



The Best Detour You Will Ever Take: Accessing Highway 1 in SLO CAL

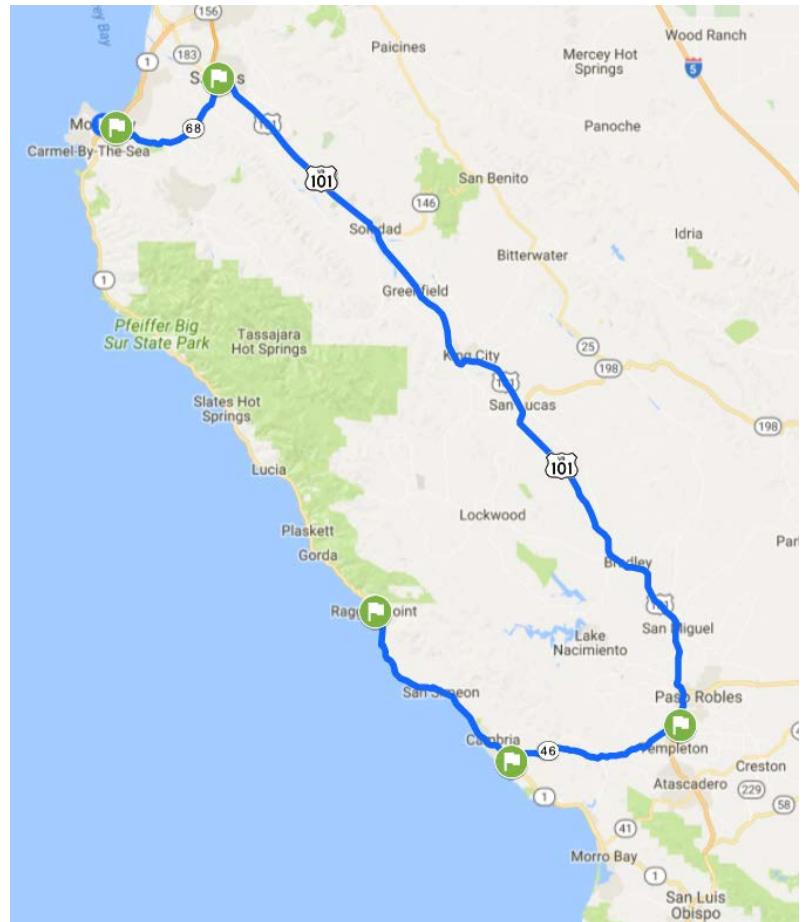
Even with the closures north of San Luis Obispo County, the famous coastal views and Pacific adventures of Highway 1 are all open and accessible! Travelers can take the “Best Detour Ever” to easily loop around the closures from SLO CAL back to Highway 1 in Monterey.

Enjoy the “scenic route” by exploring the Central Coast’s inland towns and cities that you’d otherwise miss. The detour from Ragged Point to Monterey will take approximately 30 minutes longer than the original Highway 1 route, but the fun and unique stops listed here will have you taking your time.

Driving Directions from Ragged Point to Monterey

- 1) Drive South on Highway 1 through San Simeon (home of Hearst Castle) and the charming village of Cambria.
- 2) Turn left onto CA-46 E/Green Valley Road
- 3) Merge onto US-101 North
- 4) Take exit 327 towards CA-68/Monterey or continue North towards San Francisco
- 5) Merge onto Highway 1 S/CA-68 W

Have more time? Continue south through **Cayucos** and **Morro Bay** for fun stops, exciting adventures and stunning views before heading east on Highway 41 to US Highway 101 North near the unique town of **Atascadero**.



