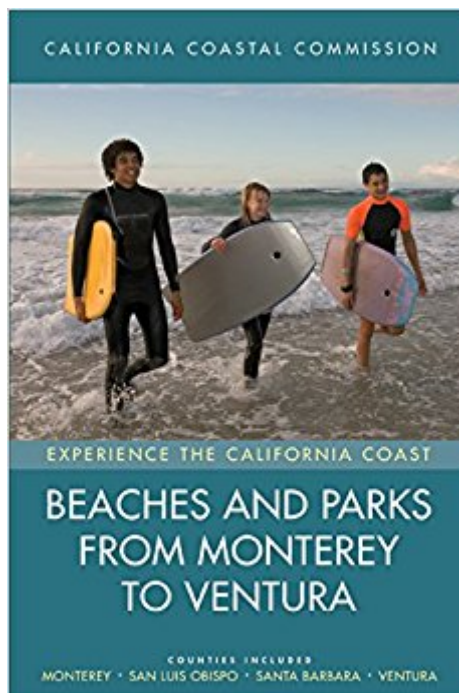


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# Beaches And Parks From Monterey To Ventura: Counties Included: Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura (Experience The California Coast)



## Synopsis

Between Monterey Bay and Ventura County's Santa Monica Mountains lie some of California's most spectacular coastal destinations. This easy-to-use, up-to-date, comprehensive guidebook is the essential companion for all visitors—sightseers, hikers, swimmers, surfers, campers, birders, boaters, and anglers—who want to explore California's fabulous shoreline. The California Coastal Commission was created by the voters of California, who adopted an initiative measure in 1972 that formed the Commission and gave it broad powers to plan and protect the coast. Later, the California Coastal Act of 1976 established the Commission as a permanent state agency with a mission to protect, maintain, and enhance the quality of the coastal environment. One of the Commission's principal goals is to maintain public access and public recreational opportunities along the coast, in a manner consistent with environmental preservation. The guide includes:

- \* Descriptions of more than 310 beaches, parks, campgrounds, nature preserves, natural history museums, and outdoor recreation sites on or near the coast
- \* The Monterey Bay Aquarium, Point Lobos, Big Sur, Hearst Castle, Morro Rock, Santa Barbara, Channel Islands National Park, the spacious white sandy beaches of Ventura County, and more
- \* 40 color topographic maps showing shoreline access and trails, 4 regional maps, and 2 foldout maps of California and its ocean
- \* Easy-to-use charts that list key facilities and features, including wildlife viewing, food and drink, access for wheelchair users, and parking
- \* Illustrated articles describing natural history, geology, local history, and more

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"Those of us born and raised along the California coast know and treasure the great beauty, diversity and natural wonder of the most remarkable coastline in the world. This wonderful book gives you a chance to share that great experience of California's beaches and parks so that perhaps you too will understand why we care so much about protecting this unique coastal resource for the future."#151;Leon E. Panetta, Panetta Institute

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Just got back from a long weekend in the Big Sur area and used this guide extensively to pick and choose the areas we wanted to see most. Great tips and detail to help you find what you want and plan accordingly. In previous years, we have traveled with the North Coast version from the California Coastal Commission; it's equally recommended.

Beaches and Parks from Monterey to Ventura, a guidebook from the California Coastal Commission, offers sharp, detailed observations of this section of Cali's coast. Aside from delivering a well-organized, north-to-south tour of the state's beaches and parks, the book section teaches--really teaches--readers about the State's natural features: the dunes, the giant kelp forest, the Pacific. What really stands out is the writing--which assumes readers are curious intelligent beings (and therefore doesn't shy away from big words), the breathtaking photos, the section maps, and a sprinkling of Japanese-style prints of the natural world (by Tom Killion). This--and other books from the Commission--make it clear that the beaches and natural wonders of our state belong to us. The book presents our own land back to us in vivid language and color, encouraging us to move beyond consumership to steward-ship.

I've been up and down the California coast a number of times, but this book helped me find some hidden gems. It's a great road trip companion, with more than just the usual sightseeing information

-- lots of mini-articles about the history, geology, etc., of what you're seeing. Highly recommended!

We live in Santa Cruz and used this book to help us find some new places to hike in Monterey. The information was useful and accurate. We found some really great areas in our own "backyard". I would highly recommend this book for locals and visitors alike!!

I really like this book. It's beautiful visually, full of great photos, and chock full of really good tips. In addition to being informative and interesting, the format is so well done, really putting good information at your fingertips. It generates interest and enthusiasm.

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