

*Then methought, the air grew denser, perfumed from an unseen censer
Swung by angels whose faint foot-falls tinkled on the tufted floor.
"Wretch," I cried, "thy God hath lent thee -- by these angels he hath sent thee
Respite -- respite and Nepenthe from thy memories of Lenore!
Let me quaff this kind Nepenthe and forget this lost Lenore!"
Quoth the raven, "Nevermore."*

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Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

From north: 26 miles / 42 km | From south: 64 miles / 103 km | MON 46/47

Entrance Fee: \$6 | Information: 831.667.2315 ● ●

It is this park of which many people immediately think when "Big Sur" is mentioned. It has a very large campground and a beautiful waterfall accessible by trail, and is sheltered by the canyon walls and its large trees, so it is a good place to relax. Though it lies along Highway 1, it is well inland, not along the coast.

- Restrooms 
- Public Telephone
- Public Transit stop (seasonal)
- Food - Restaurants

- Trail's Head Cafe at Big Sur Lodge ●  831.667.3111
- Supplies
- Lodging - Hotels - Resorts - Motels - Inns - Cabins
 - Big Sur Lodge ● 831.667.3100 / 800.424.4787
- Camping: State Park Campground
 - [Reservations required via ReserveAmerica](#)
 - group camping available
 - Showers
 - RVs permitted; dumping station available
- Ranger Station
- Picnic Area
- Scenic Vista
- Hiking
- Fishing (river)
- Swimming (river)

Big Sur Station

From north: 26 miles / 42 km | From south: 64 miles / 103 km | [MON 46/47](#)

Information ● 831.667.2315

Big Sur Station Multi-Agency Facility houses personnel representing the California State Park System (Department of Parks and Recreation) and the U.S. Forest Service (each of which is responsible for much of the land in the Big Sur Valley and the overall Big Sur region), and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans). Its Nature Station Store has maps and related materials available for everyone from casual visitors to dedicated wilderness backpackers. (See also [Wilderness Press](#).)

In addition to the California State Parks listed elsewhere in this guide, Big Sur has the Ventana Wilderness Area and the Silver Peak Wilderness Area, located within [Los Padres National Forest](#), managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Ventana Wilderness Area elevations range from about 600 feet (185 m) above sea level to 5750 feet (1750 m). A wilderness permit, available at Big Sur Station, is required for overnight travel in either wilderness area.

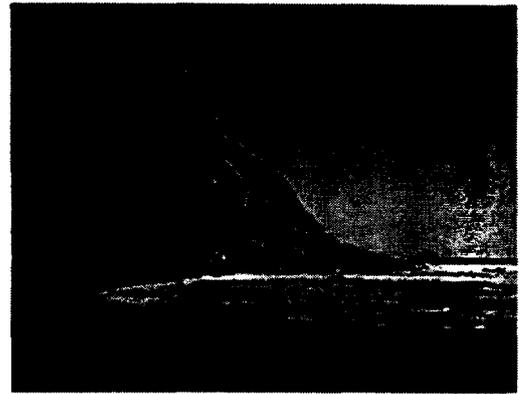
- Restrooms
- Public Telephone
- Public Transit stop (seasonal)
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 - 831.667.2315
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 - Multiple Agency Facility, Big Sur Station #1, Big Sur CA 93920 USA
- Hiking

Pfeiffer Beach (Sycamore Canyon Road turnoff to...)

From north: 27 miles / 44 km | From south: 63 miles / 101 km | [MON 45/46](#)

Information: ●

Sycamore Canyon Road meets Highway 1 at 0.6 miles (1 km) south of Big Sur Station. It is a one-lane road for 2.5 miles (4 km) down to Pfeiffer Beach; use caution. In California, downhill traffic on one-lane roads must yield the right of way to uphill traffic. Pfeiffer Beach is under the jurisdiction of the Monterey Ranger District, Los Padres National Forest, U. S. Forest Service.



Entrance Fee: \$5

- Restrooms
- Public Transit stop (seasonal) (at Highway 1)
- Scenic Vista
- Coastal Access
- Fishing (ocean)
- Surfing

Sea Lion Cove

From north: 33 miles / 52 km | From south: 57 miles / 93 km | MON 40/41

- Scenic Vista

Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park

From north: 37 miles / 60 km | From south: 53 miles / 85 km | MON 35/36

Entrance Fee: \$6 | Information 831.667.2315 ●●

This tiny state park has several trails, including a very short one to a beautiful sight: McWay Falls, which drops down a cliff onto the sandy beach. The trail contours above the beach, permitting views from many angles, but access to the beach is not permitted. There is also a trail down to Partington Cove from a highway bridge a short distance north of the park entrance. See *Hiking the Big Sur Country: The Ventana Wilderness* by Jeffrey P. Schaffer for more information.

