



HEALEY 75th ANNIVERSARY MEET

PRE/POST TOURS

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (CENTRAL SECTION, PART 1)

SAN FRANCISCO TO SANTA CRUZ/MONTEREY

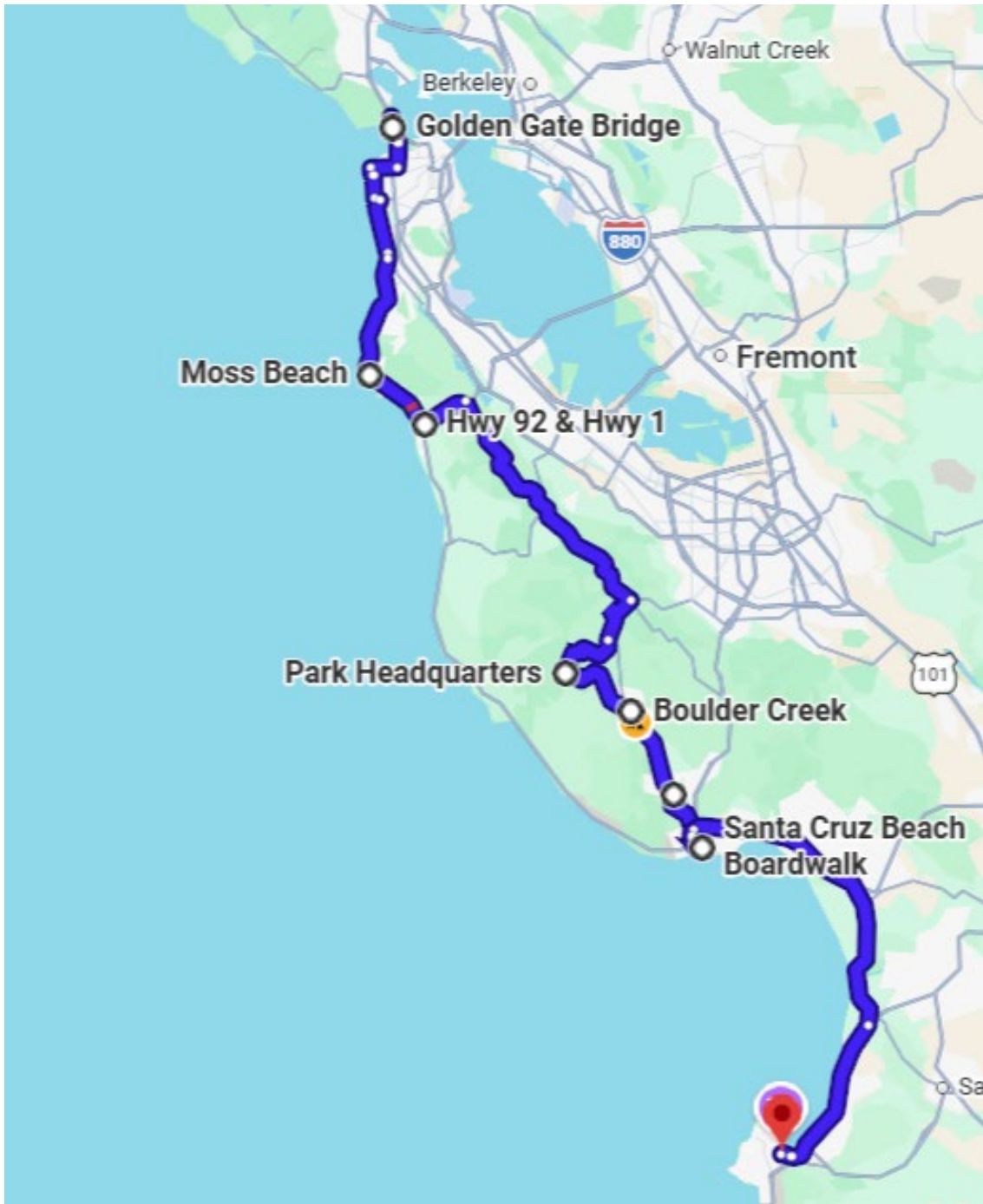
(3 ¼ hours, 100 miles to Santa Cruz)

(4 ¼ hours, 142 miles to Monterey)

Hope you enjoyed San Francisco! But we know you really came for the drive down the famed **California Highway 1** (Pacific Coast Highway). Most people pick up PCH in Monterey, but they miss a great first day on the section from San Francisco south. If you followed the suggestion to stay in Sausalito, these directions pick up as you cross the Golden Gate Bridge. If you are coming from points East, it is suggested that you pick up the route at the junction of Hwys 92 and 35 outside San Mateo.

