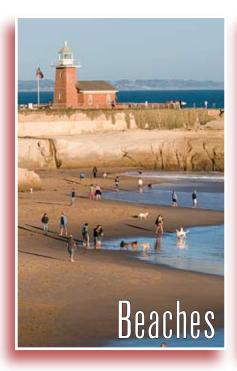
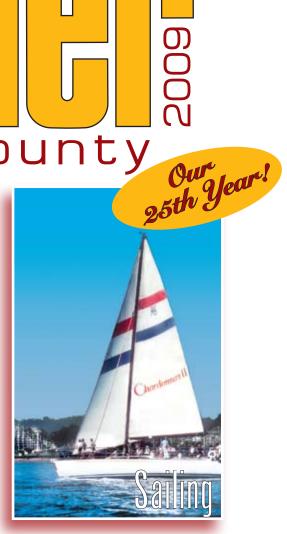
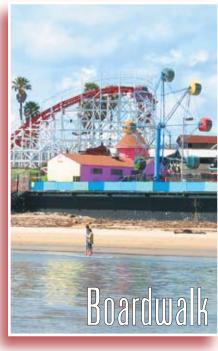
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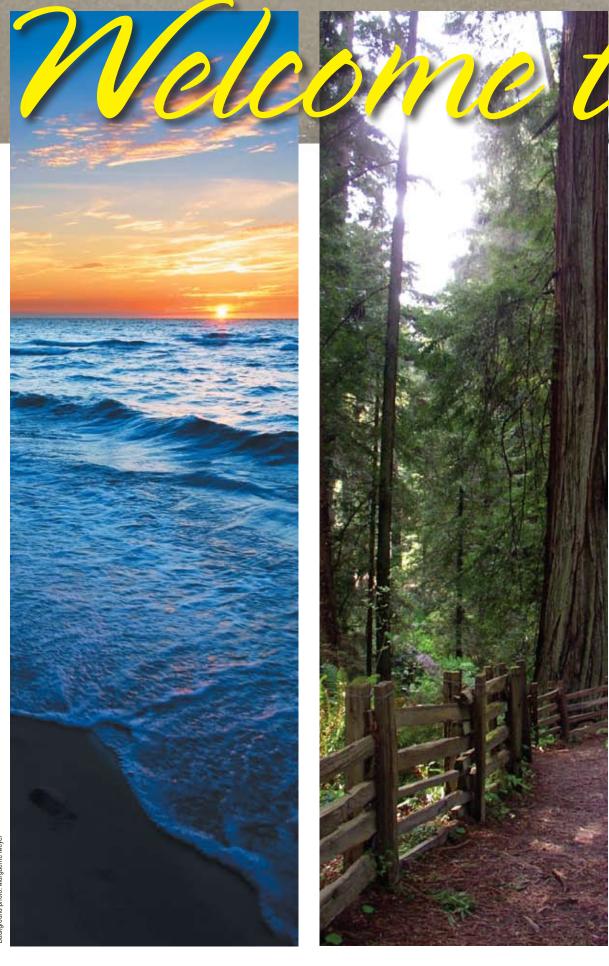
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his small seaside community has become one of the top tourist destinations in California – making all the marketing hype, quite simply, true. Buffered by a protective ring of redwood forests on one side and a glorious coastline on the other, the area's identity and reputation varies depending on who you ask; Although it is many things to many people, those who live here are justifiably proud of the place they call home.

And yes, the redwoods are tall and awe-in-spiring, densely carpeted below and majestically reaching high into the heavens. People explore the trails and natural wonders, accompanied all the while by an ever-changing symphony of bird calls and squirrel chatter. Hikers discover clear streams and waterfalls, centuries-old trees, winding deer trails and the welcome embrace that only a forest this old, and this pristine, can offer. In fact, in 1906, the first "Save the Redwoods" campaign resulted in Big Basin Redwoods State Park — 18,000 acres of old growth, now gently dissected by almost 100 miles of trails.

The wild Pacific stretches the length of the county, its coastline highlighted by the fabled Highway One. Slightly tamed by the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary, and home to a 10,000 foot-deep chasm that's twice the depth of the Grand Canyon, the water, though chilly, is home to all kinds of wildlife, from otters and sea lions to salmon and migrating whales. Surfers, kayakers and sailboats of all sizes can be found as well as many beaches – some rocky inlets, others sandy havens.

On a clear day, the mountains across the bay in Monterey are visible, adding an Avalon-like mysticism to an area already steeped in alternative ways of thought and life. Adventurous fashion, food and nightlife abound, and the town remains an eclectic mix of '60s hippie idealism, surf culture and Silicon-Valley-is-our-neighbor chic. Don't be surprised when you find contemporary boutiques with the newest New York fashions next door to a bead shop, and gourmet vegetarian options on most menus. Serious surf, skateboard and cycling gear is not just sold but designed and made here, in stores next to the signature shop of, say, an internationally known glass artist or cookie company. The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, celebrating its 100th year in 2007, offers giddy family fun at an old-fashioned amusement park, complete with roller coasters, kiddie rides and an outdoor summer concert series.

Santa Cruz County plays host to the biggest names in the music and theater world, but also finds time to showcase its own local talent, and a burgeoning art scene that includes monthly "art walks," and Open Studios events. Santa Cruz is also home to the University of California at Santa Cruz, which guarantees the vibrant addition of

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A stone's throw down the coast is Capitola Village, a tony enclave of restaurants, shops and boutique hotels built around a postcard-perfect beach with its own esplanade. It's the home of the world-famous Begonia Festival each summer, where flower-bedecked floats make their way down a small creek and a Sand Castle Contest is held on the beach. Capitola Village is the quintessential California beach town, where surfers ride the waves, kids play in the sand and couples stroll happily hand in hand.

Nearby is Aptos Village, anchored by an historic bed and breakfast and the 10,000-acre Nisene Marks State Park, and home to a Blues Festival in May.

If you continue south you'll find the fertile Pajaro Valley and the city of Watsonville. Long known as an agricultural haven, apples, berries, artichokes and a variety of other crops grow here. The first "organic baby salad greens' were produced and marketed from this area.

Nestled in the mountains around Santa Cruz, you'll find Ben Lomond, Felton and Boulder Creek, three towns of the San Lorenzo Valley. Notable for their long history that's tied in so many ways to the redwood forests, you'll find real working steam trains at Big Trees & Roaring Camp Railroad, miles of trails through redwood glens at Henry Cowell or Big Basin State Parks, and Loch Lomond, an 87-acre fishing lake.

Whatever your reasons for visiting Santa Cruz, do take an hour or so and drive North on Highway One out of town, past the fields, till it's just you, the glittering Pacific and the occasional other car. On the way, you'll find any number of places to stop: some, like Davenport Landing, are marked, but others are little more than a pullover with a trail leading to the water or simply a vista for that perfect photo.

An insider's tip: when in doubt, head toward the water. You'll find places to sit, shop and stroll, interesting people to talk to (and watch), all sorts of good food to eat and, more than likely, something going on such as art and music festivals, outrigger canoe and sailboat races, antique and street fairs, winery tasting rooms, beach barbecues, street theater − you name it, Santa Cruz County's got it. □

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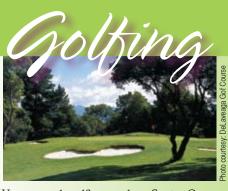
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DeLaveaga Golf Course. This newly renovated municipal golf course is well known for its tree lined fairways, deep canyons, and infamous 10th hole. This beautiful facility offers a full service pro shop, a two-story, lighted driving range and an award-winning restaurant. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Located at 401 Upper Park Road, top of DeLaveaga Drive, Santa Cruz. (831) 423-7212. delaveagagolf.com.

Boulder Creek Golf & Country Club. Located just over 3 miles from the town of Boulder Creek this magnificent public golf course with its beautiful tree lined fairways, and views of lakes and rambling creeks offers immeasurable golfing pleasure. 16901 Big Basin Hwy, Boulder Creek. (831) 338-2121. bouldercreekgolf.com.

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Valley Garden Golf Course. Challenging to both the experienced and begining golfer, Valley Gardens is a beautiful place to play. 263 Mount Hermon Road in Scotts Valley. (831) 438-3058. valleygardengolf.com.

Pajaro Valley Golf Club. This semi-private course has levels for all golfers. Views of the valley are offered by elevated tees. 967 Salinas Road, Royal Oaks. (831) 724-3851. □



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Shakespeare Santa Cruz hosts its 28th Season!

Three plays, three dynamic directors, a company of gifted actors and hundreds of behindthe-scenes artisans are coming to Santa Cruz to make it all happen again this summer. Artistic Director, Marco Barricelli describes this season, "The ethereal mischief and magic of A Midsummer Night's Dream offers a quintessential Shakespeare Santa Cruz "Glen experience," marrying the play's themes with the stunning natural beauty of the redwoods. The stark drama and political wrangling of Julius Caesar explores how a nation's fate is dependent on the vagaries of human will. And finally, the Bay Area première of Donald Margulies' fanciful romp Shipwrecked! An Entertainment – The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (As Told by Himself) embraces theatrical storytelling in its truest and purest form and takes us along on a wild and exciting ride."

Shakespeare's brilliant and popular comedy, $A\ Midsummer\ Night$'s Dream is full of magic, music, humor, romance, and spectacle. The

Amara Gyulai (Ensemble) in Shakespeare Santa Cruz's 2008 production of Romeo and Juliet.

time in which the play is set signaled the arrival of summer for the Elizabethans, which they believed brought on revels of enchantment, witchcraft, and even mad-

Julius Caesar is set in a time of political wrangling, jockeying for power, and nation building. Lines are blurred between fighting for the public good and fighting for personal interest. Shakespeare explores how a nation's fate is dependent on the vagaries of human will.

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Amazing Adventures Of Louis de Rougemont (As Told by Himself) is a show for the entire family, a fantastical romp of good old-fashioned story telling. We sail off to the far side of the world with Louis reliving his amazing adventures. We are left to wonder if imagination holds more genuine value than truth.

The SSC Festival is performed on the campus of University of California at Santa Cruz. For tickets and schedules see shakespearesantacruz.org.

Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music

The Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music is pleased to announce its 47th season led by Music Director and Conductor Marin Alsop from August 2 to 16. Most recently named Musical America's 2009 Conductor of the Year, Alsop's vision for her 18th season at the Cabrillo Festival spans across the globe—and features works by the hottest composers from Argentina, Australia, Finland, Israel, Mexico, Scotland, the UK and the US. This season includes one World premiere, five US premieres

and three West Coast premieres in what the Wall Street Journal has hailed as "two of the most thoughtful and original summer musical weekends anywhere in America."

Some festival highlights include: Opening Night on Friday, August 7 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, a Free Family Concert with a petting zoo-style Tour of the Orchestra, where kids get to meet the orchestra players—up close and personal to be held on Sunday, August 9 at 1pm at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, followed by "Sugar Magnolia," A Benefit Concert and Tribute to the Grateful Dead that evening at 8pm. The finale concerts are "Music at the Mission in San Juan Bautista" on Sunday August 16 at 4:30pm and 8pm. For festival tickets and the full schedule go to cabrillomusic.org or santacruztickets.com.

Surf City Classic

The Surf City Classic, the 16th Annual Woodies On The Wharf, will take place Saturday, June 27 from 10am to 4pm at the scenic Santa Cruz Wharf with more than 200 pre-1950s "woodies" on display. This FREE celebration of the surf spirit and classic surf wagons is fun for the entire family. Music, T-shirts, memorabilia and prize drawings add to the excitement. Free bike valet. (831)420-5273 or visit ci.santa-cruz. ca.us.

Japanese Cultural Fair

The Japanese Cultural Fair will be held Saturday, June 20 from 11am-6pm at Mission Plaza Park, a short walk from downtown Santa Cruz.

It hosts traditional and contemporary dance and musical performances, a martial arts presentation, craft workshops, Taiko drumming, Okinawan Dance and Tea Ceremony, and Japanese food. Open and free to the public. jcfsc.org.

Aloha Races & Polynesian Festival

Aloha Celebrity Races & Polynesian Festival will be held on Sunday, August 16, 9am-5pm at the Santa Cruz Wharf with the races starting at 9am and the festival at 11am. Designed especially for new and novice paddlers, the Ce-



lebrity races are a chance to discover the excitement of outrigger canoe racing. Join the fun or cheer for your racing friends.

The Polynesian Festival follows with a taste of the tropics; fresh flower leis, Hawaiian shaved ice, Maori face painting, print making and dance performances. (831)420-5273 or wharf@ci,santa-cruz.ca.us.

Cabrillo Stage

The Cabrillo Stage Theater will perform two plays this summer at Cabrillo College in Aptos: "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" (June 26 to July 26) and "The Wizard of Oz" (July 17 to August 16.) "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" is Seinfeld set to music and makes for a great "date" show. "The Wizard of Oz"—a girl, a twister, and a pair of ruby slippers—the kids will love it! Before there was "Wicked" there was this timeless tale of a girl trying to find her way home. For tickets and schedule call 831-479-6154 or visit cabrillostage.com.

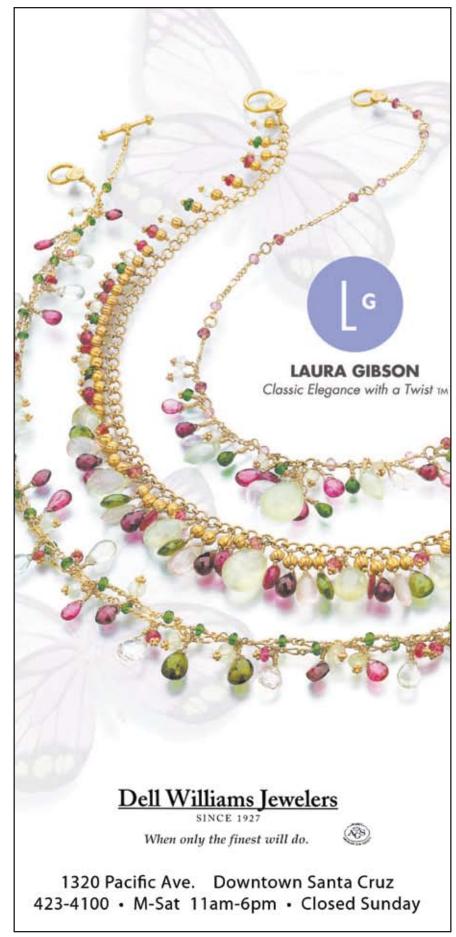


Capitola Begonia Festival

The 57th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival takes place on Sept 4 through Sept 7 over Labor Day Weekend. Highlights include: Capitola Fall Film Festival on the beach, bring your picnic dinner, chairs and blankets. Sat. Sept 5, Sand Sculpture Contest 8:30am to 12noon. Sun., Sept 6, Horseshoes on the Sand at 8am, Nautical Parade on Soquel Creek from 1pm to 3pm, Concert in the Park 4 to 6pm. Mon., Sept. 7 is the Fishing Derby 6am to 12noon, Rowboat Races at 1pm. Parking is very limited. Take a shuttle bus service from the Lot on McGregor Drive. Exit on Park Avenue from Hwy 1. Call (831)476-3566. begoniafestival.com.

