



## PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

### Corrections

In Seaview, WA, entry point to Long Beach, make reservations for the **Lion's Paw Inn**, and say hello to innkeepers Michal Miller and her husband Allen — but do it at **800-972-1046**. The toll-free number listed in the book is incorrect.

Santa Cruz borders “one of only two virgin groves in the country.” Not! The statement contains a typo. The word should be “county.”

### PCH Traffic Advisories

Until 2002, avoid the Seaward exit in Ventura, or use special caution. Overpass construction is ongoing and traffic snarls can be frustrating.

The California Highway Patrol has a well-deserved reputation for being helpful – and quite fair in issuing citations for traffic violations. Radar is rarely used. Instead, officers are skilled at “pacing” a vehicle traveling over a posted speed limit.

Local officers are a different matter, and for many smaller towns, traffic fines are a major source of revenue – in other words, they use what amounts to speed traps. Other than not driving a red or yellow vehicle to attract the eye of officers, watch your speed approaching and departing city limits. The fact is, most citations could be avoided if you pay attention, especially in congested beach areas -- and constructions zones where fines are doubled!

Areas along PCH in which police cruisers and motors are known for busting the unwary include:

<b>Coast Route</b>		<b>Alternate Routes</b>
La Jolla through Encinitas	San Luis Obispo area	Calabasas to Conejo
San Clemente	Morro Bay north	Camarillo south
Laguna Beach	Monterey Peninsula!!	Santa Maria south
Seal Beach!	Seaside-Marina	Buellton
Huntington Beach	Castroville!	Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles
San Pedro	Aptos-Capitola	Atascadero
Venice	Half Moon Bay	King City!!!
Malibu (100+ tickets/day)	Pacifica	Morgan Hill
Oxnard on Harbor Blvd	Leggett	Golden Gate Bridge
Ventura to Montecito!	Garberville south	Petaluma
Santa Barbara north	Eureka-Arcata	Hopland to Willits
	Crescent City!	

Traffic tickets in California range from about \$150 for speeding up to \$300 or more for right-of-way violations. Citations for red-light running is virtually a cash crop. In Oregon, and in some Washington counties, fines are even higher. If you're also carrying California license plates, it's a no-mercy situation. Be particularly cautious in the following areas:

**Oregon**

Gold Beach  
Coos Bay south  
Reedsport!!!  
Newport  
Lincoln City!  
Rockaway Beach  
Seaside  
Gearheart

**Washington**

Aberdeen  
Forks  
Lake Crescent  
Port Angeles east!!  
Sequim west  
Port Townsend  
Hoodsport area  
Olympia north!!