

San Luis Obispo County: Take a Walk on the Wild Side



SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF WILDLIFE VIEWING AREAS

San Luis Obispo County includes some of the most diverse concentrations of wildlife along California's Central Coast. Highlighted here is a three-day itinerary where you observe these animals in the wild. These coastal critters are seasonal and can be observed November through February— including over 2,600 Elephant Seals, migrating Gray Whales, over 200 species of birds and 400,000 Monarch Butterflies.

DAY 1

- Take a whale watching tour out of Morro Bay or Avila Beach.
- Visit the Elephant Seals (last count, 2,600) in San Simeon.

DAY 2

- Take a docent-led birding trail walk with the **Museum of Natural History** in Morro Bay.
- Go kayaking in Avila Beach or Morro Bay to view birds, Sea Lions and Sea Otters up close.
- Take a guided hike along 55 miles of trails all over the county, ranging from inland volcanic peaks to pristine ocean bluffs.

DAY 3

- Visit **Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove**, where 400,000 Monarch Butterflies migrate annually. Docents are on hand to enhance and enlighten the experience.