Open Studios

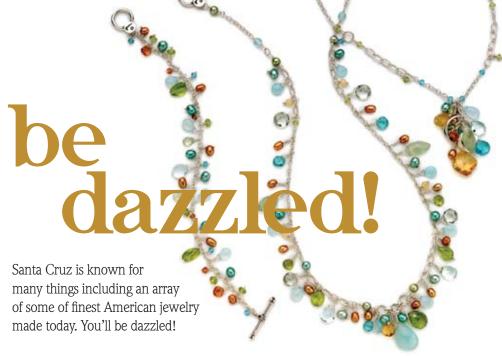
This Santa Cruz county-wide event opens the studio doors of our local artists for viewing and buying original art. It is held over three weekends: October 3-4, 10-11, with an Encore Weekend of October 17-18. Studios will be open from 11am to 6pm. A program book is your ticket to the studios. Call the Santa Cruz Cultural Council (831)475-9600 or visit ccscc. org for program book sale locations. □



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Kate Nolan Gallery has been owned and operated by a local jewelry designer since 1988. Kate carries work by Musi Hunt and Vanessa Mellet (sterling and precious stones), Willy Strasser (sterling and copper with semi-precious stones) and recent addition Ann Wasserman (fine silver impressed with textures,





including sharkskin), as well as others. Kate specializes in the unusual-not-seen-everywhere designs, but still within the realm of wearable. Located 1/3 block from Bookshop Santa Cruz at 107 Locust Street, Downtown Santa Cruz. (831)429-8696.

William Clayton Greene Jewelers is a treasure trove of unique and original designs. Their jewelry pieces are one-of-a-kind. Located in Scotts Valley, they have been a gateway to the redwood forests and the ocean for the past 25 years and are only a short five minute drive from Santa Cruz. Wm. Greene is a master jeweler who works along with his son to create jewelry in 14K, 18K, Platinum and Sterling. He has a passion for hand-fabricated pieces that range from environmental to architectural designs. They offer diamonds, beautiful and unique gemstones. custom designs, remounts and expert repairs. Mention Summer Santa Cruz Magazine when you stop in and receive a little gift! Located at 245 Mt. Hermon Road in the Safeway Center in Scotts Valley, (831)438-1844.

The Craft Gallery in picturesque Capitola Village has been celebrating American Handcrafts for over 39 years. Among others, it features the work of Tabra Tunoa, an international leader in a contemporary ethnic style of jewelry. Tabra journeys to the less traveled parts of the world to find colorful women whose courage, strength and love of beauty inspire her.

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Many Hands Gallery. Located at 510 Bay Avenue next to Gayle's Bakery in Capitola, Many Hands Gallery is a beautiful shop that represents over 75 local artists working in metal, wood, fiber, glass, & clay. Over 30 creative jewelry designers contribute to their extensive collection. This gallery has been showing some of the finest locally produced artwork for over 20 years. They carry everything from the whimsical to the refined, something for

every taste. Please visit the website for a view of the gallery and the artists featured. (831)475-2500, manyhands-capitola.com.

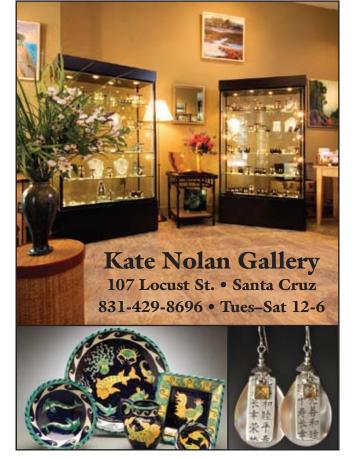
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Photo opposite page top: Laura Gibson's Ocean Breeze necklaces and bracelets available through Dell Williams Jewelers.

Photo this page top: Ann Wasserman's fine silver bracelets and necklaces at Kate Nolan Gallery.

Above: Summer Fun Ring from Mark Areias Jewelers. Rhodochrosite in 14k rose gold with diamonds.



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Moss Landing Antique Street Faire

On Sunday, July 26, this annual antique buying event, one of the most eagerly anticipated outdoor markets in California, will be held. You can browse thousands of antiques and collectibles for sale in hundreds of booths and antique shops. Find a full range of antique items from art and glassware to books and furniture. The day is kicked off by a pancake breakfast, followed by a variety of food booths in the afternoon. This is a charitable event for the community. Free Parking (831)633-4501.



Evergreen Historical Cemetery, Evergreen and Coral St., Santa Cruz, (831)425-7278. Pioneer cemetery dating back to 1850. Tours on weekends and by appointment.

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Mission Santa Cruz, 126 High St., Santa Cruz; (831)426-5686. Replica of the Chapel of the Santa Cruz Mission with gift shop and gallery. Admission free. Guided tours available upon request. Open Tues-Sat 10-4, Sun 10-2.

Mystery Spot, 465 Mystery Spot Rd., Santa Cruz; (831)423-8897. Visitors & trees lean at crazy angles, balls defy gravity by rolling up hill. 40-minute tour. Open daily, 9am—7:30pm (summer). 9am-4:30pm (winter).

Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad, Graham Hill Rd. & Mt. Hermon Rd., Felton; (831)335-4484 or (831)335-4400. Visit this 1880's logging town set in the redwoods of San Lorenzo Valley, ride a narrow-gauge steam train. www.roarinqcamp.com.

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, 400 Beach St., Santa Cruz; 423-5590. Ride the historic 1911 merry-go-round or the Giant Dipper, other contemporary rides, Virtual Reality games, Laser Tag. Open from 11am daily in the summer; weekends and holidays.

Santa Cruz Mission Adobe, 144 School Street, Santa Cruz; (831)426-5686. Only authentically restored Native American living quarters in the west. Guided tours and interesting living-history events. Open Tues-Sat from 10am—4pm, Sun 10am—2 pm.

Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf, Beach Street, Santa Cruz; (831)429-3628. A panoramic view of the bay, the wharf is also a good place for fishing and crabbing. Restaurants, gift shops, deep sea fishing charters, bay cruises, whale watching and sea kayaking. Open daily 5am–2 am.

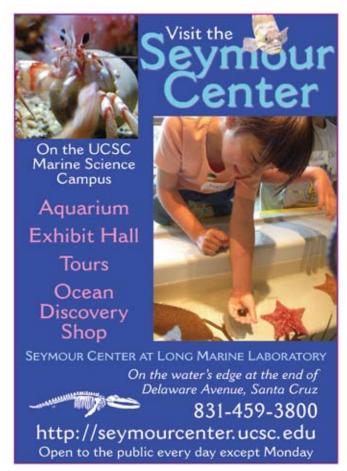
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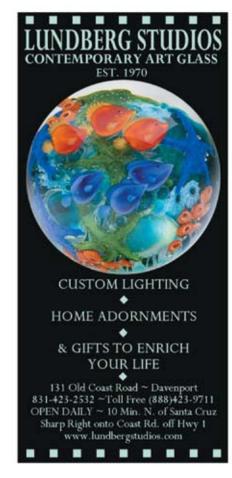
Lundberg Studios, located in nearby Davenport, is the creator of fine vases and paperweights in the Art Nouveau style of Tiffany or Steuben. Lundberg Studios is particularly unusual because the glass is actually formulated and handblown at the site. Visitors are welcome to the studios at 131 Old Coast Road, Davenport daily 11am—4pm. Fascinating glass-

blowing demonstrations are given twice a year. The late Jim Lundberg studied glassworking at the California State University at San Jose during the 1960s. After a trip to Europe he became enamored of the iridescent colored glass there and returned home to begin work that has earned Lundberg Studios a name in the functional glass art industry. Before his untimely death in 1992, Jim Lundberg also designed the Worldweight, an opal blue paperweight that simulates the globe in all its watery delight. Worldweights sit in collections of former presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton and famous oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, as well as other renowned dignitaries.

The Glass Gallery in Santa Cruz is one of the Bay Area's best-kept secrets. It offers the

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On the Fourth of July a parade and fireworks extravaganza is held in Skypark. The park contains a skate park, work-out loop, dog park, playgrounds, soccer field, and two beautiful Bocce Courts, as well as grassy areas and covered gazebo perfect for picnicking. In August, the town comes alive with the annual Scotts Valley Art & Wine Festival Aug. 8-9. Whether you come for an afternoon or a few days, Scotts Valley has something for everyone! scottsvalleychamber.com



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Frans Lanting

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Mattie Leeds

Mattie Leeds creates ceramic vessels painted with colorful figurative designs rendered with a Modernist touch. Working from live models Mattie treats the surface of his pots as a canvas sketching with charcoal directly onto the fired clay. His work may be viewed at Many Hands Gallery, 510 Bay Avenue in Capitola. Open every day 10 to 6. (831)475-2500, manyhands-capitola.com.



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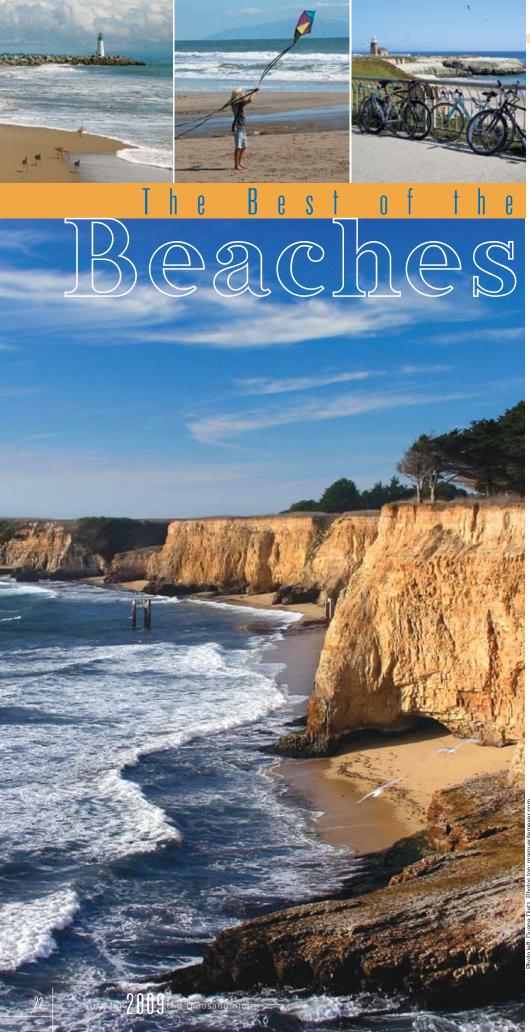
Mott Jordan;

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Drawing his influences from pop culture, circus sideshow banners, 1960s psychedelia, propaganda posters and northern Renaissance painting, Mott Jordan creates finely detailed oil paintings on panel. Each panel painting is uniquely shaped and customcreated. Mr. Jordan's studio is in the 17th Avenue StudioscomplexinSantaCruz'sLiveOakneighborhood. www.mottjordan.com.



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What a better way to spend your Santa Cruz vacation than to explore our beautiful, coastal environment. Our beaches provide something for everyone from desolate, lonely stretches for romantic picnics to the mainstage beaches for volleyball, water sports and checking out the scene. Here's just a sampling of what's waiting for you.

Capitola Beach

Capitola Beach is marked by the Venetian Hotel and the river's mouth. Capitola Village provides an eclectic mixture of restaurants, shops and nightlife along its esplanade. A free parking shuttle can take you to and from your parked car on Highway One. Look for the signs near the Park Avenue exit.

Cowell and Main Beaches

Either side of the Santa Cruz Wharf you will find the two most popular beaches in the County. On Cowell you can learn to surf, or stretch out to laze away the day watching sailboats around the wharf. On the other side of the wharf, Main Beach plays host to volleyball games, people watching and also acts as an entrance to the boardwalk.

Greyhound Rock/Davenport

Across from the whale-watching town of Davenport, sit high, rugged cliffs topped with tall pines which provide a perfect viewing station from November through May for the whale migration. Bring your picnic to this restful, serene place conducive for communing with the ocean. The beach below is a windsurfer's haven. Greyhound Rock is a popular, secluded fishing spot.

It's Beach

Located just along side the Mark Abbott Lighthouse Museum, this popular beach has designated hours for people and those with their dogs. It is a very picturesque beach surrounded by cliffs.

Manresa Beach

Enjoy these wide stretches of sand that go on for miles in La Selva Beach. Watch the pounding surf, but keep your eyes peeled for dolphins cavorting in the waves. Children delight in picking up sand dollars. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer months because of the riptides. Bonfire rings on the beach for cookouts. Tent camping only.

Natural Bridges State Beach

This beach is named for its ocean-pounded cliffs offering visitors a close-up look into the unique habitat of marine plants and animals. An expansive tidal pool network is in store for those wishing to explore. Visit the nature center there and bring your picnic to the tables overlooking the beach. On the Natural Bridges hillside, the eucalyptus trees are host to the Monarch butterflies that stop here on their migration. West Cliff Drive 2.5 miles from the Santa Cruz Wharf.

New Brighton State Beach

Surf fishing and digging for clams are popular sports here. With long walks at low tide you can find yourself in Capitola Village in time for a bite to eat, but don't forget to watch the tides for your return trip or you may be trying to swim back. The tall pine and coast cypress trees provide privacy between the campsites up on the hill.

Panther Beach

One mile south of Davenport is a gorgeous beach that is not to be missed. Beautiful rock formations make this a breathtaking site.

Pleasure Point Beach

Popular surfing beach, actually a series of little beaches. It is situated near the stomping grounds of Jack O'Neill, the inventor of the wetsuit.

Rio Del Mar Beach

Aptos has another wide open expanse of beach— a wonderful walking beach. Not the greatest choice for swimming as the riptide is strong here. Instead, relax on the sand and let your toes wade in the lapping surf.

Seabright Beach/Castle Beach

Around the point to the south of Cowell and Main Beaches lies Seabright Beach where kite flying is a local hobby. The Santa Cruz Harbor is at the end of this beach, home to the sailboats

and motor boats of the surrounding towns. Bonfire rings available for those marshmallow roasts or just to keep warm on a cool, summer evening.

Seacliff State Beach

Located off State Park Drive this beach is home to the "Palo Alto" cement ship. Once a floating nightclub that sank, it now plays host to seabirds. Halibut and surf perch are caught from its side and no fishing license is required. The history center tells more of the story of the ship. Fossils are imbedded in the cliffs along the southern edge of the beach. An RV campsite area with hookups is available. Reservations required.

