Tomales Bay Boat-in Camping

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Steep Cliffs
Stay on designated trails. The cliffs of Tomales Point are likely to crumble and slide. Climbing on them or walking near the edge invites catastrophe. Keep away!

Camping permits required
Camping permits must be obtained at the Bear Valley Visitor Center before camping on Tomales Bay beaches.

Strong currents
The current and waves in Tomales Bay north of this line can be very dangerous for individuals in kayaks, canoes, and other small watercraft.

High Tide
Check tide tables before camping or walking on beaches. Rising water can flood tents set up below the high tide line or trap you against a cliff with no possibility of escape.

Heavy Surf
The pounding surf, rip currents, and severe undertow are treacherous, especially at McClures Beach, Kehoe Beach, and Point Reyes Beaches North and South. Stay away from the water.