

# Santa Cruz

April 19-23, 2026

Short and sweet, nearby Santa Cruz will ease your troubles..

Familiar and scenic places such as Boulder Creek, Wilder Ranch, Ano Nuevo are sure to make for enjoyable hikes.

We stay in Santa Cruz, close to amenities.



**Sunday 4/19/26**—Drive to Ano Nuevo SP, take a short hike to view Elephant Seals, eat your picnic lunch. Drive to Santa Cruz and check in to your lodging. Check out Natural Bridges (on your own).

**Monday 4/20/26**— Wilder Ranch. Take the Bluff trail, and easy out and back. OR the harder Wilder Ridge trail 6 mi, 800 ft gain. In the afternoon visit the UCSC Arboretum.

**Tuesday 4/21/26**— Today we hike in the beautiful redwoods. Either the Fall Creek Lime Kiln, 6 mi, 850 gain, or Henry Cowell SP for an easy hike along the creek.

**Wednesday 4/22/26**— Nisene Marks Park in Aptos. Hike to Maple Falls via Bridge creek, 9 mi, 1000 ft gain. Easier hike along the creek. Afternoon option is to stroll the Cabrillo College Horticultural green houses and enjoy the beautiful view of Monterey Bay..

**Thursday 4/23/26**— Drive home.

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**Note:** Photos by Angie Toy.