Sunset State Beach

Surrounded by fertile farmland, features are a wooded campground, picnic area, group campground, and 200-foot high dunes. The beach stretches down to where it meets the mouth of the Pajaro River, giving three miles of unobstructed and spectacular shoreline. In the summer and autumn, it's possible to see large groups of bottle nosed dolphins. The beach is 16 miles south of Santa Cruz. Take Hwy 1, exit on San Andreas Road, follow signs south.

Twin Lakes Beach

Kite flying is an art here. Twin Lakes Beach also has volleyball courts and bonfire rings, a view of the Boardwalk and the lighthouse. The Harbor Boat Ramp is available for launching watercraft.

Waddell Creek State Beach

One mile south of the San Mateo County line you'll find the beach which is a magnet for windsurfers, hang gliders, and kite surfers, who revel in its unpredictable winds. It's near the end of the "Skyline to Sea Trail," so hike into Big Basin State Park for breathtaking views. \square

Birding On the Central Coast



For those who enjoy the growing pastime of birding, much is available within a small area in Santa Cruz County. An average year brings over 325 bird species to the county, with the total recorded over the years in the mid-400s.

West Cliff Drive and the Wilder Ranch coast offer rocky-shore specialists like Surfbirds and Black Turnstones, plus nesting Pigeon Guillemots and cormorants on the cliffs. Scan the seas from coastal points for a seasonally changing mix of seabirds, or for some closer views try the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf. Shorebirds, gulls, and terns gather at local river and creek mouths. Sloughs and lakes in the Pajaro Valley attract waterfowl, herons, White Pelicans, and Whitefaced Ibis. Bridges along the San Lorenzo River are convenient places to watch nesting Cliff and Northern Rough-winged Swallows.

Mornings at Henry Cowell State Park a Pileated Woodpeckers "kek" can easily be heard. Bird Club walks: (831)457-8240. http://santacruzbirdclub.org/ $\ \square$

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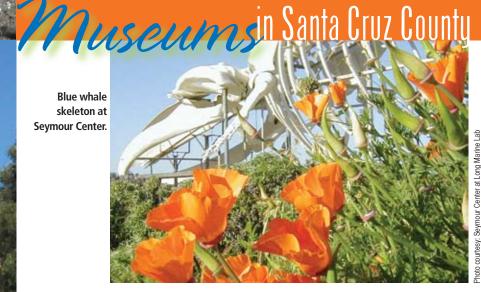
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Aptos History Museum, 7605 Old Dominion Court, Aptos. (831)688-1467. The history of Aptos Village is shown though a collection of artifacts and photographs. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

Museum of Art & History, At the McPherson Center, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz. Changing exhibits of contemporary art. Ongoing displays of the history and people of Santa Cruz County. For information on upcoming exhibits, call (831)429-1964.

Capitola Historical Museum, 410 Capitola Avenue, Capitola. (831)464-0322. Trace the history of this beachside resort back to 1869 in old photographs and artifacts. Open Fri-Sun, 12noon-4 pm.

Davenport Jail Museum, Hwy. 1, Davenport. (831)425-7278. Only in use as a jail from 1917 to 1936, this two-cell museum is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Evergreen Historical Cemetery, Evergreen and Coral Streets, Santa Cruz. (831)429-1964. Evergreen Cemetery was established in 1850 as one of the first Protestant cemeteries in California. Monthly docent tours given. Open until sunset. santacruzmah.org.

Frans Lanting Gallery, 207 McPherson St., Suite D, Santa Cruz. (831)429-1331. Shows an exclusive selection of images by National Geographic Photographer-in-Residence Frans Lanting. Quality prints featuring natural environments from around the world. Open daily 10am-5pm. lanting.com.

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Mission Santa Cruz, 126 High Street, Santa Cruz. (831)426-5686. Replica of the Chapel of the Santa Cruz Mission with gift shop and gallery. Guided tours available upon request. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm. General admission is always free. geocities.com/missionbell.

San Lorenzo Valley Museum, 12547 Highway 9, Boulder Creek. (831) 338-8382. Displays of early San Lorenzo Valley life featuring logging, railroads, antique kitchen, powder mill, early newspapers. Bookstore and gift shop. Open Wed., Sat. & Sun.

Santa Cruz Art League, 526 Broadway, Santa Cruz. A showcase for Monterey Bay artists presenting mixed media shows. Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-4pm. (831)426-5787.

Santa Cruz City Museum of Natural History, 1305 East Cliff Drive. Offering permanent and changing exhibits about the history and prehistory of Santa Cruz, Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm. (831)429-3773.

Santa Cruz Surfing Museum, Located in the Mark Abbott Memorial Lighthouse on Lighthouse Point, West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz. Displays photographs, surfboards and surfing memorabilia. Open noon-5pm. For more information call (831)429-3429.

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab, end of Delaware Ave., Santa Cruz. (831)459-3800. Education and research facility featuring an 87-foot blue whale skeleton, touch tanks & tidepool aquariums. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5. http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu.

Pajaro Valley Arts Council and Gallery, 37 Southern Street Watsonville, This unique gallery houses contemporary and historical exhibits by local Santa Cruz county artists. Gallery hours: Wed and Sat 12:30pm-4:30pm. (831)722-3062. □

Summer is here and it's your time to escape the crowds and become one with nature. Santa Cruz County has a wealth of parks and reserves just to scratch that itch. So, lace up those hiking boots, grab a picnic lunch, your favorite pal by Pearl S. Jones and get outdoors. old. Other trails within the park are for the intense loop of well maintained trails through the red-**Big Basin State Park**

Big Basin State Park is California's oldest state park and has trails that lead from the magnificent mountain forests to the ocean. Located at 21600 Big Basin Way just north of Boulder Creek, it offers over 80 miles of hiking trails within its 18,000 acres and also holds the large est continuous stand of Ancient Redwoods south of San Francisco. Trails start in the Santa Cruz Mountains paralleling Waddell Creek all the way to the ocean. Waterfalls abound and a wide variety of environments such as canyon basins and chaparral covered slopes can be seen. For more information call: 831-338-8860.

Henry Cowell State Park

Home to the coastal redwoods, Henry Cowell State Park spans 1,800 acres of ecologically diverse landscapes. A network of well-kept trails lead you on an adventure from the rich, damp redwood forest, through the sunny, flowery meadows on to the hot chaparral.

Begin at the nature center where docents will gladly provide you with maps. An easy .08 mile loop takes you past some of the park's largest redwoods, some trees more than a thousand years athlete. Horse and bike trails also can be found.

Overnight camping with reservations only. To go: Take Highway 9 north toward Felton. The entrance is on the right. For more info call 831-335-4598.

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

Twelve miles of trails wind their way across the woods and along two miles of lakeshore. Loch Lomond is nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains and comprises an 87-acre lake with great "bass" catch stories.

One spectacular five mile loop goes along the lake to Deer Flat and to Highland Trail and up to the ridge where the view is worth every step. Fishing is always an option; just bring your pole. Electric boats and row boats are available for a small fee. This 180 acres of recreation area offers picnic tables, and a children's playground. For information call 831-335-7424.

Berry Creek Falls

If you love waterfalls, this is your hike! There are four different falls set in brilliant green forestland on a moderate to strenuous 12 mile

woods of Big Basin State Park. The trail starts in Boulder Creek, has an elevation of 2500 feet, and will take good hikers about 6 hours or so. Bring water and a snack.

The Forest of Nisene Marks

Near Aptos Village lies the entrance to this State Park. It has over 10,000 acres of semiwilderness with evidence of the redwood logging days. A stream even runs through it! A campsite is located trailside about six miles in. A seven-mile loop which includes Loma Prieta Grade and the West Ridge Trail. For the more advanced hiker, a 19-mile trail ascends from the Aptos Creek Fire Road and is worth the effort to see breathtaking views of the Pacific. Call 831-688-3222 or 831-335-4598.

Wilder Ranch State Park

This 6,000 acre park was once home to a thriving dairy farm in the 1800s. It still has the Victorian farmhouse and barns to show for it. The park hosts an old time Fourth of July celebration. You can walk to the isolated cliffs over-

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looking the ocean or take the thirty or so trails that wind up from the Bay. Mountain biking is also quite popular. Citings of bobcats, deer and hawks are common. Directions: Go two miles north of Santa Cruz on Highway 1. Turn left into the park. For info call 831-426-0505.

Elkhorn Slough

This largest remaining coastal wetland in California is home to more than 250 bird species. Five miles of easy hiking trails wind past the nesting sites of the Great Blue Heron and snowy egrets. Rent a kayak in Moss Landing for an upclose and personal look. Docent-led tours are held on weekends. The slough is located at 1700 Elkhorn Road in Watsonville, call 831-728-2822 or 831-728-5939.

Castle Rock State Park

Located on Skyline Blvd this 3,600 acres park of semi-wilderness has spectacular views, rolling meadows and shady forests with waterfalls. It hosts picnic areas, horse trails and primitive backpack campsites. 408-867-2952

Fall Creek State Park

This densely forested 2.400 acre park has 20 miles of hiking trails along old wagon and logging roads. Stop by the historic lime kiln and barrel mill. On Big Trees Park Road in Santa Cruz. 831-335-4598.

Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

Deep in the Santa Cruz Mountains is this 300acre historic horse ranch and nature preserve, home to 15 habitats and 4.5 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. It contains a ranch complex with a visitor center, picnic areas, horse barns, and an orchard. Located at 800 Quail Hollow Road in Felton, this park is open Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30am to 5pm. For more info call (831) 335-9348 or email prc120@scparks.com.

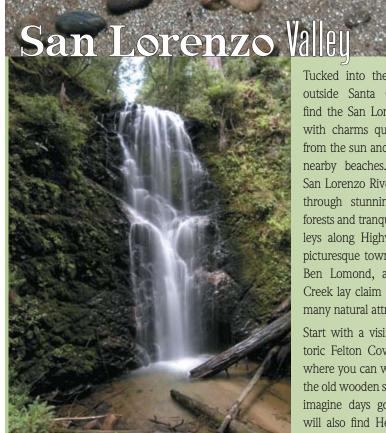
Rancho Del Oso State Park

On Hwy 1 in Davenport this 3,000 acre coastal section of Big Basin State Park offers hiking and bicycling along Waddell Creek. Bring your own horse. Call the Nature and History Center for more information. 831-427-2288.

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Tucked into the mountains outside Santa Cruz you'll find the San Lorenzo Valley. with charms quite different from the sun and sand of the nearby beaches. Here, the San Lorenzo River meanders through stunning redwood forests and tranquil green valleys along Highway 9. The picturesque towns of Felton, Ben Lomond, and Boulder Creek lay claim to the area's many natural attractions.

Start with a visit to the historic Felton Covered Bridge where you can walk through the old wooden structure and imagine days gone by. You will also find Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park offering

1,800 acres of coastal and ancient redwood groves with trails and available campsites.

Roaring Camp Railroad in Felton is the historic mountain camp that's over 100 years old. Classic steam trains offer rides through the redwoods to the beach and they host a wide variety of fun and historically themed

Hidden away in the tiny hamlet of Lompico you'll be enchanted to find Loch Lomond, an 87-acre lake stocked with trout and bass. where you can rent a boat and try your luck at catching dinner. Miles of trails lead around the lake, with picnic areas, a nature center and rangers on hand.



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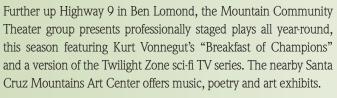
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Big Basin State Park lies in Boulder Creek where you can walk among literal giants: 18,000 acres of old growth forest, plus the largest continuous stand of ancient coast redwoods in the area. Hike, bike or ride through 80 miles of trails and waterfalls. The park is open year-round, so reserve a campsite or tent cabin and stay awhile.

On Memorial Day weekend, the Art & Wine Festival showcases artisans and their work, as well as some of the many local wineries. The annual 4th of July Parade & Festival turns the whole town into a party, with a traditional parade and Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse followed by music, and entertainment.

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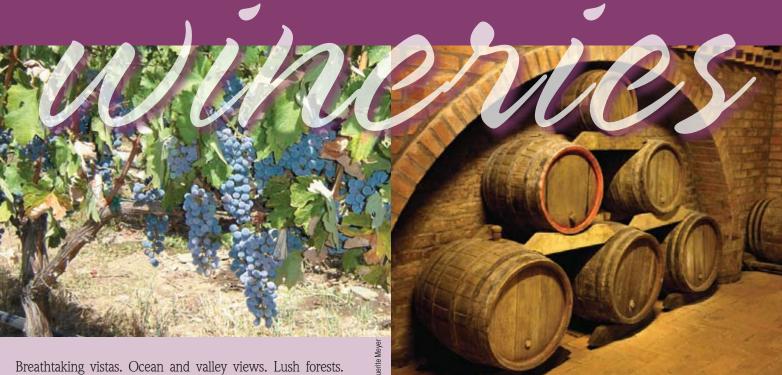
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You can choose a group of wineries in close proximity, or make a tour of several areas that can take you from downtown Santa Cruz to the mountain peaks to foothill wineries to coastal Corralitos.

The Urban Santa Cruz Winery Experience:
Storrs Winery; Bonny Doon; The Surf City Vintners Group:
Pelican Ranch Winery, Sones Cellars, Santa Cruz Mountains
Vineyard, Vino Tabi, Dragonfly Cellars, Trout Gulch
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A good place to start your downtown winery tour is at Storrs Winery in the Old Sash Mill. The extensive wine list includes award-winners from the Santa Cruz Mountains and nearby Central Coast vineyards, including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and more. Just a couple of miles away, the intersection of Swift and Ingalls Streets, off of Hwy. 1 on the Westside near the UC Santa Cruz campus is home to the new Bonny Doon tasting room and the Surf City Vintners collective of micro-boutique wineries. An urban renewal project has turned former warehouse space into a hip, trendy destination that also includes a French Bakery, a new organic grocery store, and some darling little boutiques.

The wineries here, including some of the oldest and newest in the region, offer a wide variety to taste: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Zinfandel, Cabernet – and some of the unusual, including Spanish and Portuguese varieties at Santa Cruz Mountains Vineyard, as well as Durif, Malbec, Grenache. A huge bonus is the sparkling wine at Equinox Champagne Cellar down the street. Explore the Dooniverse at Bonny Doon's eclectic tasting room, with the option of a private tasting with a Wine Ambassador. The Cigar Volant Café offers up seasonal fare based on a Slow Food philosophy. Spend an afternoon at this Westside enclave, then dine at any one of a number of excellent Santa Cruz restaurants nearby. The Boardwalk and all that Santa Cruz has to offer is close by.

The Summit Road Wine Trail & Los Gatos: Silver Mountain, Burrell School, Loma Prieta. Testarossa.

