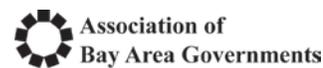




San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail  
 Site Description for  
**Downtown Napa Main Street Dock**

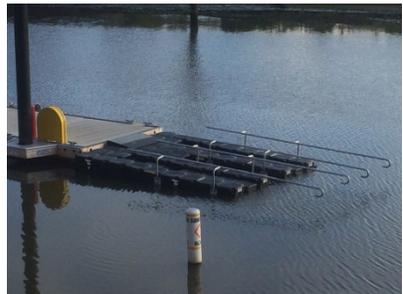


**Location, Ownership, and Management:** The Main Street boat dock is located in the heart of downtown Napa in front of the Riverfront Development on the Napa River. The dock is owned and managed by the City of Napa and provides boaters with access to downtown Napa's restaurants, shops, hotels, and the Napa Vine Trail.

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<p>Downtown Napa and dock</p>	<p>Downtown dock</p>	<p>Seasonal low float dock for kayaks (with handrails)</p>

**Facility Description:** The City of Napa recently installed a high freeboard dock and gangway on the Napa River in the heart of downtown Napa for motorized and non-motorized boat mooring. There is no parking as this is a destination site. Public restrooms are located in the downtown area. The gate is open from 7:00am to 11:00pm daily. The western (or flood wall side) of the dock is designated for mooring non-motorized boats only. Portions of the other side of the dock (facing the river) are designated for passenger loading, commercial use, and public use. There are signs on the dock indicating these areas. The low float dock (pictured in the photos on the right, above) is in place from Oct. to April (it must be removed during winter months as a permit requirement). The City of Napa recently added hand rails to the low-float dock to assist persons when getting into or out of their boat. The time limit for mooring is three hours. Currently overnight mooring is not allowed because the City of Napa has not yet established a fee system for overnight permits.

**Other Identifying or General Information:**

<p>Site ID: <u>N10</u>                  In WT Plan: <u>No</u>                  Existing or Planned: <u>Existing</u>                  Ownership: <u>Public</u>                  County: <u>Napa</u>                  Geo-Region: <u>Napa River</u>                  Launch or Destination: <u>Destination</u>                  Home of a Club: <u>No</u>                  Used by a Program that Assists Persons with Disabilities: <u>No</u>                  Appreciated for Windy Conditions: <u>No</u>                  Near Food or Drink: <u>Yes</u></p>	<p>Proximity to Other Sites: From the Downtown Dock it is approximately three miles north to Trancas St. park (N9). Heading south it is approximately one mile to Riverside Dr. (N8) and 2.5 miles to JFK Memorial Park (N2). A planned, accessible launch is expected to be built in 2015 less than a quarter mile from this site (Jim Hench Memorial Kayak Launch). (See map, below)</p>
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**Description of Launch/Landing:**

<p>Fixed Dock/Pier Launch/Landing: <u>No</u></p> <p>Float: <u>Yes</u></p> <p>Freeboard Level: <u>high (more than 9") and additional seasonal low (less than 9")</u></p> <p>Transfer/Launch Assistance System: <u>No</u></p> <p>Gangway: <u>Yes</u></p> <p>Gangway Length (feet): <u>112</u></p> <p>Gangway Width (inches): <u>42</u></p> <p>Gangway Slope Description: <u>Gentle with two resting platforms, and one curve.</u></p> <p>Water Entry Path: <u>No</u></p> <p>Boat/Trailer Ramp: <u>No</u></p> <p>Mudflats Affect Site Usability: <u>No</u></p> <p>Beach Wheelchair Available: <u>No</u></p> <p>Stair Water Entry: <u>No</u></p> <p>Beach: <u>No</u></p> <p>Firm-Surface Beach Crossing: <u>No</u></p> <p>Fee for Launch or Parking: <u>No</u></p>	<p>Other Launch/Landing Notes: <u>Boats are not allowed to be stored on the dock. There are nine cleats to use for non-motorized boat mooring. There is a low freeboard dock from April - October. Although this is a destination site, boaters could use the dock as a launch if they could find parking and were willing to carry a small craft a considerable distance to the dock and were able to navigate the turn in the gangway.</u></p> <p>Restrictions: <u>Fishing and alcohol are not allowed on the dock.</u></p> 
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**Site Appears to be Suitable For:**

Kayak: <u>Yes</u> Windsurfer: <u>No</u> Kiteboard: <u>No</u> Whaleboat: <u>No</u> Stand Up Paddleboard: <u>Yes</u>	Canoe: <u>Yes</u> Outrigger Canoe: <u>Yes</u> Sculling: <u>No</u> Rowboat/Dinghy: <u>Yes</u> Dragonboat: <u>No</u> Other: <u>No</u>
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**Transportation and Parking:**

