



Big Sur

Pfeiffer Falls

PFEIFFER FALLS TRAILHEAD, PFEIFFER BIG SUR ROAD | 2.2 MILE LOOP | EASY

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park is home to lush forests and open meadows surrounding the Big Sur River along Highway 1. The trail is a shaded forest. Dogs are not allowed.

Capitola

New Brighton State Beach

1500 PARK AVENUE | 1 MILE OUT-AND-BACK | EASY

New Brighton State Beach stretches for a half mile along the coastline in Capitola just east of Santa Cruz. The trail is a mix of shaded forest and grassy bluffs. Dogs are allowed.

Carmel Valley

Garland Ranch Falls-Mesa Loop

700 W CARMEL VALLEY ROAD | 3.5 MILES OUT-AND-BACK | EASY TO SLIGHTLY MODERATE

This loop hike visits Garland Ranch Falls, a 70-foot waterfall off a sandstone cliff in an enclosed, fern-filled canyon. The trail is a shaded canyon and open meadow. Dogs are allowed.

Del Rey Oaks

Frog Pond Wetland Preserve

CANYON DEL REY BOULEVARD | 1 MILE LOOP | EASY

The Frog Pond Wetland Preserve is a 17-acre wildlife habitat in Del Rey Oaks. The trail is a mix of shaded forest and open wetland. Dogs are allowed.

King City

Chews Ridge

VENTANA WILDERNESS | 4 MILES OUT-AND-BACK | EASY TO MODERATE

Chews Ridge is a 4-mile-long spine in the Ventana Wilderness. The trail is mostly exposed. Dogs are allowed.

Monterey

Skyline Trail and Jacks Peak

25020 JACKS PEAK PARK ROAD | 1.2 MILE LOOP | EASY

Jacks Peak County Park sits on a wooded ridge that separates the Monterey Peninsula from Carmel Valley. The trail is a mix of shaded forest and open hillside. Dogs are allowed.

Coffeeberry-Lower Ridge-Pine Loop

25020 JACKS PEAK PARK ROAD | 2.2 MILE LOOP | EASY

This long, narrow loop descends on the northern slope of Jacks Peak to the county park's north boundary. The trail is mostly shaded forest with exposed hilltops. Dogs are allowed.

Pebble Beach

Presidio View-Summit-Scenic Road Loop

4011 LOS ALTOS DRIVE | 1.5 MILE LOOP | EASY TO MODERATE

The loop hike in the Huckleberry Hill Nature Preserve, centered around a mountain knoll on the Monterey Peninsula, climbs to the top of the 720-foot knoll. The trail is a mix of shaded forest and open hillside. Dogs are allowed.

Salinas

Oil Well Road-Goat Trail Loop

**FORT ORD NATIONAL MONUMENT, HWY 68, TORO CREEK ROAD (Across from Toro Place Café)
6 MILE LOOP | MODERATE**

The Fort Ord trail system winds through rolling hills, seasonal wetlands, coastal live oak forests, and sandstone ridges. The trail is a mix of open slopes and forested pockets. Dogs are allowed.

Santa Cruz

Pagonip Park

333 GOLF CLUB DRIVE | 3.5 MILE LOOP | EASY

Pagonip Park is a 640 acre expanse in the coastal hills at the north end of Santa Cruz. The trail is shaded forest and open grassland. Dogs are allowed.

Top of the World

855 BRANCIFORTE DRIVE | 3 MILE LOOP | EASY

DeLaveaga Park encompasses 565 acres on the northeast side of Santa Cruz. The trail is shady, forested hillside and a exposed ridge. Dogs are allowed.

Watsonville

Woodland Loop

537 MAHER ROAD | 1 MILE LOOP | EASY

Royal Oaks County Park, an old turkey ranch, lies between Aromas and Prunedale. The trail is a mix of shaded forest and exposed hillside. Dogs are allowed.