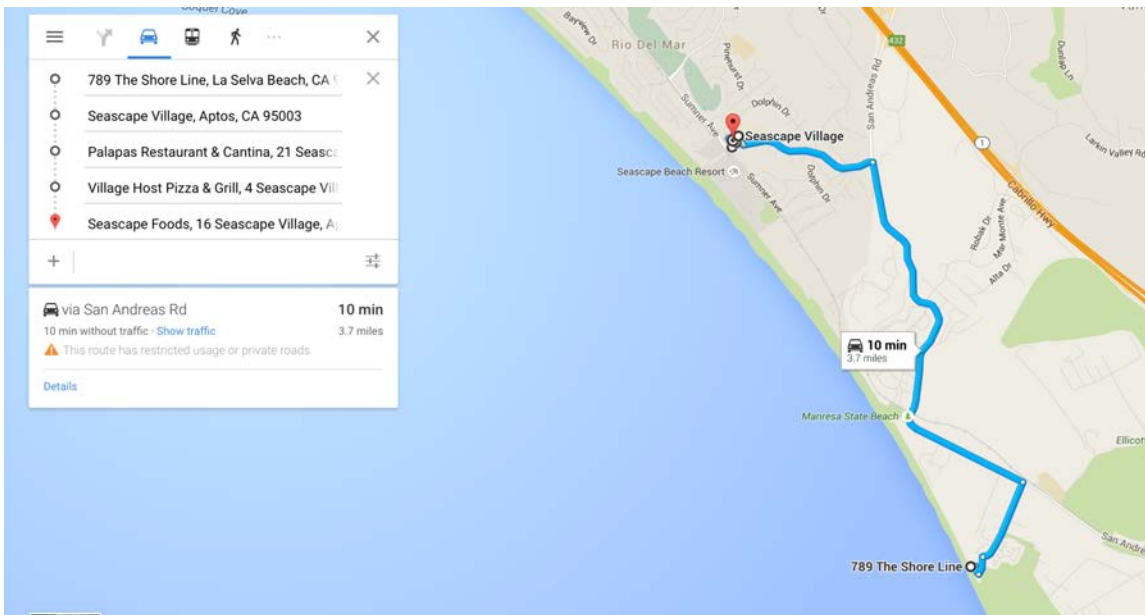


## Closest to home – Seascape Village:



Village Host Pizza (and sandwiches): Great pizza, they will deliver at night. Great polish sausage sandwiches too. Nice salad bar. Casual, pay at the counter, get a number. Slightly annoying, you have to pay for your food and drinks separately. Have beer and sodas by the pitcher or bottomless glasses (of soda).

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/village-host-pizza-and-grill-aptos>

4 Seascape Village, Aptos, CA 95003, 831-685-8646  
villagehostpizza.com

Palapas Mexican food: specialty is Mexican seafood. It's pretty good, but I'd go a bit further and head to Cilantro's myself. They have a nice outside patio with some ocean views (distant). Pleasant for an afternoon meal. I think they take reservations for dinner. That's a plus. They get a lot of business from Seascape resort, so they don't have to be as good. They are upstairs across from Village Host.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/palapas-restaurant-and-cantina-aptos>

21 Seascape Village, Aptos, CA 95003, 831-662-9000

Full of Beans: Coffee and Deli:

Mediocre but ok for sandwiches and coffee. Better option is Seascape Foods – not as visible – in the back courtyard. Nice courtyard seating area with a fountain when there isn't a drought.

