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Over the Moon

Half Moon Bay Roadtrip



Your living room has become a permanent fort and dining room dodgeball turned out to be a really bad idea. With more than 80 miles of breathtaking coast and tons of [natural diversions](#), a weekend getaway to [Half Moon Bay](#) is a cure-all for cabin fever.

Are We There Yet?

Fancy pants check into [The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay](#). Hotel sitters will feed and entertain Junior (ages 5 to 12) if you'd like to spa, enjoy a grown-up dinner, or cure them of mommyitis. Clans looking to commune with the land can stay overnight in a yurt at [Green Oaks Creek](#), a working farm with three acres of organic veggies, strawberries, herbs, and flowers.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

Kids do the darndest things. Take a tour of [Harley Farms](#) to discover the inner workings of a goat dairy. Learn how to milk and see how cheese is made, followed by a tasting. Blaze happy trails to the seashore along the seven miles of beach paths on [horseback](#). Or play in the tide pools at [Fitzgerald Marine Reserve](#) and marvel at animal fossils, plants, and sea creatures.

When Do We Eat?

Give a child a fish stick and he'll eat for a day. Teach him how to fish (or crab) with a [sportfishing company](#) and he'll be hooked forever. Some outfits will even cook up your bounty for lunch. Fishermen also sell fresh catch off their boats at [Pillar Point Harbor](#). Call ahead to find out what's on offer (650-726-8724). Small fry and pets are welcome at [Sam's Chowder House](#), and the newly reopened [Cetrella](#) offers a kids menu featuring homemade pastas and ice cream.

Mutiny averted.

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