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■ **Julia Pfeiffer Burns:** 37 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1 and 12 miles south of Pfeiffer Big Sur; 80-foot waterfall, view of ocean and miles of coastline. Whale-watching December and January, underwater area for diving, McWay Waterfall House. 667-2315.

■ **Limekiln:** 56 miles south of Carmel of Highway 1, two miles south of Lucia. Views of Big Sur Coast and 43 campsites. 667-2403.

■ **Marina State Beach:** Foot of Reservation Road in Marina, 10 miles north of Monterey. Wheelchair accessible, boardwalk winds through Marina Dunes Natural Preserves. Hang-gliding, radio-controlled gliders and kites popular. Picnic also. Water recreation extremely hazardous. 384-7695.

■ **Monterey State Beach:** Del Monte Avenue and Park Avenue, Monterey. Favorite of surfers and tide pool watchers, fishing. Underwater area attracts scuba divers. Kayaking, kite flying and volleyball, too. Flat beach. 649-7118.

■ **Monterey State Historic Park:** 20 Custom House Plaza, Monterey. Open daily, call for current tour schedule. 384-7695.

■ **Moss Landing State Beach:** Jetty Road in Moss Landing, 16 miles north of Monterey on Highway 1. Water recreation dangerous, birdwatching, offshore fishing, surfing, windsurfing, horseback riding, also picnics. 384-7695.

■ **Pfeiffer Big Sur:** 26 miles south of Carmel, Highway 1, Big Sur Lodge in park. Hiking with campsites by Big Sur River. 667-2315, Big Sur Lodge (800) 424-4787, 667-3100.

■ **Point Lobos State Reserve:** Three miles south of Carmel, Highway 1. Guided walks and Whaler's Cabin Museum, diving (scuba and free), sightseeing, picnicking. 624-4909.

■ **Point Sur:** 15 miles south of Carmel along Highway 1. Automated light station. Closed to public except by guided tour. 625-4419.

■ **Salinas River State Beach:** One mile south of Moss Landing, take Potrero from Highway 1. Popular fishing. 384-7695.

■ **Zmudowski State Beach:** 20 miles northwest of Monterey off Highway 1. Beach popular fishing area. 384-7695.

National parks

(www.nps.gov)

■ **Pinnacles National Monument:** Paicines. Divided into east and west districts, connected by trails only. No vehicle connection. Information: www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm

Monterey County Parks

(www.co.monterey.ca.us/parks/)

■ **Lake San Antonio:** Far south county. Office at 2610 San Antonio Road, Bradley. Year-round activities picnicking, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, boating, water-skiing. Eagle watch tours usually January through February. (888) 588-2267, 755-4899, (805) 472-2311.

■ **San Lorenzo Regional Park:** 1160 Broadway, King City, 45 miles south of Salinas, exit at Broadway and follow signs. Good Sam park. Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum and RV and camping facilities. 385-5964.

■ **Laguna Seca Recreation Area:** 1025 Highway 68, Salinas. Camping, group facilities. 755-4899, (888) 588-2267.

■ **Toro County Park:** 501 Highway 68, Salinas, six miles from Salinas. Group picnic areas, equestrian staging area and riding trails, softball fields,

playgrounds, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, riding and hiking trails. 755-4899, (888) 588-2267.

■ **Royal Oaks Park:** 12 miles north of Salinas, 537 Maher Road. Day-use facility. Softball field, playground equipment, basketball, volleyball, tennis courts and hiking trails. 755-4899, (888) 588-2267.

■ **Jacks Peak County Park:** 25020 Jacks Peak Park Road, Monterey, two miles from Highway 68 in Monterey. Natural reserve with acres of ridgetop with views of the peninsula. Group and family picnic areas with restroom facilities, barbecue pit, tables. Horseback riding and hiking trails. Skyline Self-Guided Nature Trail, 8.5 miles. (888) 588-2267.

Salinas Parks-Recreation Dept.

■ **Breadbox Recreation Center,** 745 N. Sanborn Road, Salinas. 758-7908.

■ **Central Park,** 420 Central Ave., Salinas. 758-7305.

■ **Closter Community Park,** 401 Towt St., Salinas. 758-7973.

■ **El Dorado Park,** 1655 El Dorado Drive, Salinas. 758-7223.

■ **Hebbron Heights Recreation Center,** 683 Fremont St., Salinas. 758-7354.

■ **Salinas Community Center and Sherwood Hall,** 940 N. Main St., Salinas. 758-7351.

■ **Salinas Municipal Pool,** 920 N. Main St., Salinas. 758-7301.

■ **Salinas Fairways Golf Course,** 45 Skyway Blvd., Salinas. 758-7300.

■ **Salinas Twin Creeks Golf Course,** 1551 Beacon Hill Drive, Salinas. 758-7333.