General Spaces (number): N/A ADA Parking Spaces (number): N/A ADA Parking Description: N/A Duration (hours): N/A Overnight Parking Possibly Allowed: N/A Loading/Unloading Area: <u>No</u>	Bay Trail: <u>No (but Vine Trail is nearby)</u>  Public Transportation: Napa VINE transit has multiple bus lines that travel to and from downtown Napa and regional buses that connect to American Canyon, Vallejo, Fairfield, and Suisun City.
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**Path of Travel:**

Distance to Launch from Parking Area (feet): <u>N/A</u> Distance to Launch from ADA Parking (feet): <u>N/A</u> Distance to Launch from ADA Restrooms (feet): <u>The nearest public restroom is located behind the Napa General Store, over 300 feet away. There are several public restrooms located downtown.</u> Distance from ADA Restrooms to ADA Parking (feet): <u>N/A</u> Path of Travel Exists: <u>Yes</u> Path of Travel Description: <u>The gangway has a gentle slope and there is an accessible path of travel from the gangway up to the level of Riverfront shops, restaurants and the rest of downtown Napa (approximately 135 feet long).</u>	
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**Other Site Amenities:**

<p>Total Restrooms: N/A                  Total ADA Restrooms: N/A                  Restroom Description: There is a public restroom located near the Napa General Store, (head south from the dock), next to the tiled fountain. Other public restrooms are in the downtown area.</p>	<p>Boat Washing: <u>No</u>                  Rigging/Staging Area: <u>No</u>                  Picnic Tables: <u>No</u>                  Benches: <u>Yes</u>                  BBQ: <u>No</u>                  Boat Storage: <u>No</u></p>	
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**Overnight Accommodations:**

Hotel: <u>Yes</u>	Hostel: <u>No</u>	Ship: <u>No</u>	Camping: <u>No</u>	Other: <u>No</u>
Accommodations Description: The Napa River Inn is located very close by, and additional hotels are located in the downtown area.				

**Additional Notes Related to Accessibility:**

The dock, gangway, and path of travel are accessible. In the summer months there is also a low-float kayak dock with rails to assist persons getting into and out of their watercraft. This is a site that is not meant to mark the beginning of a boating trip, but rather a stopping point or destination. Nonetheless, for persons able to walk or wheel up the public walkway associated with the dock and leading to the many public amenities in the area, there is an accessible restroom and many restaurants whose restrooms are presumably accessible and available to customers.

**Additional Notes on Use of Site (Boating and Non-Boating) and Existing and Planned Management:**

The dock was officially dedicated in October, 2013. There used to be a dock at this site but it was removed in 2006 in advance of the Napa River Flood Project. The original dock was not suited for reinstallation. There are garbage cans located next to the gate entrance to the dock. City staff open the gate each morning and a security guard locks the gate each night at 11pm. The City of Napa is not aware of recreational conflicts to date.



### Safety and Security, including Parking:

There are three life rings and fire extinguishers available on the dock, as well as lighting for nighttime use. There are buoys indicating where submerged objects are near the dock. In the case of emergencies boaters should call 911.

### Wildlife and Habitat Considerations:

There are marshes within four miles of the site. Clapper rails are potentially present within four miles, but would be difficult to reach because they are currently near Highway 29, half a mile west of the main Napa River channel. There are documented populations of *Lilaeopsis masonii* (a rare plant) along the river so boaters should only land in designated areas. The Water Trail educational sign directs users to not land in marshes and to keep buffer distances from sensitive species.



### Education, Outreach, and Stewardship, Including Signage:

Friends of the Napa River are involved in issues relating to the Napa River, such as boating, watershed protection, trails, and riverfront development. Signage at the dock include a sign directing people to not fish or feed birds, a sign with the rules and regulations, and a sign for the Napa Vine Trail.

### Other Existing or Anticipated Water Trail-Related Issues and Opportunities:

There is an opportunity to partner with the downtown hotels for "paddle-friendly lodging." The City of Napa will construct a new, accessible kayak launch (the Jim Hench Memorial Kayak Launch) near the downtown dock, allowing for an accessible multi-stop trip. This site is part of the Napa River Trail, a planned six mile pedestrian trail that parallels the Napa River from Kennedy Park to Trancas Crossing Park. The site also intersects with the Napa Vine Trail, a county-wide trail that uses part of the Napa River Trail alignment when passing through the City of Napa. City staff has seen use increasing in their kayaking and stand up paddling courses offered through the city's recreational program. City staff are looking at options for an informational kiosk and possibly a way to check-in boaters.

