Map Legend

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- Moss Landing 95039 Zip Area
- Monterey County Sanctuary Scenic Trail (proposed)
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- KOA RV Park
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- Public Restrooms
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- Surfing
- Kayaking
- Horseback Riding
- Hiking
- Bird Watching
- Bike Trail

Directions to Moss Landing 95039

FROM 880-101
Take exit 336 toward Monterey Peninsula onto CA-156 W. Take the CA-183 ramp to Castroville/CA-1 N. Turn R onto CA-183 N/Merritt St. Merge R. onto Cabrillo Highway/CA-1 N. Turn L onto Moss Landing Rd.

FROM SANTA CRUZ
Take Cabrillo Highway/CA-1 S for 23 miles. South of the Elkhorn Slough Bridge, turn R onto Moss Landing Rd.

FROM MONTEREY
Take Cabrillo Highway/CA-1 N for 18 miles. North of Castroville, turn L onto Moss Landing Rd.

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VISIT THE WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION, RESERVATIONS, DIRECTIONS, DISCOUNTS, WILDLIFE SIGHTING, PHOTOS, VIDEOS, & MORE!

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOUSING

1 Captain's Inn at Moss Landing
8122 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-5550 · captainsinn.com
Newly restored 10-room bed & breakfast amongst the California Coast's vast wetlands with unique antique furniture & nautical décor & panoramic views of the water.

Lone Oak Lodge
2221 N. Fremont Street, Monterey, 93940
831-372-4924 · loneoaklodge.com
A short drive to Moss Landing. Located close to Monterey Pines Golf Course, Del Monte Beach, Fisherman's Wharf & Monterey Bay Aquarium. Excellent TripAdvisor & Yelp reviews!

2 Monterey Dunes Company
7881 Moss Landing Rd. · 800-553-8637 · montereydunes.com
Features 120 2, 3 and 4-bedroom vacation town homes stretched out over a mile of secluded sandy beach & colorful sand dunes with private recreational facilities.

3 Trails End Mobile Manor
900 Dolan Rd. · 831-809-4448
All ages community housing with 40 multi-section homes, wide paved streets & most with pitched roofs. Pets allowed with restrictions: community approval, shot records, leash law.

GALLERIES AND SHOPS

4 Gallery Imagine
7902 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-601-9142
Eclectic art gallery featuring artist Glen O'Neil's quirky one of a kind art & sculpture. You can't miss his studio—just look for a replica of the Eiffel Tower, a gift to his wife.

5 J & S Surplus Military Surplus & Outdoor Products
Hwy. 1 & N. Struve Rd. · 831-724-0688 · surplusinc.com
Retailer of outdoor, camping, survival, hunting & hiking supplies, camouflage & professional clothing, police gear, paintball & airsoft supplies, sporting goods, swords & flags.

Jane Edberg Studio
P.O. Box 94 · edbergstudio@att.net
Jane creates original artworks & designs jewelry & silk scarves as wearable art. She incorporates messages, as gentle soul reminders, to enjoy life & to trust, love, & honor yourself. All of her work is created with love and care.

6 La Boutique and Gallery
7953 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-5705 · laboutiqueandgallery.com
A unique shopping experience! Evelyn Grobow, gallery owner, features local artists, vintage fashion, wearable art, wine barrel furniture & Guatemalan textiles. Originally located in San Juan Bautista.

7 Michele Alcantara Studio and Designs
7881 Moss Landing Rd.
831-521-0276 · FB@michelealcantaradesigns
Re-purposed parts transformed into unusual art & decorator pieces including steampunk, garden art, painting, sculpture, furniture, jewelry & more. Each piece is one of a kind! Commissions welcome.

8 On Board with Nancy Russell Whimsical Art
10643 Pieri Ct. · 831-818-6805 · nancyswhimsy.com
Home & garden art to warm the heart & cheer the soul. Nancy explains, "Every day I pick up a paint brush & let it guide me to my next project. I want my work to make people smile."