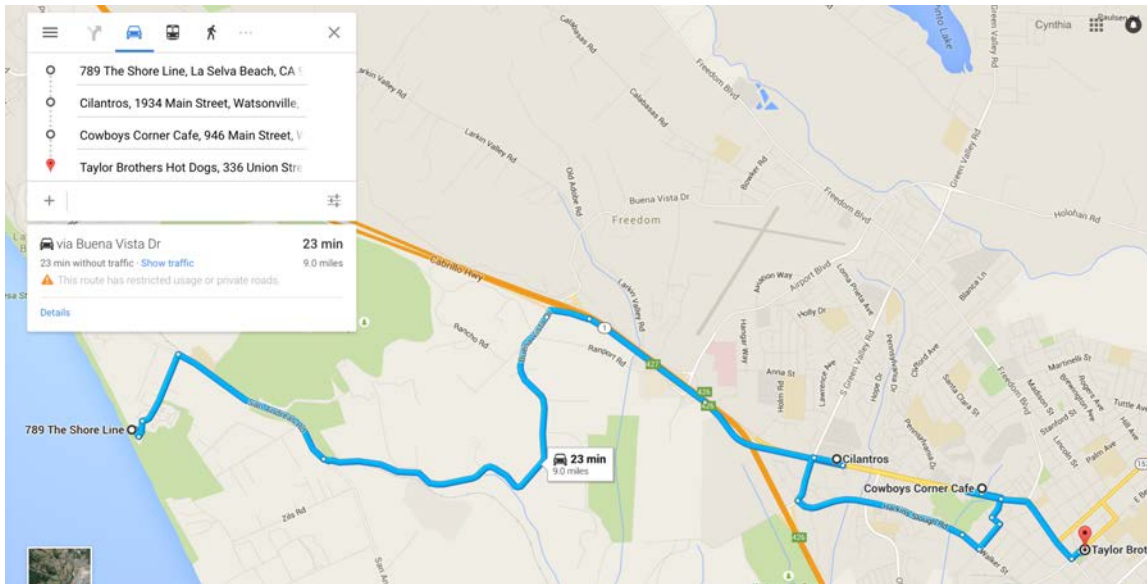
Seascape Foods:

I like this store and deli – much better quality and friendly service than Full of Beans. Tends to be more on the healthy side – for example I don't think they sell sodas like coke, but do other more natural type sodas. Good place for picking up a few groceries, but not your major shopping. If you need sodas, across from Full of Beans is a liquor store with other drinks.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/seascape-foods-aptos>

16 Seascape Village, 831-685-3134

## Watsonville:



**Cilantro's Mexican food**: great for lunch or dinner. My favorite Mexican food, almost anywhere. The chips are hot and fresh. The salsa is delicious without hurting you with strong pepper flavors. The 'award winning' shrimp burrito is my favorite menu item, followed very closely by the combo chicken/guacamole sope. But most of the time I have whatever their fish special is – always extremely delicious with a great balance of flavors. If you dare, save room for flan –which I think is heavenly! Mariachi bands on Friday nights – so beware. Hard to have a conversation but very festive. Call for hours of the music. Seat yourself bar with big tvs and help yourself chips and salsa and table service. Wonderful outside patio with heaters if its chilly. Big dining room but can get very crowded with long waits. In the Nob Hill Parking lot. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/cilantros-parrilla-y-cantina-watsonville-2>

1934 Main St, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 761-2161 cilantrowatsonville.com

**Cowboys Corner Café** – good for breakfast, I haven't been there for dinner, although they say they serve dinner. Often a long wait – I'm not sure I'd wait very long. It is good, but not amazing. Very, very friendly café style restaurant.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/cowboys-corner-cafe-watsonville>

