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SANTA CRUZ

## National monument opens on coast for hiking, biking

Cotoni-Coast Dairies spans 6 miles of oceanfront along Hwy 1



The town of Davenport, lower left, sits near the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument, which comprises most of the visible land from Highway 1 leading into the hills.

By Paul Rogers  
 Bay Area News Group

For decades, the scenic oceanfront landscape along Highway 1 north of Santa Cruz — with its coastal bluffs, rugged beaches, farm fields and redwood canyons — has been the site of big environmental battles.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. planned to build a nuclear power plant there in the early 1970s. President Reagan pushed for offshore oil drilling during the 1980s. And a Nevada developer proposed a gated luxury community there in the 1990s.

But on Saturday, a new chapter began. Coast Dairies, a 5,843-acre property more than five times the size of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, finally opened to the public from dawn to dusk. Admission

is free.

The property, which stretches for 6 miles along Highway 1, was purchased by the Trust for Public Land, a San Francisco environmental group, in 1998 with \$44.5 million from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation in Los Altos, the California Coastal Conservancy and other donors seeking to preserve its rural character.

In 2014, the trust donated it to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. And in 2017, eight days before he left office, President Barack Obama designated it as a national monument.

After years of planning work and battles with community groups worried about traffic, trash, endangered species and other issues, the Bureau of Land Management has opened



Zachary Ormsby of U.S. Bureau of Land Management, left, and Taylor Stanton of the Foundation for America's Public Lands visit the Cotoni-Coast Dairies California Coastal National Monument on Tuesday. The park opened to the public Saturday.

"It's part of the human experience to interact with nature. A huge part of healthy communities is having access to the outdoors."

— Matt De Young, Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship

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MEETING WITH TRUMP

## European leaders to join Zelenskyy in US

By Samya Kullab and John Leicester  
 The Associated Press

**KYIV, UKRAINE »** European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy in Washington to present a united front in talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia's war in Ukraine and firming up U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.

Leaders from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Finland are rallying around the Ukrainian president after his exclusion from Trump's summit on Friday with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Their

pledge to be at Zelenskyy's side at the White House on Monday is an apparent effort to ensure the meeting goes better than the last one in February, when

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MARINWOOD

## Revised housing project sought

Proposal adds height, mass and residences

By Richard Halstead  
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The new owner of a parcel in Marinwood is seeking permission to expand a 126-unit housing development for seniors that was approved in 2018.

Under the revised proposal, the Oaks Senior Living Community project at 200 Marinwood Ave. would increase from 101,794 square feet of floor area to 174,368 square feet.

"It's a huge project, and it is going to be way more imposing in this revised plan," said former Marin County planning commissioner Don Dickenson.

The height of the two buildings in the plan would increase from two and three stories to four stories each. One building would increase 11.5 feet in height to 52 feet; the other building would increase 18.6 feet in height to 500 feet. An underground garage would extend beneath both buildings and include 126 parking spaces.

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FEDERAL INTERVENTION

## Black mayors decry Trump's takeover threats

By Terry Tang  
 The Associated Press

As President Donald Trump declared Washington, D.C., a crime-ridden wasteland in need of federal intervention and threatened similar federal interventions in other Black-led cities, several mayors compared notes.

The president's characterization of their cities contradicts what they began noticing last year: that they were seeing a drop in violent crime after a pandemic-era spike. In some cases the declines were monumental, due in large part to more youth engagement, gun buyback programs and community partnerships.

Now members of the African American May-

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