

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL ANNUAL SITE-SPECIFIC REVIEW

SITE NAME	McNears Beach Park
SITE NUMBER	M38
SITE LOCATION	San Pedro Point Road, San Rafael, Marin County
CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATION	Water Trail identification sign installed; Water Trail educational sign includes messages about hunting, navigational safety, avoiding clapper rails and heron/egret rookeries (with buffer distances), and directs users not to land in marshes; approval and completion of Water Trail grant.
CONDITIONS MET	December 16, 2014
DATE OF OFFICIAL FINAL DESIGNATION	March 6, 2015
SPECIFIC MITIGATION MEASURES	Included in conditions listed above. There was a discussion during the WT implementation meeting (Dec. 13, 2013) about adding language to the educational sign about tides and mudflats, and the existence of an alternative put-in/take-out location at the southern end of the park. The following language was added to the bottom of the education sign that is now in place: “This boat launch site is suitable for use during high tides only due to exposed mudflats at lower tides. Crossing the mudflats to get into or out of the water is difficult and not recommended. The shoreline at the southern end of the park is steeper but offers access to the water for boat launching at all tide levels.”
WHAT TO INCLUDE IN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THIS SITE	Make sure that beach mat and signs are still in place. Take note of any changes related to supporting facilities (parking, restrooms, path of travel, picnic areas). Ask park staff how things have worked out with the beach mat, including amount of use and any maintenance issues so that we can learn from their experience. Also ask park staff what they have noticed in terms of site use by NMSB users – are numbers increasing, are there trends in boat types being used more or less, and the like. It would also be interesting to know how usage of the designated launch site compares to the beach access at the southern end of the park.
SITE CHANGES TO ADD TO WATER TRAIL WEBSITE	
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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION	Beach mat photos (below) were taken on February 4, 2015.
FINDINGS/ DISCUSSIONS	

WITH SITE STAFF	
DATE OF ANNUAL REVIEW	
REVIEW CONDUCTED BY AND WITH	



Steeper beach at southern end of park