

Shark Fin Cove Loop



Region: Santa Cruz County (Coast Dairies State Park)

Length: 2.4 miles round trip

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Elevation Gain: 183 feet

Girls bring: Backpack, water, snack, hat, jacket (it gets windy!), sunscreen, face mask. Adults add: Map/Info sheet, Required paperwork, first aid kit, phone, TP & ziploc (pack it out).

When to go: Year round, but there is no shade on the trail, so on warm days, you may prefer to hike in the early morning or evening. Usually a brisk ocean breeze keeps the trail cool even in the afternoon.

Getting There and Parking: Off of Highway 1 about half a mile south of Davenport. Park at Bonny Doon Beach Access aka Shark Fin Cove Parking Lot (no fee).

Bathrooms: None nearby.

Safety Considerations: Keep a lookout for poison oak. The trail is well maintained but there is plenty growing on the sides of the trail, which can be easily avoided. The bluffs are

windy, bring a windbreaker. The bluffs are in full sun, no shade.

Helpful Links:

<https://www.alltrails.com>

<https://thatsmypark.org>

<https://santacruzlife.com/shark-fin-cove/>
(geology and geocaching info)

Route Description (from alltrails):

Shark Fin Cove Loop is a 2.4 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Davenport, California that features beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, nature trips, and bird watching and is accessible year-round.

How to Get Your charm:

Take a photo of you with the ocean view in the background. Email the photo and the names of the registered Girl Scouts in the photo to programs@girlscoutscoc.org with the subject "Happy Trails-Shark Fin Cove." You'll get an embroidered charm to hang on your patch loop.

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