9 Potstop
2360 Hwy. 1 N. Harbor · 831-768-7557 · potstopmi.com
Pottery, statues, fountains, talavera, garden art & so much more than a pottery shop! Take a virtual tour on our website to see all the products we offer. So much more than a pottery store!

10 Sanctuary Stainless
7532 Sandholdt Rd. #1 · 831-633-3867 · stainlessco.com
Metal fabrication specializing in stainless steel & aluminum tubing & pipe fabrication, architectural railings, truck racks, radar arches, t-tops, fuel tanks & sport fishing industry items.

11 Shakespeare Society of America
7881 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-2989 · shakespeareamerica.org
Public programs that inspire education & personal development through the works of William Shakespeare: history, culture, literature, theatre, & art. Gift shop with art, books & memorabilia.

RECREATION

12 Blue Ocean Whale Watch
7881 Sandholdt Rd. A-Dock
831-600-5103 · blueoceanwhalewatch.com
Monterey Bay luxury whale watching trips start in the closest port to the nutrient-rich Monterey Submarine Canyon to maximize your time with the whales. Due to popularity, book in advance.

13 Elkhorn Slough Safari Nature Tours
8022 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-5555 · elkhornslough.com
Enjoy an outstanding array of wildlife aboard a stable 27-foot pontoon boat, playful otters, curious harbor seals, boisterous sea lions & 100s of bird species. Tours depart from South Harbor A Dock.

14 Elkhorn Yacht Club
2370 Hwy. 1 · 831-724-3875 · elkhornyc.org
This is a jewel in the crown of Monterey Bay nestled in the north harbor of Moss Landing. Special events open to public. See Calendar of Events. Call for membership.

15 Kahuna Sport Fishing and Whale Watch
7881 Sandholdt Rd. A-Dock
831-633-2564 · kahunasportfishing.com
Monterey Bay 2-3 hour whale watching trips on the 50-foot Kahuna. Fish for salmon, rockfish, halibut, sea bass & albacore. The Kahuna offers open party trips. We sell out so reserve early.

16 Kayak Connection
2370 Hwy. 1 · 831-724-5692 · kayakconnection.com
Elkhorn Slough is one of the top 10 wildlife viewing destinations in North America, with the largest remaining raft of Southern sea otters on the planet. We guarantee wildlife spotting on every outing!

Monterey Bay Equestrian Center
19805 Pesante Rd., Salinas, 93907
831-663-5712 · montereybayequestrian.com
We offer a full range of equestrian services from an exhilarating ride along the beach to a romantic horse-drawn carriage for your wedding or special occasion.

17 Monterey Bay Hydrobikes
2370 Hwy. 1 · 831-233-6764 · montereybayhydrobikes.com
Glide your way through the beautiful Elkhorn Slough on our safe, smooth riding water-bikes. This is definitely the gift of fun, fitness & nature that make up the Elkhorn Slough experience.

18 Monterey Bay Kayaks
2390 Hwy. 1 · 800-649-5357 · montereybaykayaks.com
Paddle Elkhorn Slough, kids programs, private tours, sea-otter viewing, classes with ACA trained instructors. We have introduced over 300,000 people to our unique & beautiful area.

Monterey Birding Adventures
P.O. Box 692 · 831-633-0672 · montereybirdingadventures.com
Guided tours throughout the Elkhorn Slough watershed: Salinas River to the Pajaro River, where 340+ species have been recorded. Tours throughout Monterey County.

19 Sanctuary Cruises
7881 Sandholdt Rd. A-Dock · 831-917-1042 · sanctuarycruises.com
Marine biologists provide in-depth & engaging wildlife insights. The deep canyon waters close to shore are teeming with life: feeding whales, dolphins, orcas, sea otters, sea lions & birds.

EDUCATION, RESEARCH & CONSERVATION

20 Castroville Community Services District
11499 Geil St., Castroville 95012 · 831-633-2560 · castrovillecsd.org
Services include water, sewer, storm water, street lighting, recreational services, graffiti abatement, street maintenance & open space at the highest standard & most cost effective manner.

