

The tideland is your land.

It says so in the public trust doctrine.

It states the water is a place for everyone. No one can own the water like they own property on land. It's an idea that goes all the way back to both 6th Century Ancient Rome-- Justinian Law and also to Common Law in Old England--that the seas are common to us all, a place where everyone is allowed to fish and dry their nets on its shores. This principle has survived AAAALLLLLLL this time. When we became a country we adopted this idea and made the public trust doctrine.

Some specifics to California Tidelands: from the high tideline and the up to 3 miles off-shore is considered public and mostly managed by the state (except for some parts that the Federal government took over for military purposes: ex. the Headlands) and then up to 12 miles off-shore is under federal jurisdiction and past that point you'd be in International waters.

This is why at the turn of the 19th century female gangsters were able to run floating brothels offshore and on rivers like the Columbia River and this is also why companies like Blueseed can make plans to build floating tech campuses 12 miles off shore so that tech workers from all over the world can have proximity to silicon valley without having to abide by US. immigration laws

SO, Let it be known--- that under the law of nature and the public trust doctrine all people have equal right and collective ownership over their air and their waterways. The trick is getting access to it and in urban areas that access usually relies on city infrastructure to mediate people's relationship to their waterways.

The infrastructure of our cities can sometimes inform some of our most intimately personal ideas of what we can and cannot do in the places where we live-- especially when it comes to the water.

Here at the Headlands there is a whole spread of ways to get to the water.

Get naked in public.

South Rodeo Beach is a designated nude beach.

South Rodeo Beach is in Golden Gate National Recreation Area (this is Federal land) and there is no Federal law against nudity. However, if you have never experienced nudity in nature that is a crime. So please follow these directions to South Rodeo Beach and enjoy your god given rights.

There are 2 ways to get to South Rodeo Beach. At low tide you can simply walk out of the Headlands center for the arts towards the only beach you can see (Rodeo Beach) and once you hit the ocean take a left. Walk down the beach keeping the ocean on your right. The beach will narrow for a ways and then open up into a smaller cove. This cove is South Rodeo Beach.

At any tide you can walk or drive from The Key Room to the Battery Alexander Parking lot and follow a footpath down to the cove.



The path begins on the west (ocean) side of the parking area. Several paths lead out of the parking lot. The one you're looking for starts near the parking lot entrance. Follow it downhill toward the beach, looking for a "No Fires" sign as a landmark and watching your footing on the mixed rock-and-sand surface.

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