

**HI, I'M SLICK THE BANANA SLUG!  
WELCOME TO PATRICK'S  
POINT STATE PARK!**

**QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:**

**Start:** On top of Wedding Rock

**Contact:** Patrick's Point Visitor Center  
(4150 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad) 707-677-3570  
[www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=417](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=417)

**Quest Trail Names:** Wedding Rock, Rim, Patrick's Point Overlook and Ceremonial Rock Trails...

**Total Length:** ~1.5 mile loop/ ~1 hour

**Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous (some level gravel path, hills & steep stairs)

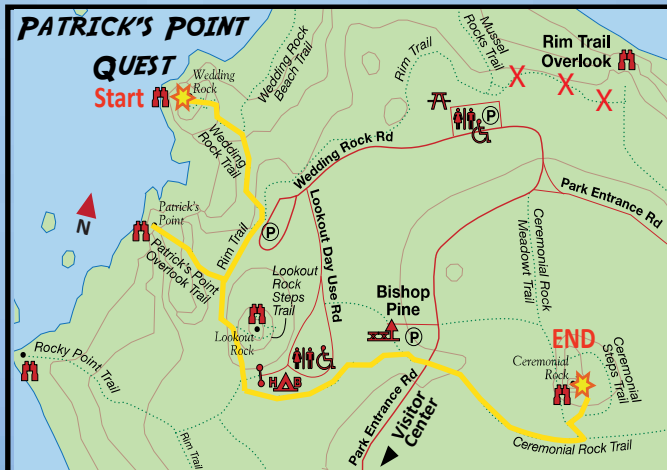
**Driving Directions:**

**Northbound on HWY 101,** take Patrick's Point Dr. Exit, then go left under the overpass, and then make a right at the park entrance. From the park entrance/Visitor Center, follow the Park Entrance Road until it forks and then go left. Wedding Rock parking lot will be ahead on your right.

**Southbound on HWY 101,** take Patrick's Point Dr. Exit, go right at the stop sign and then make a right at the park entrance (see directions above)

**From the west (ocean) side of the parking lot take the Wedding Rock Trail to the top.**

*Note: A Day Use Fee applies.*



**HOW TO QUEST:**

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural and cultural treasures within this park. At your final stop you will find your Quest Clue, this is the "key" to your prize (see below for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

**NOW THAT YOU 'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:**

You can get to the **Visitor Center** by first returning to the Wedding Rock parking Lot. Take Park Entrance Road as if exiting the park and turn left just before the entrance booth. At the Visitor Center show your quest Clue and sign the logbook to collect your prize. If the Visitor Center is closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

**WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?**

The journey you've just completed is one of many Redwood EdVentures Quests. Find Quest locations and download free copies at [www.redwood-edventures.org](http://www.redwood-edventures.org). Teachers, students, and families can also explore hundreds of outdoor places and educational opportunities on the beautiful Redwood Coast. Find out why **nature is closer than you think!**



**REDWOOD  
EDVENTURES  
QUEST**

**PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK**

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**SEA STACK  
ADVENTURE**



Begin this Quest  
on the top of  
Wedding Rock.



## IF ADVENTURE IS WHAT YOU SEEK, EXPLORE OUR TREES AND SEA STACK PEAKS!

**1** **Wedding Rock** is not only a place to tie the knot,  
But it is a **sea stack** "soon" to be,  
Like those rock islands off the coast you see.  
Driven by the coast's upward motion and erosion!  
When earthquakes, rain and the wave's attack  
The softer rocks will slide away  
While the harder rocks stay, behold the sea stack!

Face the ocean and walk down the stairs to your left,  
Where the shrubby pine now resides.  
Its leaves are short with needles of two,  
Do you see the **Shore Pine** near you?



**2** In the mountains this tree also grows,  
Where it gets tall and straight, named **Lodgepole Pine**.  
But here on the coast the winds are always blowing,  
Which keeps this pine from its upward growing.

Now go to where your Quest began,  
From the lot you'll start again.  
Face the ocean, then hike to your left,  
**Patrick's Point Overlook** is next on your quest.

Follow the path a couple of hundred feet  
and take the path to your right,  
Beautiful views will soon be in sight.  
Go to the end and look around,  
Where playful sea lions may be found.

**3** Across the way another life form clings to the rocks,  
Here flocks a sea bird, the **Pigeon Guillemot**,  
To fearlessly nest on these rocks,  
In what looks like bright red socks!



Pigeon Guillemot  
Photo by Ron LeValley

Feel free to wander and to stray,  
Before heading out the same way.  
Stop in the tunnel of tree limbs  
(before the intersection),  
And explore the flora you're in.

**4** Now look around, here **huckleberries** abound  
As a matter of fact, pick one for a snack.  
Look for bunnies scurrying in little nooks,  
Hide amongst the needles of two, like they do.



Evergreen Huckleberry

Back at the intersection make a right,  
Pass the spur to the left leading up to Lookout Rock.  
At the 4 way crossroad go straight for a good distance,  
stop when the little creek is visible on your right.

**5** Flowing year-round this creek is the boss,  
Lined with water-adoring flora and moss.  
Spring and summer Skunk Cabbage abound,  
A stinky fellow with its yellow "flower."



Skunk Cabbage

Continue down the trail,  
at the Y intersection continue straight/rightish  
and carefully cross the main road in safety mode  
and stop in the **Sitka Spruce** grove on the other side.

**6** You'll know the Sitka by its bark,  
It's patchy and scratchy, but not so dark.  
You've seen their cones along the way,  
They're soft like paper or rope with fray.



Sitka Spruce Cone & Bark

Keep on going, you're almost there,  
To big rocks like a dragon's lair.  
When you arrive, take the steps,  
Go up slowly, they may be wet.

**7** Congratulations! You're on top!  
There's plenty to see from this rock.  
This old stack was beneath the sea,  
Now the sea is beyond those trees.

Your quest is ending with one more clue:  
Find two words on the fence near you.  
Write them down and be wise,  
Go to the Visitor Center to claim your prize.

WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE HERE;

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