



Dog-Friendly Getaways: Sit, Stay and Play in Half Moon Bay

As the “World Pumpkin Capital” growing more than 3,000 tons each year, it’s the go-to spot for the pick of the patch each Fall. And top growers in Half Moon Bay deliver their harvest across the country in time for Halloween.

About an hour’s drive from almost anywhere in the Bay Area and 30 miles south of San Francisco, this charming ocean town is packed with dog-friendly trails, dining and accommodations. Here are our top picks for weekend getaways with your canine sidekick.

ReTail Therapy

Pass the afternoon shopping around the historic downtown. With cool bookstores, galleries, shops and patio restaurants that welcome your dog, it’s the best of shopping with your best friend. Our favorite shop:

Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel

Since 1911, this Main Street emporium for feed and farm products has been keeping Half Moon Bay pets set for life. With absolutely everything a dog could need from the leash to the treat, this frou frou-free operation is a must see. Make sure to stop in to see the baby chicks, bunnies and other little critters while you’re there.

www.halfmoonbayfeedandfuel.com

Wine Tasting

Step off the beaten path and into the cozy, dog-friendly wine tasting room at **Le Nebbia Winery**. Then, with bottle in hand, pad off to the picnic tables, for lunch and bocce ball under the eucalyptus shade.

www.obesterwinery.com

Beaching It

Leash up the pup for a stroll along the footpaths of the Half Moon Bay State Beach Trail or Blufftop Coastal Park. With gorgeous views, fresh air and your best friend along, you won’t even miss the beaches, which are not open to pups in Half Moon Bay. Notable exceptions are Surfer’s Beach (Hwy 1 at Coronado Street) and **Montara State Beach** (which is eight miles north of Half Moon Bay), for dogs on leashes.

Half Moon Bay State Beach Trail - www.bahiker.com/halfmoonbay

Montara State Beach - www.parks.ca.gov/montara

Other Half Moon Bay Beaches - www.best-california-beach.com

Feast with Your Beast

Pull up a chair with your pup at your side for lunch, coffee and unforgettable local flavor.

Half Moon Bay Brewing Company

Cuddle up near the fire pits for al fresco fare, micro-brews, music and friendly service.

Casey’s Café

Tucked away inside the plaza courtyard right in the middle of town, this eatery welcomes you and your doggie date for lunch under the umbrella topped tables.

Sit, Stay Over

Make a weekend of the trip. Two comfy inns make you and your dog feel right at home.

Zaballa House

In heart of downtown Half Moon Bay, the cozy rooms, homemade breakfasts and reasonable prices make this quaint local inn a natural choice.

www.zaballahouse.net

Half Moon Bay Inn

Just walking distance to some of best dining, shops, and trails, this beautiful old world-style inn welcomes pets with their own beds, dishes and special treats. Great for human guests too, the welcoming staff invites you to enjoy roasted fair-trade coffee, and free wireless access.

www.halfmoonbayinn.com

More information about Half Moon Bay

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau

www.halfmoonbaychamber.org