

The Outdoors Is What Draws You In



Santa Lucia Preserve—where magical moments happen.

CARMEL, CALIFORNIA: Nine miles away from Pebble Beach Resort is The Santa Lucia Preserve, a private golf and equestrian community in a 20,000-acre nature preserve. Residents and members are committed to preserving the open spaces and varied ecosystems that define this community, whether hiking or horseback riding on the nearly 100 miles of trails that wind through multiple microclimates, or walking the fairways that blend into its surroundings. The 365-acre Tom Fazio designed golf course meanders through towering oaks and rolling savannas, around wetlands, across seasonal streams, and framed by the majestic Santa Lucia Mountains. Beyond The Preserve Golf Club, the community offers numerous outdoor pursuits including an Equestrian Center with boarding facilities and trail horses for member rides, a fully equipped Sports and Aquatic Center, and an 18-acre recreational lake with water sports.

WHAT WILL TODAY BRING

“If you are tired of the Monterey Peninsula fog and seek sunshine with short-sleeved weather, you can’t beat our temperate climate,” smiled Scott Yeakel, director of fitness and recreation at The Santa Lucia Preserve. “Our vast outdoor amenities are our strongest selling point. We host two-member group hikes per week. One of the more unusual walks offered is foraging for chanterelle mushrooms that grow plentifully during the rainy season. In the spring, I favor our grassland trails that come alive with poppy and lupine wildflowers. When the warmer weather settles in, we tend to migrate toward our eastern-faced trails for shade cover. With so many microclimates on the property, during a 15-minute hike, you can start in land covered with cacti and yucca plants and transition to towering redwoods.” ■

For more information, visit SantaLuciaPreserve.com.



“Hole No. 11 has the most impressive of directional alignments. Tee shots should aim at a grove of timeless redwoods in the distance. Before heading to the next hole, detour to the redwood grove ‘cathedral’ a few hundred yards away and take a break to enjoy a scoop of the club’s famous chicken curry while sitting at one of two picnic tables in this spiritual setting.”

—SCOTT YEAKEL, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS AND RECREATION, FORMER ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT THE PRESERVE GOLF CLUB

Did you know? Coastal redwoods are among the oldest living organisms in the world. Some date back to the Roman Empire more than 2,000 years ago. Rain provides water during the winter, but the trees rely on coastal fog for moisture in the summer.

“It’s as if you are going on a grand hike and happen to have a golf club in your hand.” —TOM FAZIO, GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT



The Preserve, rated in “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” by *Golf Digest*, is so peaceful and quiet that you can hear your ball land.

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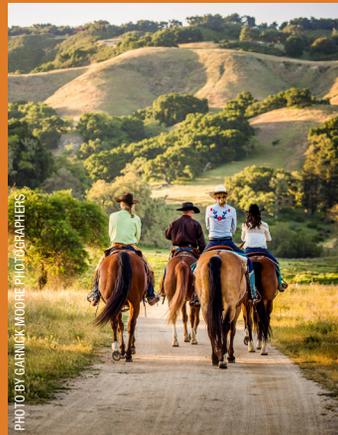


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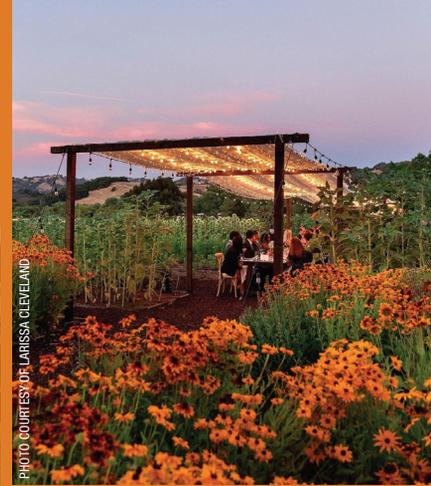


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The Equestrian Center offers boarding facilities and trail horses for member rides. Above: Sunset dining in the organic garden.



Overlooking Moore’s Lake, an outfitted vintage Shepherd’s Wagon, and two elegantly appointed, fully-provisioned glamping tents offer an idyllic connection to a bygone era. The largest bass caught weighed in at a hefty 18 pounds. A popular pastime is maneuvering one of the club-owned rowboats mid-lake for an afternoon of birdwatching.



A Drive Unlike Any Other

Hailed by its members as “the most beautiful drive in golf,” the private, leisurely cruise from the main gate at The Santa Lucia Preserve to the clubhouse at The Preserve Golf Club is an essential part of the full golf experience.

Inside the gates, a two-lane road weaves up and down dramatic hillsides, through canyons lined by towering redwoods, and along savannas dotted by mammoth, old-growth oaks.

Along the journey, it’s not unusual to spot wildlife including: colorful acorn woodpeckers, gangs of wild turkeys, hawks and eagles soaring overhead, and clusters of black-tailed deer grazing grass alongside the winding road. The occasional gray fox, bobcat, and mountain lion even make swift appearances. And around every turn are stunning views. Miles of unforgettable, sweeping panoramic views that stir the soul.

Pictured left: The Hacienda, built in the 1920s, is a gathering place for members, hosting a rich slate of cultural and artistic events. The Hacienda also provides 16 guest rooms (some pet-friendly).