



Dedicated to providing coastal access while protecting the natural beauty and character of the Humboldt County Coast from Little River to Big Lagoon.

## SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

Greetings TCLT Supporters,

We have been working hard to protect the landscapes you love by fostering connections to the coast through our outreach and education programs, and getting out on the land to maintain trails, remove invasive species, and keep beaches and access trails clean. In this Spring newsletter you will learn a little more about our dedicated Board of Trustees, view the exciting schedule of spring and summer events, and get updates on our vibrant volunteer programs.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,

Ben Morehead, Executive Director



### Support the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust!

Consider becoming a sustaining donor with a \$5 or more monthly gift. It's easy! Little gifts add up to a big difference. Visit [www.trinidadcoastalandtrust.org](http://www.trinidadcoastalandtrust.org) for more info.

## TCLT Board of Trustees Plans for Tomorrow's Challenges



Board of Trustees Members from left to right: Richard Johnson (Vice President), Jenny Hutchinson, Matthew Marshall (President), Ben Morehead (Executive Director), Charles Netzow (Treasurer), Don Allan (Secretary), Bryce Kenny, Steen Trump, Tami Trump, and Shirley Laos. Not pictured: Diana Smeloff

TCLT's Board of Trustees is actively involved in all aspects of the Land Trust from maintenance of properties, to negotiating contracts, to planning fundraising events, and more! At a planning session this past March, the board strategized how to best move forward with a myriad of projects. Some of the planning session topics included updating criteria for prioritizing projects, major donor development, and Houda Point improvements. "Working with staff gives us added tools in the form of developing policy, prioritizing criteria, and creating possibilities for improving the safety and enjoyment of our treasured coast", said Diana Smeloff, Board Member. Learn more about our dedicated board members on our website at [www.trinidadcoastalandtrust.org/aboutus](http://www.trinidadcoastalandtrust.org/aboutus).

# Volunteers Make a Difference!



## Community Seabird Monitoring Volunteers

This past March, thirty new Community Seabird Monitoring volunteers were trained to monitor seabird populations that live off the Trinidad coast. From April to August monitors will visit 8 different sites and enter data into a statewide database that helps track the health of seabird populations to inform resource managers. This program is a joint effort between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and TCLT.



## California Coastal National Monument Ambassadors

Volunteer Ambassadors assist with outreach activities that help the public understand and appreciate the natural resources and significance of the Trinidad Coast and the California Coastal Nation Monument. This spring, ten new Ambassadors joined the program. You will see them assisting on hikes, hosting our information tables at local events, and at other outreach activities. If you would like to learn more about these programs please contact [carol@trinidadcoastalandtrust.org](mailto:carol@trinidadcoastalandtrust.org)

## Stewardship Events

### Pilot Point Stewardship Days

**Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon**

Join Humboldt State University students on a two-day invasive plant removal project at the Pilot Point nature reserve near Moonstone Beach. Home to sensitive flowering plants and the elusive local mountain beaver, this geologically unique coastal bluff is only accessible during events like these. Please bring water and sturdy shoes. We provide gloves and tools.

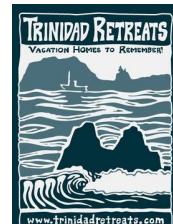


### American Hiking Society Vacations Visits Trinidad

This spring, TCLT will once again host 12 eager volunteers, who spend their vacation working on trails. Please pardon our dust as volunteers will be working on repair and replacement of existing trail steps, installation of new crib steps, trail clearing, trail digging and removal of invasive plants. The group will be camping June 10th - 15th at Patrick's Point State Park. If you would like an opportunity to meet and work alongside these volunteers from all over the country, contact [benm@trinidadcoastalandtrust.org](mailto:benm@trinidadcoastalandtrust.org).



**Thank you to the State Coastal Conservancy and Conservation Leader and Patron Business Partners for making our outreach programs possible!**



# 2019 Summer Guided Walks

**Plants of Trinidad Head:** Saturday, May 11 @ 2 - 4 p.m.

Meet at the Trinidad Head Trail head for an introduction to the plants of Trinidad Head

**Baker Beach Bioblitz:** Saturday, June 8 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet at TCLT office to carpool to Baker Beach for the annual Bioblitz where volunteers will be working on recording Baker Beach biodiversity using the iNaturalist app.

**Nature Photography with Bob Wick:** Wednesday, June 12 @ 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Spend the evening learning photography tips from the BLM's National Conservation Lands photographer, Bob Wick. Meet at the TCLT Office for the first hour of instruction, then go out in the field for tips on photographing the coast at sunset.

**Seabird Watching:** Saturday, June 16 @ 9 - 11 a.m.

Before the Fish Festival is in full swing, drop by the bluff overlook at the Corner of Trinity and Edwards Streets and learn about seabirds that live near the coast. Seabird experts will be on hand with spotting scopes to help you see and appreciate these amazing birds.

**Birding by Ear:** Saturday, June 22 @ 8 -10 a.m.

Meet at the TCLT office for a walk from Saunders Park to Old Home Beach with Andrew Orahoske to learn how to identify birds by their calls and songs.

**Pinniped Talk and Tour:** Friday, July 5 @ 9 - 11 a.m.

Join BLM Biologist Claire Nasr for a brief talk on pinnipeds (seals and sea lions) at the TCLT office, followed by a field trip to view these marine mammals off the coast.

**Low Tide Walk: Parker Creek Trail to Old Home Beach:** Saturday, July 6 @ 9 - 11 a.m.

Join a TCLT naturalist on a walk along the Parker Creek Trail to Old Home Beach. Learn about the history of this fascinating area and enjoy a low tide exploration.

**Geology of Trinidad Head:** Saturday, July 20 @ 2 - 4 p.m.

Join BLM Geologist Sam Flanagan for a geologic history tour of the Trinidad Coast. Meet at the Trinidad Head Trail Head near the memorial lighthouse.

**Easy Low Tide Walk: Trinidad Pier:** Saturday, August 3rd @ 8 - 10 a.m.

Meet at the Trinidad Pier for an easy access low tide walk. We will have a beach wheel chair for those who might need it and will take our time during this relatively easy access low tide walk.

**Introduction to Seaweeds of the North Coast:** Saturday, August 31 @ 7 - 9 a.m.

Learn about edible seaweeds of the north coast during this low tide exploration with TCLT Volunteer Naturalist, Mindy Hiley. Meet at Baker Beach Trail Head along Scenic Drive, near Baker Ranch Road.

Come prepared with boots or closed-toe shoes that can get wet. Baker Beach Trail is short, but moderately steep, with cable steps near the beach.

All guided walks require registration. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at 707-677-2501 or email [info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](mailto:info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org)



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Return Service Requested



Support the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust by attending Fiesta de Mayo! This benefit is in conjunction with the first of the 2019 Trinidad Art Nights and will include music by The Sandfleas, Art by Artists who Surf. \$10 fajita plates, oysters by the Oyster Lady, beer, wine and margaritas! **Special discounts on drinks for those who purchase our new stainless steel mug at the event!** All proceeds benefit the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust projects and education programs.

## Fiesta de Mayo

Friday, May 3rd, 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall

Part of Trinidad Art Nights

a benefit for Trinidad Coastal Land Trust



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