946 Main St, Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 761-8996 cowboyscornercafe.com

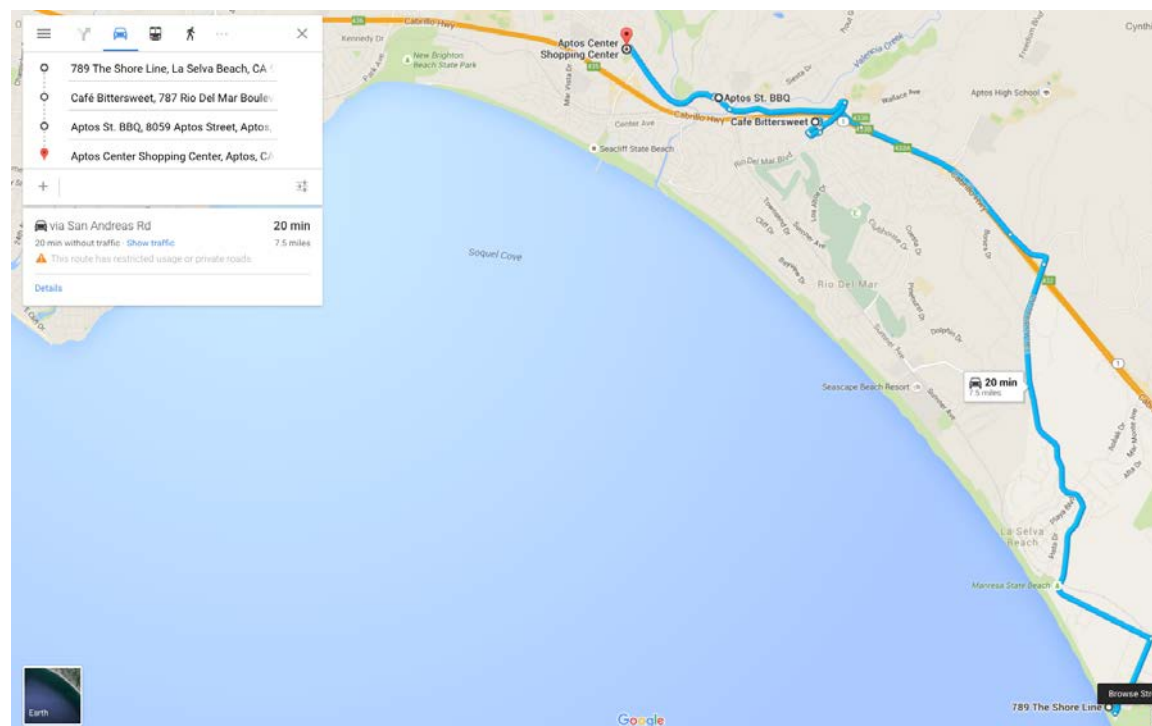
Taylor Bros Hot Dogs.

A Watsonville institution. Try it if you are a hot dog lover! Famous for: the great neon sign and a 30 cent cup of coffee.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/taylor-bros-hot-dogs-watsonville>

336 Union St, Watsonville, CA 95076, (831) 722-2402

## Aptos:



**Aptos Center** – 7554 Soquel Drive: Great outdoor patio space serves all these businesses: Pacific Coffee Roasting Company <http://www.yelp.com/biz/pacific-coffee-roasting-company-and-cafe-aptos>  
I love this place – great for coffee and morning treats.

A little hole in the wall place called Carried Away <http://www.yelp.com/biz/carried-away-aptos> does catering and has a few tables to sit down at – what’s on the menu is whatever they’re making for catering that day. Aptos Natural food <http://www.yelp.com/biz/aptos-natural-foods-aptos?osq=natural+foods> store with a great soap/lotion side (huge)

Zameen Mediterranean restaurant <http://www.yelp.com/biz/zameen-mediterranean-cuisine-aptos>  
I love the store called “Outside/In” <http://www.yelp.com/biz/outside-in-aptos> – great gift items and other fancy stuff.

### Other Aptos/Rio Del Mar:

**Aptos ST. BBQ** – great BBQ – but they frequently run out of things. So go early – but not too early since they run out at lunch and then aren’t ready for dinner. Worth a stop. Often have music which is fun. Limited seating at peak times. Some outside seats. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/aptos-st-bbq-aptos>