- Restrooms 
- Public Telephone
- Camping: State Park environmental campground
 - Reservations required via ReserveAmerica
 - no vehicles; walk-in access only
- Picnic Area
- Scenic Vista
- Hiking
- Fishing (ocean)
- SCUBA

Esalen Institute

From north: 40 miles / 65 km | From south: 50 miles / 80 km | MON 32/33

- Lodging - Hotels - Resorts - Motels - Inns - Cabins
 - [Esalen Institute](#)  831.667.3005

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To whom it may concern:

I am a realtor associated with Ben Heinrich Real Estate, which has a branch office in the Village Shops on Highway 1 near the River Inn in Big Sur. I live on a ranch and have been a resident of Big Sur for about six years.

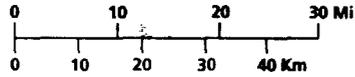
My reaction, when asked if Big Sur is a community, is "of course it's a community!" I believe there are approximately 1500 residents of the community of Big Sur. I am intrigued by the idea that a new FM station might be allotted to the community of Big Sur.

I would define the boundaries of the community, and the businesses that serve the core area of Big Sur's community, by the Captain Cooper School to the North, which is just South of the Andrew Molera State Park, and by the Coast Gallery and Ensalen Institute, which are located South of the Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. That area spans about a 15 mile stretch along Highway 1.

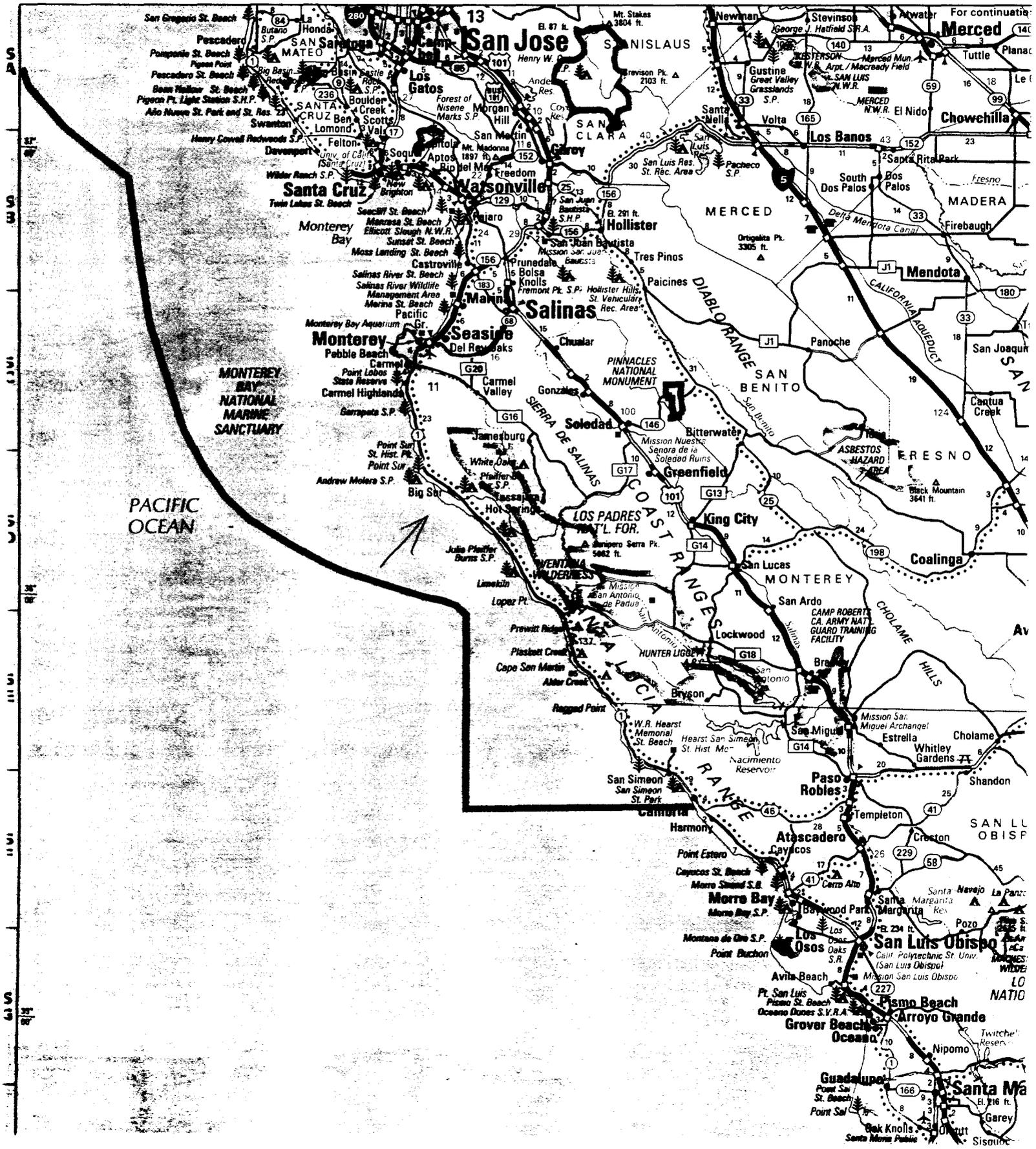
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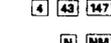
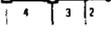
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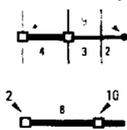
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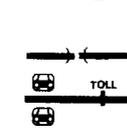
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-  Mexican and Central American Highways

