

J12 Marconi State Historic Park

Distance: 1.1 miles Shaded: 20%

Elevation Change: 250' Moderately steep section.

Rating: Hiking - 7 Difficulty - 5 Possible conference in session.

When to Go: Best when clear at the coast. Can be windy.

This is a short hike that circles the Marconi Conference Center. It offers great views of Tomales Bay and the surrounding hills.

0.0 From the parking lot, take the signed Route 57 trail that heads downhill towards the bay. At the bottom of the steps head left for a short distance, then take the paved path uphill.

0.1 Corporation yard and junction ①. Continue and take the Meadow trail uphill. This hike follows the outermost trail when possible.

0.2 Junction and bench. Continue uphill on the outer path.

0.3 High Point. The trail levels off. Continue past the water tanks.

0.4 Junction ②. Cross the paved road and take the Tower Hill trail. Head uphill, then go right up to a viewpoint. Notice the wind-pruned shrubs and trees below. Also, notice the antenna site in the distance. It consists of 4 concrete anchor pods symmetrically placed to tie down one of 4 vertical 270' antennas. Continue on the trail, which heads downhill with good views of the bay.

0.5 Junction ③. Take the trail left 100' to view another of the antenna sites, then come back to junction ③ and head downhill.



Old Marconi Hotel

0.8 Junction. Cross the paved road and take the signed Vista Loop trail downhill. At the flat area, circle right to stay on the outside for good views of the bay.

0.9 Take the Route 57 trail, which was the old road that predated Hwy 1. (There is a question whether it was Route 57 or Route 56).

1.0 Take the Bridge trail to the main entrance road.

1.1 Back at the parking area with a nearby picnic area.

Option: If there is no conference in session, feel free to further explore the Conference Center grounds. The lounge in the Check-in building has a small historical display describing the invention of the telegraph, the Marconi company and the history of this facility.

Getting There

From Hwy 101:
In Greenbrae
W on Sir Francis Drake
to Olema.
R on Hwy 1 for
10 miles to mile
marker 36.15. R into
Conference Center.
R at junction, then
L to park in lot.



J12 - Point Reyes North Marconi State Historic Park Hwy 1

