



BRIEF HISTORY

Long before the automobile had become a way of life, horse drawn carriages were the way around one of the most stunning stretches of coastline in the world. 17-Mile Drive started from the famous Hotel Del Monte, now the site of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. In 1881, this marked the beginning of visitors to this legendary location. Some historical dates of note:

1880 The Pacific Improvement Company opens Hotel Del Monte and buys the Del Monte Forest land

1916 Samuel F.B. Morse contracts Jack Neville and Douglas Grant to design Pebble Beach Golf Links

1919 Pebble Beach Golf Links and The Lodge at Pebble Beach open to the public

1929 The first national golf tournament at Pebble Beach is held – the U.S. Amateur Championship (it returned in 1947, 1961, 1999 and 2018)

1966 Spyglass Hill Golf Course opens

1972 The first U.S. Open is held at Pebble Beach (it returned in 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010, and 2019 - it will be contested here again in 2027)

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17-MILE DRIVE AND THE 17 POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome to 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, one of the most famous scenic drives in the world. Follow the red-dashed line in the roadway and wind through the impressive Del Monte Forest.

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SHEPHERD'S KNOLL Shepherd's Knoll offers a unique elevated view looking down on Monterey Bay. It's named after local railroad man Abraham D. Shepard, who also built the upper scenic route on 17-Mile Drive in the forest.
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HUCKLEBERRY HILL Take in this tree-top-level view at Huckleberry Hill, where you can see Santa Cruz in the distance. The huckleberry-filled hills, which have been set aside as permanent preserved forest, were rumored to be frequented by writers Robert Louis Stevenson and John Steinbeck.
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SPANISH BAY BEACH Spanish Explorers camped out here in 1769. They were trying to find the Monterey Bay based on a description from 1602, but it took them a year. This beautiful beach was named Spanish Bay Beach after their early visit.
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THE RESTLESS SEA The Restless Sea earns its name as one of the most turbulent sections of coastline in Pebble Beach. Waves are constantly converging and crashing into each other, likely caused by submerged rocks.
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POINT JOE Early mariners mistook Point Joe as the entrance to Monterey Bay, making it the site of many shipwrecks. In the early 1900s, a man named Joe lived in a driftwood hut here, selling trinkets to tourists and tending goats. It is debated whether Joe was named for the Point, or the Point was named for Joe.
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CHINA ROCK China Rock was the site of a small Chinese fishing village in the late 1800s.
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BIRD ROCK This wildlife hub is buzzing with birds, harbor seals, and barking sea lions. Bird Rock was actually covered in four to five feet of pelican and cormorant guano until 1930, when it was harvested as a fertilizer. Sea lions took advantage of the cleaned-off perch, and have been sunbathing there ever since.
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SEAL ROCK The tucked-away beach at the mouth of Seal Rock Creek is a great spot to stretch your legs. Picnic, explore tide pools, or hike on the boardwalk toward the colorful Gingerbread House.

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FANSHELL BEACH OVERLOOK Fanshell Beach is one of the primary pupping habitats for harbor seals on the Central Coast.
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CYPRESS POINT LOOKOUT Cypress Point Lookout offers a spectacular spot to catch sunsets, thanks to its southwest views. The pure white sand of the beach below is home to harbor seals, who each spring return to bear their young. Closed April 1 to June 1 for pupping season.
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CROCKER GROVE Crocker Grove is home to the largest and oldest Monterey Cypress trees in existence. It is named after Charles Crocker, the railroad baron responsible for building the luxurious Hotel Del Monte in Monterey and the original 17-Mile Drive. Pebble Beach contains one of only two native Monterey Cypress forests in the world. The other is across Carmel Bay at Point Lobos State Park.
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THE LONE CYPRESS For more than 250 years, the world-famous Lone Cypress has braved the elements atop its rocky pedestal overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Known as Midway Point on the original 17-Mile Drive, this iconic tree has been the logo for Pebble Beach Resorts since its founding in 1919.
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GHOST TREES AT PESCADERO POINT Ghost Trees at Pescadero Point is a unique stop full of spooky sun-bleached Cypress trees. It is also a legendary Big Wave surf spot, with swells approaching 50 feet in the right winter conditions.
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PEBBLE BEACH VISITOR CENTER From its early days as a simple stopping point on a scenic carriage ride to its emergence as the golf capital of the world, the fascinating story of Pebble Beach is brought to life at the Pebble Beach Visitor Center. The new Visitor Center is a wonderful stop to learn about Pebble Beach history, pick up souvenirs or grab a refreshment for the drive.
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PEBBLE BEACH GOLF LINKS No public course in the United States can match the major championship pedigree of Pebble Beach Golf Links. Built by amateur golfers Jack Neville and Douglas Grant in 1919, Pebble Beach hosted its sixth U.S. Open in June 2019 to go along with five U.S. Amateurs, two U.S. Women's Amateurs, the 1977 PGA Championship, and the 2023 U.S. Women's Open. Ranked the No. 1 public course in America, Pebble Beach Golf Links is scheduled to host the 2027 U.S. Open. Learn more about the rich history of Pebble Beach at the Wall of Champions behind the first tee.
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THE HAY Since 1957, The Hay has been a hub of Pebble Beach Resorts drawing players of all skill levels to the short course that was the vision of longtime Head Professional, Peter Hay. In 2021, Tiger Woods -- who set the record for largest margin of victory at a U.S. Open just down the hill at Pebble Beach Golf Links -- brought a brilliant redesign to the course punctuated by the second hole, an exact replica of famed No. 7 on Pebble Beach Golf Links. Whether you play The Hay once, twice, or not at all, Hay's Place presents an ideal spot to recap your round(s) or simply enjoy the views.
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FORD MEADOW Robert F. Ford (1907-1979) knew he was "home" when he passed by this meadow. A generous donor to the work of the Del Monte Forest Conservancy, the meadow was dedicated to his memory on August 26, 1981.

PEBBLE BEACH AREA MAP • LEGEND

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POINTS OF INTEREST
- RESTROOMS
- SHOPPING
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- PARKING
- PICNIC AREA
- WILDLIFE VIEWING
- SPA
- HOSPITAL
- GATEHOUSE
- GOLF COURSE
- DINING
- LODGING
- 17-MILE DRIVE



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