



YOUR GUIDE TO MALT-PROTECTED VIEWS

Founded in 1980, the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) was created to protect Marin County farmland from mounting development pressures. In the decades since its founding, MALT has continued to advance farmland protection while supporting the adoption of sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices throughout West Marin. In protecting farmland in perpetuity, MALT strengthens Marin’s thriving agricultural community, the economic viability of small-scale farms and ranches, a robust local food system, the ecological health of wildlife habitat and scenic, climate-resilient landscapes.

Did you know that many of the scenic vistas enjoyed from Marin’s public trails contain the sweeping hills and pastures of MALT-protected farms and ranches? It’s true! MALT has protected more than 54,000 acres to date with 91 agricultural conservation easements. That’s roughly 38,000 acres of grasslands, nearly 13,000 acres of forested habitat, approximately 141 miles of creeks and streams and more than 700 acres of wetlands – much of it visible from Marin’s public pathways and trails. Use this guide to identify MALT-protected farms and ranches and favorite local agricultural producers from three of the most scenic public trails in Marin.

1. Millerton Point Trail in Tomales Bay State Park
2. Tomales Bay Trail in Golden Gate National Recreation Area
3. Barnabe Road, Cross Marin Trail in Samuel P. Taylor State Park





MILLERTON POINT TRAIL

Tomales Bay State Park

An easy stroll with ADA accessibility, Millerton Point Trail looks out over Tomales Bay. You'll pass by several MALT-protected farms and ranches on your drive to the trailhead, so keep an eye out for MALT signs posted along the road!



1.2 MILES | LOOP | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Driving north on Highway 1 from Point Reyes Station, views of:

Stanley Martinelli Ranch | 602 acres
MALT protected in 2017, home to beef cattle

Bianchini Ranch | 705 acres
MALT protected in 2018, home of Bivalve Dairy

Giacomini Dairy | 715 acres
MALT protected in 2005, home of Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company

Millerton Creek Ranch | 862 acres
MALT protected in 2018, home to beef cattle and Tomales Bay Pastures eggs

Furlong Ranch | 609 acres
MALT protected in 2018, home to beef cattle

Furlong Ranch, which sits across from the Millerton Point Trail, was at high risk of being sold for private estate development because of its scenic location. But thanks to the generosity of MALT supporters, MALT was able to protect this land for farming, forever.

Driving south on Highway 1 from Marshall, views of:

Leali Ranch | 250 acres
MALT protected in 2021, home to Hog Island Oyster Company operations and organic beef cattle

Barinaga Ranch | 883 acres
MALT protected in 1988, home to a lamb and wool operation



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TOMALES BAY TRAIL

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

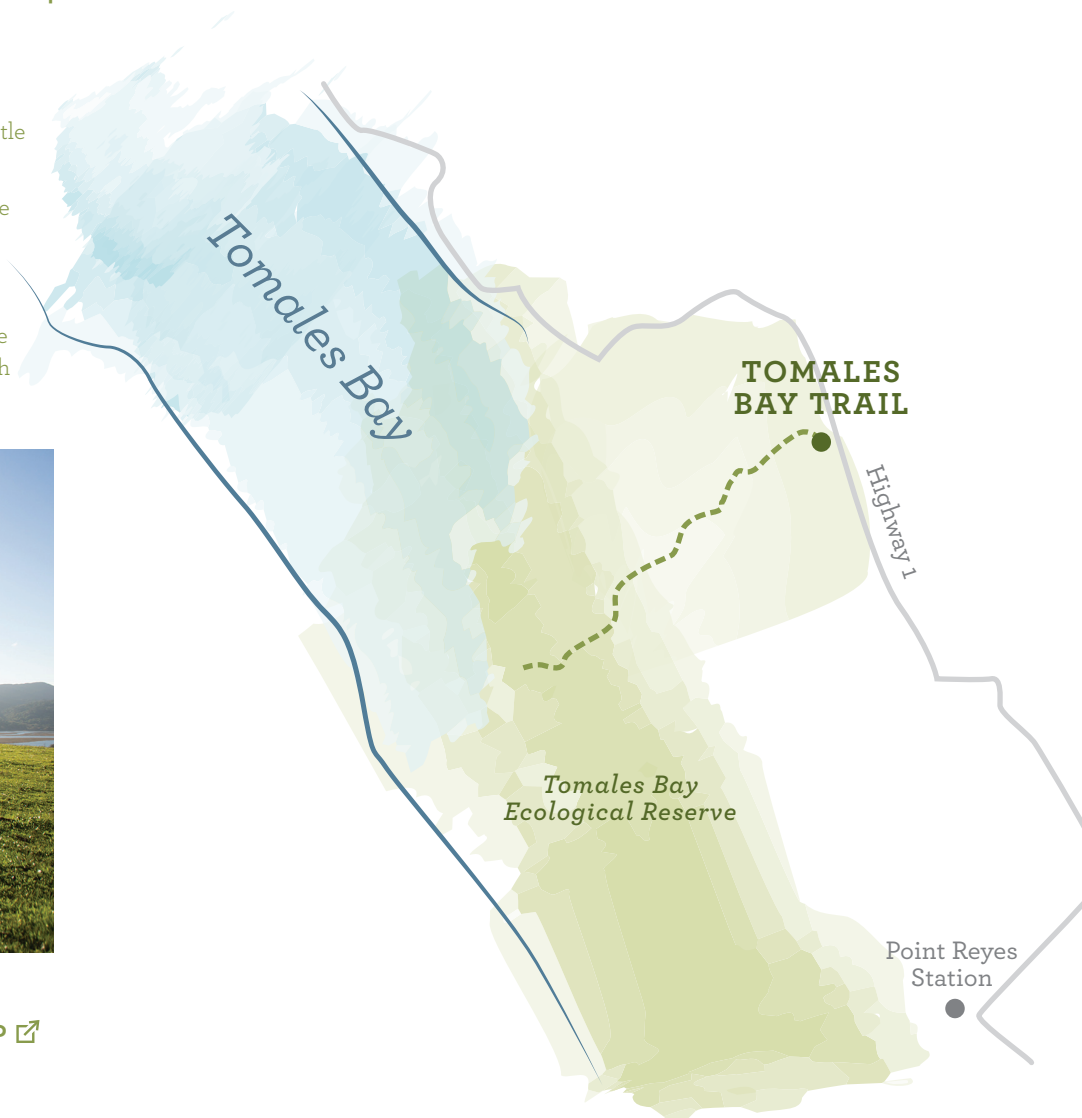
Located across the road from MALT-protected Stanley Martinelli Ranch, the Tomales Bay Trail offers a gently rolling path through cow pastures out to Tomales Bay.

