Take to the Open Road - Accessing Highway 1 in SLO CAL

Travelers can easily access the scenic Highway 1 in SLO CAL via US-101 from Los Angeles. Experience SLO CAL’s hidden gem’s and travel like a local while you enjoy our SLO CAL activity suggestions listed on the back of this sheet.

For those continuing north into Monterey County, an easy detour back to US-101 via CA-46 takes you to towns and cities that you’d otherwise miss.

Driving Directions from LA to Ragged Point


2) Take Exit for Highway 1 toward Morro Bay.

3) Follow Highway 1 to Ragged Point.

4) Return via Highway 1 South to CA-46 E/Green Valley Road (approx 30 min.).

5) Northbound travelers head east on CA 46 to US-101 North

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Don’t Miss These SLO CAL Sights

As you travel through SLO CAL along US-101 North and Highway 1, you’ll discover many unique sights along the coast - from historical attractions to modern hot spots.

1. **Nipomo**: Enter through the gateway to SLO CAL and you’ll find impressive golf courses, the historic Dana Adobe and beautiful Oso Flaco Lake.

2. **Arroyo Grande**: Relish the village vibes in Arroyo Grande as you stroll the swinging bridge, hunt for antiques and meander amongst roaming chickens. Wander out towards Lake Lopez for a fun-filled day of boating, hiking, ziplining and biking.

3. **Oceano Dunes + Grover Beach**: Lose yourself in the dunes as you roam over towering walls of sand on foot, board or four wheels then gather around a bonfire for a seaside sunset on the sand in Grover Beach for an unforgettable pitstop.

4. **Pismo Beach**: Come for the classic Cali vibes stay for the clam chowder bread bowls, sweet surf spots and underwater caverns worthy of a kayak adventure.

5. **San Luis Obispo**: Walk the energetic downtown, explore Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, California’s 5th Mission and make your mark on Bubblegum Alley. Or take in breathtaking hikes and refresh with local craft brew.

6. **Morro Bay**: Catch glimpses of sea otters, seals, dolphins and whales by SUP or dig into salt water taffy, fresh fish by the pound and local oysters with views of Morro Rock and the bay.

7. **Cayucos**: Enjoy this iconic California beach town with miles of pet-friendly beach, surfing, a historic pier and a sweet stop at the utterly delicious Brown Butter Cookie Company.

8. **Harmony**: Don’t be fooled by its population of 18, Harmony packs in glassblowing, wine tasting and a creamery, making it the perfect recipe for a quick pit-stop.

9. **Cambria**: Stop along Moonstone Beach to watch the waves crash against the shore, or visit Main Street for a unique antiquing experience.

10. **Hearst Castle + Zebras**: Take a tour of William Randolph Hearst’s glamorous showcase of art, architecture and gardens with panoramic views of unspoiled coastline and rugged mountains. Be on the lookout for the infamous Hearst Castle zebras that roam just south of the property as you approach Cambria.

11. **Elephant Seal Vista Point**: Watch as hundreds of elephant seals mingle, molt and tend to their pups on the scenic beach below. These silly seals are a classic Highway 1 wildlife experience!

12. **Ragged Point**: With million-dollar-views to spare, this landmark offers iconic Highway 1 shores and crashing waves. Stop by the Ragged Point Inn to find ‘The Portal to Big Sur,’ a unique wooden sculpture and perfect photo op.

### Additional Highway 1 Sights

**Edna Valley**: Less than ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, you’ll find a dozen boutique wineries with award-winning pinot noir, buttery chardonnay and down-home hospitality.

**Avila Beach**: Take a tour of the Point San Luis Lighthouse, paddle amongst seals, sea otters and whales, relax on the pristine beach or let Fido frolick through the waves.

**Los Osos/Baywood Park**: Nestled around the south shore of Morro Bay, nature lovers are drawn to the gorgeous parks, scenic bay views and Morro Bay National Estuary, one of the best-preserved estuaries in central and southern California.

**Montaña de Oro**: Revel in more than 50 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails with spectacular ocean, mountain and valley vistas.

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