



## Exploring Big Sur

***The new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge is open! Visitors now have more convenient car access to experience Big Sur and iconic Highway 1.***

The breathtaking beauty of Big Sur and the Central Coast beckons you with unparalleled natural scenery. Many scenic attractions and friendly businesses are open and ready to welcome you!

### FAQs:

#### **What does the bridge opening mean for travelers?**

Visitors traveling on Highway 1 from the Monterey Peninsula can now go as far south as Gorda in southern Big Sur. Hotels, restaurants, shops and parks invite you to experience the authentic Big Sur charm!

However, visitors are unable to travel to Cambria via Highway 1 from the Monterey Peninsula due to the Mud Creek slide. Caltrans expects to have this portion of the highway open in late-summer 2018. Visit the **Caltrans website** for the latest road closure information.

#### **How can I travel from Big Sur to Southern California?**

Visitors from Northern California and the Monterey Peninsula can take Highway 1 south to Gorda in southern Big Sur. At that point, visitors will need to turn around to take Highway 1 north to Highway 68 where they will be able to access Highway 101 to drive south toward Los Angeles.

#### **How can I travel from Southern California to the Monterey Peninsula?**

Visitors from Southern California can access Monterey County via Highway 101 through Salinas Valley. Below are few great things to see and do on the Highway 101 detour:

- **National Steinbeck Center** in Salinas
- **Steinbeck House** in Salinas
- **Monterey Zoo** in Salinas
- **Pinnacles National Park** in Salinas Valley
- **San Antonio Mission** in Jolon
- **Wine Tasting Rooms** in Salinas Valley

## What hiking trails are open?

There are great hiking options in Big Sur listed below:

### [Andrew Molera State Park and Beach](#)

Andrew Molera State Park and Beach is now open for day use and hikes on the west side of Highway 1. Open trails include the Bobcat Trail, Creamery Meadow Trail (to the beach), Ridge Loop Trail, Panorama Trail, Spring Trail and Bluffs Trail. Trail Camp/Headlands Trail is closed, and the campground is closed.

### [Garrapata State Park and Beach](#)

Garrapata State Park is a beautiful coastal park and beach with various hiking trails and an endless amount of photo opportunities. Currently, only the lands on the west side of Highway 1 are open to the public.

### [Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park](#)

Visitors can access the Overlook and Partington Cove Trails with views of McWay Falls as well as the parking and picnic areas. The campsites and trails on the east side of Highway 1 remain closed until further notice.

### [Limekiln State Park](#)

The park features breathtaking views of the Big Sur Coast, the beauty of the redwoods, the rugged coast and the cultural history of limekilns. Hiking trails are open.

### [Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park](#)

Visitors can hike and explore the following trails: Buzzard's Roost, Valley View, Liewald Flats, Redwood Deck, Nature Trail, River Path and Warden's Path. Pfeiffer Falls, Pine Ridge, Gorge and Mt. Manuel trails are closed due to hazardous conditions.

### [Point Sur Lighthouse](#)

Enjoy a three-hour walking tour overlooking the Pacific Ocean with exploration of the Lighthouse and historic homes and buildings. Tours are available Saturday and Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 1pm.

## Can we camp?

Yes! Below is a list of campgrounds that are open:

### [Big Sur Campground and Cabins](#)

This unique property offers both campsites and rustic cabins available for rent. The property also offers a small camp store, basketball hoops, kid's playground and soft serve ice cream.

### [Fernwood Resort](#)

Cozy rooms and tent cabins are available near the Big Sur River. There is also an onsite bar, restaurant, gift shop and general store.

### [Kirk Creek Campground](#)

Kirk Creek Campground is situated on an open bluff 100 feet above the ocean, among several Monterey Pines. Each of Kirk Creek's 34 sites has a view of the magnificent Big Sur coast.

### [Limekiln State Park](#)

Limekiln State Parks offers 24 campsites in the majestic redwoods as well as sites with ocean views. The park also features a waterfall, streams and the cultural history of limekilns.

### [Nacimiento Campground](#)

Nacimiento Campground is a small campground with 8 sites that are first come first serve along the side of a mountain trout stream approximately 11 miles east of Kirk Creek on the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road.

### [Plaskett Creek Campground](#)

Plaskett Creek Campground offers family campsites in a country park-like setting under a scattered canopy of large Monterey Pines and Monterey Cypress. The campground has 44 sites.

### [Ponderosa Campground](#)

Ponderosa Campground has family campsites along a mountain trout stream under a canopy of beautiful trees located on Nacimiento-Fergusson Road. The campground has 23 sites available.

### [Riverside Campground and Cabins](#)

This riverside retreat offers camp sites and rustic cabins. The property also hosts a small camping store for guests.

### [Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park](#)

Visitors are able to use the campground and all four day-use lots. The large campground accommodates hikers, bikers, car campers and RVs.