Either way you are in for a treat as you traverse the Bay Area's "urban forest" including some of the oldest and biggest trees in the state. If you have never driven the **Skyline Highway**, you are not going to believe you are only a couple of miles (as the crow flies) from the densely populated SF peninsula.

You have two choices tonight for your accommodations.... the typical stay over in Monterey/Carmel or the off-beat beach town of Santa Cruz. Details below.



Red Dot is Monterey

DIRECTIONS FROM THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

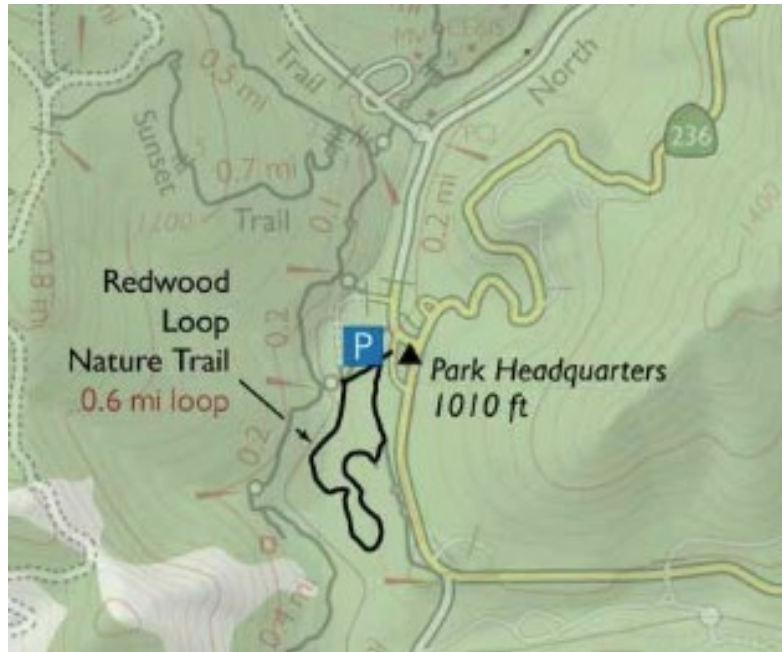
- Upon exiting the bridge, take the 1st exit, Exit 438. Green sign “South, 1, 19th Avenue, Golden Gate Park”. Enter the Park.
- In 4.1 miles, at the stoplight, right onto Martin Luther King Blvd. Green street sign only “Martin Luther King Jr Dr”.
- In 1.1 miles, at stop sign, turn left onto Sunset Blvd. Small white sign only “Sunset Blvd”.
- In 2.1 miles, turn right onto Yorba Street. Green sign “Westbound Sloat”.
- Then make an immediate left on 37th Avenue. Green sign “Westbound Sloat”.
- In 300 feet, at stop sign, right onto Sloat. White sign “Sloat”.
- Om 0.1 miles, fork left onto Skyline Blvd. Green sign “← Skyline”.
- In 4.7 miles, take exit 54B to Hwy 1 South. Green sign “South, 1, Pacifica, Santa Cruz”.
- In 11.0 miles, pass through Moss Beach, stay on Hwy 1.
- In 6.3 miles, at the stop light, turn left onto Hwy 92. Green sign “← 92 EAST, San Mateo”.
- In 5.0 miles, turn right onto Hwy 35/Skyline Blvd. Green sign “35 →”.
- In 26.0 miles, turn right on Hwy 9. Green sign “Big Basin / Boulder Creek / Santa Cruz”.
- In 6.1 miles, at stop sign, continue straight onto Hwy 236. Green sign “↑ 236, Big Basin”.

In 8.2 miles, arrive at the **Big Basin Park Headquarters**. Stop and park. Parking is limited, but you can reserve in advance! [Bit.ly/BigBasinParking](https://bit.ly/BigBasinParking) . \$8 in advance, \$10 onsite subject to space available.

*Established in 1902, **Big Basin Redwoods State Park** is California’s oldest state park. In the heart of the Santa Cruz Mountains, its biggest attractions—literally—are its ancient coast redwoods, some of which are 1800 years old and as high as the Statue of Liberty. The park also offers spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, many babbling brooks, and fascinating natural and cultural history.*

A new chapter in Big Basin’s story began in the summer of 2020, when the CZU Lightning Complex Fire swept through 97% of the park’s property. The fire destroyed all historic structures and radically changed the landscape. The park now looks very different from how generations of visitors experienced it, but most of the old-growth redwood trees survived, new plant life is vigorously growing, and many animals have returned to the area. The Reimagining Big Basin project is managing the multi-year process of rebuilding park facilities and infrastructure.

