



HEALEY 75th ANNIVERSARY MEET

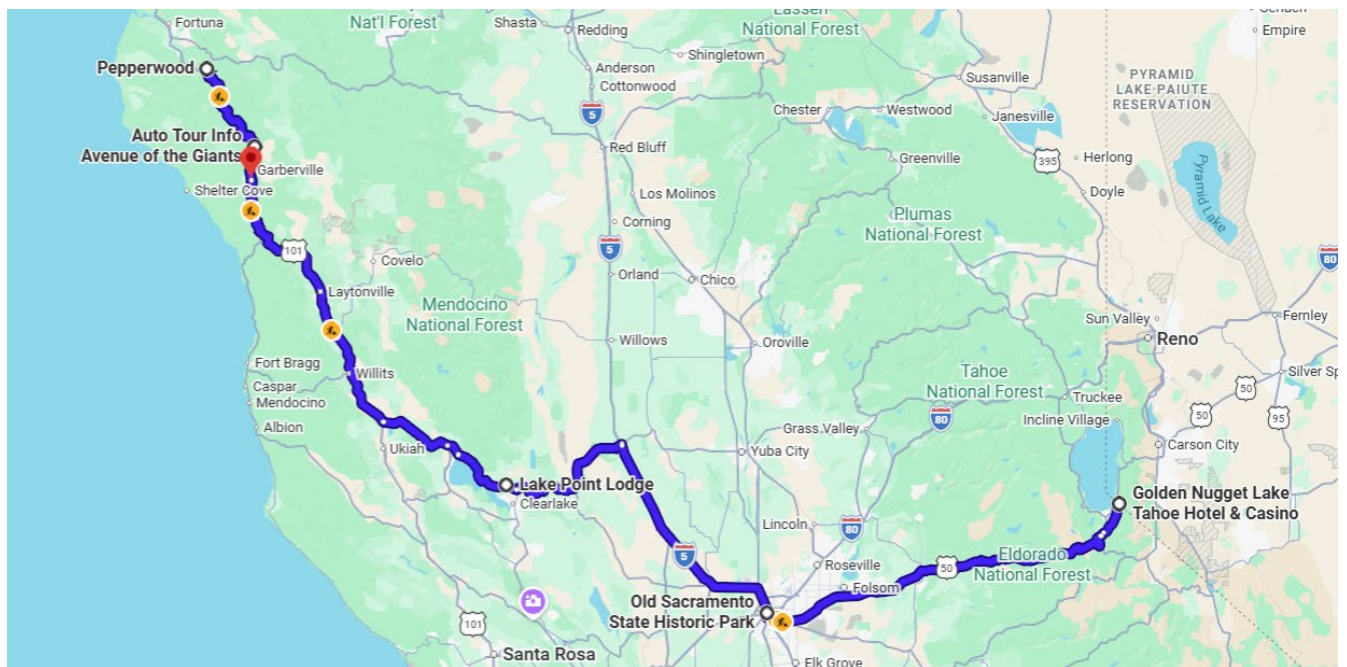
PRE/POST TOURS

TAHOE TO THE AVENUE OF THE GIANTS

(7 hours, 400 miles)

This scenic route takes you across California, past Sacramento and into the evergreen forests of the North. The highlight is the **Avenue of the Giants**, a stunning, 31-mile scenic highway (California State Route 254) in Northern California's **Humboldt Redwoods State Park**. Running parallel to US Highway 101, it features some of the world's tallest and oldest coast redwoods, making it an essential road trip for nature lovers.

The route takes in **Old Sacramento Historic Park** (for lunch) with an overnight stay in **Clear Lake**. Then it's on to **Humboldt Redwoods State Park** with a lunch stop in **Garberville**. After cruising the Avenue, return to Garberville for a memorable overnight at the famous **Benbow Historic Inn** (red dot on map below).