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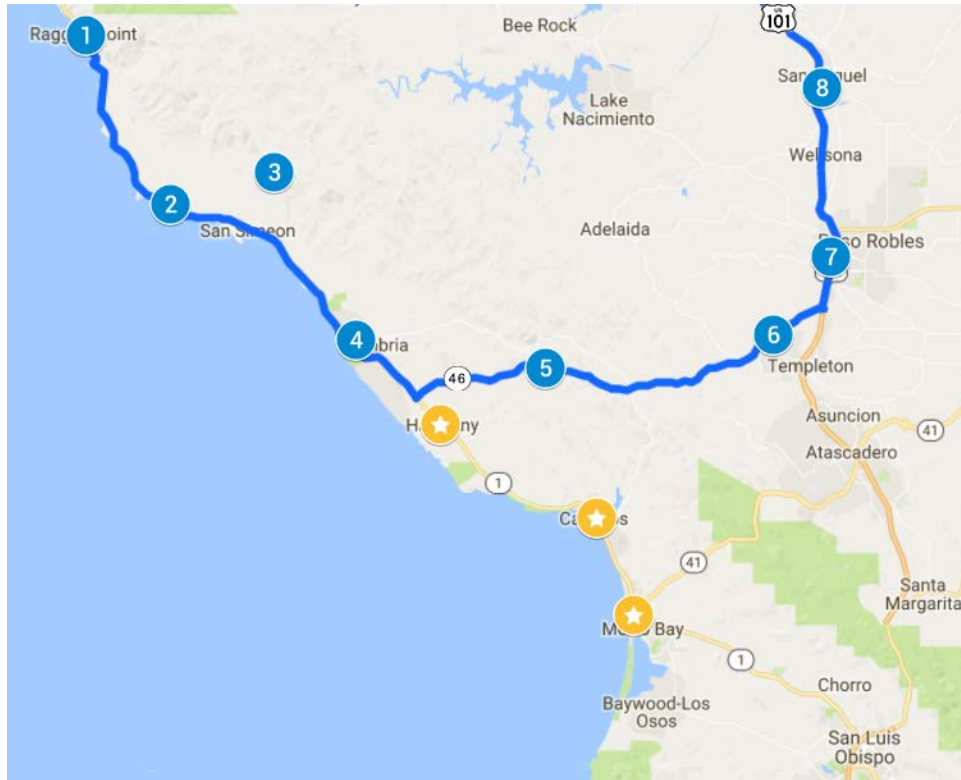
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Don't Miss these Fun SLO CAL Sites

As you travel south along Highway 1 and through the detour, you'll discover many unique sights along the way – from historical attractions to modern hot spots. Just south of Cambria, head east on Highway 46 through the scenic Paso Robles Wine Country before heading north on US-101.



1) Ragged Point + The Portal to Big Sur: *With million-dollar views to spare, this landmark offers iconic Highway 1 shores and crashing waves. Stop by the Ragged Point Inn to find 'The Portal to Big Sur,' a unique wooden sculpture and perfect photo op.*

2) Elephant Seal Vista Point: *Watch as hundreds of elephant seals mingle, molt and tend to their pups on the scenic beach below. These silly seals are a classic Highway 1 wildlife experience!*

3) Hearst Castle + Zebras: *Take a tour of William Randolph Hearst's glamorous showcase of art, architecture and gardens with panoramic views of unspoiled coastline and rugged mountains. Be on the lookout for the infamous Hearst Castle zebras that roam just south of the property as you approach Cambria.*

4) Cambria: *Stop along Moonstone Beach to watch the waves crash against the shore, or visit Main Street for a unique antiquing experience.*

5) Scenic Viewpoint on Highway 46: *On a clear day, this pullout is the perfect place to take that jealousy-inducing vacation pic with views of Morro Rock in the distance.*

6) Highway 46 Wineries, Vineyards & Distilleries: *Paso Robles was recently named 'Best Wine Country Town' by Sunset Magazine and you can explore a wide variety of local establishments on the route there.*

7) Paso Robles: *Grab a beer at **Barrelhouse Brewing** or **Firestone Walker Brewing** on your way into Paso Robles. Stroll around the quaint downtown park filled with shops, art galleries, restaurants and tasting rooms.*

8) Mission San Miguel Arcángel: *Walk through California's 16th mission is considered by many to be the best preserved and most authentic of all the California Missions. Get a true taste of history at this historic landmark.*

Additional Highway 1 Sights

Harmony: *Don't be fooled by its population size of 18, Harmony packs in glassblowing, wine tasting and a creamery making it the perfect recipe for a quick pitstop.*

Cayucos: *Enjoy this iconic California beach town with miles of pet-friendly beach, surfing, kayaking, a historic pier and don't forget to stop in at the utterly delicious Brown Butter Cookie Company.*

Morro Bay: *Catch glimpses of sea otters, seals, dolphins and whales by kayak or dig into salt water taffy, fresh fish by the pound and local oysters while enjoying views of Morro Rock and the bay.*

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