The easiest way to see some big trees is to take the **Redwood Loop Nature Trail**, which starts at the Park Headquarters. It's an easy 0.6-mile loop. Pick up a trail brochure at the Park Headquarters for info on the flora and fauna.



- Depart the HQ continuing on Hwy 236. Green sign “Boulder Creek 9, Santa Cruz 23 →”.
- In 9.2 miles, Arrive in **Boulder Creek for Lunch** (you will be about 2 hours in, plus stopping time). Gas on the corner of Hwy 236 and Hwy 9.
 - **Scopazzi’s Restaurant.** 13300 Big Basin Way. #1 rated in town. Upper end Italian. Reasonable lunch menu. Also, may breakfast is available.
 - **The Sawmill Restaurant and Ale House.** 15520 Hwy 9. Big on Burgers and Beer. Open at 4pm on Wednesday’s, otherwise noon.
 - **River Dogs.** 123 Forest Street. All about Chicago Dogs. Closed Mondays
 - **There are several other choices in town including Chinese, Japanese and Mexican.**
- Depart Boulder Creek on Hwy 9 South (Central Avenue).
- In 13.3 miles
 - If you are going to Santa Cruz, turn right on Hwy 1. Green sign “1 North, Half Moon Bay, Right Lane”.
 - If you are going to Monterey, turn left. green sign “1, South, Watsonville, Left Lane”.

IF YOU PLAN TO STAY IN SANTA CRUZ, PLEASE READ THE “SANTA CRUZ ALTERNATIVE” TOUR INFO

CONTINUING ON TO MONTEREY (if you stay in Santa Cruz, pick up the route to Monterey here).

- Continue 40.8 miles on Hwy 1 South.
- For downtown, take exit 401A. Green sign “Monterey”.
- Follow Fremont Street and Munras Avenue to downtown.

There are literally a hundred places to stay in and around Monterey. A downtown favorite is **Casa Munras** which has some classic, Spanish charm, is reasonably priced, has a great restaurant and bar and is walking distance to all the downtown amenities.

CASA MUNRAS
700 Munras Ave
Monterey, CA 93940
831-375-2411



Casa Munras Bar and Patio

MONTEREY AREA INFORMATION

Seemonterey.com

Where to stay:

- **Downtown Monterey**.... access to Fisherman's Wharf and dozens of restaurants and shops. Besides the Casa Munras, there is a Marriott and the Portola Hotel. Just outside downtown is the Hyatt Regency at Del Monte.
- **Carmel-by -the Sea**.... Fairytale village about 5 miles from downtown. Rustic charm, fine food and a historic Mission. Dozens of enticing Inns. Info at: <https://www.carmelcalifornia.com/>.
- **Pacific Grove**.... between Monterey and Carmel. Several smaller inns at more modest prices. <https://www.cityofpacificgrove.gov/>. Close to Cannery Row restaurants and the start of the 17 Mile Drive.
- **Seaside/Sand City**...just north of Monterey on Hwy 1. More of a workaday town, but there is a Courtyard and a Double Tree Hotel with lower rates than elsewhere.

What to do:

- **17 Mile Drive**...this is a must do. Runs between Pacific Grove and Carmel and encompasses some of the most iconic Pacific Coast scenery. \$12.50 fee, but reimbursable if you spend some money at any of the Pebble Beach resorts.
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium**...considered amongst the finest in the world. Entry fee \$65 (70+ \$50). Allow 3 hours + to see it all.
- **Lunch at Roy's at Pebble Beach.**
- **Sunset, cocktails and bagpipes at the Inn at Spanish Bay.**

Where to Eat:

- **Fisherman's Wharf**...downtown. Multiple seafood and chowder restaurants on the water. *Note: All Dungeness crab is frozen in June/July. Still good.*
- **Cannery Row**.... immortalized by John Steibeck's novel. Several seafood houses and a 25-stop, self-guided walking tour to work off all those calories.
- **Downtown Carmel**...everything from Michelin stars to kebab takeaways. Everyone will find something to love.

This Tour connects to the "Pacific Coast Highway Central Section (Part 2)" Tour