Coastal Conservation & Research, Inc.
ccandr.org
Through environmental planning, scientific research, habitat restoration & education CC&R seeks to improve the environmental quality from oak woodlands to deep sea communities.

21 DeepWater Desal, LLC
7532 Sandholdt Rd. #6 · 831-632-0616 · deepwaterdesal.com
See inside guide for more information.

Dynegy Power Plant
7301 Hwy. 1 · 831-633-6700 · dynegy.com
See inside guide for more information.

22 Elkhorn Slough Foundation
1698 Elkhorn Rd., Watsonville, 95076
831-728-5939 · elkhornsloughfoundation.org
See inside guide for more information.

Marine Life Studies
P.O. Box 163 · 831-901-3833 · marinelifestudies.org
A 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to protecting marine wildlife & preserving the health & beauty of our ocean through research, education & stewardship. Also includes Whale Entanglement Team.

23 Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI)
7700 Sandholdt Rd. · 831-775-1700 · mbari.org
See inside guide for more information.

24 Moss Landing Marine Labs (MLML)
8272 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-771-4400 · mlml.calstate.edu
See inside guide for more information.

25 North Monterey County Unified School District (K-12+)
8142 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-3343 · nmcusd.org
An innovative community school system, we equip preschool to adult students with the skills, knowledge & attitudes they need to pursue life goals, responsibly & creatively in a changing society.

Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Service District
136 San Juan Rd., Royal Oaks 95076
831-722-1389 · pajarosunnymesa.com
Founded in 1986, the District provides potable water services, fire flows, parks, streetlights & sanitary sewer services to thousands of residents of Pajaro, Elkhorn & Prunedale areas.

RESTAURANTS, FOOD SPIRITS & ENTERTAINMENT

26 Haute Enchilada Café, Gallery and Social Club
7902 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-5843 · hauteenchilada.com
An eclectic menu of sustainable seafood, organic produce, full bar, outside courtyard & catering available. 3 art galleries featuring local artists. From "palate to palette" we have something for everyone!

KKorganic Moss Landing
kkorganic@gmail.com
Kathleen is a personal shopper, shipper, chef offering organic fruits & vegetables & a wide variety of organic food products sourced from local farms in the Bay Area. Ships nationwide & locally.

27 Lemon Grass Thai Seafood, Bar and Grill
413 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-3700 · lemongrassthaiseafood.com
Local seafood prepared Thai style is on the extensive menu. This is an easy going restaurant with a full bar. We have vegetarian & healthy selections & great tea selections.

28 Lighthouse Harbor Grill
7902 Hwy. 1 · 831-633-3858 · FB@lighthouseharborgrille
Breakfast & great burgers. Great selection of wine & beer. We are bid-friendly & offer seasonal patio dining.

29 ML Liquors
10971 Potrero Rd. · 831-633-2469 · FB@fishonmlliquors
In addition to wine, beer & spirits, it's the best place for bait, snacks & all your fishing needs. A great selection of live bait with a very friendly staff!

30 Moss Landing Café
421 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-3355 · mosslandingcafe.com
Featured in many newspaper & magazine articles & credited with the best fish sandwiches in Monterey County, come taste our local fresh fish, produce, fried artichokes & clam chowder.

31 Moss Landing Organic Market
407 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-6069 · cioccaj@aol.com
Fully stocked health food store and organic market: providing high quality produce, groceries, snacks & frozen foods, local honey & unique healthy choices.

32 Phil's Fish Market
7600 Sandholdt Rd. · 831-633-2152 · philsfishmarket.com
Named #1 Best Beach Restaurant by BBC Travel, featured on Food Network & in Sunset magazine & other publications. We freshly prepare & flash freeze our most popular dishes just before shipping.

33 Phil's Snack Shack and Deli
7921 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-1775 · philsfishmarket.com
Come on in & treat yourself to made to order burgers, sandwiches, choice of daily fresh bread, deli meats, burritos & smoothies.