2.6 MILES | OUT AND BACK | DIFFICULTY: EASY

View from the East:

Stanley Martinelli Ranch | 602 acres
MALT protected in 2017, home to beef cattle

The Martinelli family runs a small beef operation on the 602 acres across from the Tomales Bay Trail. The ranch's mosaic of grasslands and forested uplands connect a vast network of critical inland wildlife habitats to coastal wetlands. Thanks to the dedication of MALT supporters, this ranch was protected in 2017.



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BARNABE ROAD, CROSS MARIN TRAIL

Samuel P. Taylor State Park

This strenuous hike will take you to the top of Mt. Barnabe, where you can take in scenic MALT-protected views to the west, including the iconic Black Mountain Ranch, MALT protected in 1993, and Gallagher North Bend Ranch, MALT protected in 2016.



7.7 MILES | LOOP | DIFFICULTY: DIFFICULT

Views to the West:

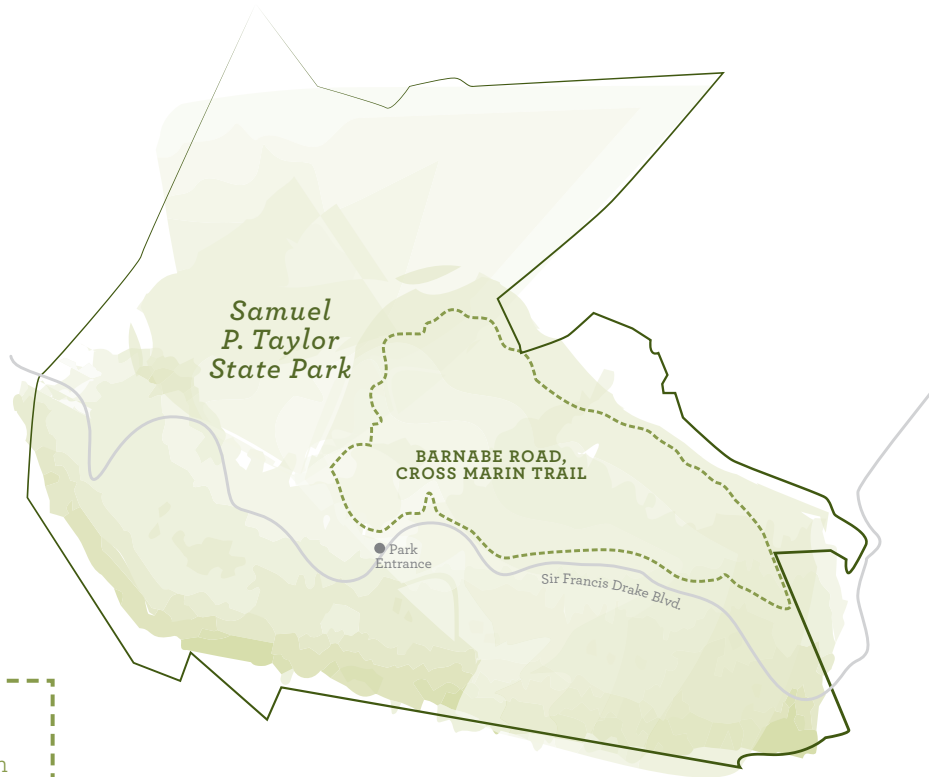
Gallagher North Bend Ranch | 330 acres

MALT protected since 2016, home to beef cattle and silage

Black Mountain Ranch | 1,192 acres

MALT protected since 1993, home to beef cattle, Fibershed operations, and row crops on Little Wing Farm and Table Top Farm

Black Mountain may be one of the most recognizable landmarks in West Marin, with steep rolling slopes rising above the town of Point Reyes Station. MALT-protected since 1993, Black Mountain Ranch is a shining example of ranch diversification with a line-up of lessees who are dedicated to protecting the natural resources that allow their operations to thrive. You can learn more [here](#).



Did you know MALT offers free public hikes on MALT-protected farms and ranches? Brush off your boots and join us on the land to learn more about MALT and the innumerable benefits of protecting farmland in West Marin.

Learn more at malt.org/events ↗

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