## **Are there other lodging options?**

Yes! Below is a list of hotels and properties:

### [Big Sur Lodge](#)

Nestled deep in the redwood forest of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Big Sur Lodge has long been a haven for travelers in search of peace. Guests can enjoy a stay here in one of the 62 cottage-style rooms. Join us at our hand hewn Redwood Bar that overlooks Big Sur River.

### [Big Sur River Inn](#)

The historic Big Sur River Inn has been a staple in the heart of Big Sur Village since 1932. Surrounded by the towering redwoods and along the Big Sur River, the inn provides the perfect escape and opportunity to unwind along the river while listening to the peaceful sounds of nature.

### [Deetjen's Big Sur Inn](#)

Deetjen's Big Sur Inn will be opening Sunday, October 15. The inn is a unique and historic hotel and restaurant situated in the redwoods on Highway 1 and offers visitors simple luxuries surrounded by well-tended gardens bloom and the Castro Canyon waterfall.

### [Glen Oaks Big Sur](#)

Rustic and elegant, Glen Oaks Big Sur offers guests a cozy and comfortable retreat in the redwoods and along the Big Sur River. Visitors can stay in a Fireside Lodge, the Oak Tree Cottage or a cabin in the Redwood Grove. The dreamy Big Sur Cabin has two fire pits plus a pair of outdoor clawfoot soaking tubs.

### [Post Ranch Inn](#)

High atop the cliffs, 1,200 feet above the Pacific Ocean, sits Post Ranch Inn, a sanctuary for the soul. Ideal for romance, relaxation or rejuvenation, this resort is the ultimate destination for a luxurious escape. With natural architecture embracing the coast's dramatic beauty, the 39 rooms blend rustic elegance, comfort and privacy with ocean or mountain views.

### [Ripplewood Resort](#)

One of Big Sur's oldest resorts and a favorite among families, Ripplewood Resort features 17 rustic cabins, a general store and café. Some of the cabins have private decks that are perched over the Big Sur River, so you can be lulled to sleep by the tranquil sounds of the flowing water.

### [Treebones Resort Big Sur](#)

This unique property is a premier glamping resort, blending the natural experience of outdoor camping with more luxurious amenities. The resort offers sleeping accommodations including the Human Nest, Treehouse, Yurts and the new Twig Hut.

### [Ventana Big Sur](#)

Ventana Big Sur is set to open on October 20. An Alila Resort, this iconic resort in the heart of Big Sur, overlooking the majestic coastline. Set among 160 acres of rolling meadows, towering redwoods and Pacific Ocean views, the intimate resort features 59 guest rooms, suites and villas, Spa Alila, two pools with outdoor Japanese hot baths and The Sur House restaurant.

## **What restaurants are open?**

### [Big Sur Roadhouse](#)

In keeping with the Big Sur ethos, the seasonal menu is filled with locally sourced organic ingredients for a delicious California cuisine.

### [Deetjen's Big Sur Inn](#)

Deetjen's Big Sur Inn is serving breakfast from 9am to noon daily and will begin serving dinner Saturday, October 14th. Enjoy eggs Benedict, homemade granola, smoked salmon bagels and huevos rancheros. You can also enjoy fine dining in the evenings in one of four romantic candlelit rooms.

### [Nepenthe Restaurant](#)

Perched on the edge of the continent, high above the Pacific and watched over by the majestic Santa Lucia Mountains, they have long been a meeting place for poets, artists, travelers and vagabonds alike. Sit on the terrace and enjoy the famous Ambrosia Burger.

### [Restaurant at the Big Sur River Inn](#)

Renew your spirit at the family-friendly, full service restaurant and bar at Big Sur River Inn. Be sure to ask your server about the apple pie!

### [Rocky Point Restaurant](#)

Spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean as you sit perched cliff-side; either inside through panoramic windows, next to a cozy fireplace or outside on the open deck. Catch a glimpse of playful sea-otters, dolphins, seals and whales.

### [Sierra Mar](#)

High atop the cliffs, offering breathtaking views is Sierra Mar, winner of Wine Spectator's prestigious Grand Award. Offering an unconventional fine dining experience, Executive Chef

Elizabeth Murry presents inquisitive creations featuring ingredients highlighted by a sense of place and culture. Selections from the award-winning wine cellar enhance the innovative, inspired cuisine.

### **The Sur House**

Opening October 20, The Sur House restaurant is helmed by Executive Chef Paul Corsentino and rises high above the Pacific. Chef Corsentino crafts coastal cuisine - using Pacific-sourced seafood delivered by local fishermen, free-range meats from local farmers, produce from nearby foragers and homemade accoutrements—inspired by the sustainable ingredients of the Central Coast and the melting pot of America's culinary havens.

### **Travel like a Big Sur expert!**

“Sustainable Moments” is the MCCVB's responsible tourism initiative designed to educate and equip travelers on how to make the most of every moment in our destination while at the same time, being respectful to the environment, wildlife and communities. With the new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge now open, allowing easier access for travelers, the MCCVB would like to encourage visitors to travel responsibly and treat the destination with care.

**For more information on what to see and do in Big Sur, please visit [SeeMonterey.com](http://SeeMonterey.com).**