

Things to See and Do In Pacific Grove

OCEANVIEW BOULEVARD AND THE ROCKY SHORE

Pacific Grove Recreation Trail –

Walk, run, or bicycle along this 4 mile stretch of oceanside trail. Begin at David Avenue and Ocean View Blvd. and continue along the shore to Asilomar State Beach. You will have magnificent views of Monterey Bay with beach and tide pool access along the way. From Lovers Point to Asilomar the trail is appropriate for walking. Bicycles can continue on Ocean View Blvd. There is a NO TAKE policy at all beaches and tide pools –you may look and touch but do not take.

The beach off Hopkins Marine

Station-- (120 Ocean View Blvd) is home to harbor seals who give birth in the spring. As you walk along the Recreation Trail you will see the harbor seals and their pups as well as sea otters in the kelp beds and sometimes elephant seals and a variety of sea birds. Hopkins Marine Station is privately owned by Stanford University and is not open to the public.

Julia Morgan House –(104 1st Street at Ocean View Blvd) This craftsman style home was built in 1914 by Julia Morgan whose work includes Hearst Castle in San Simeon and Asilomar Conference Grounds.

Lovers Point—(Ocean View Blvd at 17th Street). An ideal spot for a picnic, renting bicycles, kayaks or simply enjoying the beach. Stillwell’s Children’s Pool is open during the summer months. There is a sand court for volleyball and it is a popular spot for surfing and scuba diving.

John Denver Memorial-- (Ocean View Blvd., oceanside turnout between Acropolis and Asilomar Boulevard). John Denver lost his life when his aircraft crashed into the Pacific Ocean near this site on October 12, 1997.

Point Pinos Lighthouse (90 Asilomar Blvd.) The oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast, it has been in service since 1855. Open Thursday thru Monday 1-4pm, \$2 Donation.

Pacific Grove Golf Links (77 Asilomar Blvd) Designed by Jack Neville (Pebble Beach Golf Links). Play this 18 hole course for a moderate price and enjoy the breathtaking views and a challenging round of golf.



Asilomar State Beach – This one-mile stretch of beach is perfect for walking, surfing, and watching the sunset.

Asilomar Conference Grounds – (800 Asilomar Blvd.) The Phoebe Hearst Social Hall and many buildings designed by Julia Morgan in 1913 are open to the public including a café, gift shop, and boardwalk through the dunes to Asilomar State Beach.

Monarch Butterfly Habitat—From November through February thousands of monarch butterflies return to this habitat in Pacific Grove (often referred to as Butterfly Town, USA). Docents are at the habitat daily during the season from 12-3 pm with binoculars and telescopes for viewing the clusters in the pine and eucalyptus trees and they provide information on the annual migration.

A Summer Place house –(1030 Lighthouse Ave at 17 Mile Drive). This is the actual house used in the filming of the 1959 movie A Summer Place .

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Downtown Pacific Grove

Lighthouse Avenue

Shopping You will find clothing, furniture, a book store, art galleries, antiques, thrift shops and more.

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural

History --(165 Forest Ave at Central) Learn about the Monarchs Butterflies year-round. Visit the native plant garden, and the mounted birds and wildlife of Monterey County.

Everyone's Harvest Farmers

Market --(Central Ave between Fountain and Grand Ave) Mondays year round 3-7pm. Vendors offer local produce, flowers, prepared food, music and gifts.

Pacific Grove Art Center --(568 Lighthouse Ave) Exhibits and studios of local artists are open Wed.-Sat. 12-5pm, Sun. 12-4pm.

Pacific Grove Public Library --(550 Central Ave) full service library with free Wi-Fi.

Lighthouse Cinemas --(525 Lighthouse Ave) This is a 4 screen movie theatre open daily.

Note: Downtown Pacific Grove has 4 banks, a post office, a full service market, bakeries, delicatessens, and a gas station.

Playgrounds and Parks

Caledonia Park—(Central at Park)

This is a wonderful children's playground with swings, slides, baseball, basketball and picnic tables.

Jewell Park—(Central at Forest Ave)

Enjoy this grassy park for picnicking featuring a lovely gazebo.

George Washington Park—(Sinex and Alder)

Picnic tables, BBQ pit, swings and baseball diamond.

Berwick Park—(Ocean View and 9th Street)

Next to the bay, this is a lovely spot to put down a blanket and enjoy a good book or plan your wedding or family reunion.



Off the Beaten Path

Whistle Stop—(Sinex and Dennett). This is a replica of the Southern Pacific Railroad shelter that stood here until the 1950's. It was rebuilt recently by volunteers from the Pacific Grove Heritage Society

Butterfly Moose—(200 Asilomar Blvd) See if you can find the moose disguised as a butterfly.