Enjoy some of the most spectacular views across the mountains from this group of ridge top wineries and vineyards along the Summit Road overlooking Monterey Bay. Stop at the Summit Store nearby to pick up a picnic lunch, savor the vistas and forest scenery - and excellent mountain wines. Silver Mountain tastes award-winning Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay, as well as its Bordeaux-blend Alloy, from its certified organic estate vineyard and mountaintop winery overlooking Santa Cruz. Burrell School is home to a circa-mid 1800's one-room schoolhouse and estate vineyard, where you can sip their premium handcrafted wines on the terrace looking over the vineyard and spacious views. The views overlooking Monterey Bay at Loma Prieta's mountain aerie are breathtaking, and so are their Pinot Noirs, Cabernet and Merlot. Testarossa, known for their Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays especially, is just a few miles away down Hwy 17 in the Silicon Valley town of Los Gatos, in the historic Old Novitiate building, built in 1888. It's the area's oldest continuouslyoperating winery.

The Coastal Foothills Soquel: Poetic Cellars, Hunter Hill, Soquel Vineyards. Ben Lomond and Felton: Hallcrest, Beauregard

Along the coast are numerous wineries in the surrounding foothills. Forests and parks for hiking and biking abound, as do small mountain towns



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Passport Program

Take part in the exciting Passport Program to be held on July 18 from 11am to 5pm. Passport holders will tour wine-making facilities, meet the wine-makers and taste special wines. scmwa.com.

Beauregard Vineyards, 10 Pine Flat Road, Bonny Doon, (831)458-9463(WINE), Open Daily 11-5PM, beauregardvineyard.com.

Bonny Doon Vineyard, 328 Ingalls St, Santa Cruz, (831)425-4518, Open Mon-Tues 12-5:30pm, Wed-Sun 12-9pm, bonnydoonvineyard.com.

Hallcrest Vineyards, 325 Felton Empire Road, Felton. (831)335-4441. Open Daily 12-5pm, hallcrestvineyards.com.

Poetic Cellars, 5000 N. Rodeo Gulch Road, Soquel, (831)462-3478. Open Weekends 12-5pm, poeticcellars.com.

Testarossa Winery, 300-A College Avenue, Los Gatos, (408)354-6150 x 21. Open Daily 11-5pm, testarossa.com.

Corralitos Wine Trail

Pleasant Valley Vineyards, 600 Pleasant Valley Road, Aptos, (831)728-2826. Open April through Sept. on Saturdays 12-4pm, pvvines.com.

Alfaro Family Vineyards, 420 Hames Road, Corralitos. (831)761-1174. Open Sat. 12-5pm, alfarowine.com.

Nicholson Vineyards & Winery, 2800 Pleasant Valley Road, Aptos. Call for special tastings. (831)724-7071, nicholsonvineyards.com.

Windy Oaks, 550 Hazel Dell Road, Corralitos. Call for special tastings. (831)786-9463(WINE) windyoaksestate.com.

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Sones Cellars, (831)420-1552, sonescellars.com. Call for special tastings. **Equinox**, (831)338-2646, equinoxwine.com. Call for special tastings.

Vino Tabi Winery, 334 Ingalls St. "C" in Santa Cruz, (831)426-1809, vino-tabi-wine.com.

Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard, 334 A Ingalls Street, Santa Cruz. 831) 426-6209, Open: Weekends 12 to 5pm, Weekdays by appointment, santacruzmountainvineyard.com.

Pelican Ranch Winery, 402 Ingalls Street #21, Santa Cruz, (831) 426-6911. Open: Friday to Sunday 12 to 5pm, pelicanranch.com.

Storrs Winery, 303 Potrero Street, #35, Santa Cruz. (831)458-5030. Open Daily 12-5pm, storrswine.com.

Pleasure

to explore. Under the redwoods northwest of Santa Cruz is the rustic tasting room of Beauregard Vineyards. Once a general store in the early 1900's, then the "Lost Weekend Bar", and for 25 years the tasting room for Bonny Doon Vineyard this building would have many interesting stories to tell. Take a picnic and relax in the garden at Hallcrest Vineyards in the little town of Felton, known for their Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc and also home to the Organic Wine Works where you'll find their popular Radical Red. South of Santa Cruz you can find several wineries and vineyards nestled around Soquel: Poetic Cellars, known for its Cabernet, Syrah and Petite Sirah, as well as port; and Hunter Hill makers of Merlot, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Syrah wines. Soquel Vineyards up Glen Haven Road specialize in classic Cabernet Sauvignon and Santa Cruz Appellation wines. To immerse yourself in the redwoods, visit the Forest of Nisene Marks nearby in Aptos offering over 30 miles of trails.

The Corralitos Wine Trail: Windy Oaks, Pleasant Valley Vineyards, Nicholson Vineyards, **Alfaro Family Vineyards**

Just a few miles from downtown Santa Cruz but it feels like a universe away is the rural countryside of Corralitos. This is agriculture country, traditionally planted to apples and strawberries, and now finding ground for vineyards that produce world-class wines. Most wineries are open Saturday afternoons; but check availability. They are all open for Passport Day and scheduled Wine Trail open houses; and by appointment. These wineries are known especially for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from their own estate or other local vineyards; and a wide variety also includes Syrah, Zinfandel, Merlot, Cabernet, Viognier. You can visit all of them in one afternoon, but count on enough time to enjoy each place as well as your drive through the picturesque countryside, including the ride through the redwoods to the valley vineyard of Windy Oaks, where you are invited to walk and picnic in the vineyard. Spend the day in Corralitos and in addition to the wine tasting you can visit the rose garden at Roses of Yesterday and Today on Browns Valley Road; lunch at the Corralitos Market, known for its sausages, ham and bacon smoked on the property; and find farmers selling produce and flowers from roadside stands. In the autumn you can visit the apple orchards and buy fresh-picked fruit.

Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Country: Some Regional Facts

The Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Country is widespread, from Woodside in the north to Watsonville in the south; from Santa Cruz on one side to Los Gatos on the other; from the coast to the highest ridge tops at 2600 foot elevation. Our vineyards and wineries and the wines they produce reflect the mountain terrain, and the proximity to the ocean and resulting maritime climate. The region includes 70 wineries and 200 small vineyards totaling only approximately 1500 acres of winegrapes divided evenly among Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and 'other' varietals-most notably Merlot and Zinfandel. The small acreage makes Santa Cruz Mountains wines rather rare and in demand. The region's wineries actively support sustainable as well as organic and biodynamic practices. The diverse microclimates and soils define this mountain terroir and the wine it produces, known for its minerality, spice, and balanced acidity; complex flavors and long finish, and the ability to age. The result is wine that pairs particularly well with complementary foods, and age worthy wines that mature and improve in the bottle. Pair Santa Cruz Mountains wines with the culinary excellence of our many, fine, local restaurants!

Pleasure Point is a glance back to the California beach town of old – with surfers, VW buses and eateries where the only shoes required are flip-flops. Of late, the tiny enclave has become home to vintage clothing shops and tony boutiques, elegant gift and home décor stores and restaurants to satisfy every craving. Locals know this is the place to come for the best Halloween costumes, too, because of the many vintage clothing stores with their gaily colored displays hanging outside. You'll find family-friendly bike shops and eateries as well as late-night sushi bars and casual bistros with patios that are great for people-watching.

Swaying palm trees announce the main corner, at Portola and 41st Avenue, adding appropriate garnish to this wellknown and well-loved surf break. Do

take the time to walk to the end of Jack O'Neill, of wetsuit fame, 41st - coffee or smoothie in hand and watch the action out on the waves for a bit. East Cliff Drive, going north Here, folks walk – or bike or skate – at the water, is a pedestrian-friendly, one-way street that leads away from ing and just plain old-fashioned visitthe Pacific, beautiful at any time of day.

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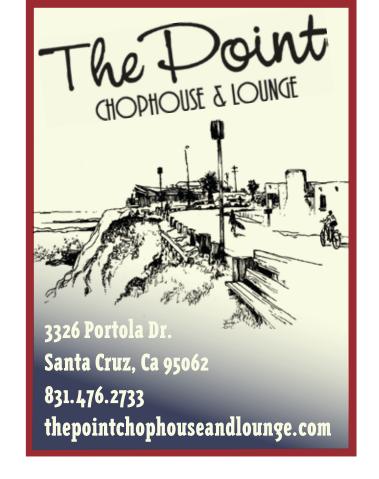
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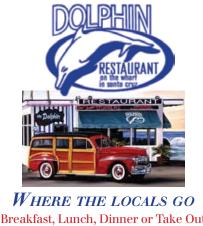
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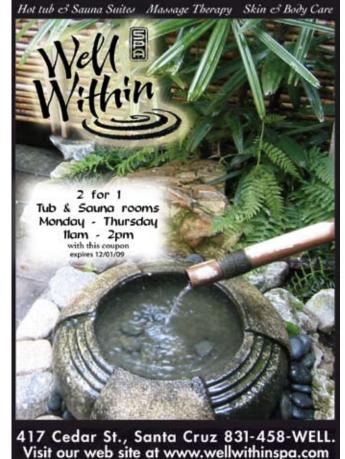
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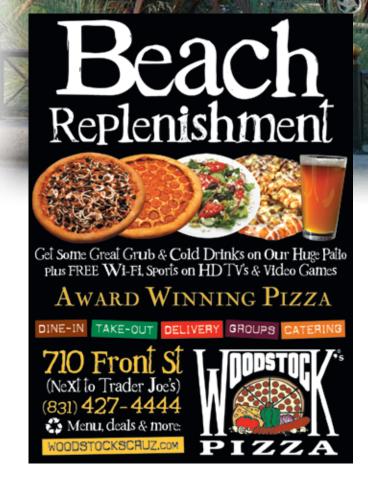
Before the 1960s, Santa Cruz was a small fishing town and retirement community. In 1965 with the coming of the University of California at Santa Cruz, the face and fabric of Santa Cruz changed into a college town with a strong, laid back, hippie base.

In the 1990s with the Tech Boom from Silicon Valley, many high tech companies and their employees were drawn to Santa Cruz for its proximity to "over the hill" and for its reputation as a relaxing, beach town. Now, only a few of those technical companies remain here.

Santa Cruz's wide European sidewalks, intriguing sculptures and old fashioned lampposts, make a trip down Pacific Avenue a delight. Everyone will find their favorite haunt from antique shops, to unique, contemporary boutiques, to small intimate restaurants and bistros. In recent years, downtown Santa Cruz has become a mecca for nightlife in the county with its plethora of movie theaters, late night cafés, a famous jazz club, and nightclubs. If you're looking for after-hours entertainment and nightlife, this is it!

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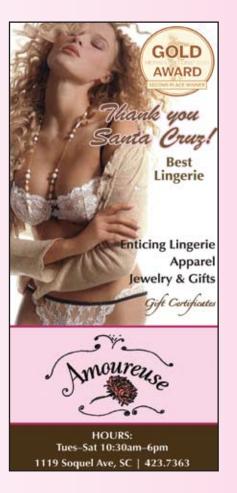
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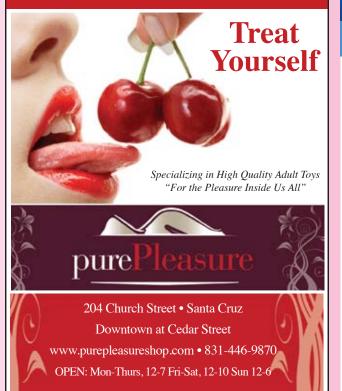
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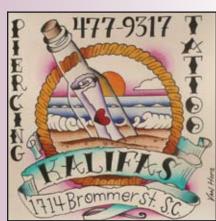


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Moss Landing is an historic fishing village with many treasure-filled antique stores. You can buy freshly caught seafood, visit fine art studios, dine in wharfside restaurants, and stay in cozy B&Bs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Moss Landing hosts an annual Antique Fair to be held this year on Sunday, July



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O'Neill Surf Shops on 41st Avenue, Capitola provides surfboard, bodyboard, and wetsuit rentals in sizes for men, women, and kids. (831) 475-4151. Other Santa Cruz locations: 110 Cooper Street, Downtown (831)469-4377, at the Boardwalk 400 Beach Street (831) 459-9230, oneill.com.

Rip Curl has two local surf shops offering boards, surf gear and beachwear for men and women. At 1604 Mission St, (831)454-0360 and 753 41st Avenue, both in Santa Cruz. (831)464-3233.

Shoreline Surf Shop offers surfing lessons for all levels and abilities. Includes all-day use of wetsuits and surfboards. (831)458-1380. shorelinesurf.com.

Aptos/Seacliff

Locals know the Aptos/Seacliff area's long stretch of beach is the place for serious running, guaranteed dolphin-spotting and calm water for the kids. And, if you're up early, you might even find a sand dollar to take home. If you're adventuresome and want to take in the sights, the sounds of the surf, and the scent of salt water, begin your walk on Center Street just before the entrance to the Seacliff State Park. Check out the boutique gift and flower shop or window shop the real estate listings for your perfect beach cottage you've always dreamed about. Have lunch at the Mexican restaurant for their authentic cuisine prior to taking the stairs that lead to the beach. Head south on the Esplanade and within minutes you will discover a fabulous seafood and pasta restaurant next to an old historic tavern.



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Capitola Boat & Bait rents boats, kayaks & fishing poles. End of the Capitola Wharf. (831)462-2208. santacruzboatrentals.net.

Santa Cruz Boat Rentals Boats, fishing poles & tackle on the Santa Cruz Wharf. (831)423-1739. santacruzboatrentals.net.

Santa Cruz Sport Fishing runs fishing trips and scenic tours from the Yacht Harbor, (831)426-4690.

Surfing Lessons & Gear

Richard Schmidt Surf School offers surfing lessons year round. Santa Cruz's original surf school for over 25 years. Weekly summer surf camps. (831)423-0928. richardschmidt.com.

Sea Kayaking

Capitola Boat & Bait rents kayaks and gear off the Capitola Wharf, (831)462-2208. santacruzboatrentals.net.

Kayak Connection offers rentals, tours and classes at the Santa Cruz Harbor and in Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing, (831)479-1121.

Sailing Charters and Lessons

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Pacific Yachting and Sailing, in the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor, offers sailing instruction programs from basic beginner to offshore training. Call (831) 423-SAIL (7245), or (800) 374-2626. pacificsail.com.

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- 22-24 Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show, Watsonville Municipal Airport. Classic aircrafts and aerobatic performances, military flybys, memorabilia vendors and Kid's zone. Begins with Friday night fireworks. Fri 12noon-10pm, Sat & Sun 9-5pm, (831)763-5600, watsonville-
- 22-25 Annual O'Neill Surf Shop Parking Lot Sale. Great deals at annual surfing gear event. Fri & Mon 9am-8pm, Sat & Sun 8am-8pm. (831)475-4151.
- 23-24 17th Annual Santa Cruz Blues Festival, Aptos Village Park, Aptos. Major blues top performers over a two-day weekend 11am-7pm. Take the free shuttle bus from Cabrillo College lot. Blues Hotline (831)479-9814, santacruzbluesfestival.com.
- 23-24 25th Annual Santa Cruz Longboard Club **Invitational**, West Coast's oldest longest-running competitive surfing event, Steamer Lane at Lighthouse Point, Santa Cruz 6am-6pm, (831)917-4371, santa-cruzlongboard-union.com.
- 23-25 20th Annual Boulder Creek Art. Wine & Music Festival in Downtown Boulder Creek, with 2 live music stages,15 international food booths and local wines. (831)338.2578. bcba.net.
- 23-25 Roaring Camp's 28th Civil War Battles & **Encampment**. Enactments of civil war historic battles & encampments of Union & Confederate soldiers held at Roaring Camp, Felton. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.

