

3-Day Itinerary for

Outdoor Adventures

Santa Cruz County is a veritable Mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. From riding the waves in Surf City to hiking among coastal redwood trees, in Santa Cruz County the fun only begins at the beach.

GETTING HERE: Arrive at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and drive approximately 70 miles/113 km south to Santa Cruz County (recommended: drive via Scenic Highway 1 – Pacific Coast Highway).

Day One

Explore the hundreds of miles of hiking trails along coastal terraces, mountain meadows and majestic redwood groves in one of the 14 state parks in Santa Cruz County. One popular path is the Skyline to the Sea Trail at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, California's oldest state park. The 30-mile trail threads its way along a lush, riparian corridor from the mountains to Waddell Beach.

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Day Two

After breakfast, hit up Cowell Beach for a surfing lesson with a local surf school and experience the rush of the waves. Early risers can head over to the Wetlands of Watsonville where free guided walks are offered on Sundays. Explore the coastline of Santa Cruz on a stand up paddle board at the Santa Cruz Harbor for a gorgeous adventure and a little exercise. Kayak excursions at sunset are an amazing way to end the day. Prefer an outdoor experience on land? Golfers can give their clubs a workout at one of the many area golf courses.

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Day Three

See the forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains from a different perspective with a redwood canopy tour at heights up to



150 feet off the ground. These sky-high adventures include zip lines, bridges and tree-top platforms.

Watch the "Wednesday Night Sailboat Races" April through October at Harbor Beach. Relax with a glass of wine at one of the harbor's eateries and settle in for the colorful regatta, or catch a ride from a harbor boat and be part of the action.

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