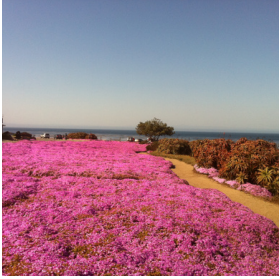


The Great Tide Pool

TALES OF PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA
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PG, FROM A to Z

ABLOOM in wonder, set **ALONGSIDE** the waters of Monterey Bay.
AMERICA'S LAST HOMETOWN. That's our letter A.

Every fall the monarchs migrate. B is the **BUTTERFLIES**
who cluster in tree **BRANCHES** and **BEAUTIFY** the skies.

CANDY CANE LANE comes alive each year at **CHRISTMASTIME**.
That C lights up our **COASTAL** town in whimsy so sublime.

Our D, **DAVID AVENUE**, borders PG and Monterey
and leads to the aquarium that celebrates the bay.

E is playing **EIGHTEEN HOLES**. Each putt a golfer sinks
is part of an **ENCHANTING** round at PG's scenic links.

F is **FIRST FRIDAYS, FARMERS MARKETS**, the **FLAVORS of PG**.
Throughout the year **FRIENDS** gather. That's our community.

A fun parade, food and crafts, bands on several stages...
G is **GOOD OLD DAYS**, a street fair for all ages.

H is for the **HARBOR SEALS** who grow in population
by birthing pups at the beach next to **HOPKINS MARINE STATION**.

I is **IMAGES** on murals and the **IMAGINATION**
to tell the story of a place through an art creation.

J is for **JEWELL PARK**, one of PG's great green spaces
that put a **JOYFUL** smile on big and little faces.

Still standing proud is **KETCHUM'S BARN**. That's our letter K,
where 19th-century artifacts are on public display.





Picnic, kayak, surf or swim, whatever your pleasure.
L is for **LOVERS POINT**, a **LIVELY LOCAL** treasure.

M is for the **MAGIC CARPET** that blooms in an eye-blink.
This springtime **MARVEL** decorates the coast in purple-pink.



N is for the Museum of **NATURAL HISTORY**,
celebrating local wonders since 1883.

Take a stroll along the coast. O is **OCEAN VIEW**.
Ogle playful **OTTERS** who pop up right on cue.



P is for **POINT PINOS**. The lighthouse has survived
and shined from the **PENINSULA** since 1855.

Q is for the **QUIET**. Sometimes when all is dark,
you hear only the breaking waves and sea lions bark.

R is a **ROMANTIC** stroll through this seaside **RETREAT**.
Stop and smooch at Kissing **ROCKS**, an arch where two stones meet.



S must be John **STEINBECK**, whose years spent in PG
inspired his masterpieces, a **STUNNING** legacy.

T is for the **TIDE POOLS**. Look closely and you'll find
they **TEEM** with **TINY** wonders the sea has left behind.

Amid **UNPARALLELED** seascapes, you'll find when U are here
UNPRETENTIOUS vibes and smiles that radiate good cheer.

V is grand **VICTORIANS**. Put on your walking shoes
and tour the "painted ladies" ablaze in **VIBRANT** hues.

W is for the **WAVES** that crash against the rocky shore,
above which great brown pelicans and squawking seagulls soar.

X marks the spot, inside a concrete wall,
where there is a time capsule, next to City Hall.

Y is a sky painted **YELLOW**, tinged maroon and peach.
There's nothing like a sunset from Asilomar Beach.

Z is **ZEST** and **ZEAL** as summer turns to fall.
We play the Shoe Game against our rivals in football.

*The Great
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