



Exploring the Southern 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 as well as a portion of the southern section.

FAQs:

How can we get to the southern section?

Visitors are able to access a portion of the southern section of Big Sur via Nacimiento-Fergusson Road from Highway 101 from Limekiln State Park to Gorda. Visitors are encouraged to exercise caution when driving along Nacimiento-Fergusson Road as it is narrow and very windy and should only be traveled during daylight hours. While the road is paved and maintained, RVs and heavy vehicles are not recommended. It is also a remote road with no cell service, gas stations or other public services.

Can we camp?

Yes! Below is a list of campgrounds that are open.*

[Treebones Resort Big Sur](#)

This unique property is a premier glamping resort, blending the natural experience of outdoor camping with more luxurious amenities.

[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. The park has 24 campsites.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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-Fergusson Road.

**Please note for the safety of travelers, RVs and heavy vehicles are not recommended on Nacimiento-Fergusson Road.*



What businesses/services are open and available?

Only a limited number of businesses and attractions are available in the southern portion of Highway 1. Most businesses south of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge are closed until later this spring.

Open businesses and attractions include but are not limited to:

- Local campgrounds (*guests must bring their own food and water as there are no restaurants on the campground properties*)
- Treebones Resort
- Sand Dollar Beach
- Mill Creek Day Use Area
- Willow Creek Day Use Area

How can we get to Southern California from Monterey?

Travelers will still be able to travel from Monterey to the southern portion of the state using Highway 101. 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 and do in Big Sur, please visit SeeMonterey.com