

# 25 Hidden Secrets ALONG HIGHWAY 1

Here on Highway 1, the locals know that the best spots, experiences and moments are worth searching for. Soak up the view from a beachfront tree swing, or witness the beginning of a baby elephant seal's life. Discover a hidden waterfall, a Sphinx, a shipwreck, a wine tasting room in a eucalyptus grove. Gasp at the sight of a whale tail or a herd of zebras. Take your time hunting down these hidden delights and be dazzled.

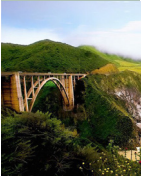


## TELL US YOUR SECRETS

We want to know what you find! Hunt down the very best of Highway 1 and share your discoveries with us using the hashtag #Hwy1HiddenSecrets on social media.



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### #1 THE MILLION DOLLAR VIEW:

The round outdoor sculpture near Ragged Point Inn provides a perfect window to the Big Sur coastline and the Gateway to Big Sur.

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### #2 HIDDEN BEACH:

At Ragged Point, follow the Black Swift Trail down, down, down to a tiny black sand beach with its own waterfall.

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### #3 BIRTHING SEASON AT THE ELEPHANT SEAL ROOKERY:

Mother elephant seals give birth to their young right on the beach at the Elephant Seal Rookery. Locals' tip: Head north from the Rookery on the Boucher Trail to avoid the crowds and find five more elephant seal overlooks.

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### #4 KAYAK IN PEACE:

The magic of paddling in San Simeon Bay lies in its position, protected from the wind — and from crowds.

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### #5 A WINE EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER:

Set amongst the eucalyptus trees in old San Simeon, Hearst Ranch Winery pours wine with a view of the ocean, adjacent to where William Randolph Hearst kept his world class art collection in the barns here.

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### #6 EARN YOUR STRIPES:

This herd of zebras descends from William Randolph Hearst's zoo and roam Hearst Ranch in full view of Highway 1.

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### #7 PRESERVE YOUR INNER PEACE:

A network of 17 hiking trails spreads across the remarkable seaside Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Walk along the shore, or just relax on a driftwood bench and soak it in.

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### #8 HORSING AROUND:

One of the largest free range herds of Clydesdales roams the Covell Ranch – enjoy a trail ride through the ranch's expansive stand of Monterey Pines.

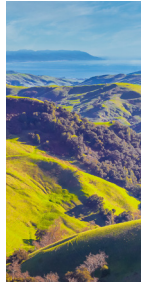
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### #9 THE HOUSE THAT OLALLIEBERRIES BUILT:

Savor a slice of Cambria's fresh-baked finest at Linn's Easy As Pie Cafe. Around here the olallieberries — an unusual cross between Loganberries and Youngberries — are legendary.

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### #10 PICTURE PERFECT:

Travel Highway 46 between Cambria and Paso Robles in spring, and don't be surprised when your jaw drops. The rippling, rolling hills cascade down in vibrant emerald to the sparkling ocean with distant views of Morro Rock — a view just begging to be Instagrammed.

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### #11 HIT THE HILLS, SOAK UP THE OCEAN VIEWS:

Between Cayucos and Cambria, Old Creek Road delights cyclists from around the world with its challenging hills and ocean views.

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### #12 SHIPS, AHOY:

Walk the winding Estero Bluffs Trail near Cayucos, and you'll see an old fishing boat that ran aground, left in a little cove.

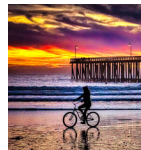
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### #13 TIDEPOLS IN CAYUCOS:

Delicate anemones, spiny urchins, dancing hermit crabs and more inhabit a miniature world of wonders at the Cayucos tide pools.

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### #14 SUNSET PERCH:

The whale tail bench at Cayucos's 1st Street beach access affords the perfect position for wishing the sun goodnight.

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### #15 PICNIC FOR TWO:

White sands on a hidden beach and a gourmet spread with comfortable blankets and pillows turn any occasion into a luxurious, secluded treat.

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### #16 SPOT OTTERS UP CLOSE:

At this little-known sea otter preserve overlooking Morro Rock in Morro Bay, there's plenty of room to watch their adorable antics.

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### #17 FAMILY FORAGING:

The Marley family in Los Osos teaches all ages to forage edible seaweed, then prepares seaweed ramen on the beach.

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### #18 EDGE OF THE WORLD:

Hike out to the end of the Montaña de Oro Bluff Trail in Los Osos for an incredibly expansive vista.

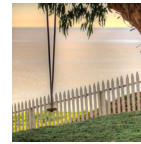
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### #19 SEE WHALES FROM SHORE:

Avila Beach sees more than its fair share of whales. Perch on the Harford Pier, take a whale watching tour, or paddle into San Luis Bay.

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### #20 SWING WITH A VIEW:

A tree swing on the Point San Luis Lighthouse property faces the ocean for what is the most relaxing, romantic spot around.

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### #21 A RARE BRIDGE BACK IN TIME:

The historic Swinging Bridge is 40 feet above the Arroyo Grande Creek, and 171 feet across, and provides plenty of wobbly, wiggly fun.

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### #22 WALK IN SOLITUDE:

Enjoy 22,000 acres of protected dunes between Pismo Beach and Point Sal, one of the largest dune systems in North America.

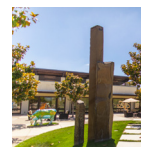
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### #23 ABOVE THE CLOUDS:

A biplane ride over Oceano gives a view of the Central Coast not usually seen.

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### #24 ART FOR ALL:

At Nipomo's Monarch Club at Trilog, a sculpture garden featuring work by independent local artists welcomes guests in.

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### #25 UNCOMMON HISTORY:

After Cecil B. DeMille directed The Ten Commandments (1923), set pieces were buried in the sand. Decades later, a large unearthed Sphinx head is on display at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center.

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