

January NPS Report to SBVA

Sunshine greeted the new year, then a series of storms! Whales move down the coast offshore and monarchs find winter refuge in Stinson Beach.

1. Finishing touches on the wastewater treatment area's perimeter fencing are being worked out with neighbors and NPS to paint a more camouflaging color.

NPS crews moved in to the site in early December to weed, install the next round of plantings.

2. Accessibility project is still on track but the cement work is delayed a week or so til the weather is suitable. Meanwhile, take a look at the alignment of the new boardwalk down to the beach near the central restrooms.

3. Update from Maintenance Foreman Chris Rodriguez on the barriers at north parking lot:

Knowing that we are getting a moderate storm this weekend and a forecast of storms in the following 9 days, we will be removing the barriers today. We *may* re-install if there's a future forecast for king tides but **no** rain-- otherwise they will not be present. Please let me know how we can continue to work together to protect property and relationships between the NPS and local community. Feel free to contact me at any time (415-388-3267). Chris also reports that the lightweight traffic barriers remain to help keep the dune drop-off safe.

4. Congress passed the Centennial Act to secure funding in the near future for our national parks. Other provisions include a revamping of the popular Senior Pass...soon to be a lifetime pass that has a one-time charge of \$80. What a deal! and NPS just extended the "Every Kid in a Park" pass another 5 years...this is a free pass for 4th graders (includes free admission for the family, too AND to as many national parks, unlimited # of visits).

5. Wondering how healthy and in what condition Mt Tam is? check out the "Peak Health" summary and background documents on the onetam.org website.

6. GoodFire, a community event to explore fire history and impacts from fire suppression, learn about different approaches will be Feb 11 at Muir Beach CC.

7. During the December meeting several service events were underway: San Rafael High's youth were out clearing drainage ditches in preparation for winter and the Marin County Search and Rescue volunteer crew were doing practice exercises at south end of beach.

8. Easkoot Creek Habitat Restoration at Stinson Beach - Hosted by National Park Service and One Tam

Join One Tam at Easkoot Creek at Stinson Beach, where we will remove invasive Cape Ivy to allow native plants and animals to thrive! Easkoot Creek is a small perennial stream flowing into Bolinas Lagoon through Stinson Beach. Please bring footwear appropriate for variable terrain, long pants/clothing for changing weather conditions, and a water bottle. Tools, snacks, and water will be provided. Volunteers ages 10 and up are welcome. Read our [Youth Policy Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) for youth under the age of 15. If this is your first time volunteering please come 15 minutes early to fill out required paperwork, or bring the completed [form](#).

Meeting Location: Stinson Beach North parking lot. Look for the One Tam truck.

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