34 Real Good Fish
7532 Sandholdt Rd. · 831 332 1234 · realgoodfish.com
Seafood worth celebrating, delivered to your neighborhood! Our community supported fishery sources the freshest local & sustainably caught seafood. Subscribe & taste the difference!

35 Sea Harvest Fish Market and Restaurant
2420 Hwy. 1 · 831-728-8686 · seaharvestfish.com
Opened by local fishermen in 1982, the goal was to bring the freshest local & imported seafood to the market for the best price at 3 convenient locations. Cooked to perfection.

36 Steamin' Hot Coffee and Espresso
7990 C Hwy. 1 · 831-633-2077 · steaminghotcoffee.com
FREE wi-fi. Delicious hot & iced coffee drinks, traditional espresso, smoothies, pastries, breakfast sandwiches, ice cream or non-fat yogurt, Ghirardelli chocolate & other goodies.

37 Whole Enchilada Restaurant
7902 Hwy. 1 · 831-633-3038 · wholeenchilada.com
A true taste of Mexico. Great selection of Mexican seafood recipes. All our food is prepared fresh daily. Seasonal patio dining.

38 Wild Fish... Boat Beside
7881 Sandholdt Rd. A-Dock · 831-239-7171
Fresh Seafood sold off Boat. Local fish & live crab in season.

GENERAL SERVICES

39 Harbor Chapel Community Church
620 Dolan Rd. · 831-633-3401 · harborchapel.org
Since 1957 we are an independent, Bible Believing Church. Join us for our regular service Sundays 11am. See our website for Sunday School, youth groups, men's and women's groups, and other activities.

40 Moonglow Dairy
357 Dolan Rd. · 831-633-4637 · FB@moonglowdairy
This working dairy for 50 years has a freshwater pond, view of the slough & a eucalyptus grove that is a favorite spot among avid birders. With rules & courtesies visitors must follow.

41 Rabobank in Castroville
10601 Merritt Street, Castroville 95012
831-633-3303 · rabobankamerica.com
Our community affairs outreach is designed to grow & enhance relationships with the communities in which we operate, so that we can better serve local individuals, families & non profits.

PRINTING, GRAPHICS, DESIGN & ALTERNATIVE MEDIA

Jim York Photography
831-262-7759 · jimyorkphoto.com
Photos for sale printed any size on canvas or aluminum. Photo shoots for events, products, portraits & weddings. Offers photo workshops of the local scenery and wildlife.

42 Printworx
11065 Commercial Pkwy., Castroville, CA 95012
831-722-7147 · printworx.com
Full-service printer specializing in high-quality digital & offset printing & print related materials. They employee all local people & are committed to reducing their environmental impact.

Steve Zmak Photography & Zmak Creative
3200 Crescent Ave., Marina, CA 93933
831-883-4459 · stevezmak.com
Award-winning graphic design & photography of the Monterey Bay & California; fine art prints, stock licensing & assignments. He designed this visitors guide & CSUMB Otter Logo.

43 Technique Mirage
7961 Moss Landing Rd. · 831-633-3171 · techniquemirage.com
Produces extremely large, bright & hi-resolution projection media onto highly visible surfaces such as buildings, giant screens & mountains. Perfect for advertising & special events.

Wine & Travel Magazine
14040 Reservation Rd., Salinas 93908
831-757-6799 · wineandtravel.net
Your guide to exceptional wineries, gourmet restaurants & luxurious accommodations that await you in the viticultural paradise of Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara & San Benito counties.

MARINE SERVICES

44 Custom Marine Covers
7531 Sandholdt Rd. · 831-633-5557 · customcovers@gmail.com
Family-run & operated since 1983, we are a full-service custom made shop for boat covers & any custom fabric project you might need. We take pride in meeting your specific custom needs.

45 Monterey Bay Marine
7531 Sandholdt Rd. · 831-633-5000 · montereybaymarine.com
Excellent selection of new Honda and Yamaha outboards & consignment. Call ahead for hard-to-find models. Prompt & professional service at our shop, your dock or on the water. Also located in Santa Cruz Harbor.