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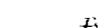
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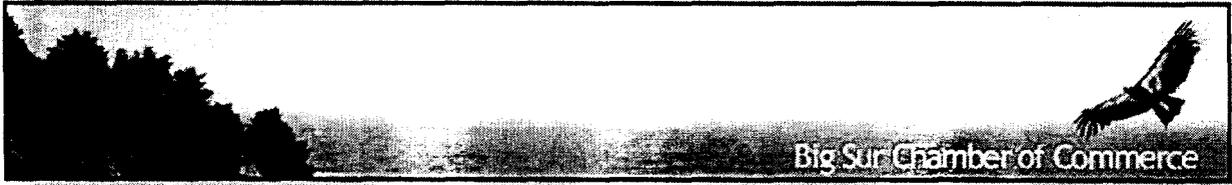
-  Rest Areas: toilets; no toilets
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Alexandria, VA 111	Columbus, GA 29	Jacksonville, FL 26	Newport News, VA
Allentown, PA 88	Columbus, OH 81	Janesville, WI 113	New York, NY
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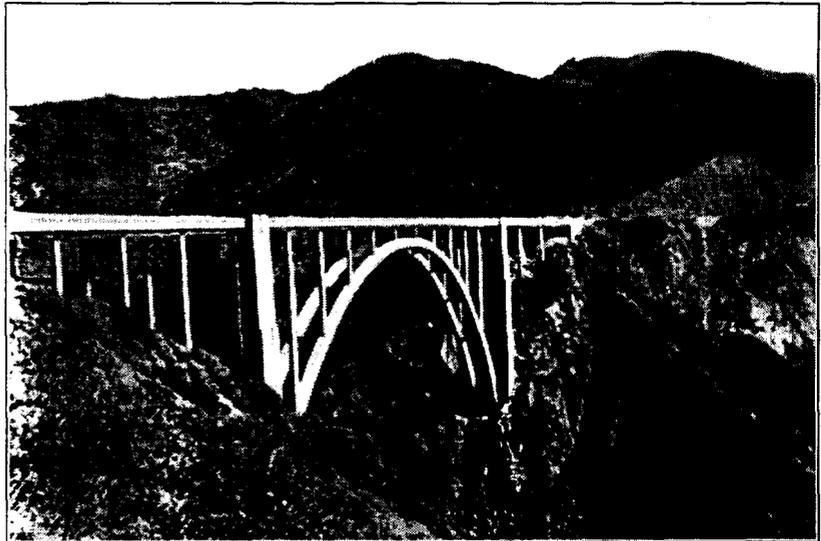
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It is here, at the rivermouth that flows under the Bixby Bridge, that the endangered California Sea Otter was rediscovered playfully frolicking in the kelp beds.

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health, you will be truly nourished by a quiet space, fresh organic food and vitality of the natural elements.

LOMA VISTA

(831) 667-2818 Loma Vista is listed here not because it has lodging but because in addition to being home to the Big Sur Bakery & Restaurant, Garden Gallery, Big Sur Garden Company, and Surinity Massage Studio, it also has a gas station. Located 100 yards south of the Post Office & Big Sur Deli.