JUNE

- 6-7 Vintner's Festival. Winery Tours, special tastings, music and exhibits at various wineries. 11am-5pm. (831)685-8463, scmwa.com.
- 6 Festival at the Cement Ship, Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. Experience the park's history with art & crafts, games and stories. Make kites, learn about local marine life 11am-4pm. (831)685-6444, santacruzstateparks.org
- 6-7 4th Annual Rod & Custom Classic Car Show. Over 250 classic cars cruise Sat. 8am starting at the Boardwalk, then on display Sat. 9am-5pm & Sun. 9am-2pm on the Esplanade, Capitola Village. (831)475-6522,

- capitolacarshow.com.
- 7 World's Oceans Day at the Seymour Center. Celebrate our blue planet. Learn about protecting 71% of our planet that's blue. Kid's crafts, activity sheets, scavenger hunt. Free. (831)459-3800, end of Delaware Ave, Santa Cruz, http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu.
- 13 Juneteenth Celebration, Laurel Park, Santa Cruz. Celebrates The Emancipation Proclamation, a tradition among African Americans featuring food, crafts, music and speakers. 12pm-5pm. (831)420-6177, nelsoncenter.
- 17 Twilight Concerts. Wednesday nights through August 26, 6pm-8pm. Bring a picnic, sit in the park or on the beach, dance to live music on Capitola's bandstand in Esplanade Park. capitolavillage.com.
- Beach Boardwalk, Free shows with sounds of the 60s. 70s, & 80s, 6:30pm & 8:30pm every Fri. night through Aug. 28, beachboardwalk.com.
- 20 Whale of an Auction. Benefit for marine science education at Friends of Long Marine Lab. Bid on one-ofa-kind field trips with world-class scientists, vacations around the world, art, wine, exclusive dining, and more, (831) 459-3800, http://sevmourcenter.ucsc.edu.
- 20 Japanese Cultural Fair, 23rd Anniversary. Traditional Japanese and contemporary performances, martial arts, craft workshops & food. Mission Plaza Park, near downtown Santa Cruz. (831)462-4589, jcfsc.org.
- 21 Hats Off To Dad with Steam Train Ride, Bluegrass Bands & BBQ. Roaring Camp, Felton. 9am-5pm. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.
- 27 Surf City Classic "Woodies on the Wharf," Santa Cruz Wharf. Celebrate the surf spirit with 100 pre-50s 'woodies." Music, memorabilia and prizes. 10am-4pm. (831)420-5273, santacruzwharf.com.
- 27 A Garden of Poetry & Music. An afternoon in a garden for poems and tunes of the region. Free at Alan Chadwick Garden, UCSC, Santa Cruz 12noon-2pm (831)459-3240, jonitann@ucsc.edu.

1-31 Free Friday Night Concerts at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. See June 19 listing, beachboardwalk.com

- 4 Independence Day Celebration. Bop on over to Roaring Camp for a Sock Hop and 50's family fun: Hula Hoop contests, games, live music, All-American barbecue. Roaring Camp, Felton. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.
- 4 World's Shortest Parade, corner of State Park & Soquel Dr. to Trout Gulch, Aptos. Pancake breakfast, music & games. (831)688-1467, aptoschamber.com.
- 4 Fireworks Celebration Parade, live music, family fun & food. Adm. \$7, gates open 3pm, fireworks 9:15pm. Scotts Valley Community Skypark, 360 King Village Rd. (831)438-3251, scottsvallev.org.
- 4 Firecracker 10K Race. Scenic course through the Pogonip starting at Harvey West Park, Pancake breakfast follows, santacruzfirecracker10k.org.
- 19 Free Friday Night Concerts at the Santa Cruz 4 Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration at Wilder Ranch State Park, Music, crafts, games, ice cream making and children's parade. 11am-4pm. (831)426-0505, santacruzstateparks.org.
 - 4 Spirit of Watsonville. Celebrates Watsonville's 158th Birthday! Pancake breakfast, festival and parade. 2pm-5pm, (831)768-3266.
 - 11-12 Bargetto Winery Fine Arts Festival. Local artists display their works. 10am-5pm. 3535 N. Main St. Soquel, (831)475-2258, bargetto.com.
 - 18 Passport Program, Santa Cruz Mountain Winegrower's Association event. Special tastings at wineries and pairings at local restaurants, 11am-5pm, (831)685-8463. scmwa.com.
 - 19 Art On the Wharf, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz. Live jazz arts and crafts show, Free, (831)420-5273, san-
 - 21-31 Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Performing Arts, UCSC. Innovative Shakespeare performances. See page 10 for season details. (831)459-2159, shakespearesan-
 - 26-Aug. 16 Cabrillo Stage: Professional Musical Theatre 28th Season. "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" and "The Wizard of Oz" with full orchestra, Broadway caliber shows. Cabrillo College Theatre, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, (831)479-6154, cabrillostage.com.
 - 26 37th Annual Wharf to Wharf 10K Run, Santa Cruz Wharf to Capitola Wharf. Limited to 15,000 runners.

Live bands & festive spectators, Starts at Main Beach, Santa Cruz, 8:30am, (831)475-2196, wharftowharf.com.

- 26 Annual Moss Landing Antique Fair, small fishing village with a myriad of antique stores, 8am-5pm, No dogs allowed. Free parking.(831)633-4501, mosslandingchamber.com.
- 31 Monterey Bay Strawberry Festival. Strawberry delights, entertainment, contests. Ramsay Park, 1255 Main St., Watsonville, 12noon -4pm (831)724-3900.

AUGUST

- 1-2 Santa Cruz Pier Swim & Cruz Cruise. 1 & 2 mile ocean swim around the Wharf. (831)425-5762.
- 1-31 Shakespeare Santa Cruz (See July 21)
- Boardwalk. (See June 19) beachboardwalk.com. 1-16 Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music,

1-28 Free Friday Night Concerts at Santa Cruz Beach

- Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz. Conductor Marin Alsop heads this award-winning festival. Guest Artists. See page 10 for details. (831)426-6966, cabrillomusic.org.
- 2-8 Dickens Universe, UCSC. Dickens scholars and students convene to discuss "David Copperfield." Public invited, (831)459-2103, http://ucsc.edu/dickens.
- 8-9 Cabrillo Music, Art, Food and Wine Festival, in Downtown Santa Cruz at the Civic Auditorium. Free two days of global and ethnic music and dance. (831)426-6966, cabrillomusic.org.
- 9-10 Scotts Valley Art & Wine Festival. Fine art, wine & beer tasting, great food, and live entertainment in an open park setting at Skypark in Scotts Valley 10am - 6pm. (831)438-1010, scottsvalleychamber.com.
- 9 Musical Saw Players Festival, Roaring Camp, Felton. Unique instruments playing bluegrass, classical and country music. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.
- 16 Aloha Outrigger Races & Polynesian Festival, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz. Outrigger races, island music & dance, Polynesian culture. Races at 9am, festival 11-5pm. (831)420-5273, santacruzwharf.com.

SEPTEMBER

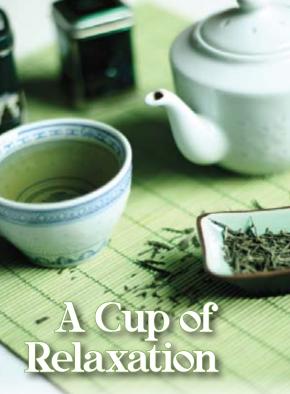
- 1-2 Shakespeare Santa Cruz (See July 21)
- 4-7 57th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival, Capitola Village. Nautical parade with begonia-covered barges, Sand Sculpture competition, Horsehoe Tournament, Fishing Derby and more. (See page 11) (831)476-3566. begoniafestival.com.
- 4-5 Movies at the Beach. Bring flashlights, beach chairs and blankets. Free popcorn, seating at 6:30, movie at 7pm, capitolavillage.com.
- 4-7 Annual O'Neill Surf Shop Parking Lot Sale. Great deals at this annual surfing gear event. Fri & Mon 9am-8pm, Sat & Sun 8am-8pm. (831)475-4151.
- 4-6 Greek Festival, held on Center & Church Streets, Santa Cruz. Greek food, wine, music, & dancing. (831)429-6500.
- 8-13 114th Santa Cruz County Fair, Fairgrounds, Watsonville. "Old Fashioned" county fair, agricultural, art

and food exhibits, award-winning local wines. (831)724-5671, santacruzcountvfair.com.

- 11-12 UCSC Fall Plant Sale. Region's varieties of organically grown vegetables and plants. Barn Theater Parking Lot, UCSC, Santa Cruz, Fri.12noon-6pm, Sat. 10am-2pm. (831)459-3240, jonitann@ucsc.edu.
- 12-13 27th Annual Capitola Art & Wine Festival, Capitola Village, Capitola. Food, music, art & wine. Over 185 artist's works for sale 10am-6pm. (831)475-6522, capitolachamber.com.
- 17 Oktoberfest, a Bavarian Fall Festival at the Tyrolean Inn, a German restaurant located at 9600 Highway 9. Ben Lomond, German food, beer and live music. (831)336-5188. tyroleaninn.com.
- 19 Ohlone Day, explore the Ohlone culture with music, dance and stories, 10am-4pm. Build a tule boat and more family fun. Henry Cowell State Park, Felton, (831)335-7077, mountainparks.org.
- 20 27th Annual Santa Cruz Triathlon, Main Beach. Dream Inn, Santa Cruz. One mile swim around the pier, 24 mile bike ride and 6.2 mile run along the coast. Register at santacruztriathlon.org.
- 24-27 Monterey Bay Birding Festival, Over 300 birding species at Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main St. Watsonville. (831)724-3900, montereybaybirding.com.
- 26 Big Basin Founders' Day. Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Celebrate our wild heritage with a melodrama, music, historic hikes and kid's games, 10 am-8pm. (831)338-8883, santacruzstateparks.org.
- 26 UCSC Farm & Garden Harvest Festival, Celebrate autumn with live music, food, apple pie bake-off from 11am-5pm. (831)459-3240, http://casfs.ucsc.edu.

OCTOBER

- 3 Loch Lomond Highland Games & Celtic gathering, Bagpipes, haggis, living history, music, dance & athletic competitions. Highland park, Ben Lomond, (831) 457-6716. lochlomondceltic.org
- 3 Annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza. Family event 50 games and food booths, fireworks display. Seacliff State Beach, Aptos. (831)685-3317, monte-foundation.com.
- 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 Open Studios. For three weekends artists in Santa Cruz County open their studios. Meet the artists on self-guided tours, buy original art. (831)475-
- 10 Lobster Feed, Henry Cowell State Park picnic area, Felton. Maine Lobsters with all the trimmings & Bluegrass music. Local State Park benefit. From 4:30-7:30pm. Reservations required, (831)335-3174, mountainparks,
- 11 Welcome Back Monarchs Day. Arts & crafts, games, music & monarch butterfly fun. Natural Bridges State Park, Santa Cruz, 10-4pm. (831)423-4609. santa-
- 24 Heritage Harvest Festival. Draft horse demonstrations, wagon rides, decorate pumpkins at a historic ranch. 11am-3pm. Wilder Ranch State Park, Santa Cruz, (831)426-0505, santacruzstateparks.org.



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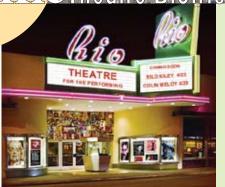
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Westside Coffee Company

Located "Behind the Clock" in the Safeway Plaza at Mission and Almar Streets, this coffee company has a surfing photo gallery and surfing videos. Offering lattes, espresso drinks, cappuccinos, smoothies, all vour favorite breakfast & lunch specials. Free Wi-Fi. Open 5:45am-6pm. 849H Almar St., Santa Cruz (831)427-1300.

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Come Visit Theatre District



On the East Side of Santa Cruz at the intersection of Soquel and Seabright Avenues is the Rio Theater. Originally a movie house, it's now open for special events and performances, as well as independent films and festivals. This area has many ethnic and diverse restaurants to delight your taste buds: an Asian Noodle House that uses California organics, a Crepe restaurant that has a full bar and a beautiful outdoor garden, an organic, Mexican restaurant and a Bakery Cafe with fantastic cakes.



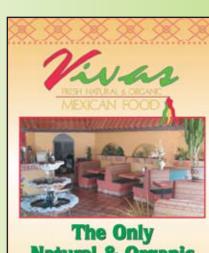
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Rio Theatre District Businesses

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this troubled economy, shoppers are trying to find ways to stretch their dollars, and the popularity of second-hand clothing is growing. At consignment and vintage stores, the clothing and accessories are hand-picked for high quality craftsmanship and trend appeal, from eras and labels that can be difficult to find, and combined in surprising and unique ways. And in your local boutiques and thrifts, you can spend freely knowing that your money is staying in the community. Look good, feel good, and help the environment? Now that's fashionable.

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Fashion Has Never Been Greener

Ivy Company at 930 41st Avenue, Capitola. Just up the hill from Capitola Village, this upscale resale boutique has both contemporary, designer, and quality vintage clothing and accessories. Find tropical summer dresses to beaded evening bags and unusual modern and vintage jewelry, at a fraction of retail. (831)477-9051, ivycompany.net

Daisy located at 1601 41st Avenue, King's Plaza Shopping Center, Capitola. A volunteer-run boutique thrift, where proceeds directly benefit Family Services Association. Quality women's clothing and accessories and a few choice housewares, books, and gift items. Stop by for that "great find" and help struggling families at the same time. (831)462-3686.

Cognito Clothing at 821 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz. A Santa Cruz favorite since 1982, Cognito Clothing carries traditional vintage from the 30-80s, plus a delightful selection of retro and vintage-inspired fashion and accessories for both men and women. Find that perfect Hawaiian shirt, rockabilly wear, or a fun selection of costumes, wigs and accessories. (831)426-5414, cognitoclothing.com.