46 Moss Landing Boat Works
7501 Sandholdt Rd. · 831-633-3417 · mosslandingboatworks.com
Full-service boatyard with 75-ton travelift, marine supply store & fuel dock. Labor available for boat painting, repairs & upgrades. We host a Community BBQ every other Friday afternoon.

47 Moss Landing Harbor District
7881 Sandholdt Rd.
831-633-2461 · mosslandingharbordistrict.com
See inside guide for more information.

MOSS LANDING

HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE • ELKHORN SLOUGH • WHALE WATCHING • RESTAURANTS • LODGING • HARBOR & KAYAKING • HORSEBACK RIDING • SURFING • GALLERIES & SHOPS • BIRDS & WILDLIFE VIEWING

BEACHES AND PARKS

Kirby Park • 633-2461 • mosslandingharbor.dst.ca.us
Owned and operated by the Moss Landing Harbor District, offers free parking, a small boat/kayak launch ramp, and public access to the Elkhorn Slough, kayaking, hiking trails, bird watching and wildlife.

Moss Landing State Beach • 831-649-2836 • parks.ca.gov
Offshore fishing, surfing, windsurfing and horseback riding are popular activities. The beach is a favorite place for picnics because the dunes protect it from afternoon winds. This area is an important stop along the Pacific Flyway so birdwatching is popular.

Salinas River State Beach • 831-649-2836 • parks.ca.gov
This is the beach at the Salinas River mouth, located at the south end of Moss Landing. The beach and dunes are part of Monterey Bay's unique coastal dune system and it is home to many species of birds, including the California brown pelican, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, western snowy plover, western gull, black phoebe, western scrub-jay, California towhee, white-crowned sparrow, and more. The beach is a popular fishing site.

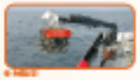
Zmudowski State Beach • 831-649-2836 • parks.ca.gov
This beach is a popular fishing area, featuring perch, king fish, sole, flounder, halibut, bocaccio (tomcod), jacksmelt, lingcod, cabezon, salmon, steelhead and occasional rockfish. It features the Pajaro River estuary. The sandy beach is also popular with bird watchers and equestrians. Horses are only allowed near the waterline. Swimming and water sports are hazardous because of strong rip-currents. Dogs are not allowed at this location.

MOSS LANDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MLCC)

P.O. Box 41 • 831-633-4501 • mosslandingchamber.com
The Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce (MLCC) a California Mutual Benefit Corporation since 1972, is a Federal 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. The MLCC represents the entire 95039 zip code territory. Diverse Federal, State and County rules, laws, agencies, districts, programs, projects & research abound. Widespread community involvement is vital to the Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce & we thank you for your interest, comments, suggestions & participation. To become a member of the MLCC or for more information, please visit our website.

95039 IN PERSPECTIVE

MOSS LANDING is one of the most unique ecosystems on earth. It encompasses and features the quaintness of a fishing village, and oceanic research and development; very different and distinct environments working collaboratively to preserve and protect this amazing place!



HISTORY

The name honors Captain Charles Moss, who built a 200-foot wharf for the whaling and agricultural industries in 1866.

The Ohlone Indians are the original inhabitants with archaeological evidence dating back 4,000 years.

The Spanish began settling missions in the 1700s and ran cattle over the hills of the surrounding area. The latest arrivals that we call Americans settled the area in the mid 1800s. Farmers turned the area into cropland. Loggers logged the hillsides of trees. Whalers hunted migrating whales, and a processing plant onshore turned these giant mammals to oil and whale bone.

During the California Gold Rush, Moss Landing supplied the boomtowns of miners with sugar beets, potatoes, lumber and other products. It was also the main shipping point for Salinas and Pajaro valley crops until the railroad arrived in 1871. The cemetery also has many historical figures significant to the region.

For more history of Moss Landing drop into the post office where the walls are covered with photos and information!