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AND CABINS

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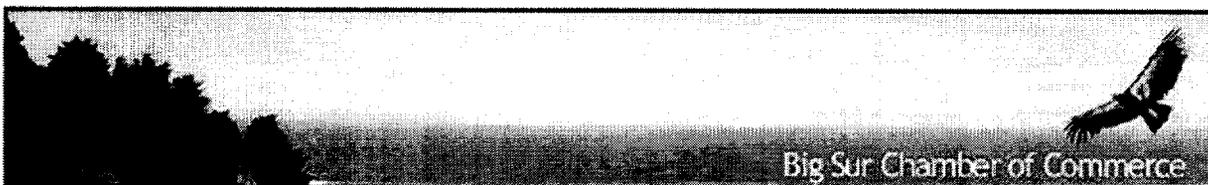


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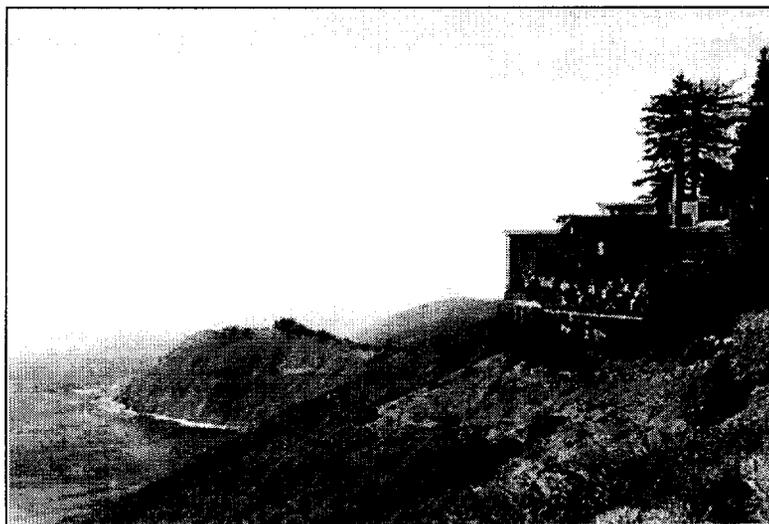


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Restaurants, Cafes, Deli's, and Pubs

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(831) 667-0520 Located at historic Loma Vista. Serving fresh pastries, breads, pizza and more, - baked daily in a wood fire oven. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a garden setting. Sweeping views of Big Sur Valley. Beer & wine.

BIG SUR CENTER DELI

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(831) 667-3111 Indoor and patio dining on the banks of the Big Sur River. Freshly prepared foods served in a spacious, airy atmosphere with views of the redwoods. Children always welcome. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fresh pastries,

BIG SUR RIVER INN

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BIG SUR VILLAGE PUB

(831) 667-2355 Located in the Village Shops, the pub features specialty beers and a pub-style menu.

BONITO ROADHOUSE

(831) 667-2264 Innovative roadhouse fare with a gourmet twist! Enjoy our seasonally changing menu including favorites like our homemade chicken pot pie, Maryland crab cakes, seafood gumbo, and grilled flat iron steak. Homemade pasta and desserts, along with many vegetarian items and daily specials, make this a great spot for families and friends to get together or for couples to get away by themselves. You'll relax in a fun, nostalgic atmosphere reminiscent of the early days of this original 1950's building. This spot is a favorite of locals. Open for dinner nightly at 5:30 pm. (Please check for winter hours.) Fireplace and patio dining, too. Reservations are not required but are welcomed. Located on Hwy 1 across from the Glen Oaks Motel.

CAFE KEVAH

Located at Nepenthe

(831) 667-2344 Offering brunch & light lunch in an outdoor setting. Located on a terrace just below Nepenthe. Open March through December, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. weather permitting.

CIELO

Ventana Inn

(800) 628-6500 or **(831) 667-2331** Open for lunch from noon to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Bar is open from noon to midnight. Outside terrace offers great views. Located at Ventana Inn

COAST CAFE

(831) 667-2301 Serving lunch, baked goods, coffee and estate bottled wines. Located at Coast Gallery

DEETJEN'S BIG SUR INN

(831) 667-2378 Offering food in a quaint old world setting. Breakfast is served 8:00 AM - 11:30 a.m. Dinner is served from 6:00 p.m. Reservations recommended

FERNWOOD

(831) 667-2422 An all-purpose stop featuring a restaurant, bar, and live entertainment.