SHRINE DRIVE THROUGH TREE

The Tour ends here and you have the option to continue north to Eureka and Crescent City or head south picking up the Pacific Coast Highway (US1) in Leggett. At this point refer to the Tour named “**The Other Pacific Coast Highway**” on the website.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS: TAHOE TO OLD SACRAMENTO (2 hours, 106 miles)

- Turn right out of the hotel onto Hwy 50 West
- In 5.1 miles, turn left to stay on Hwy 50 (green sign for Sacramento)
- Continue 99 miles to Sacramento
- Stay in the center lane and take the exit for 99/5 South (green sign “North 5 99 Redding”)
- In 1.0 miles, take Exit 519B for J Street and Downtown (green sign)
- In 0.2 miles, Turn left onto 3rd Street at the stoplight.
- In 500 feet, at T, turn left onto I Street
- In 500 feet, turn left onto 2nd Street. **Most of the historic buildings, shops and restaurants are on 2nd and there is on-street parking. Stop, Shop and Eat. I suggest taking your time, as it’s less than 2 hours to your hotel in Clearlake, and there’s not much to do there (unless you want to fish).**



OLD SACRAMENTO STATE PARK (FREE) WITH SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: OLD SACRAMENTO TO LAKE POINT LODGE, CLEARLAKE OAKS (1:45 hours, 94 miles)

- Leaving the Park, follow the signs back under the freeway to I-5 North. It's a bit fiddly, but there should be signage.
- Merge onto I-5 North and in 21.4 miles, take exit 541 for Hwy 16 West (direction of Esparto).
- At the end of the ramp, turn LEFT onto Hwy 16 (old Hwy 5)
- In 2.9 miles, at stoplight, RIGHT onto CA-16W.
- In 11.9 miles, after going straight through a traffic circle, RIGHT onto Yolo Avenue (green sign "16 WEST →").
- In 0.5 miles, LEFT, green sign "16 WEST ←".
- In 35.1 miles, Left onto Hwy 20 West at the end of Hwy 16. Green sign "← Clear Lake".
- In 20.9 miles in Clearlake Oaks,

Lake Point Lodge

13470 CA-20

Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423

<https://www.hotelclearlakeoaks.com/>

Clearlake in the self-proclaimed “**Bass Capital of the West**”. If you are a serious fisherman, there are numerous marinas around the Lake where you can hire a boat and tackle and can include a guide. Google it, but book in advance.

There is a Chinese restaurant and bar next to the hotel and several more options just up the road. **Marcel’s French Bakery** might make a good stop tomorrow morning.

If Lake Point Lodge is really not your thing, the upscale **Konocti Harbor Resort** is a half hour away on the other side of the lake in Kelseyville. <https://www.konoctiharborresort.com/>. If you stay here, you will drive on the west side of the lake to the north end via Hwy 29 and then rejoin the route in Upper Lake (Hwy 20).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: LAKE POINT LODGE TO BELLINI CAFÉ, GARBERVILLE (2:15 hours, 123 miles)

After breakfast, you will head north along the lake shore on Hwy 20 West.

- In 39.5 miles, merge onto US-101 North. Green sign “101 NORTH, 20 WEST →”.
- In 83.3 miles take exit 639B toward Redway.
- At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT. Green sign “Garberville →”.
- In 0.2 miles your destination is on the left:

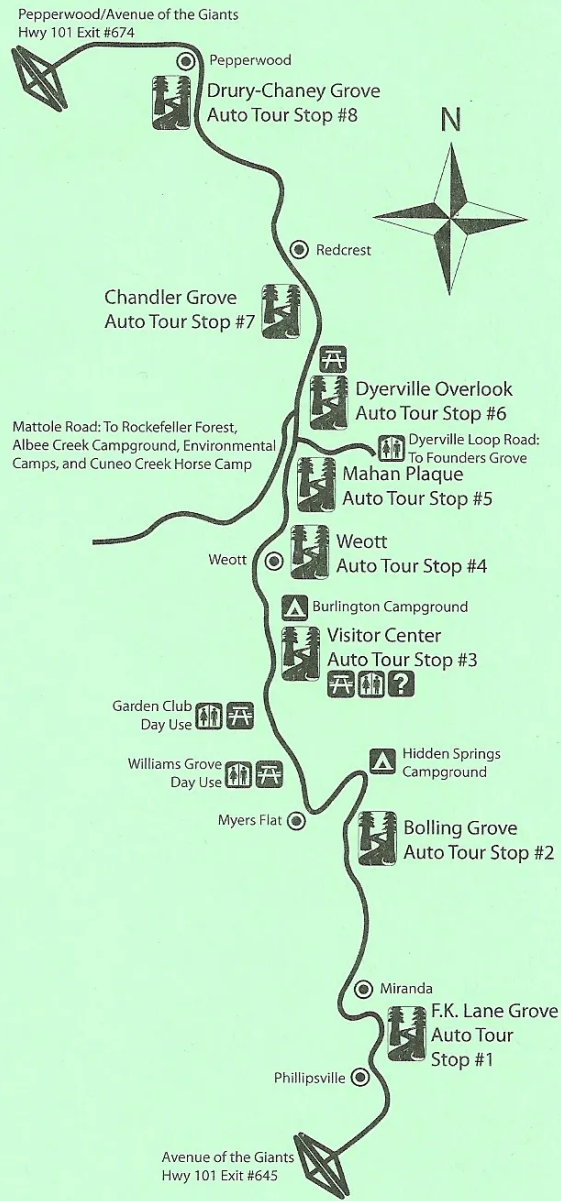
Bellini Café
767 Redwood Drive
Garberville, CA 95542

- There is a gas station just across the street.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: BELLINI CAFÉ, GARBERVILLE TO AVENUE OF THE GIANTS START (10 minutes, 6.6 miles)

- Get back on Hwy 101 North and in 6.2 miles take exit 645 toward Phillippsville.
- In 0.2 miles, bend right onto Hwy 254 toward Phillippsville. This is the Avenue of the Giants Road, next 31 miles. Avoid all opportunities to get back onto Hwy 101 until you reach Pepperwood, just past Drury-Chaney Grove Auto Stop #8 on the map below.

Avenue of the Giants Auto Tour



DRIVING DIRECTIONS: AVENUE OF THE GIANTS START (Allow 2 hours with stops, 31 miles)

- Continue on Hwy 254 North. Avoid reentering Hwy 101, you will get back on Hwy 101 when Hwy 254 ends. There is gas along the route in the small towns.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: AVENUE OF THE GIANTS END TO BENBOW INN (40 minutes, 37.3 miles)

- Hwy 254 ends at Hwy 101 not far past Pepperwood.
- Left onto Hwy 101 South. Green sign "Freeway Entrance". White sign "SOUTH 101 ←".
- In 36.8 miles, take exit 636 toward Benbow. Green sign.
- Hard Right onto Benbow Lake Road. Blue sign "LODGING".
- In 500 feet, arrive at the Inn.

Benbow Historic Inn
445 Lake Benbow Drive
Garberville, CA 95542

<https://benbowinn.com/>

800-355-3301

Reservations Suggested, including for Dinner



BENBOW HISTORIC INN

The “**Hotel Benbow**” (as it was originally called) opened to the public in July of 1926. Built by the Benbow family—nine talented brothers and sisters who also constructed the Benbow Dam, Power Company, and later, the Golf Course and RV Park. The hotel became a popular destination for motoring tourists traveling up the newly completed Redwood Highway.

Hollywood Hideaway: Home to the Stars.

The combination of seclusion and elegant hospitality also served as quite an attraction for the early Hollywood elite. Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Alan Ladd, Charles Laughton, Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald, Joan Fontaine, Basil Rathbone were all patrons of the Inn.

Dignitaries such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover and Lord Halifax also enjoyed Benbow hospitality. Guests enjoyed all the amenities of fine dining and [luxurious rooms](#), along with the best of the great outdoors: riding stables, golf course, hiking trails, swimming, boating and fishing in the Eel River.

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