



Donahue Depot and Shoreline Park, the former building where passengers transferred from the ferry to the railroad.

Tiburon

» **NORTH BAY** Named after the prevalence of leopard sharks in the San Francisco Bay, Tiburon, meaning “shark” in Spanish, is just a stone’s throw from San Francisco (by car, ferry, or for the adventurous—bike) and easily one of the most popular day trips from the city. Boasting art galleries, clothing boutiques, restaurants and shops, Tiburon was formerly the southern terminus of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, which carried freight to the town for transfer to barges for shipping to cities around the San Francisco Bay. Tiburon is now a tourist and commuter town, linked to San Francisco by ferry service. The former railroad right of way now forms a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, used by hikers and cyclists. Within the Tiburon town limits, the trail passes through the Richardson Bay Park and by the Richardson Bay Sanctuary, an excellent spot to observe wildlife.

WINDSOR VINEYARD TASTING ROOM

Wine country is closer than you think. For a truly unique wine tasting experience, try this Tiburon tasting room with free tastings and no pretense. One of very few Marin wineries, Windsor Vineyard is located in a charming, vintage, Victorian cottage and offers the opportunity to have your wine labels personalized on the spot. 72 Main St., 800.214.9463, www.windsorvineyards.com.

BLACKIE’S PASTURE

In the famed children’s book “Blackie: The Horse Who Stood Still,” a horse named Blackie

travel the West before ending up in Tiburon, a town so picturesque, he couldn’t wait to stand still and look around. Luckily for you, it’s just a quick trot, or a ferry ride to Blackie’s paradise on the shores of Richardson Bay. www.blackiethorse.com.



SAM’S

Since 1920, Sam’s Anchor Cafe has been a favorite waterfront restaurant on the San Francisco Bay. Long-famous for its seafood and amazing views of Angel Island, Alcatraz and the San Francisco skyline, Sam’s is a hot spot on weekends, especially in nice weather. 27 Main St., 415.435.4527, www.samscafe.com.

THE CAPRICE

Quite possibly the most romantic restaurant in all of Marin County, The Caprice features sweeping bay views and contemporary American cuisine. 2000 Paradise Dr., 415.435.3400, www.thecaprice.com.



GETTING THERE

By car: Exit U.S. 101 north at Tiburon/State 131, then head six miles to the waterfront. **By ferry:** Take the Blue and Gold Fleet from San Francisco’s Pier 41, www.blueandgoldfleet.com.