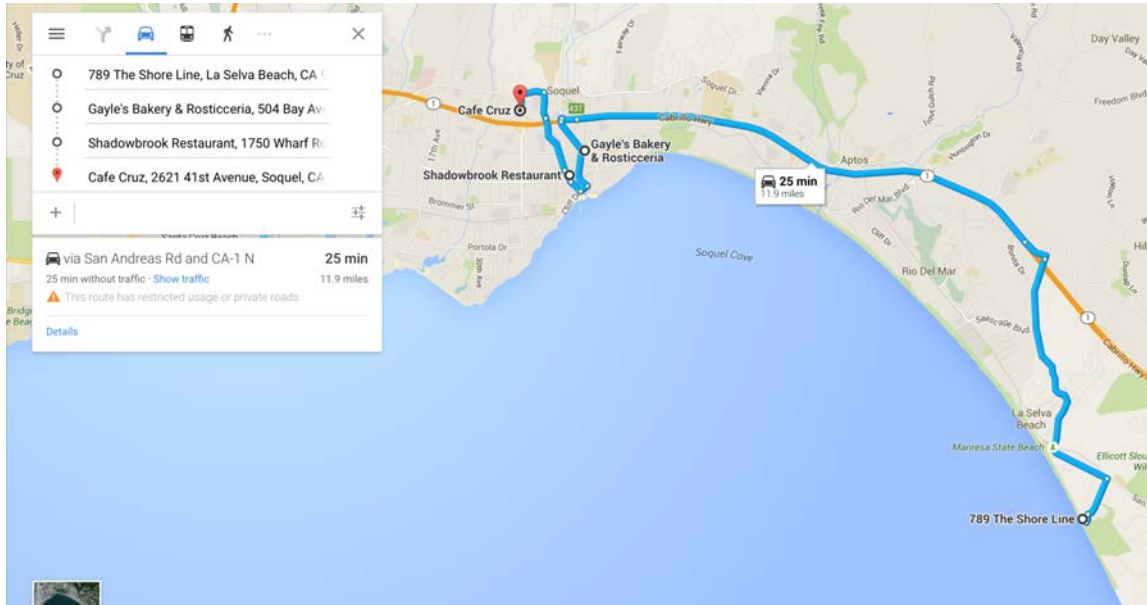
**Café Bittersweet** 787 Rio Del Mar Blvd, Aptos, 831-662-9799, <http://www.bittersweetbistro.com>–  
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/bittersweet-bistro-aptos-2>

GREAT breakfast, try the eggs benedict (after you read the description and you think it sounds good)  
The most unusual and delicious hollandaise sauce ever. It’s a lot of food – consider splitting it. Great country potatoes too. Fantastic outside patio eating space. People bring their dogs, so be aware – they even have a ‘doggie menu’. Some inside space but its stuffy and not fun.

Also have dinner and a bar/happy hour menu that is reasonable. Dinner is expensive and should be for something special (IMO).

A little hard to find, pass the ARCO station and then immediately turn right. You will see it straight ahead. Next to the Deluxe Foods grocery store.

# Capitola



Gayles bakery 504 Bay Avenue, Capitola, 831-461-1200 .... is iconic. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/gayles-bakery-and-rosticceria-capitola> Expensive!! But iconic.... As soon as you walk in – grab a number! Then look around at all the options. Everything behind the counter you get from the people – there are open cases of other items you grab and pay for. For a real treat go in and pick several items to go and then sit on the deck at the beach house and watch the sunset while having your gourmet take out. OR they have tables there to use.

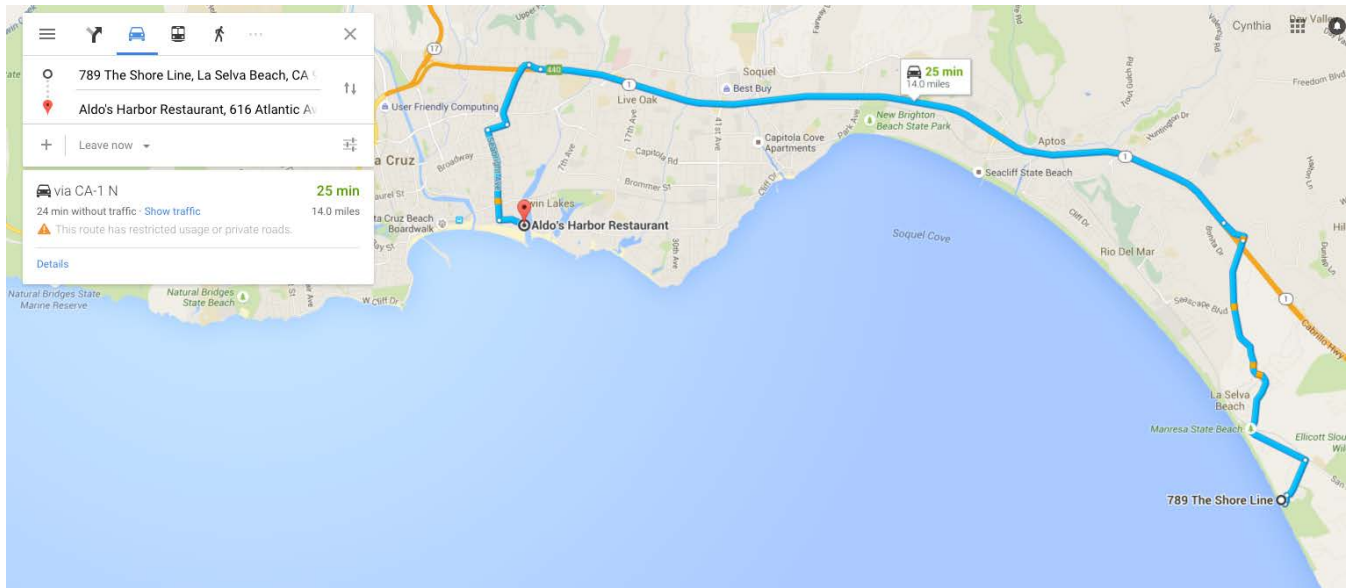
\*in the Gayles parking lot/shopping center are a few wonderful gift boutique shops also

