



## Exploring the Northern Part of Big Sur from Monterey

Big Sur is one of the most breathtaking places on the Central Coast. While the region has been experiencing a winter that has severely affected the destination, visitors are still able to access some of the best Big Sur has to offer. Travelers can explore and visit the northern section of Highway 1 from the Monterey Peninsula. Hotels, restaurants and shops north of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge (including Big Sur Village) are open for business and welcoming guests!

### FAQs:

#### How far south can we travel?

Visitors are able to access Big Sur and 26 miles of coastline all the way until the Big Sur Ranger Station. You can stop at your favorite spots for a bite to eat and enjoy a sunset that's unforgettable.

#### Can we camp – in an RV? Tent?

Yes! Below is a list of campgrounds that are open and ready to accept visitors.

##### [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.

##### [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](#)

On the western slope of the Santa Lucia Mountains, the peaks of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park tower high above the Big Sur River Gorge, where the Big Sur River enters this popular park.

*\*Please plan ahead if you are traveling in an RV. There are a couple turn-around locations for you when you're ready to head home.*

#### Can we hike established trails?

Yes! There are still great hiking options for you in the area listed below:

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

Garrapata State Park is a beautiful 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.

##### [Point Lobos State Natural Reserve](#)

This gem is a must-see with incredible hiking trails and beach access. You can often glimpse sea otters and seals during hikes along the coastline.

### [Point Sur Lighthouse](#)

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

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

This park was affected by the recent winter storms and trails will continue to open throughout the summer. Today, visitors can hike the Redwood Deck, Nature Trail, Warden's Cottage Trail, and the Liewald Flat Trails.

## **What businesses/services are open and available?**

While many businesses north of the Big Sur Ranger Station are open, we encourage you to plan ahead and contact your destinations in advance to ensure a smooth arrival experience. Most businesses south of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge remain closed until later this spring.

### Open businesses and attractions include but are not limited to:

- Big Sur Lodge
- Big Sur River Inn
- Bixby Bridge
- Fernwood Resort
- Garrapata on the west side of Highway 1
- Glen Oaks Big Sur
- Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Point Sur Light Station
- Ripplewood Resort
- Rocky Point Restaurant
- Village Shops

## **How can we get to the Hearst Castle and beyond?**

Travelers will still be able to take advantage of a portion of the *Highway 1 Road Trip* from here to Hearst Castle and beyond using Highway 1, however you will need to take a detour via Highway 68 to Highway 101 to continue south. There are several things to see and do when you take the undiscovered Highway 101 route. Below are just a few highlights along the Highway 101 detour:

- [National Steinbeck Center](#) in Salinas
- [Pinnacles National Park](#) in Salinas Valley
- [San Antonio Mission](#) in Jolon
- [Wine Tasting Rooms](#) in Salinas Valley

Please note, until Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge in Big Sur is repaired, visitors will not be able to drive all the way from Monterey to Los Angeles on Highway 1 without using a detour.

### **Travel Tip:**

For guests and visitors planning to travel to Big Sur, we encourage you to stay alert and be mindful and respectful to those CHP, Caltrans and other public service and safety workers who are continuing to restore the destination after the winter weather impacts. Please use turnouts, legal parking areas and pull over when appropriate.

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

**Big Sur Access Map:**

