



Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Recreation and Tourism Newsletter October 2015



The O'Neill Coldwater Classic at Steamer Lane returns as stop #30 on the 2015 World Surf League, Men's Qualifying Series. A three-decade long annual Santa Cruz tradition, 96 surfers hoping to qualify for the 2016 World Tour.

What is Migrating this Month? What, When, and Where

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POINTS OF INTEREST



Every October, thousands of Monarch butterflies stop in Pacific Grove during their migration to warmer weather. Nicknamed "Butterfly Town, U.S.A.," the town created the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary to give the butterflies a safe place to stop along their journey. The monarchs cluster together, hanging from tree branches to conserve heat and in the process create a stunning view that attracts visitors from miles away.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pillar Point - Half Moon Bay Events

Discover the Secrets of Pescadero Marsh with guided walks

The 243-acre Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve, a part of Pescadero State Beach, includes the only extensive wetland along the coast of the San Francisco peninsula.

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Santa Cruz Events

One of the most exciting reasons to visit Santa Cruz County is to see wildlife. Wildlife watching in Santa Cruz County is rich with opportunities to view elephant seals, wintering monarch butterflies, and go whale watching or bird watching.

The annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival in Watsonville is a great way to view a variety of birds and other animals which call this area home.



Moss Landing Events

Moss Landing is a quaint, historic fishing village located in the middle of California's Monterey Bay coastline. A truly hidden treasure loaded with enjoyable activities.

Browse the galleries and shops, spend the day whale watching or walking the beach. There are beautiful and historic accommodations and the variety of restaurants is wonderful. Surfing is popular and there are special events held annually that should not be missed.

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Monterey Events

November 17 - 22, 2015
The TaylorMade Pebble Beach Invitational attracts professional and amateur golfers of all stripes to Pebble Beach. The play in this unique tournament is fierce, the setting is breathtaking, and it's free for spectators. The Invitational gives spectators a special chance to watch their favorite golfers in a more intimate and relaxed environment; viewers can even walk down the fairway right behind the golfers.

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Big Sur Events

The full name of the event is the Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay, referring to both its sister event, the Big Sur International Marathon, and to its physical location, largely along the shores of Monterey and Pacific Grove. And though the invariably sold-out Half Marathon on Sunday, November 8th is the crowning event of the weekend, there are many other activities surrounding this event. For more information call 831.625.6226

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Cambria - San Simeon Events

We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2015 Cambria Scarecrow Festival: "A Magical Place". Through the creation and annual public display of scarecrows, the Cambria Scarecrow Festival annually provides month-long set of programs that encourages the artistic creativity and visibility of the seaside communities of Cambria and San Simeon, California.

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