Shadowbrook – 1750 Wharf Road, Capitola, 831-475-1511 this is also iconic! A real treat – even if you just go down the funicular and look at the views of the gardens and walk back, its worth it. But dinner is really good too – a bit of a special occasion place also. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/shadowbrook-capitola>

Café Cruz – like this place a lot – great outside back patio space with huge fireplace. Italian food mostly. Very good. Great place to run out and grab a bit without getting dressed up (just normal jeans kind of place) with good food. Not too hard to park – on 41<sup>st</sup> in the non-traffic direction – if there is such a thing.

There are lots of fun shops in Capitola down by the wharf – I have found NO good places to eat there. I suggest you resist the temptation or take some Gayles picnic with you.

# Santa Cruz

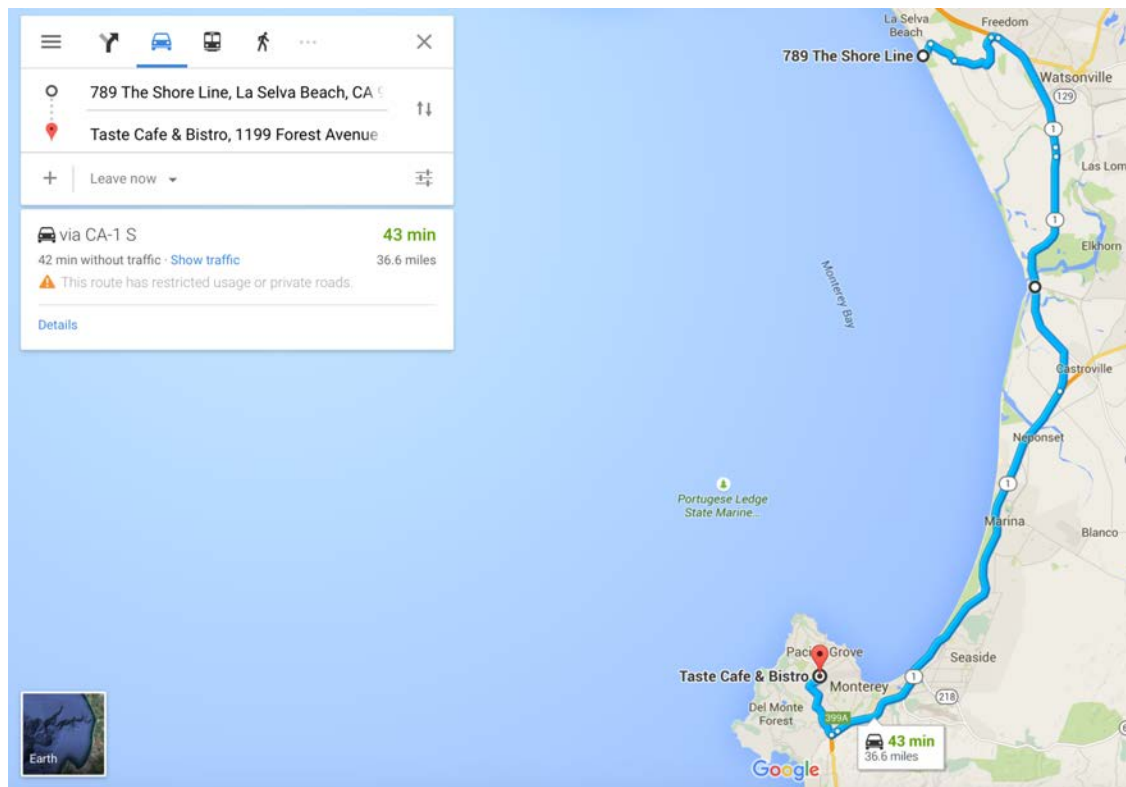


Aldo's Harbor Restaurant – 616 Atlantic Avenue, Santa Cruz. 831-426-3736, [aldos-cruz.com](http://aldos-cruz.com) Although as highly rated as other places– I like it for the views, outside eating and crab eggs benedict... fried calamari is also often good. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/aldos-harbor-restaurant-santa-cruz>

