

'JUST OFF THE INTERSTATE' TOUR

Suggestions for experiencing the best of NorCal without venturing too far from the interstate.
If you are traveling south, start at the bottom of the list and work your way up!

- Take a detour on HWY 99 through **scenic farmland and roadside fruit stands**
From the north, take Hwy 99E in Red Bluff (Exit 525B)
From the south, take Hwy 99E just north of Sacramento (Exit 649).
Experience beautiful views of California agriculture and (seasonally) stop for juicy cherries, peaches, oranges, and other fruits and vegetables in season.
- **Olive Tasting** in Corning--the Olive Capitol of the World!
From Exit 631 travel west on Solano Street to the Olive Pit, featuring a tasting bar, a restaurant, and lots of locally produced products for sale.
- Stop in and say hello to the friendly staff at The **California Welcome Center** in Anderson.
The Welcome Center—Exit 667—makes a great rest stop and offers a good selection of California souvenirs. The Center also features a to-scale, 3D map of the region so you can get a bird's eye view of where in California you are.
- Stroll across The **Sundial Bridge in Redding** and for a snack at the Turtle Bay Café
Take Exit 678 west 1 mile on HWY 44 towards Eureka to Exit 1. Stay right and follow the signs for Turtle Bay Exploration Park/Bridge Parking. Walk a short distance to the world-famous Sundial Bridge. The bridge is an actual working sundial—the largest in the world—and is glass decked. The bridge offers spectacular views of the river and its wildlife.
[Best option for overnight accommodations in Redding]
- Visit the “**most northern**” **In-N-Out Burger**
Take Exit 678 to Hilltop Drive. Turn left on Hilltop into the right-hand lane. Turn right on Dana Drive. In-n-Out will be on the right before the HWY 44 westbound onramp back to the Freeway. Enjoy your last Double-Double as you continue your trip north...or your first if you're traveling south!
- See **Mt. Shasta** from the **Shasta Dam** vista point near Shasta Lake City
North from Redding 5.2 miles to Exit 685/Hwy 151-Shasta Dam Blvd. West on Shasta Dam Blvd 3.1 miles, past the fountain, past Margaret Polk Park, to 4-way stop. Right on Lake Boulevard 5.2 miles to visitor center parking lot. Check out the Visitor Center and even take a dam tour (groups should make advanced reservations).
- Have a picnic and take a quick hike at **Castle Crags State Park**
Take Exit 724/Castella and drive west to the park entrance. You will see the rocky, castle-like crags as you travel up the interstate—this is usually all it takes to draw visitors to this spectacular park. The Crags Trail, with its steep elevation gain, is a real workout. Rewarding your effort are postcard views of the Crags and of Mt. Shasta. The trail crosses Kettlebelly Ridge, part of the old California-Oregon Toll Road used by settlers on their way west. The Pacific Crest Trail also travels through the park.
- Take a picture by the arched gateway on Main Street in **Weed**
Exit 747 and turn right on main street in Weed to see the famous archway. If you have time, visit the Mt. Shasta Brewery at 360 College Avenue for a tour and tasting. The brewery occupies the historic Medo-Bel Creamery and is home of the famous ‘Weed Beer Bottle Cap Controversy.’
- Learn about the old days at the **Siskiyou County Museum** in Yreka
Take exit 773 and go north on Main Street. To travel part of Historic Route 99 and cross over historic bridges on a 10 miles stretch of what is now HWY 263, continue north on Main Street in Yreka then turn right on HWY 96 to get back to I-5.