■ **Sherwood Tennis Center,** 930 N. Main St., Salinas. 758-7318.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

(www.mprpd.org)

■ **Locke-Paddon Community Park,** Reservation and Del Monte, Marina. Vernal ponds. 884-1253.

■ **Vince DiMaggio Community Park,** Del Monte, Marina. 384-4636, 384-5225.

■ **Los Arboles Community Park,** Hillcrest Avenue, Marina. 384-4636, 384-5225.

■ **South Monterey Bay Dunes,** two sections, end of Tioga Avenue, Marina and north along Highway 1, Marina. Limited public access. 659-4488, 649-2836, 394-1451.

■ **Laguna Grande Community Park,** Canyon Del Rey Road, Seaside. 899-6270.

■ **San Carlos Beach Community Park,** along Cannery Row north of Coast Guard Wharf. 646-3860, 646-3914.

■ **Monterey Bay Coastal Trail,** recreational trail from Pacific Grove to Marina along bay.

■ **Elmarie Dyke Open Space,** next to Chautauqua Hall, 16th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. 648-3100, 648-3147.

■ **Rocky Shores,** Ocean Drive, Pacific Grove. 372-4076, 648-3147.

■ **Lynn 'Rip' Van Winkle Open Space,** Congress Avenue, Pacific Grove.

■ **Carmel Valley Community Park,** Carmel Valley and Ford Roads, Carmel Valley Village. 659-3983.

■ **Marina Dunes Preserve,** end of Dunes Drive, Marina. 659-4488.

■ **Roberts Lake Open Space,** Roberts Avenue, Seaside. 659-4488, 646-3800.

■ **Frog Ponds Wetland Preserve,** Del Rey Oaks. Pedestrian use only, excellent for birding. 659-4488.

■ **Garland Ranch Regional Park,** 8.6 miles east of Highway 1 on Carmel Valley Road.

■ **Cachagua Community Park,** Nason Road, Cachagua. Limited to daylight hours, hiking, equestrian and bicycle use on private access road only. 659-8108, 647-7702.

Activities offer chance to get away

BONFANTE GARDENS FAMILY THEME PARK, 3050 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy. Free-\$36.99, \$7 parking. (408) 840-7100, www.bonfantegardens.com.

COLTON HALL MUSEUM, Monterey. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, closed during lunch hour. 646-5648.

COMMUNITY LABYRINTH, Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley Road, one mile east of Highway 1. Always open. 373-7809.

EXPLORATORIUM, San Francisco. (415) 561-0377.

FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY, San Juan Bautista. 623-4526. www.fpoa.net.

HAPPY HOLLOW PARK AND ZOO, Kelley Park, 1300 Senter Road, San Jose. Ages 2-10. Free-\$4.50. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (408) 295-8383, www.happyholowparkandzoo.org.

INTEL MUSEUM, 2200 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. (408) 765-0503, www.intel.com/go/museum.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF MONTEREY, Custom House Plaza, Monterey. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Wednesdays through Memorial Day. Free-\$8. 372-2608, ext. 17.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey. "Oceans 2006: A Year of Exploring," Shark Days in February, Deep Sea Days in June; Otter Days in September and Fiesta del Mar in October; through Sept. 5, "Jellies: Living Art" and "Sharks." Free-\$21.95. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. summer and holidays (closed Christmas Day). 648-4888, www.montereybayaquarium.org.

MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART, 559 Pacific St., Monterey, and La Mirada, 720 Via Mirada, Monterey. Free-\$5. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday,

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday; third Thursday open house free 5 to 7 p.m. Free admission for local residents Dec. 19-31, Pacific Street location open all seven days during this time. 372-5477.

MONTEREY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & RURAL LIFE MUSEUM, San Lorenzo Park, King City. Noon to 4 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. 385-8020.

MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY AT THE MCPHERSON CENTER, 705 Front St., Santa Cruz. Free-\$5; free first Friday. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 429-1964, www.santacruzmah.org.

MY MUSEUM, children's museum, 601 Wave St., Monterey. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Wednesdays, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$5.50. 649-6444.

NATIONAL STEINBECK CENTER, 1 Main St., Salinas. Free-\$10.95. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) 775-4721, www.steinbeck.org.

OAKLAND ZOO, Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, take Golf Links exit off Highway 580, Oakland. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Free-\$9. (510) 632-9525, www.oaklandzoo.org.

PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily 648-5716, www.pgmuseum.org.

PARAMOUNT'S GREAT AMERICA, Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Call for hours. Free-\$49.99. (408) 988-1776, www.pgathrills.com.

PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT, Highway 146, Paicines. 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. 389-4485, www.nps.gov/pinn/.

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY MUSEUM, open to the public, access from Pacific Street or Pvt. Bolio Road. New exhibit

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