# Monterey / Pacific Grove

Taste Café – 1199 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove - truly a local restaurant. French flare. But not typical fancy French. Not super fancy, but nice jeans! They close early, fill up fast and on weekends take reservations. Good sand dabs when they have them. Everything here is really good. Easy to park. Easy to find, low-key location off the tourist path.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/taste-cafe-and-bistro-pacific-grove>

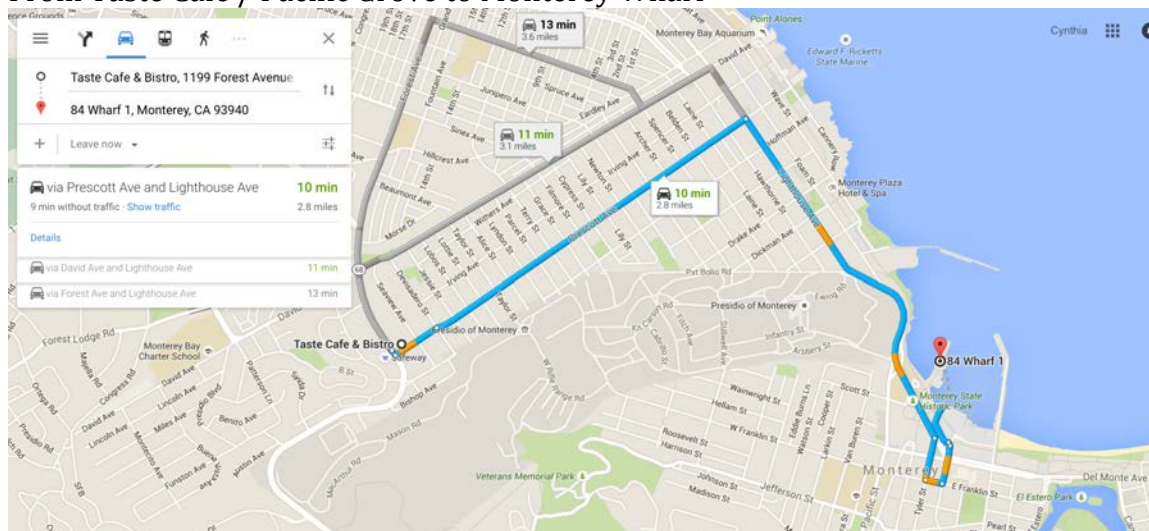


There are SO many places to eat in Monterey. If you are there for the day touring around, I'd check Yelp for whatever you are close to and see what it says. Its easy to pay a lot for a crummy meal in a tourist area.

## The Wharf(s)

There are 2 wharf areas, one is more tourist focused (Wharf 1), the other is the authentic fishing wharf (Wharf 2 or Municipal Wharf 2). We've eaten at and liked Sandbar & Grill on Wharf 2.