Goodwill has 4 locations to serve you. It is a special favorite with each store chocked full of vintage and "gently-used" clothing for the entire family. The downtown store on Union Street hosts a "Collector's Corner" where treasured "finds" wait to be discovered. Four locations to serve you:

470 Main Street, Watsonville, (831)722-2376 204 Union Street, Santa Cruz, (831)423-1078 1550 41st Avenue, Capitola, (831)462-1300 103 Whispering Pines Dr, Scotts Valley, (831)430-9029 **Agz Ragz** located at 13150 Highway 9, Boulder Creek has contemporary and vintage costumes. Let your imagination run wild! Costume Designer, Agnes De Lucchi creates wearable art, garments from the stage in her quaint mountain town shop. Clothing fantasy becomes a reality from fairy wings to hobgoblin hats, diva wear and accurate period creations. (831)252-8048, AgzRagz@att.net. See Ad on SLV page 26.

Encore Consignment Boutique located at 5167 Scotts Valley Drive in Scotts Valley has beautiful clothing to adorn you: from funky playa wear to vintage, couture & casual. Our trunks are overflowing with wonderful women's clothing, gorgeous jewelry & unique accessories. Treasure galore! Easy on the Piggy Bank! (831)461-0125, encoregypsyboutique. com. See Ad on Scotts Valley page 20.

All Shook Up is located at 861 41st Ave. in Santa Cruz. It is a unique clothing store where you can find a "Fun" and "Crazy" selection of apparel for any occasion. It has a huge selection of costumes for any event and hard to find vintage, western and Hawaiian clothing. They are on the endless hunt for unique items and our huge inventory grows on a weekly basis so you are sure to find what you are looking for at All Shook Up. Whether you're into vintage or modern, a trip to All Shook Up is definitely not a trip to the mall! (831)465-8393, allshookupclothing.com.



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Hoffman's Bakery Café serves the "Best Eggs Benedict" in town along with fluffy 3 egg omelettes or frittatas, cheese blintzes, pancakes & waffles served with pure maple syrup. The bakery hosts a full line of desserts & pastries. Serving lunch and bistro style dinners. Open daily at 1102 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz. (831)420-0135.

Zachary's Restaurant continues to be a local favorite as witnessed by the crowd waiting outside. Located on Pacific Avenue in Downtown Santa Cruz, it has won the "Best Breakfast" category in a weekly paper since 1985. Home of the "Mike's Mess", offering various scrambles, sourdough pancakes, cream cheese scones, and house-made breads and coffee cakes. Serving breakfast and lunch Tuesday–Sunday 7am-2:30pm. Closed Mondays. (831)427-0646.

The Buttery & Corner Cafe. Come for some of the best pastries in town, stay for breakfast in The Buttery's spacious Corner Cafe. The lunch menu features soups, salads and hot dish specials. Awarded Best Bakery by both local weekly readers' polls. Open 7am to 7pm every day. Across from Shopper's Corner at Soquel Avenue and Branciforte Street near Downtown Santa Cruz. (831)458-3020 or butterybakery.com.

Dharma's is the place to go for delicious vegetarian fare. They serve breakfast burritos, tofu & veggie scrambles, pancakes with pure maple syrup and biscuits & gravy. Breakfast served 8am to 12noon daily. Open for lunch and dinner until 9pm. Located in Capitola next to the DMV at 4250 Capitola Road. (831)462-1717, dharmaland.com.

Dolphin Restaurant located at the end of the Santa Cruz Wharf. "Where the Locals Eat." Only outdoor patio on the wharf. Home of "The Dolphin Scramble" it offers the full traditional breakfast and fresh, squeezed orange juice. Whether you prefer bacon and eggs, or pancakes with maple syrup, you will feel comfortable in the casual ocean view atmosphere watching the Sea Lions. Open 8am, 7 days a week (831)426-5830.

Gilda's On the Wharf, Family-Style Restaurant. Enjoy a Bloody Mary with one of our traditional breakfast favorites: pancakes & waffles, omelets, seafood specials, and many delicious egg dishes, all served with an ocean view. The Original Stagnaro Family, #37 Santa Cruz Wharf. Open Mon-Fri 7:30am, Sat & Sun 7am—serving breakfast until 1:30pm. (831)423-2010

The Crepe Place has been a Santa Cruz favorite for over 35 years offering spectacular savory or sweet crepes. A Full Bar allows you to enjoy a mimosa or Bloody Mary with breakfast. Brunch served from 10am to 2pm on weekends and can be enjoyed in the award-winning lush garden or in the cozy dining rooms. Located at 1134 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, (831)429-6994.

Black China Bakery & Café, located in the Rio/Seabright area at 1121 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz (831)460-1600. Offering an organic garden inspired menu, they serve breakfast and lunch with an array of fantastic cakes, desserts and specialty coffees. Enjoy indoor gallery seating or sit outside in our garden patio.

Ciao Bella Act II nestled on Hwy 9 in the redwoods has quite the atmosphere to offer with its redwood grove to dine in and the beautiful garden to walk through. We have a full espresso bar and free WiFi. Serving breakfast and lunch with Mexican food as well. Open for Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily 6am-2pm. Dinner: Sun-Mon 5pm-10pm and Fri.-Sat 5pm-11pm. Located at 9217 Hwy Ben Lomond. (831)336-8547. See ad on page 26.

Ideal Bar and Grill is located at the entrance to the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf. They feature indoor and outdoor dining with a beachfront deck that looks out to Monterey Bay, West Cliff and the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The menu selections include many delicious breakfast items for you to enjoy. Ideal also has a full bar, espresso bar and café. Open daily. Live music. 106 Beach St. Santa Cruz, idealbarandgrill.com.

Johnny's Harborside located in the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor offers an amazing brunch with a view every Saturday and Sunday from 10am -2pm. The menu includes two different Benedicts with housemade Hollandaise sauce that is simply delicious! There are three different omelets of the day to choose from plus Banana Pancakes, Cinnamon French Toast and more. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa from the full bar. 493 Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz (831)479-3430.

Linda's Seabreeze Café is a favorite Seabright gathering place serving traditional, hearty breakfasts with homemade cinnamon rolls and muffins. They feature daily specials that may include: fresh fish, tofu

scrambles, waffles with fresh fruit and pancakes. Open Mon.-Sat 6am-2pm, Sun. 7am-1pm. Zagat rated. At 542 Seabright Ave, Santa Cruz, (831)427-9713.

Rockys Cafe, 6560 Highway 9, Felton, 95018. 831 335-4637. Big portions, good prices, down-home country cooking, a family-friendly atmosphere and a very nice attentive, helpful staff! Enjoy signature specials like big, fluffy, blueberry pancakes, Pedro's famous French toast, or a veggie omelet! Your mug of organic French roast will be refilled often! Hours: 7:30am to 2:30pm, seven days a week.

Severino's Grill, located in the Best Western Seacliff Inn in Aptos, serves a full breakfast menu with local favorites: Eggs Benedict, Chicken Fried Steak & Eggs, Huevos Rancheros and much more. Enjoy a comfortable setting with views of our beautiful Koi pond. Open 7 days a week, 7500 Old Dominion Court. (831)688-8987.

Silver Spur is a comfortable affordable venue specializing in fresh quality ingredients and homemade soups, desserts and specials. A few favorites include: Eggs served with Gourmet Sausages and Homefries; 3-Egg Omelets:Mexican, Western, and The Whole Hog; and our famous Pancakes: Orange/Poppyseed, Banana Apple Walnut and Coconut Macadamia to name just a few. Specials change daily. Locally owned since 1963. At 2650 Soquel Drive, Santa Cruz, (831)475-2725, scsilverspur.com.

Zelda's On the Beach. Enjoy dining on the deck at Zelda's On The Beach in Capitola. Serving breakfast specials including: Home Fry Scramble, Huevos Rancheros, and Cajun Scramble. Other favorites include the Serious Sausage Omelet and Denver Omelet as well as Buttermilk Pancakes and Cinnamon French Toast . Full Bar. Zelda's On the Beach, 203 Esplanade, Capitola,(831)475-4900.

Mollie's Country Cafe Serving breakfast & lunch everyday and dinner Wed-Sat. for the past 23 years. A breakfast favorite is "The Dipped Waffle," it's dipped in egg batter and put on the grill. Another popular dish is "The Country," a sausage patty with country gravy, home fried potatoes and two eggs any style. 219 F Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley, (831)438-8313.

Auntie Mame's Cafe has been family owned and operated for over 30 years. Homemade delicious meals and quality service. Open for Breakfast & Lunch offering such specials as: Eggs Benedict, Joe's Special Scrambles, and our Famous Biscuits and Gravy. Open 7 days a week from 7am -2pm. 3103 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley, (831)438-1840. See our ad on Scotts Valley page 20.





Shadowbrook

A Santa Cruz County landmark since '47, Shadow-brook continues to be a favorite with locals and visitors alike. Its fine food, extensive wine list and unparalleled setting have earned it numerous awards. Take the "cable car" or stroll down the garden path through the lushly landscaped hillside to the restaurant below. The menu features daily specials, fresh seafood, pasta and prime rib, followed by tempting desserts. With its wood-burning pizza oven and cozy fireplace, the Rockroom Lounge offers a more casual dining experience, and the Sunday "Champagne" Brunch is justly renowned. This summer make a point to discover (or re-discover) Shadowbrook. Located at 1750 Wharf Road, Capitola, (831)475-1511, shadowbrook-capitola.com.



Crows Nest

With unsurpassed views of the shimmering Monterey Bay, a friendly atmosphere and exceptional food, the Crow's Nest has long been one of Santa Cruz County's finest restaurants and a local favorite. The menu offers fresh seafood and shellfish, Midwestern aged beef, pasta specialties, local wines, and an abundant salad bar. The upstairs lounge with outdoor deck serves casual meals throughout the day and evening and features nightly entertainment including live music, dancing and comedy. Kids love the children's menu which includes a prize from the Captain's Treasure Chest. For your perfect summer dining—indoors and out. Located at 2218 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz at the Yacht Harbor, (831)476-4560, crowsnest-santacruz.com.



Hindquarter

This is where you'll find good, honest regional American dining with a creative flair. Sheila Himmel of the San Jose Mercury News described Jack's Pepper Steak as a "gorgeous hunk of rib-eye" and then gave the restaurant 3 1/2 stars. Christina Waters of Metro Santa Cruz said,"...the baby back ribs continue to attract their own cult following." The Hindquarter has won local awards for Best Steak, Best California and Best Barbecue. Other pleasures include free-range chicken & fresh seafood. That's why Hindquarter is "where the elite meat." Located at 303 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, (831)426-7770, thehindquarter.com.



Stagnaro Bros Restaurant

Celebrating 70 years Stagnaro Bros Restaurant began in 1937 and is still owned and operated by family members. It is located at the end of the Santa Cruz Wharf. Panoramic ocean views make every seat in the house "the best one." The restaurant has recently completed extensive renovations for your dining comfort and convenience. Stagnaro's continues to serve the freshest and largest selection of seafood in the county. They also serve delicious pasta dishes & steaks. Full bar. Open daily at 11am. The adjacent Seafood Market opens at 7:30am. Located at the Outer End of the Santa Cruz Wharf, Santa Cruz, (831)423-2180, stagnarobrothers.com.



Manuel's Restaurant

For 44 years Manuel's has been a local institution. It is near the entrance to Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. Since 1965 they have served fine, fresh regional Mexican cuisine. Adding to its legendary appeal, it is decorated with colorful Mexican artifacts, matched with green walls and lustrous, candlelit tabletops. House specialties include Enchiladas Tropicales, Snapper Huachinango, Mole Poblano and Sonoran Posole. Drink specials include Sangria, Chingaso Punch and an abundance of local wines and Mexican beers. Save room for dessert, especially the flan. Full bar. 11:30am-midnight Mon-Sat; 11:30am to 11pm Sun. Located at 261 Center Street in Aptos (831)688-4848, manuelsrestaurant.com.



Wharf House

Casual dining with an extraordinary sea view. Out on the Capitola Wharf in this cozy spot with its antique nautical motif, you can choose from seafood, steaks, pasta and delightful desserts. The Wharf House chefs and staff are among Monterey Bay's finest talents. Never caught preparing the ordinary, the menu is full of unique and original items, while still remaining affordable. Features include an award-winning Santa Cruz and Monterey County wine list. Come listen to live Blues and Jazz from 1-5pm on weekends. Serving Breakfast & Lunch 8am-3pm; Dinner from 5-10pm daily. End of the Capitola Wharf, (831)476-3534, wharfhouse.com.

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Ristorante Italiano

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Rosie McCann's

They say Cead Mile Failte! which means "100,000 Welcomes" is not just a slogan at Rosie McCann's, it's the mission statement. Throughout the world today the quintessential image of an Irish pub, whether it's in Dublin or Santa Cruz, is a neighborhood place where people gather to share good drink, great food and lots of cheer. Rosie McCann's exemplifies the best in Irish hospitality. Happy Hour is Monday- Friday from 4-6pm. A Disc Jockey plays on Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights for dancing on the Fireside Lounge dance floor. Special DUB music on Sundays. Open late. Located at 1220 Pacific Avenue, Downtown Santa Cruz. (831)426-9930, rosiemccanns.com.



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Kianti's

Located in the heart of downtown Santa Cruz, Kianti's Pizza & Pasta Bar stands boldly amongst fellow businesses with its vibrant colors and welcoming atmosphere. The contemporary ambience proves popular with locals and tourists. The upbeat atmosphere is a crowd pleaser, with weekend performances from our pizza spinning champions and a flame-raising kitchen. You can also cozy up to a fireplace on our heated patio. Kianti's unique menu is designed to give guests the option of family style dining and the ability to sample several dishes in one visit. If you're near the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk or Wharf, walk up and grab a slice to go at our new location at 46 Front Street. Located at 1100 Pacific Avenue in Downtown Santa Cruz, (831)469-4400, kiantis.com.



Dolphin Restaurant

Located at the end of the Santa Cruz wharf, the Dolphin, a favorite with the locals, has the only outdoor patio on the wharf. They offer an awesome breakfast. For lunch & dinner choose from burgers, salads, grilled or fried fish, and clam chowder in a bread bowl. Even on a budget you can enjoy a gourmet meal with an ocean view. Care to stroll the wharf and watch the sea lions cavorting, then pick up your favorite dish from their take-out window. At 71A Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz, (831)426-5830.



Jia Tella's Cambodian Restaurant

Have you ever tried Cambodian cuisine? Jia Tella's has casual dining that specializes in cuisine from Cambodia. Choose from a wide variety of items with exotic and appetizing flavors. Try the scrumptious soups, stews, curries, kabobs, salads, and stir fry. Indulge in our authentic ethnic desserts or order a refreshing gelato. Enjoy our lively dining room or outdoor patio featuring weekend entertainment. Open daily Sun-Thurs 11am-9pm and Fri & Sat 11am-10pm, jiatellas.com. Located at 18 Victor Square, Scotts Valley, (831)438-5005. See their ad on Scotts Valley page 19.



