



Blue Mountain Center of Meditation

Travel to the BMCM Retreat House

We're happy to answer any questions you may have as you make your plans. You can [email us](#) or call us at 707 878 2369.

Please save or print this PDF before you leave home. Cell phone coverage in this rural area is unreliable for all providers except Verizon.

The retreat house parking lot and entrance are located at
10 Church Street
Tomales, California 94971

By Car

Please allow three hours for driving from the San Francisco Bay Area to Tomales. Traffic is especially heavy after 1 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

From the south

1. Take US 101 north to Petaluma.
2. Exit on East Washington Street.
3. Turn left at the light at the end of the ramp and continue west through town and out into the country. (Once you leave Petaluma you will be on Bodega Avenue.)
4. Go about 7 miles to a left turn onto the Petaluma-Tomales Road. (There is a traffic island and a left turn lane clearly marked by a sign for Tomales and the US Coast Guard Training Center.)
5. Turn left and go about 7 miles to a T at Highway 1.
6. Turn right and go about a quarter of a mile to downtown Tomales.
7. At the main intersection turn left on Dillon Beach Road.
8. Turn left at the second street; this is Church Street.
9. The retreat house parking lot is at the end of the street on the left, across from the Presbyterian Church.
10. Park in the lot and take the path down to the retreat house.

From the north

1. Take US 101 south.
2. Take exit ramp onto CA-12 W toward Sebastopol.
3. Stay straight to go through the town of Sebastopol.
4. Once you are on the west side of Sebastopol, the road name changes to Bodega Highway.
5. Travel nearly 7 miles, then turn left onto Valley Ford Freestone Road.
6. Turn left at first large road, onto CA-1 / Valley Ford Road. Turn right to stay on CA-1, following sign to Tomales / Point Reyes.
7. Travel for 7.2 miles to reach the town of Tomales.
8. At the main intersection turn right onto Dillon Beach Road.
9. Turn left at the second street; this is Church Street.
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11. Park in the lot and take the path down to the retreat house.

Carpooling

If you'd like to carpool, please use our Group Carpool site. You'll be sent a link when you register for your retreat.

By Air

The closest airports are San Francisco International and Oakland International, which are 55 miles from Tomales.

You have two options for traveling from the airport to the retreat house.

Option 1: Rent a car at the airport and drive directly to Tomales.

There are many rental car services available at both airports. We recommend booking your rental car in advance. The drive will take about three hours with traffic. Follow the directions above.

You'll cross either the Golden Gate bridge or the Bay bridge, and will need to pay a toll. From the Oakland airport, you'll cross the Bay bridge and can pay cash. From the San Francisco airport, you'll cross the Golden Gate bridge, and you'll pay a toll on your return. Cash isn't accepted, so we recommend reading [this information](#) in advance.

Option 2: Take the Airporter Express bus to Petaluma, about 15 miles from Tomales.

From Petaluma, you can take a taxi or rent a car. Unfortunately, there is no bus between Petaluma and Tomales. Also check the Group Carpool site – you'll receive a link to it when you register for your retreat.

Look for the [Airport Express](#) bus. The bus stop is outside the arrivals terminal, and marked with blue pillars. The bus usually leaves every hour and takes 75 minutes to reach Petaluma. The one-way cost is \$32.

From Petaluma to Tomales, you can take a taxi or rent a car.

Taxi from Petaluma

The driver will ask you on the Airport Express bus if you need a taxi, and will organize that for you.

If you'd prefer to organize your own taxi, you can choose [Petaluma Green Taxi](#) (707 769 8294) or [J's Taxi](#) (707 364 1544). A one-way trip costs about \$60. Please tell your taxi driver that you're traveling to the Blue Mountain Retreat House, not the Blue Mountain Center, and ask them to follow the driving instructions given above.

Rental car from Petaluma

Renting a car from Petaluma is usually cheaper than from the airport. [Enterprise](#) and [Hertz](#) offer a free pick-up service from the Airporter Express stop in Petaluma.