



LIMEKILN STATE PARK

Map and Park Information

WELCOME! Limekiln State Park, 52 miles south of Carmel-by-the-Sea, lies on the legendary Big Sur coastline, where the Santa Lucia Mountains meet the Pacific Ocean. Stretching from the redwoods to the sea, this gem of a park adjoins the Ventana Wilderness area of the Los Padres National Forest. The park's more than 700 acres offer a unique topography, peaceful solitude and seascapes of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Watch wildlife from the beach or along fern-lined trails and picnic among the redwoods. Deep within their forest sanctuary, along the west fork of Limekiln Creek, tower the four enormous kilns from which the creek and park take its name.



Limekiln State Park
63025 Highway 1
Big Sur, CA 93920



Day-Use Areas:
8 a.m. to sunset



Day-Use Parking:

\$10/vehicle/day

Limited day-use parking beyond the kiosk on the right hand side.



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Passes Accepted:

Disabled Discount,
Distinguished Veteran, Explorer,
Golden Bear, Senior Golden
Bear, Golden Poppy



831-643-6036

711, TTY Relay Service

parks.ca.gov/Limekiln



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ACTIVITIES

Fishing—For full regulations and limits, visit wildlife.ca.gov. Anglers 16 and over must carry a valid California fishing license. Stream fishing is prohibited in the park most of the year.

Camping—Make camping reservations in advance at ReserveCalifornia.com or call 800-444-7275.

Hiking

- **Limekiln Trail:** An easy half-mile walk leads you across three scenic bridges to the enormous furnaces that once supplied lime used for mortar in San Francisco's brick buildings.
- **Falls Trail:** Hike along Limekiln Creek to the beautiful 100-foot waterfall. The view of the fanshaped fall is worth getting your feet wet when crossing the creek.



PLEASE REMEMBER

Cliff Danger—Coastal cliffs and the walls of Limekiln Canyon are steep and unstable. **DO NOT CLIMB.**

Ocean—Use extreme caution near the ocean; unexpectedly high waves and strong currents can surprise you.

Pets—Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash at ALL times and physically under control; only service animals are permitted on trails.








Respect—Natural and cultural features are protected by state law and may not be removed or altered.

Trails—Please help us preserve the natural features at this park by staying on designated trails.



to Lucia (2 miles)
Carmel-by-the-Sea (52 miles)

to Gorda (10 miles)
Cambria (46 miles)

	Major Road		Campground
	Paved Road		Campground: Hike and Bike
	Unpaved Road		Parking
	Trail: Hike		Restrooms
	Bridge	<p>©2026 California State Parks. This map is for general reference only. Always check current park, trail and road conditions.</p>	



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