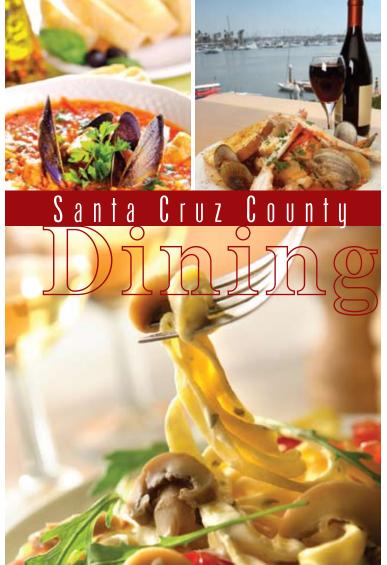
Rockys Cafe

A San Lorenzo Valley local favorite that's cozy, warm and welcoming! The portions are generous, the staff very attentive and the organic French Roast Coffee is absolutely delicious. Some signature specials include: Pedro's Famous French Toast, Big Fluffy Blueberry Pancakes, and Veggie Omelets. This converted home provides a quaint country atmosphere to enjoy, whether you are warming by the fire on a chilly day or savoring your breakfast in the gentle breezes of a sunny valley day. Open seven days a week 7:30 to 2:30pm for breakfast and lunch. Located at 6560 Highway 9, Felton, (831)335-4637.



Jardines of San Juan Bautista

Take a day trip to this Old Mission Town to experience freshly made Mexican food and great Margaritas served in a beautiful garden patio. Live music on weekends. A favorite dining experience for over 40 years. Open daily 11:30am to 9pm and on Friday and Saturday until 10pm. Located at 115 Third Street, San Juan Bautista, (831)623-4466, jardinesrestaurant.com.

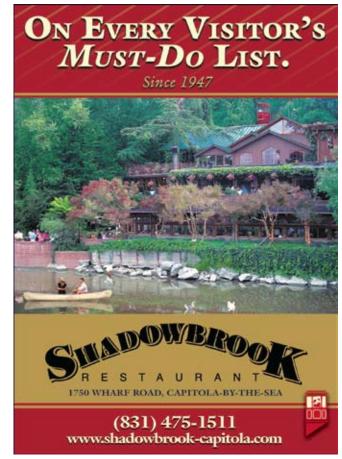


It's said that in Santa Cruz, restaurants and coffee shops outnumber residents, and although that may be an exaggeration, it's true that the city prides itself on its food. You'll find every dining experience to be top-notch, with an integrity of ingredients, technique and flavors not matched in many places. Santa Cruz is known for its free thinking, and in the kitchen that translates into outstanding meals that create unforgettable memories. It's also the birthplace of a whole host of organic foodstuffs and products, including baby salad greens, internationally known wineries, artisanal breads and award-winning hand-made cheeses. Read your menus carefully; you'll find hints as to why the flavors are so fresh and even your tried-and-true favorite dishes taste better. Our coterie of talented chefs rivals that of any bigger city, and you'll reap the benefits of their enthusiasm and expertise.

Eateries range from big, bold and fancy 5-star restaurants to cozy, owner-operated establishments. You can enjoy an amazing ocean view and sunset, chic urban ambience or a laid-back local's favorite; you'll discover restaurants with a private cable car, haunted residents, a singing and dancing wait staff and even one with a real stream and waterfall running through the dining room.

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Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Mon-Sat, dinner nightly from 5:30. Major credit cards accepted. Reservations advised. 2008 Good Times Best of Santa Cruz Award for Best Steakhous 2008 Metro Santa Cruz Awards for Best Steak and Best Barbecue



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erving traditional & innovative Italian dishes & pasta specialties since 1980, Ristorante Italiano has been voted the Best Italian restaurant in Santa Cruz County for the last sixteen years. Enjoy the lively dining room, featuring a traditional Italian decor or the outdoor patio with the magnificent three-story mural. Full cocktail service is available, as well as an extensive selection of Italian & California wines. Menu highlights include traditional chicken & veal specialties, fresh seafood, pasta creations, homemade soups, fresh salads, & many vegetarian dishes. Lunch Monday-Friday from 11:30am-4pm.

Dinner nightly from 5pm.



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in Santa Cruz County. Keep an eye out for the chef's Daily Specials, often created that day after a trip to a local Farmers' Market or a visit from a local fisherman, grower or mushroom-gatherer. You can't go wrong and chances are you'll remember your meal for years to come.

Santa Cruz is an ethnic extravaganza, too, with so many countries represented it's hard to keep track: Thai, Afghani, Sri Lankan and Indian: all the provinces of China; French, Italian and Mediterranean by the score; inland and coastal Mexican and Brazilian; Japanese noodle houses and sushi and, of course, familiar American comfort food, usually with an organic twist. Regional specialties can mean everything from a vegetarian Reuben sandwich to locally caught albacore to just-picked kiwi fruits, and exploring your menu options is an adventure in itself. And don't be afraid to ask questions-Santa Cruz takes great pride in its food, and service with a smile means both sides are happy.

Fine Dining

There's no shortage of fine dining establishments in Santa Cruz: in fact, you'll be hard-pressed to eat everywhere you'd like to during your visit. Many have a long history of ownership, with generations of the same family proudly continuing their culinary traditions. And while some of these restaurants are landmarks - and deservedly so - don't pass up the small eateries in out-of-the-way spots. Downtown Santa Cruz's side streets and nearby neighborhoods are full of charming bistros and restaurants that offer 5-star menus, award-winning wine lists and fabulous chefs determined to wow you with their talents. You'll find restaurateurs proudly hosting special events that bring diners together with farmers, winemakers and growers for evenings of food, fun and information. The town also hosts a number of food festivals and events throughout the year that highlight everything from salsa to wine to clam chowder.

And talk about fresh: Santa Cruz is where you'll find restaurants with their own herb or produce gardens, where chefs simply step outside and pick what they need. And of course, all types of seafood – sand dabs, albacore, salmon, ling cod, oysters, Dungeness crab – are harvested from the Monterey Bay, ending up in a myriad of menu choices for every meal.

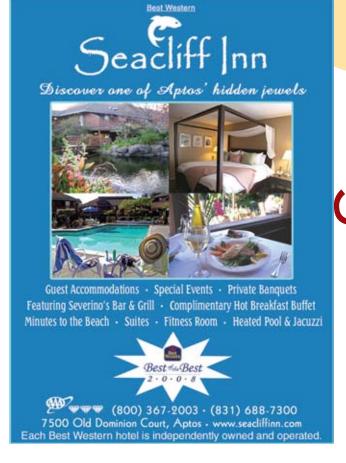
Is a romantic dinner on your agenda? Santa Cruz's restaurants are ready to assist in your enjoyment, with linen-clad, candlelit dining rooms, knowledgeable, attentive service and unparalleled ambience flavored with the natural beauty of the area. You'll find legendary restaurants with postcard-perfect ocean views, intimate European-style bistros with menus featuring daily specials fresh from local farmer's markets, and classic surf-and-turf served amidst dark wood and hushed lighting. On the Santa Cruz Wharf, where sea lions bark and seagulls circle overhead, a handful of delightful restaurants offer the freshest-of-the-fresh seafood, along with unparalleled views of the sunset from windows on all sides. Nearby towns like Capitola Village, Soquel and Aptos are all home to fabulous chefs whose restaurants offer signature dishes that make each a destination spot.

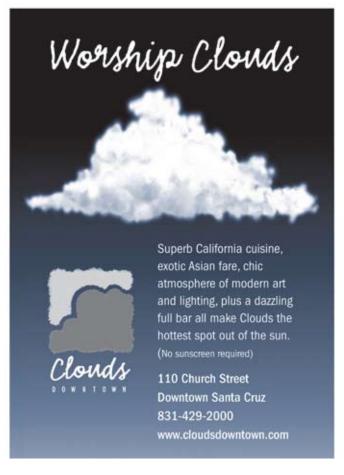
If you can, allow yourself to be lured away from the beach and head to the nearby mountains, where the towns of Ben Lomond, Scotts Valley, Felton and Boulder Creek play host to a sparkling array of restaurants as well. Here, nestled amidst the towering redwoods, you'll find charming cafes, bistros and restaurants, where can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner or just a mid-day snack, espresso or glass of wine.

A bit of advice: you won't want to skip dessert. The wonderfully mild year-round climate is also showcased in an ever-changing palate of contemporary dessert offerings, many featuring apples, kiwis, strawberries, ollalieberries and blackberries, all locally grown.

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Stagnaro Bros. Restaurant

e feature the largest selection of fresh seafood in Santa Cruz county. Along with our newly renovated restaurant we welcomed our new Executive Chef, Steve Zizzo. He offers his signature dishes including: Seafood Lasagna, Sizzling Scallops and Chicken Picata. You may still enjoy our awardwinning Clam Chowder, our famous Seafood Louie and other Stagnaro favorites. Enjoy an array of seafood, steaks and pasta along with our beautiful panoramic ocean view. Stagnaro Bros has two full bars featuring 25 California and Italian wines by the glass. Our open air fish market adjoins the restaurant with cooked food to go. Stagnaro Bros was voted "Best Seafood" by local Metro readers and "Best Clam Chowder" in the Good Times local poll.

> Restaurant open seven days a week from 11am. Seafood market open at 7:30am.

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Casual Dining

What better way to plan your strategy for the day ahead or just the next half hour than to take a break that includes some nourishment for body and soul? From morning to night, a plethora of food and drink options await the open-minded adventurer.

Start the day by exploring a new neighborhood and stopping at the local coffee shop for an espresso drink or fruit smoothie and a fresh-baked muffin or whole-grain scone; then, later, enjoy the sunset with a walk on the beach followed by a glass of local chardonnay and appetizers that might include house-smoked salmon, locally foraged mushrooms or baby artichokes from nearby Castroville, the artichoke capital of the world. In between, lunch options range from a sushi box full of treasures from the sea, a hearty sandwich piled high with fantastic locally produced ingredients made on artisan bread, or award-winning pizza, fresh from a wood-fired oven. International cuisines from the Pacific Rim are popular, too, with Thai, Japanese and Indian restaurants offering buffets as well as full menu options.

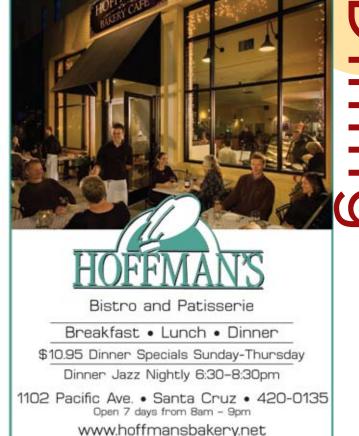
Breakfast and brunch are popular pastimes here, and long lazy mornings are best spent strolling, shopping and eating at any number of local hotspots. Outdoor patios are the norm, and it's expected that you'll take your time and enjoy your meal at a leisurely pace (mimosa or not). Beachfront restaurants, bistros and cafes offer that all-important factor: location, location, while Santa Cruz's bustling downtown and neighborhood centers provide people-watching at its best. The omnipresent surf culture also has its hand in the culinary options here, and you'll find eateries that cater to the hungry surfer. A favorite are big burritos that go beyond the standard Mexican variety, and you'll find them stuffed with terrific, tasty combinations of ingredients, like sautéed teriyaki tofu and veggies, barbecued chicken and potatoes, or scrambled eggs and turkey sausage. They're a healthy, satisfying meal in themselves. And of course, no visit to Santa Cruz is complete without at least one bowl of steaming hot clam chowder, best eaten out on the wharf accompanied by the sounds of seagulls and the smell of the ocean.

But there's more to Santa Cruz County than just the sparkling Pacific; here, the hills are alive with wineries, and tasting rooms welcome visitors not just with wine samples but with harvest festivals, barrel tastings and other celebratory events that often include the talents of local chefs as well. Local breweries offer homemade beers that take home ribbons year after year from local, state and national competitions. Tucked into the redwoods in towns like Felton and Boulder Creek you'll find five-star restaurants just waiting to be found, with Italian, German, Mexican, California regional and other areas represented in stellar fashion. Where else can you dine outside in a redwood "fairy ring" and watch the moon rising over the Sierras?

Let's not forget dessert - for those with a sweet tooth, treats abound, including world-famous salt water taffy, locally made ice cream (choose from 40+ flavors), a nationally known cookie company, hand-dipped French truffles, made-from-scratch pastries, pies and cakes galore and gourmet chocolates sold around the world. The Apple Pie Contest held each year at the Santa Cruz County Fair is well-known for its delicious entries, most made with locally grown Jonathan, Winesap or Macintosh apples, and spectators get the chance to taste the competing pies. Then, the winning recipe each year is published so you can try it yourself at home.

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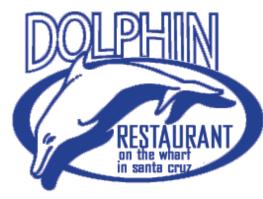
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BLACK CHINA BAKERY & CAFÉ An organic garden inspired menu serving breakfast, lunch, fantastic cakes and desserts and specialty coffees. Patio dining.1121 Soguel Ave, Santa Cruz. (831)460-1600.

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CREPE PLACE. This Santa Cruz Restaurant has been a favorite for over 35 years offering spectacular savory or sweet crepes and garden fresh salads or homemade soups. Award-winning garden setting. At 1134 Soguel Ave., Santa Cruz, (831)429-6994, thecrepeplace.com.

DOLPHIN Home of the "Dolphin Scramble." Fresh seafood, steaks, casual atmosphere, patio seating with sea lion viewing. End of the wharf. Breakfast, lunch & dinner. At 71 Santa Cruz Wharf (831)426-5830.

GILDA'S Family-style dining. Serving fine, fresh foods in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Breakfast, lunch, & dinner. Open daily: 7:30am to 9pm weekdays, 7 to 9 weekends. On the Santa Cruz Wharf, (831)423-2010, gildas-restaurant.com.

HEATHER'S PATISSERIE Custom cakes, wedding cakes and confections all produced under the watchful

eye of Chef Heather Liner. Sandwiches served during the week. Open M-F 6am-6pm, Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 7am-2pm. At 7486 Soquel Drive, Aptos, (831)662-

HEAVENLY CAFÉ A local gem in Scotts Valley, known for our Eggs Benedict. Bring your family in for great food and fast service. Hours: M-Tues 7:30am-2:15pm, W-F 6:30am-2:15pm, Sat-Sun 7am-2:45pm. Located at1210 Mount Hermon Rd, Scotts Valley, (831)335-7311.

HINDQUARTER BAR & GRILLE Award-winning steakhouse. Steaks, ribs, chops, seafood, chicken. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch Mon-Sat 11:30-2:30, Dinner nightly from 5:30. Located at 303 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, (831)426-7770, thehindquarter.com.

HOFFMAN'S BISTRO & PATISSERIE Breakfast, lunch & dinner. "The Best Eggs Benedict in Town," pastries & cakes, Bistro-style dinners. Open 7 days 8am-9pm. At 1102 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, (831)420-0135, hoffmansbakery.net.

