



## Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 10, 11 & 12, 2017

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The eight annual **LITTLE RIVER WHALE FESTIVAL** offers lodging specials at properties throughout the seaside town of Little River, CA, family fun activities, and nature adventure all rolled into one weekend! Below is just a sampling of events and experiences inn guests and locals can partake in throughout the weekend:

- **Van Damme Visitor Center:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 10, 11 & 12, 10am - 3 p.m. FREE Docents will share the history and environment of our park, which features coastal Spring Ranch trails, a lush Fern Canyon, a scenic riparian trail system, and a Pygmy Forest interpretive walk of miniature mature trees. For more information call (707) 937 - 4015 or visit [www.mendoparks.org](http://www.mendoparks.org).
- **Geocaching:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 10, 11 & 12. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. There are a number of geocaches hidden throughout Little River. Locate the hidden containers (geocaches) outdoors and then share your experiences online. All Little River geocaches contain Little River Whale Festival stickers to use as part of this Passport Experience. Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and/or download the geocaching app for iPhone or Android. Use zip code 95456 to see a map of Little River Geocaches and you're on your way!  
*Note: All legitimate geocaches are on public land. Please do not trespass during your geocaching adventure.*
- **Mendocino Eco Arts "Spring Ranch Barns Benefit Exhibit"** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 10, 11 & 12 Little River Inn ; 8 am - 9 pm, FREE, Main Dining Room at Little River Inn.. Art Exhibit of the Springs Ranch Barns benefiting Mendocino Area Parks Association. See Front Desk for your passport Contest sticker.
- **Kayak Mendocino Sea Cave Tour:** Paddle through sea caves and meet the local harbor seals, sea stars, algae, and shorebirds. Tours offered March 11 & 12, ocean permitting, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. Please call for reservations: 707-813-7117.
- **Van Damme State Park:** Friday, March 10, 6pm -7:30pm, Campfire Program on Van Damme state beach. Suggested donation \$5 per person. There is a Whale Parade out there in the Pacific Ocean and we have front row seats. Join local State Parks Naturalists and discover what the gray whale's annual migration is all about as well as other interesting whale trivia. This interactive Program includes live music, games and prizes and is fun for all ages. Questions and discussion to follow. Marshmallows and Hot Chocolate provided! Dress in layers. **\*Note. Rain will cancel\***
- **Docent-led Whale Watch Walk:** Saturday, March 11 10 - noon. Suggested donation \$5 per person.  
A two hour guided walk searching for pelagic cormorants, seaside daisies and of course,

whales! Binoculars available, dogs allowed on 6 ft leash. Park on the west side of Highway One, opposite Gordon Lane. The trail is easy with only a slight incline. Round trip is approximately one mile. Dress in layers. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring water. Look for the blue flags.

[www.mendoparks.org](http://www.mendoparks.org)

**Heavy rain cancels this event.**

- **Concert-Gwyneth Moreland and Friends:** Sunday, March 12, 3 pm Abalone Room, Little River Inn. Tickets are \$20 advance/\$25 Door - Gwyneth Moreland and Friends, Celebrating her new album *Cider*. Joined by David Hayes, Morgan Daniel and Gene Parson. Tickets available at the Music Merchant, Moore's Books, ICONS & Little River Inn. Will Call reservations @ 1-800-INN-LOVE or 707-937-5942. This is benefit for the Albion-Little River Fire Department.
- **Adventure Passport:** Guests have the opportunity to enter the **LITTLE RIVER WHALE FESTIVAL PASSPORT CONTEST**. For each festival activity attended guests will earn one sticker. The collection of three or more stickers will allow guests the chance to win lodging, food, and adventure prizes at participating businesses throughout Little River. Passports are available at each festival or event site.

Further information and details regarding the **LITTLE RIVER WHALE FESTIVAL** can be found by visiting, <http://mendowhale.com/page/littleriver>. Additional event details, Little River discounts, and specials during the festival can also be found by following the festival's online map at, [g.co/maps/yae5b](http://g.co/maps/yae5b).

**WHALE OF A SALE ... LODGING SPECIAL** Stay two nights during the festival and get the third night free! ALL OVER TOWN. Call your favorite Little River lodging establishment for details. Here are the choices, to date:

- **Heritage House Resort**  
5200 N. Highway One, 707-202-9000  
[www.heritagehouserestort.com](http://www.heritagehouserestort.com)
- **Andiron Seaside Inn & Cabins**  
6051 N. Highway One, 800-955-6478  
[www.theandiron.com](http://www.theandiron.com)
- **Dennen's Victorian Farmhouse**  
7001 N. Highway One, 800-264-4723  
[www.victorianfarmhouse.com](http://www.victorianfarmhouse.com)
- **Inn at Schoolhouse Creek**  
7051 N. Highway One, 800-731-5525  
[www.schoolhousecreek.com](http://www.schoolhousecreek.com)
- **Cottages at Little River Cove**  
7533 N. Highway One, 707-937-5339  
[www.cottagesatlittlerivercove.com](http://www.cottagesatlittlerivercove.com)
- **Little River Inn**  
7901 N. Highway One, 888-INN-LOVE  
[www.LittleRiverInn.com](http://www.LittleRiverInn.com)
- **Glendeven Inn**  
8204 N. Highway One, 800-822-4536  
[www.glendeven.com](http://www.glendeven.com)

Valid for the nights of Thursday, March 9 through Sunday, March 12, 2017.