TODAY...

Today, the core of Moss Landing's economic activities focus around its importance as a fishing port, as well as a popular tourist destination, nature & whale-watching tours, sport-fishing charters and kayaking rentals have also settled in Moss Landing Harbor. Visitors enjoy wildlife viewing, walking trails, the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, beaches, fish markets, fresh fish for sale off boats and a community park w/ BBQ pits. There are flower & fresh fruit stands, a bed & breakfast inn, KOA RV park, unique shops, and post office all within walking distance of the Harbor. Also recognized as an artist destination, you will see painters and photographers lining the streets to capture the landscape.

Fresh seafood is our specialty at our excellent world renowned dining establishments. Our local restaurants pride themselves on preparing wonderful seafood entrees from fine dining to family friendly.

Recognized for its natural assets: rivers and tides flowing together in an estuary rich with otters and shorebirds; and under the water's surface, the Monterey Submarine Canyon, a mile-deep chasm of biological mystery that inspires marine conservationists, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary was established in 1992 and attracted two world-class marine research facilities.

WHALE WATCHING

Each year, about 20,000 gray whales make an epic 6,000-mile journey between Alaska and Mexico—and then back again. These whales travel from feeding grounds in the Bering Sea to mating and breeding lagoons along Baja California in Mexico. It's one of the most amazing wildlife migrations on the planet, and also relatively easy for humans to witness, especially if you join one of our guided whale-watching cruise with knowledgeable crew on board. In some locations, you can see whales spouting, breaching, and fluking from ocean bluffs...sometimes binoculars are not even required when they come inland. Other cetaceans—including orcas, humpbacks, Dall's and bottlenose porpoises, Risso's and Pacific white sided dolphins and gigantic blue whales—ply the waters at different times of year. Seeing whales in person is a truly awe-inspiring experience. Visitors have called the experience life-changing and say it gives them a new perspective on our oceans. Book your whale watching trip now!

HORSEBACK RIDING

The broad beaches at Moss Landing make it a perfect place for a horseback ride. Whether along ocean, lake or sea, horseback rides are a great way to be near the water. Panoramic scenery, sea air, gliding birds, and the novelty of a very different ecosystem make Beach rides valuable time in nature. It's the chance to enjoy a coastline that might not be pleasant for swimming but is ideal for wildlife appreciation and relaxation.

SURFING

With consistent world-class waves, it's no wonder that Moss Landing State Beach is a popular surfing spot. Moss Landing State Beach almost always delivers winter's bigger west swells. With the mile-deep Monterey Canyon right offshore, the waves have lots of power when they hit the sandbars here. For beginners, the waves are smaller and more manageable at the south end of the beach near the jetty, while the breaks farther north by the Dunes draw the more hardcore crowd. These waves are frequently heavy and barreling and have incredibly powerful rip currents.

SEA OTTERS, SEA LIONS AND BIRDS

At one time the Southern Sea Otters were abundant along the west coast but were hunted to near extinction during the 1900's for their fur. Unlike other marine mammals who have a layer of blubber that keeps them warm, the sea otters dense fur keeps them protected from the cold water. The quiet channel of the sloughs tidal marshlands provide female otters with a nursery in which to birth and raise their pups. They are also abundant in the harbor area cracking crabs on their bellies. Please don't get too close! Mothers will leave their pups if they feel endangered. The slough is also home to harbor seals who typically enjoy lounging on the muddy shores of the banks.

As part of the Pacific flyway more than 300+ migrating and resident bird species rely on the slough for rest and food. It also hosts a wide array of shorebirds ranging from small sandpipers to large herons and from the dramatically colored American avocets to the sleek black Brandt's cormorants. Pelicans fly overhead, so close that you could almost reach up and touch them. A great blue heron stands in the muddy shallows staring intently at a fish hiding just below the surface.

FISHING

Moss Landing offers Charter Fishing and Excursions at several locations inside and outside of Monterey Bay. Sport fishing is also at our harbor and jetty areas.

