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Natural Wonders Along the Central Coast *Cycle and Enjoy One-of-a-Kind Views*

CAMBRIA, Calif. (July 1, 2020) — Cycling one of the many Central Coast routes can be rewardingly exhausting. But it's also easy on the eyes. Several natural landmarks lay as gems nestled between [Cambria](#), [San Simeon](#), and [Avila Beach](#). Every cycling trip can feature an outdoor discovery or simply another opportunity to visit your favorite waterfall, monolith, or sandy shore. Here's a list of natural wonders to check out on your next trip, and which routes to follow, as featured on [Cycle Central Coast](#).

[Montaña de Oro State Park](#) — [Montaña de Oro Route](#)

This park is a bikepacker's paradise, with secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills. After a hilly ride from Cambria to the state park, explore the many trails along with 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. Head to Spooner's Cove, across from the campground, and revel in the beauty of solitude.

[Morro Rock](#) — [Coastal Cayucos Route](#)

You can't miss this monument as you cycle down the coast. Morro Rock stands almost 600 feet tall and is an iconic Central Coast fixture that can be seen miles away. But unlike some other landmarks, Morro Rock can be seen up close. Visitors can try spotting otters while kayaking or taking the boat tours around the bay.

[McWay Falls](#) — [Highway 1 Adventure Route – Altitude](#)

All it takes is a hike down a short trail from the route to experience one of the most beautiful waterfalls in California. The 80-foot water drop creates the perfect picture moment. But being able to experience it in the flesh is a reinvigorating experience.

[Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery](#) — [Ragged Point Route](#)

You haven't seen seals like this. The rookery has been home to thousands of elephant seals for decades, and is located seven miles north of San Simeon. You'll see seals lounging on the beach at all times of the year. But the best times are in January, April, and October.

[Salmon Creek Falls](#) — [Gorda Route](#)

After a short detour through the grottos, cyclists can make a pitstop at Salmon Creek Falls. The waterfall drops 120 feet into a pool. And that's just the start for cyclists looking for a longer hike. The trail continues with more scenic spots. Get back on the cycling route and grab a bite to eat at Ragged Point Inn amid some amazing coastal views.

[Tide Pools at Moonstone Beach](#) — [Beach to Beach Route](#)

The beach and its boardwalk are iconic and a favorite to visitors and locals. But walk north on the sand and you hit tide pools that house abundant marine life. The rocky shore creates these natural pools of water at low tide. It's a perfect stop for relaxation before continuing on the route to Cayucos.

For more information or to plan your next visit to the Central Coast, visit [CycleCentralCoast.com](#) and follow Cycle Central Coast on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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About Cycle Central Coast

California's Central Coast boasts miles of world-renowned cycling routes for every level of athlete. Cyclists, triathletes and outdoor enthusiasts love the Central Coast as much for its rugged beauty and challenging terrain as for its healthful restaurants, spas and relaxing accommodations. From the training grounds for cycling's elite to views that make the rides more enjoyable, it's safe to say the Central Coast will leave you breathless in more than one way. For more information, please visit [CycleCentralCoast.com](#).