NEPENTHE

(831) 667-2345 One of the most picturesque

dining spots in California, this restaurant overlooks 40 miles of coastline. Family owned since 1949. Open daily 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Home of Big Sur's only Weather-Cam. Check out the view from the back deck.

RAGGED POINT RESTAURANT

(805) 927-5708 Unsurpassed original gourmet cuisine from the kitchen of chef Roger Wall professionally presented in an enchanting garden setting with a 360 degree ocean/mountain view.

RIPPLEWOOD CAFE

(831) 667-2242 Serving home-style breakfast and lunch. Grocery store with coffee and sandwiches to go.

ROCKY POINT RESTAURANT

(831) 624-2933 Offering lunch, dinner and cocktails overlooking the surf at Rocky Point. Steak and seafood are served.

SAN SIMEON BEACH BAR & GRILL

(805) 927-4604 Just 3-minutes South of Hearst Castle at the southern edge of the Big Sur Coast. Fabulous panoramic ocean views from every table in the dining room and bar. Outdoor eating patio. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktails. The menu includes seafood, lobster, prime rib, steaks, chicken, pasta, soups, salads, sandwiches and central coast wines. Children's menu available. Groups welcome. Take out, gift shop, video game room & pool table, sports bar. Next to 60 unit lodge. Short walk to the beach. For more information e-mail: info@sansimeonrestaurant.com

SIERRA MAR RESTAURANT

Post Ranch Inn

(831) 667-2800 Located at the Post Ranch Inn at an elevation of 1,149 feet, this breathtaking restaurant overlooks the north and south California coastline and the Pacific Ocean. The naturalistic architecture fits seamlessly into the mountainous redwood landscape amid these 92 acres. Enjoy lunch, dinner, or drinks on the patio and dining room while watching for migrating whales or locally released condors. A light lunch menu is served from noon to 4:00 pm and a bar menu is available from 4:00 to close. Chef Craig Von Foerster presents a nightly changing dinner menu, which has won praise from many publications including Gourmet Magazine and the Zagat Guide. Reservations required.

WHALEWATCHER CAFE

(805) 927-3918 Offering indoor and seaside dining featuring California cuisine and home made desserts. Located at Gorda.



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Big Sur is filled with a colorful blend of unique shopping opportunities. All of the art galleries and gift shops offer handcrafted items by Big Sur artisans. And that's not all! All the giftshops and galleries offer a unique adventure in shopping for the unusual handmade exotic and sometimes erotic items.

You will be entertained by the great variety, choice, and quality of collectibles from around the world along with our very own local artists. We invite you to peek into our fun showcases online, or even better, next time you are in Big Sur come on in and browse around.

All photos • Stan Russell

ART GALLERIES AND GIFT SHOPS IN BIG SUR

BIG SUR BAZAAR

(831) 667-2197 Featuring crafts by local artists with a concentration on pottery. Located next to the Post Office and Big Sur Deli. Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

BIG SUR GARDEN COMPANY

(831) 667-2818 Offering sculpture and plants in the historic cactus garden next to the Loma Vista Cafe.

BIG SUR LODGE GIFT SHOP

(831) 667-3100 Featuring a wide array of eclectic gifts, State Park souvenirs, jewelry, pottery & the largest selection of T-shirts & sweatshirts in the area. 8 am -9 pm daily.

COAST GALLERY

(831) 667-2301 Since 1958 The Gallery has been the historic showplace for local artists and coastal craftsmen.

Gallery, gift shop, candle studio and boutique. Open daily
9 am - 5:00 pm

**FERNWOOD TRADING
COMPANY**

(831) 667-2422 "Exotica South" Exotica clothing and jewelry from around the world. Unique wood carvings. Harley wear. Thursday - Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**GARDEN GALLERY AT
LOMA VISTA**

(831) 667-2000, Fax: 667-2469 Local Arts Cooperative featuring seasonal wild, native plants and foods. Specializing in natural cosmetics, family remedies, and bulk herbs. Identification walks and seminars. Aromatherapy, colortherapy, ceremony. Rachel Moody has a showcase of beaded pieces created with beads and one of a kind treasures from around the world. Loose beads, findings, gemstones, silver chains, and imports. Also, specializing in Big Sur jade, local arts and crafts, hand woven baskets, antiques and various other eclectic gifts at this very unique local arts cooperative.