We have charters available where you, your friends and family can bring in your own catch of fresh fish, shrimp and live crab. We also sport seasonal trips featuring chinook or king salmon, rockfish, California halibut, albacore tuna and other Moss Landing seafood.

Our local fishing spots offer stunning views and great stocks of salmon, bass, crab, halibut, rock cod and albacore. Book a charter for a fabulous day on the water with your friends and family!

MOSS LANDING ANNUAL STREET FAIR

Started nearly 50 years ago as an antique faire on the last Sunday in July, it's grown to 300+ booths and features live music, vintage collectibles and antiques, hand crafted art, glassware and furniture, and a gigantic pancake breakfast to start the day. Food vendors offer local specialties such as artichokes, fresh calamari and fish, and strawberries, plus old favorites like hot dogs and burritos. Admission is only $5, free for children 12 and under. Benefits local nonprofit organizations. No dogs permitted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOSS LANDING STREET FAIR
Last Sunday in July • mosslandingchamber.com
Over 200 vendors and 1,000s of visitors enjoy a treasure trove of merchandise and local fare lining the streets.

ELKHORN YACHT CLUB
Dates vary • elkhornyc.org • Available for Public Sign-up
- January: Bearfest
- January: Robbie Burns Night
- February: Crab Feed
- April: Wine Tasting & Dessert Auction
- May: Nautical Flea Market
- May: Otter Cup Race
- July: Firecracker Race
- August: Double Angle Race
- September: Boat Hop
- October: Halloween Party
- December: New Years Party

HAUTE ENCHILADA SOCIAL CLUB
Every summer weekend & other times throughout year
hauteenchilada.com
Events include: Dancing, live entertainment, music, wine and alcohol tasting, open mic, costume events and a full bar on site.

THE WHOLE ENCHILADA LIVE MUSIC
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays • wholeenchilada.com
Guitar musicians, strumming and singing traditional Mexican tunes. Live music at the bar, lanai and pool.

OPEN STUDIOS
Last weekend in Sept. & last weekend in Oct.
artshabitat.org
Monterey County Artist Open Studios Tour presented by Arts Habitat. Participating artists from Moss Landing.

MOSS LANDING MARINE LABS (MLML) OPEN HOUSE
April-May Timeframe • mlml.calstate.edu
Ocean fun for all ages, live touch tanks, marine life puppet shows, research talks, arts and crafts and much more.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MBARI) OPEN HOUSE
July Timeframe • mbari.org
Free event fun for the whole family! Highlights include science exhibits, technology demonstrations, deep-sea videos, research presentations, robotic submarines and children's activities.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MBARI) INTERN SEMINARS
Every Wednesday • mbari.org
Intern program provides hands-on experience for educators and undergraduate/graduate students.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Saturday after Thanksgiving • mlartscrafts.com
Moss Landing participating business offer holiday shopping, discounts and refreshments. The Moss Landing Arts and Crafts Holiday Gift Sale also occurs.

ELKHORN SLOUGH FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

Elkhorn Slough is an expansive tidal wetland and a rare eco-system with a stunning diversity of marine life. The 1700 acre reserve is one of 28 national estuaries and ranked in the top 10 best birding spots in the U.S. According to the Audubon's annual bird count, over 300+ species of birds migrate through the area annually. It's also known as one of the best spots in the world to see the highest concentration of the southern sea otter, a threatened species. The Elkhorn Slough Visitor Center has award winning exhibits that invite people to explore the 5 miles of trails that meander through beautiful oak woodlands, calm tides creeks and freshwater marshes. Kayaking is a favorite activity at this spot and is an aquatic safari where you can view animal counts exceeding 100.

View the otters and other wildlife and even birthing of pups from their live cams on the website. It's in this estuary habitat that researchers have observed sea otter behavior not seen in other sea otter populations.