IDEAL BAR & GRILL Casual dining with a beachfront deck that looks out to Monterey Bay, West Cliff and the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. Open daily Breakfast, lunch & dinner. Live music. (831)423-5271, idealbarandgrill.com.

LINDA'S SEABREEZE A favorite Seabright gathering place serving traditional, hearty breakfasts with homemade cinnamon rolls and muffins. Featuring daily specials. Zagat rated. Located at 542 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz. (831)427-9713.

MOLLIES COUNTRY CAFÉ Serving breakfast & lunch daily and dinner Wed-Sat. for the past 23 years. A breakfast favorite is "The Dipped Waffle," it's dipped in egg batter and put on the grill. Great food, large portions. 219 F Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley, (831)438-8313.

POINT CHOP HOUSE & LOUNGE A great neighborhood restaurant and bar. Dinner served nightly. Breakfast & lunch Sat. & Sun. Located at 3326 Portola Dr., Santa Cruz, (831)476-2733, thepointchophouseandlounge.com.

ROCKYS CAFÉ Set in a rustic country setting, Rockys Café is a cozy, family-friendly restaurant with great down-home cooking. Outside patio. No credit cards. Open 7 days a week 7:30am -2:30pm. (831)335SEVERINO'S Acclaimed for its appealing atmosphere and delicious food, it's a favorite with locals and travelers alike. Refined, yet comfortable setting and award-winning menu. Open daily serving breakfast, lunch & dinner. 7500 Old Dominion Court, Aptos (831)688-8987, seacliffinn.com.

SHADOWBROOK RESTAURANT Steak, seafood, served in a beautiful creekside setting. Full bar. Dinner daily, Brunch Sat. & Sun. Located at 1750 Wharf Road, Capitola, (831)475-1511, shadowbrook-capito-

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STOCKTON BRIDGE GRILL Established in 1985 this ocean view restaurant has 2 outdoor patios. Specialty Martinis and extensive wine list. Lunch & dinner daily from 11:30am. At 231 Esplanade, Capitola, (831)464-1933.

WALNUT AVENUE CAFE, 106 Walnut Ave, Santa Cruz, (831)457-2307. Serves breakfast & lunch with unique dishes: Blackened Ahi Benedict, Chilaquiles, Cafe Florentine, burgers, salads & soups. Open Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat.-Sun, 8am-4pm,

ZACHARY'S, 819 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, (831)427-0646. Breakfast & lunch. Home of "Mike's Mess," scrambles, sourdough pancakes, housemade breads & coffee cake. Open Tues.-Sun. 7am-2:30pm.

ASIAN

CHARLIE HONG KONG 1141 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz. Serves organic Asian noodle & rice bowls: Phad Thai, Chow Mein, Pho Ga, Dan Dan Noodles all vegan/vegetarian with savory meat, fish, and sweet garlic tofu toppings. Covered patio. Until 11pm daily. Eat in or Take- Out. (831)426-5664.

CALIFORNIA

CLOUDS 110 Church St., Downtown Santa Cruz. (831)429-2000. Superb California cuisine, exotic Asian fare, dazzling full bar, great selection of local wines. Open daily Lunch & Dinner. cloudsdowntown.com.

PARADISE BEACH GRILLE 215 Esplanade. Capitola (831)476-4900. Winner of "Best Restaurant" in '07, '08 and '09 in local poll. Exceptional appetizers, aged filets and fresh fish daily. Happy Hour weekdays 4 to 6pm. Lunch & dinner from 11:30.

ZELDA'S 203 Esplanade, Capitola, (831)475-4900. Ocean views from every table & patio seating. Breakfast with specials, lunch & dinner. One of a kind Clam Chowder. Open from 7am to 2am daily. zeldasonthebeach.com

CAMBODIAN

JIA TELLA, 18 Victor Square, Scotts Valley, (831)438-5005. Cambodian cuisine derives its flavor from spices and aromatic herbs and balances between saltiness, sweetness, sourness and bitterness with a keen appreciation for textures. Patio dining. 5600 Scotts Valley Drive #D, Scotts Valley. (831)438-5005. jiatellas.com.

CHINESE

SHUN FENG Serving Chinese cuisine including Dim Sum for over 24 years. Located next to Bay Federal in the Gateway Shopping Center. Plenty of parking. 420 River St. Ste. A, Santa Cruz. Open: Sun-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri & Sat 11am-10:30pm. (831)423-3588, (831)423-9888, shunfengrestaurant.net.

EUROPEAN BISTRO

SOIF. 105 Walnut Ave Downtown Santa Cruz, (831)423-2020. Seasonal menu bistro cuisine. Over 350 wines available, 50 by the glass. Wine Bar: Mon-Thur. 5pm-10pm, Fri to 11pm, Sat. 3pm-5pm for wine tasting, 5pm -11pm for dinner, Sun 4-10pm. soifwine.

ITALIAN

A SLICE OF KIANTI'S is located near the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and entrance to the Wharf, Call ahead or walk up for a quick slice or a signature sandwich. 46 Front St, Santa Cruz, kiantis.com.

CAFE MARE, 740 Front Street, Downtown Santa Cruz, (831)458-1212. Distinctive Italian representing all regional styles. Organic produce, free range veal & poultry and fresh seafood from local ports. Lunch11:30 2:30, Dinner 5-10 weekend brunch 10-2. cafemare.com.

CARNIGLIA'S, Santa Cruz Wharf (831)458-3600. Elegant setting, relaxed atmosphere with classical Italian cuisine. Featuring seafood specialties & fresh pasta. Outstanding views. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. carniglias.net.

CIAO BELLA ACT II A restaurant with a "crazy" atmosphere from its Hollywood décor to the waitress dancing on the stage. Extensive Fine Italian menu. Open for Breakfast daily 6am-2pm, Lunch & Dinner: Sun-Thurs 5pm-10pm and Fri.-Sat 5pm-11pm. 9217 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond. (831)336-8547.

KIANTI'S PIZZA & PASTA BAR. 1100 Pacific Ave., in Downtown Santa Cruz is a locals' favorite. (831)469-4400. Create your own pizza or pasta dishes. See our weekend performances from our pizza spinning champions and a flame-raising kitchen. Cozy up to a fireplace table on the patio. kiantis.com.

MAMA MIA'S RISTORANTE ITALIANO Authentic Italian food. Family friendly, affordable with a wide selection of delicious entrees. 6231 Graham Hill road, Felton, (831)335-4414, mamamias.com.

RISTORANTE ITALIANO, 555 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, (831)458-2321. Offering innovative and traditional Italian fare for lunch Mon-Fri and dinner nightly. Voted best Italian restaurant in local polls. Patio din-

SANTA CRUZ PIZZA COMPANY Gourmet slices served all day, fresh salads, sandwiches, pasta, Deep Dish & Traditional Pizza. Sun.-Tues 4-9pm, Wed-Sat 11am-9pm. 18 B Victor Square, Scotts Valley, (831)430-0793, santacruzpizzacompany.com.

STAR BENE Traditional Italian recipes, homemade pastas, local organic produce and free range meats. Family run. Delivery available. Online menu. Open Daily 5pm-9:30pm. Located at 2-1245 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz (831)479-4307, star-bene.com.

TONY & ALBA'S PIZZA A locals favorite for 25 years. Award-winning homemade brick oven pizza, pastas, sandwiches and salads. Family friendly. Three locations to serve you: Santa Cruz 425-8669, Capitola 475-4450, Scotts Valley 439-9999. tonyalba.com

UPPER CRUST PIZZA & PASTA, 2415 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, (831)423-9010. Authentic Sicilian square pizza, hand thrown rounds, homemade spaghetti, lasagna, ravioli, soups, salads Beer & wine, family dining. uppercrustsc.com. All day delivery to hotels/motels. Open at 10am.

WOODSTOCK PIZZA Create your own pizza, classic to unique combos. Large sports screens & heated patio dining. Beer & Wine. Late Delivery. 710 Front St, Santa Cruz, (831)427-4444.woodstockscruz.com.

MEXICAN

JARDINES OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA. 115 Third St., San Juan Bautista, (831)623-4466. Take a day trip to this old Mission Town to experience freshly made Mexican food & great Margaritas, served in a beautiful garden patio. Live music on weekends. A favorite for over 4 decades. Daily 11:30am to 9pm, Fri.

LEO'S TACO BAR Six different salsas, quick service and large portions. Everything you are looking for in a taco bar. Hours: M-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 9am-8pm. At 1710 Brommer St, Santa Cruz. (831)465-1105.

MANUEL'S, 261 Center St., Aptos, (831)688-4848. (Near Seacliff State Beach entrance.) Serving fine, fresh regional Mexican cuisine. Full bar, local wines & Mexican beers. Mon-Sat 11:30am-12am, Sunday 11:30am-11pm.

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ROCK OF THE SEA With the best Margarita's in town and the freshest ingredients, Rock of the Sea is sure to become one of your favorite restaurants. Open M-F 9am-10am, Sat-Sun 8am-10pm. Located at 3910 Portola Dr, Santa Cruz (831)464-1104.

VIVAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 1201 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, (831) 425-8482. Serving fresh, natural & organic Mexican food. Also veggie & vegan dishes. Open 7 days,10am-10pm: lunch, dinner, & 8am-10pm: breakfast on weekends.

PUBS

99 BOTTLES OF BEER RESTAURANT & PUB Over 100 beers, 46 on tap. Euro-Cal Pub fare. Happy Hour. Lunch, dinner & late night daily. Also Children's menu. All ages 'til 10pm. At 110 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, (831)459-9999.

ROSIE McCANN'S, Irish Pub, Downtown Santa Cruz at 1220 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, (831)426-9930. Good drink, great food. Happy Hour, Mon-Fri from 4pm-6pm. Music Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat with DUB music Sunday. Open late.

SEAFOOD

CROW'S NEST, 2218 East Cliff Dr, Santa Cruz, (831)476-4560. Steak, seafood, oyster bar, salad bar with bay view. Live music nightly. Full bar. Lunch & dinner daily. crowsnest-santacruz.com.

GILBERTS, Santa Cruz Wharf. Specializing in fresh seafood, appetizers, pasta, steak, chicken. Full bar, wine list. Ocean views. (831) 423-5200.

JOHNNY'S HARBORSIDE In addition to "Fresh Catch Made Your Way," you will find an assortment of fish specials, pastas, and steaks. Lunch & dinner daily at the Yacht Harbor. Open M -Th 11:30 -9pm, Fri 11:30 -10pm, Sat 10am -10pm, Sun10am -9pm. Brunch served Sat. and Sun. 10am -2pm. At 493 Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz , (831)479-3430.

MIRAMAR, on the Santa Cruz Wharf, (831)423-4441. Steak, seafood and lobster daily. Lunch and Dinner specials. Full bar. Brunch. Open 7 days a week 11:30am-9:30pm, Sat & Sun 11-10pm.

SANDABS The casual atmosphere and delicious fish dishes are a delight. Wine Bar. 11 Camp Evers Lane, Scotts Valley. Lunch Tues-Fri 11-2pm, Dinner Mon.-Sat. 5-9pm, Sun. 5-8pm. (831)430-0657, sandabs.com.

STAGNARO BROS., at the end of the Santa Cruz Wharf, (831)423-2180. Serving the freshest & largest selection of seafood in the county, pasta & steaks. Panoramic ocean view. Full bar. Open daily: Restaurant at 11am, Seafood Market at 7:30am.

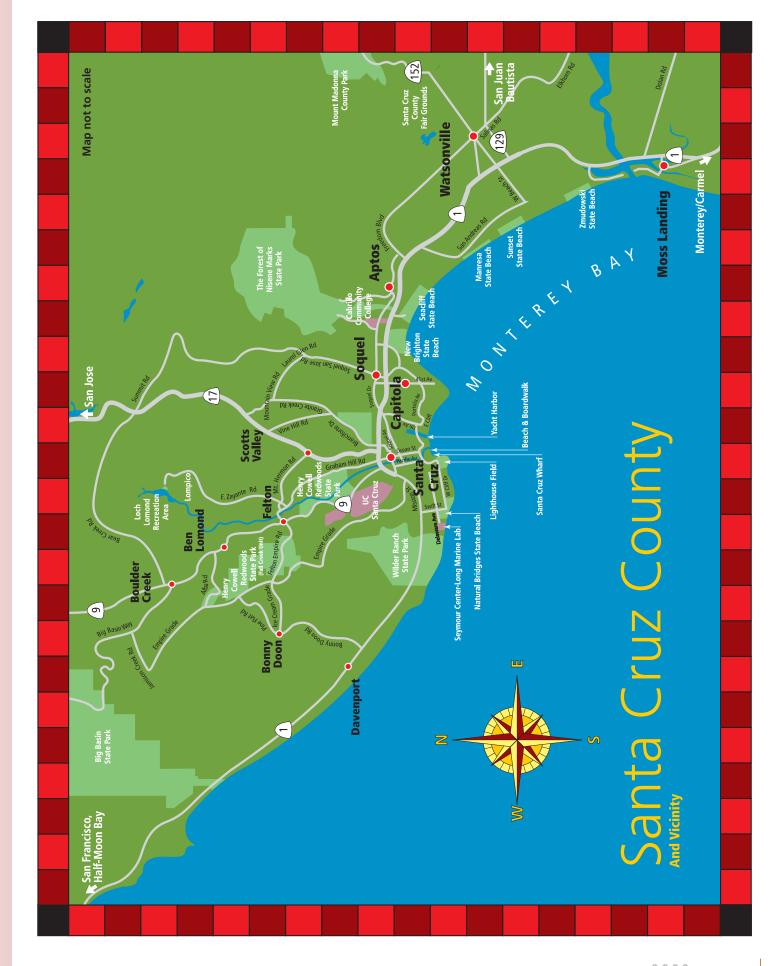
WHARF HOUSE, 1400 Wharf Road, Capitola, (831)476-3534. Extraordinary view. Seafood, steak & pasta. Full Bar. Breakfast & lunch 8am-3pm. Dinner 5-10pm daily. Live blues & jazz Sat & Sun, 1pm-5pm. wharfhouse.com.

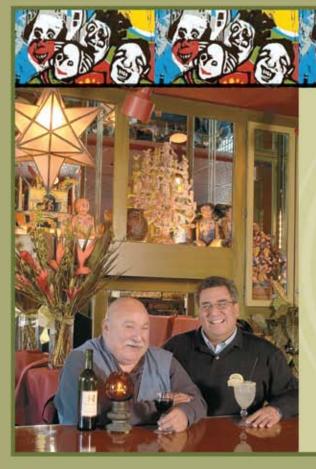
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VEGETARIAN

DHARMA'S NATURAL FOODS, 4250 Capitola Road, Capitola (next to the DMV.) (831)462-1717. Great vegetarian fare: American, Mexican, pastas, salads, International sautés. Take out or dine in. Open daily 8am to 9pm. dharmaland.com.







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