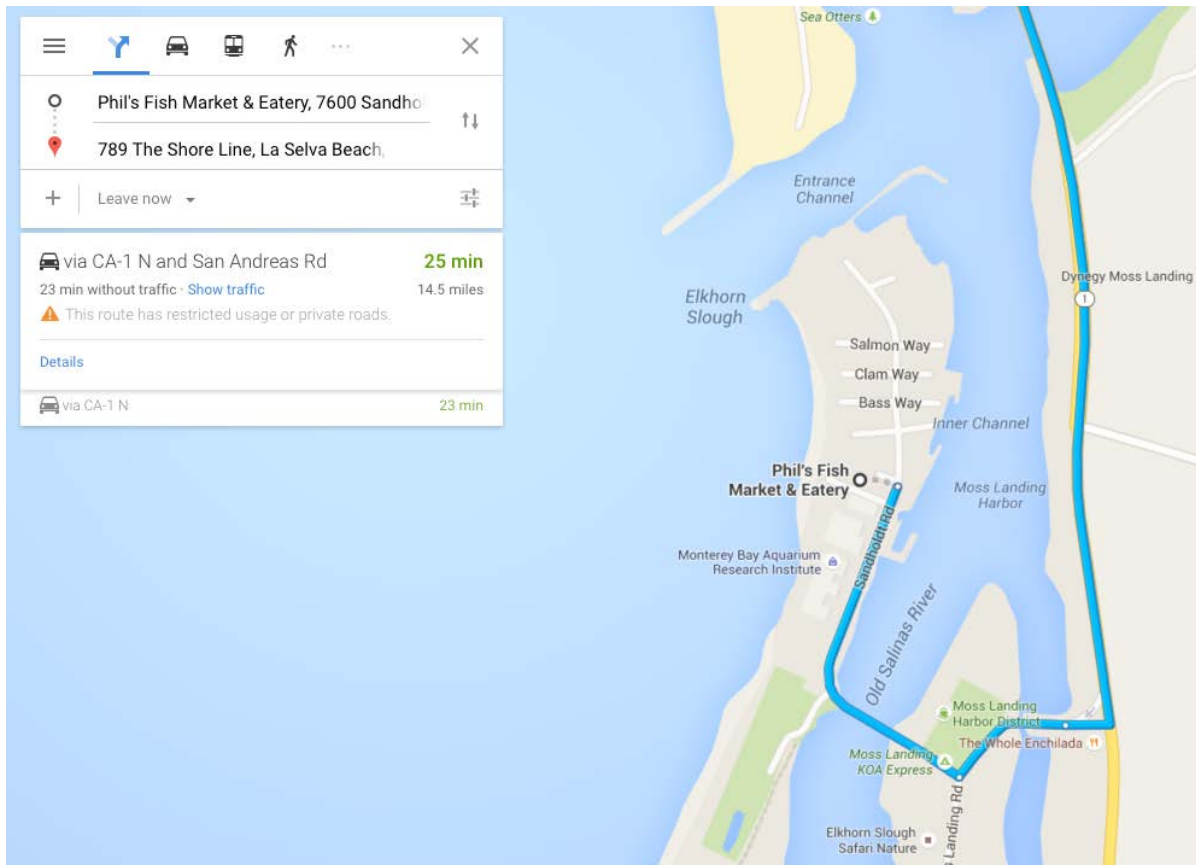
## From Taste Café / Pacific Grove to Monterey Wharf



# Moss Landing

Phil's Fish Market & Eatery; 7600 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing, philsfishmarket.com; 831-633-2152 Phil's is another hard to find but worth it locations. Follow your GPS and cross the bridge past the marina boats. Just when you think you're lost, you will see it pop up on your left side. And speaking of boats... the fish come off the boat and right onto ice at Phils. Almost could not be fresher.... But ASK what is fresh that day. Some things come in from other locations. Go with the fresh local fish and it can't go wrong. Cioppino is fantastic and can be taken to go and warmed up nicely. VERY casual – so in your shorts or swim suit, no one cares. It's also really close to the beach. Order at the counter and they bring out your food.  
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/phil-fish-market-and-eatery-moss-landing>

Roadside stands with fresh produce – all up and down Highway 1 – By all means STOP! Look around – they are growing everything all around you. Especially artichokes, strawberries, you name it!



# Larger map to Phil's Fish Market

