the historic orchard, where we'll harvest fruit while enjoying Eastern European music and Kedry. The celebration then moves to the Fort Ross compound where we'll enjoy old-world charm of the 19th century Russian settlement. [See the details on our Harvest page.](#)





Marine Ecology at Fort Ross



The 2016 fall school year has started and what that means for us here at Fort Ross Conservancy is our [Marine Ecology Program](#) (MEP) is in full swing! We just completed our largest program to date with 148 total participants, and we have another three MEPs booked in September alone, so we're definitely excited for the future of this youth environmental program.

We encourage parents, students and teachers to learn more about the program and to consider signing up. We still have scholarships available. Please reach out to us with questions by email at sondrah@fortross.org.

-- Sondra Hunter, Marine Ecology Program Manager, Fort Ross Conservancy

Beach Cleanup Day
Saturday October 1st, 10am-3pm
Salt Point State Park



Please join us for Beach Cleanup Day at Salt Point State Park. This cleanup day will celebrate [COASTWEEKS](#), an annual celebration of our coastal and water resources, when tens of thousands of Californians come together from September 17th to October 9th to keep our coasts and inland waterways free of debris.

We will be removing trash on several beaches along the Salt Point, with the possibility of some invasive plant removal as well. There will be fabulous prizes for the person or team that picks up the most trash and that finds the most unusual trash. We hope to see you there!

Bring work gloves, a water bottle, and a bagged lunch. **Meet at the Salt Point State Park Woodside day use parking area at 10am.** For more information and to sign up, please contact: Sarah King, Volunteer Coordinator & Senior Park Aide, (707) 847-3286 or Sarah.King@parks.ca.gov.

Beach Watch at Fort Ross and Salt Point



[Beach Watch](#) is a long-term shoreline monitoring project which was founded in 1993 by [Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary](#). This year-round ecosystem assessment program is conducted by dedicated volunteers who regularly survey an assigned beach. Trained volunteers collect data on live and dead species of birds and marine mammals, and human activities. They also report violations, detect oil pollution, and collect oil samples. We are always looking to widen our pool of trained volunteers here in western Sonoma County. To learn more about our local program see [FRC's Beach Watch page](#), or learn more about the Beach Watch program itself visit the [Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Beach Watch](#) page.

The Sonoma County Doghole Ports Project

From the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



The rugged Sonoma coast was a difficult place to navigate, with fog shrouded rocks causing the loss of many vessels engaged in coastal and trans-Pacific trade. Small indentations in the coastal cliffs and headlands, known as doghole ports, provided the only places to load lumber cargoes onto small schooners and steamers in the 19th century. During the 2016 Sonoma Doghole Ports Project, archaeologists and divers from California State Parks and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries explored the terrestrial and submerged remains of the ports' infrastructure and shipwrecks to will illuminate the area's maritime cultural landscape.

Doghole ports were once the center of maritime activity along the northern California coast and the evidence of that confluence of land and sea networks can be seen in the archaeological remains of lumber chutes and lost vessels. These sites now lie within several California State Parks and in NOAA's [Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary](#). Archaeologists, historians and resource managers are working together to document and interpret these remains to better understand our past and connect present day communities to their heritage. Surveys are being combined with archival research and oral history to document the larger lumber industry landscape that linked the redwood forests to the world.

To read more, see FRC's page www.fortross.org/doghole.htm

It was a privilege for Fort Ross Conservancy to work with California State Parks and NOAA to welcome the distinguished scientists and divers at our parks. We especially thank Deborah Marx for compiling and sharing this report and for providing us this summary.
