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## **Coastwalk Backgrounder**

Coastwalk's mission is to ensure the right of all people to reach and responsibly enjoy the California coast.

Coastwalk's vision: A well-stewarded California coast, highly prized as an irreplaceable commons, open to all.

Coastwalk's Board of Directors represents many regions within California.

### **About Coastwalk:**

- Guides educational walking tours of the California coast for people of all ages.
- Is a California non-profit 501 C organization headquartered in Sebastopol.
- Founded in 1983.
- Advocates for coastal protection and access.
- Is the only statewide non-profit actively promoting completion of the California Coastal Trail (CCT).
- Leads day hikes year-round (list at <http://www.coastwalk.org/Events/dayhikes.htm>).
- Organizes coastal stewardship opportunities like trail maintenance parties.
- Provides educational leadership adventures for youth.
- Partners in completing and promoting the California Coastal Trail with the California Coastal Conservancy.
- Coastwalk maintains [www.californiacoastaltrail.info](http://www.californiacoastaltrail.info) - the "official" CCT site.
- Coastwalk, in partnership with the California Coastal Conservancy, State Parks, the California Coastal Commission, and local agencies and cities, leads the statewide 2008 effort to sign the CCT with new trail markers.
- Has recently formed a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management's California Coastal Monument project.
- Provides hiking resources for self-guided hikes  
[http://www.californiacoastaltrail.info/cms/pages/hikers/hikers\\_guide.html](http://www.californiacoastaltrail.info/cms/pages/hikers/hikers_guide.html)

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**Coastwalk Timeline of Accomplishments:**

**1984-Ongoing**—Brings over 500 hikers to the California Coastal Trail each year, building grassroots advocates through direct experience.

**1996**—Conducted the first ever group walk of the entire California coastline.

**2000** —Active in earmarking \$5 million from the Parks Bond Act for CCT completion.

**2001**—Advocated with the State legislature for authorization of Senate Bill 908, which recognizes the California Coastal Trail and mandates its completion.

**2003**—Organized a group of 10 trail stewards, who hiked from Oregon to Mexico, garnering much press and interest in the CCT statewide.

**2003**—Collaborated with the California Coastal Commission to create a blueprint for the implementation of SB 908.

**2005**—Grant recipient, California Coastal Conservancy, to map the CCT, run its official website, create a signing program and logo and advocate for its completion.

**2007-Ongoing**—Hired a Trail Steward, developing volunteer CCT committees in each coastal county

**List of 2008 Coastwalk Guided Trips:**

Santa Monica Backbone Trek	May 3 - 10
Balclutha Overnight Adventure	June 27 - 28
Marin Pt. Reyes Backpack	June 16 - 19
Classic Mendocino	June 22 - 27
Santa Monica Mountains Family Adventure	June 22 - 26
Lost Coast Backpack	June 21 - 29
Monterey Family Adventure	June 28 - 29
Classic Humboldt	July 6 -12
Classic Santa Barbara FULL	July 7 - 12
Classic Sonoma	July 15 - 19
Angel Island Overnight Family Adventure	August 8 - 10
Marin Headlands Inn Adventure	August 28 - 31
Sonoma Fort Ross Overnight	September 6 - 7
Autumn in Del Norte	September 3 - 6

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