MORO COJO SLOUGH

Moro Cojo was established in September 2007 by the California Fish and Game Commission. It was one of 29 marine protected areas adopted during the first phase of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative. Moro Cojo Slough provides representation of rare brackish habitats that support threatened species. Habitat types include mudflats, tidal creeks and channels. It hosts year-round residents tightly associated with estuaries such as pickle weed, eelgrass, oysters, gaper clams, and longjaw mud suckers.

DYNEGY POWER PLANT

In 1950 the Moss Landing power plant owned by Pacific Gas & Electric was constructed as part of California's experiment with energy deregulation. Dynegy of Houston, Texas now owns and operates the plant. Each day, roughly 1,200,000,000 US gallons (4,500,000 m3) of water are cycled through the power plant. On clear days the Smoke Stacks are visible from Santa Cruz, California to the north and Monterey, California to the south and have become a landmark for Moss Landing.

MOSS LANDING MARINE LABS (MLML)

(MLML) administers the Master of Science in marine science and is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in both education and research. A marine operations department, active research diving program and state of the art equipment allow for cutting edge research in a wide variety of disciplines. MLML is known for a hands-on, field-oriented approach which places us at the frontiers of marine science worldwide.

The lab is situated in an excellent location for the study of the marine world. The Monterey Submarine Canyon begins within a few hundred meters of the MLML research fleet. To the east is the Elkhorn Slough. To the north and south are sand dunes, sandy beaches, and extensive kelp forest habitats along the rocky shoreline. MLML also is located between two large upwelling centers, which provide nutrients that stimulate an incredible amount of productivity.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MBARI)

(MBARI) was founded by David Packard as an advanced center for ocean research and technology development. MBARI's mission is to achieve and maintain a position as a world center for advanced research and education in ocean science and technology, and to do so through the development of better instruments, systems, and methods for scientific research in the deep waters of the ocean. MBARI emphasizes peer relationships between engineers and scientists as a basic principle of its operation. The dynamic and ever-challenging three-way marriage of science, engineering, and operations remains one of MBARI's chief distinguishing features.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN MOSS LANDING

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST)
The Moss Landing segment of the bicycle/pedestrian trail.

Moss Landing Infrastructure Enhancements
Undergrounding overhead utilities and new storm drain facilities.

Harbor Renovation Project
The final component of the North Harbor Improvement project will be the construction of a restaurant that overlooks the wharf.

DeepWater Desalinization Project
DeepWater Desal LLC is developing the Monterey Bay Regional Water Project (MBRWP) at Moss Landing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONLINE

MOSSLANDINGCHAMBER.COM
CA.gov - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife
noaa.gov - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- Tides, Salmon Charts & Fishing Licenses
- Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
- Moss Landing Infrastructure Enhancements
- Protection and Safety of Sea Otters
- North Monterey County Fire District
- Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

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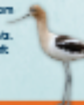

GEOGRAPHY

The Monterey Canyon is a submarine canyon in the Monterey Bay with a depth of 1 mile which rivals the Grand Canyon. The canyon's depth and nutrient-rich sediment provide an abundant habitat of marine life which is why Moss Landing is the best launching spot for whale and wildlife watching and offers exceptional birdwatching. The canyon begins at Moss Landing and is the largest submarine canyon along the West coast of North America. Many questions remain unresolved regarding the exact nature of its origin.

HARBOR DISTRICT

Moss Landing Harbor District berths over 600 boats including 350 fishing boats, 200 pleasure craft, 30 research vessels, and a half dozen tour and charter boats. The harbor district also provides two public boat launches and a community park. Fresh fish sold off the boats, whale watching, charter fishing vessels, kayak rentals and lessons, eco tours up the Elkhorn Slough, sea otters frolicking, bird watching, nature trails along the Salinas River and Elkhorn Slough are all offered in The Harbor community.

In 2015, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA) listed Moss Landing Harbor as the largest commercial fishing port in California, in terms of pounds of fish caught. A study commissioned by the Elkhorn Slough Foundation estimated the impact of the harbor on the local economy by concluding that approximately $15 million in gross revenues were attributed to commercial fishing.