HAWTHORNE GALLERY

(831) 667-3200 Featuring contemporary painting, indoor/outdoor sculpture, blown glass, ceramics and cloisonné. Representing five Hawthornes, Albert Paley and selected guests.

**HEARTBEAT GIFT
GALLERY**

(831) 667-2557 (800) 499-6564: An adventure in shopping for the unusual exotic and erotic. You will be entertained by the great variety, choice and quality of jewelry, clothing and collectibles from around the world along with our very own local artists. We invite you to peek into our fun showcases on line (www.heartbeatbigsur.com) or even better, next time you are in Big Sur come on in. We are located at the Big Sur River Inn.

HENRY MILLER LIBRARY

(831) 667-2574 Championing the works of the American author, artist and Big Sur resident, Henry Miller. Gallery, sculpture garden, bookstore with a treasure of fine books, art, music, and history of the area. Many items, including rare books, are for sale. Available for special events.

**NEW CAMOLDOLI
HERMITAGE**

(831) 667-2456 Offering cards, books, prints, paintings, incense, fruitcake and datenut cake.

LOCAL COLOR

(831) 667-0481 Central Coast Artisans Gallery. It is our vision to give the many talented artisans in our area a place to proudly display their hand made goods. Our unique collection represents the many types of people and personalities attracted to such a special area. This is their show place!

**POST RANCH
MERCANTILE**

(831) 667-2795 A showroom featuring many of the items used at the Post Ranch Inn as well as unusual gifts and natural clothing. Located at the resort. Open 9:30 am -

4:00 pm daily.

THE PHOENIX SHOP

NEPENTHE

(831) 667-2347 Located at Nepenthe, offering a unique collection of gifts, books, jewelry, toys and clothing. Open 10:30 AM - 7 PM in the summer, 10:30 AM - 6 PM during the winter.

THE STORE AT VENTANA

(831) 667-2787 Featuring jewelry, pottery, gifts, clothing and more. The adjacent Gallery at Ventana showcases fine art by local artists. Open 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM daily.



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Big Sur is a community rich in artistic and creative talent. In this fertile seedbed many wonderful grassroots projects spring forth. This page is dedicated to all the Big Sur educational and nonprofit organizations.

This page is for the community. If you have a website that fits the above criteria and you would like it to be included on this page, please submit the URL to info@bigsurcalifornia.org

BIG SUR ARTS INITIATIVE

The Big Sur Arts Initiative is a nonprofit, education organization formed in 1998 to bring enrichment in the arts and science to Big Sur children and families. Programs include:

- the children's garden
- theatre training
- drawing and painting
- environmental studies
- computer imaging
- creative writing and poetry
- Big Sur JazzFest



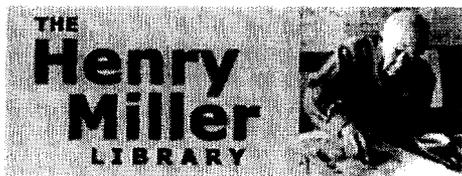
The Big Sur JazzFest is held every spring in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park in one of the most beautiful state parks in the world. With some of the best talent in Jazz gracing the stage, each year the festival gets better and better. Join us this year for a weekend of great jazz.

The Big Sur JazzFest is now operating as an extension of the Big Sur Arts Initiative.



Captain Cooper School

Esalen



The Big Sur International Marathon named one of the Best Marathon in America by the Ultimate Guide to Marathons.

The mission of The Big Sur Land Trust is to protect for public benefit lands in Monterey County which are significant as natural habitat, open space, agricultural, watershed and recreational property.

Captain Cooper School is a K-5 school nestled in the Santa Lucia Mountains of Big Sur, 26 miles south of Carmel on California State Highway One.

In addition to "Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic," Captain Cooper hosts a full enrichment program of arts, music, and gardening. Check out their beautiful garden!

The Gazebo School Park Early Childhood Program

The Gazebo School Park is a unique educational experience for children one to six years. It is open year-round and has an average of 15 to 20 children in attendance each day.

Esalen Institute is dedicated to exploring work in the humanities and sciences that furthers the full realization of the human potential. Esalen offers public workshops, residential work-study programs, invitational conferences, and independent projects.

the Henry Miller Library is a public benefit, non-profit organization championing the literary, artistic and cultural contributions of the late writer, artist and Big Sur resident Henry Miller. The Library hosts a unique collection of rare Miller works and materials; the collection is being