

Sunday: Drive Home

Agoura Hills → Oakland · scenic 101 or fast I-5

Reverse the coast, or trade scenery for speed. Straight 101 back is ~6.5 hrs; dropping to **I-5** (cut over near Santa Maria or via the 46 to Kettleman) shaves it to ~5.5 but it's hot and dull. Either way, a couple of leg-stretches keep three dogs happy.

9:00 AM	Pack up, last loop at Peter Strauss Ranch, coffee, load the car.
10:00	Roll north on US-101.
~11:00	Optional: Stearns Wharf, Santa Barbara — quick ocean walk.
12:30 PM	Lunch + beach — Pismo Beach Pier (leashed dogs OK).
Afternoon	Continue 101, or cut to I-5 for a faster run.
~5 PM	Home — 34th & Hannah, Oakland.

Stretch stops on the way north

Stearns Wharf 217 Stearns Wharf, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Leashed dogs OK on the pier — easy first stop. ➤ Apple Maps Google Maps
Pismo Beach Pier 100 Pomeroy Ave, Pismo Beach, CA 93449 Wide sand + pier right off 101; leashed dogs welcome. Good lunch-and-walk. ➤ Apple Maps Google Maps
Camino Real Park Dean Dr & Varsity St, Ventura, CA 93003 Fenced off-leash zone if you want to tire them out before the long haul. ➤ Apple Maps Google Maps

Faster option: from Santa Maria area, cut inland to **I-5 N** for the Central Valley straight-shot home — less to see, but ~an hour quicker if everyone's tired.

Sources: [Pismo / SLO CAL](#) · [Stearns Wharf](#)
Each stop links to **Apple Maps** (preferred) and **Google Maps** — both search the same verified address, so they land on the same pin. skincheese.com/toro · v3 · verified Jul 2026. Dog rules & hours can change — a quick check on arrival is smart.