See salmon in West Marin
Migrating. Migration. Migration. That is what coho salmon and steelhead trout do as they stream through West Marin after winter storms. Check out Olema Creek (Point Reyes National Seashore), Lagunitas Creek (Samuel P. Taylor State Park), and Redwood Creek (Muir Woods National Monument), for the best vantage points.

Best Winter Activities

View birds at Rush Creek
Enjoy the birds that visit Rush Creek Preserve. Take a walk on the Pinerlo Fire Road to see an amazing variety of shorebirds and waterfowl that spend the winter here.

Winter hike in Muir Woods National Monument
Go on a ranger-led hike through the primitive forest at Muir Woods in search of banana slugs, mushroom gardens, coho salmon, winter wildflowers and ghost trees.

Best Spring Activities

Fish at Bon Tempe with the family
Bon Tempe Reservoir is stocked with catchable rainbow trout from October to May. A great opportunity for families to get out of the house, have some fun and enjoy the scenery.

Best Fall Activities

Take an Evening Walk on Ring Mountain
Make the most of the long summer evenings. Look for the Tiburon Mariposa Lily, a flower that occurs nowhere else on earth, while you enjoy one of the most spectacular views of the bay area.

Circumambulate Mt. Tamalpais
Re-enact the steps of the Best poets Gary Snyder, Allen Ginsburg, and Phillip Whalen in their reverential hike around the entire mountain - a hiking challenge, a personal inspiration, and a scenic thrill in one day.

Celebrate China Camp’s heritage
Every August, China Camp celebrates with an Annual Heritage Day at the restored, nineteenth century Chinese fishing village. Chinese music, acrobatics, folk dancing, village tours, demonstrations, and other entertainment for all ages continue throughout the day.

Relax on Tomales Bay
Fall at Hearts Desire Beach means less fog, more sun, and warmer water. Bring a towel and your family and spend the day. Take a meander on the half-mile Indian Nature Trail.

Discover a pygmy Sargent Cypress forest in the Gary Giacomini Preserve
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Celebrate Olompali’s rich heritage
Olompali State Historic Park, which has been a Miwok village, a Victorian estate and a hippie commune, celebrates 8,000 years of continuous human history each year on the third Sunday in May. Olompali’s Annual Heritage Day offers a wide range of activities tied to the park’s unique history.

Listen to the roar of Cascade Falls in Cascade Canyon
The creeks that run through this preserve are among the most pristine in the county. Early spring is a great time to visit, when wildflowers abound and Cascade Falls runs full.

Best Summer Activities

Celebrate the summer solstice at Muir Beach
Go beachcombing and then enjoy the longest day of the year around a campfire at the continent’s edge!

Visit the West Point Inn on Mount Tamalpais
The inn was once a stopover for passengers who rode the “Crookedest Railroad in the World” up to the top of Mt. Tamalpais. The East Peak Lookout at 2,571 feet in elevation is Marin’s highest point.

Best Fall Activities

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Watch the gray whale migration from Chimney Rock
From December through April, California gray whales migrate from Alaska to Baja then return to Alaska, while the northern elephant seal comes ashore to birth pups and rest.

Horseback ride at Point Reyes National Seashore
The Seashore offers numerous trails for horseback riding at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Brilliant displays of brilliantly colored wildflowers await curious eyes from February through April along coastal spots such as Chimney Rock, Abbotts Lagoon, and Limantour Beach.

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Looking north from the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge towards the Marin Headlands.

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