

7 Table Bluff to South Spit

A scenic drive with bay, ocean and delta views. US Hwy 101 to Exit 696, Hookton Rd. – turn right on Hookton Rd. until it joins Table Bluff Rd., or follow Eel River Drive up the hill and turn right on Table Bluff Rd. Follow Table Bluff Rd. through rural pastures to Table Bluff County Park. Here you can take the South Jetty Road down to the beach and follow for 4 ½ miles to the Humboldt Bay entrance.

8 Lost Coast Loop

Humboldt's most legendary scenic drive begins in Victorian Ferndale on the Mattole Road or "The Wildcat," which rises into the coastal hills and delivers incredible views. The route takes you down along the isolated shoreline, through the hamlets of Petrolia and Honeydew, and into the forest of Humboldt Redwoods State Park before it joins US Hwy 101.

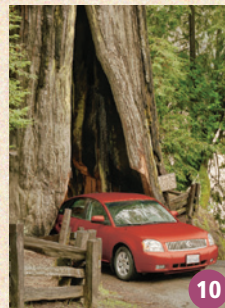


9 Highway 36

A favorite of motorcyclists, this route has it all: redwoods, rivers and mountains. Hwy 101 to Hwy 36, just south of Fortuna. Head east through farms and small towns to Van Duzen County Park, where you can cool off at Swimmer's Delight. Further inland lies Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park, with stunning redwood hiking trails. Hwy 36 continues out of the county until it joins Interstate 5 at Red Bluff.

10 Avenue of the Giants

This classic redwood road trip (see cover photo) is a 31-mile scenic alternate to Hwy 101 that traces a section of the old Redwood Highway. Access at Pepperwood (north), Phillipsville (south) or at several points in between, and discover small towns, Eel River views, hiking trails, picnic spots, the Shrine Drive-Thru Tree and truly amazing giants in Humboldt Redwoods State Park.



11 Shelter Cove Road

With one of the most splendid settings on the California coast, Shelter Cove is reached by a truly spectacular scenic drive worthy of a day trip or an overnigher. From US Hwy 101, exit at Redway and follow signs to the Briceland/Shelter Cove Road. Rural charm gives way to natural grandeur as the road winds through forested hills to the sea. Once there you can picnic, tidepool and explore. Plan on at least 45 minutes to drive from Hwy 101 to Shelter Cove.



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1 Newton Drury Parkway

Spend a pleasant half day touring Redwood National and State Parks on this forested byway. Exit US Hwy 101 (51 miles N. of Eureka) at Newton Drury Parkway, a 10-mile scenic alternate. Suggested stops and detours: Elk Prairie Visitors Center (many hiking trails), Big Tree Wayside, Cal Barrel Road (unpaved), Ah Pah Trail, or any marked trailhead. Turn around or take Hwy 101 to return. Bring a picnic lunch.

2 Bald Hills Road

A spectacular drive in the foothills above Redwood Creek. Leave US Hwy 101 at Bald Hills Road (just north of Orick) and ascend through redwood forest to oak prairies. Must-sees include Lady Bird Johnson Grove, Dolason Prairie (great spot for picnics) and Lyons Ranch (17 miles up with a two-mile hike). The road is partially unpaved but well maintained; visit in the spring for vivid flower displays.

3 Trinidad/Patrick's Point/Sue-Meg

Exit US Hwy 101 at Westhaven (Exit 726A), cross under the highway and turn right on Scenic Drive. Between Westhaven and Trinidad (about 2 miles) the road is rough and the views spectacular; stops include Luffenholtz Beach and Houda Point. Through Trinidad (stop for coffee) the route continues on Patrick's Point Drive, culminating in 6.5 miles for your picnic lunch at gorgeous Sue-Meg State Park.



4 Trinity & Bigfoot Scenic Byways

These two official byways are appropriately stuffed with eye candy for the auto tourist. The Trinity Scenic Byway, Highway 299 from Arcata to Willow Creek, climbs above the Mad River watershed, then crosses into the Trinity watershed. The Bigfoot Scenic Byway, Highway 96 from Willow Creek all the way to Yreka on Interstate 5, traverses some of California's most ruggedly spectacular scenery.

5 Arcata to North Spit

This fun drive circles the west side of Humboldt Bay. Start in Arcata at Samoa Blvd. (Hwy 255) and follow around until it becomes New Navy Base Road, ending in 13.4 miles at the North Jetty. Along the way enjoy the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, Lighthouse Plaza Mini Golf, Manila Dunes Recreation Area, Samoa Cookhouse and Samoa beaches. Access from Eureka via the Samoa Bridge.



6 Myrtle Avenue/Old Arcata Road

A route between Eureka and Arcata, this section of the old Redwood Highway winds through bucolic farms and pastures. From Hwy 101 (4th & 5th Sts. in Eureka), take Myrtle Ave. southeast through the Myrtle town neighborhood. The road dives down and suddenly you are in countryside – follow all the way to Arcata (8 miles), looking for barn quilts. From Arcata, start at Samoa Blvd.