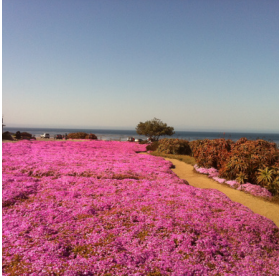


# The Great Tide Pool

**TALES OF PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA**  
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## PG, FROM A to Z

**ABLOOM** in wonder, set **ALONGSIDE** the waters of Monterey Bay.  
**AMERICA'S LAST HOMETOWN.** That's our letter A.

Every fall the monarchs migrate. B is the **BUTTERFLIES**  
who cluster in tree **BRANCHES** and **BEAUTIFY** the skies.



**CANDY CANE LANE** comes alive each year at **CHRISTMASTIME.**  
That C lights up our **COASTAL** town in whimsy so sublime.

Our D, **DAVID AVENUE**, borders PG and Monterey  
and leads to the aquarium that celebrates the bay.



E is playing **EIGHTEEN HOLES.** Each putt a golfer sinks  
is part of an **ENCHANTING** round at PG's scenic links.

F is **FIRST FRIDAYS, FARMERS MARKETS, the FLAVORS of PG.**  
Throughout the year **FRIENDS** gather. That's our community.



A fun parade, food and crafts, bands on several stages...  
G is **GOOD OLD DAYS**, a street fair for all ages.

H is for the **HARBOR SEALS** who grow in population  
by birthing pups at the beach next to **HOPKINS MARINE STATION.**

I is **IMAGES** on murals and the **IMAGINATION**  
to tell the story of a place through an art creation.

J is for **JEWELL PARK**, one of PG's great green spaces  
that put a **JOYFUL** smile on big and little faces.

Still standing proud is **KETCHUM'S BARN.** That's our letter K,  
where 19th-century artifacts are on public display.



Picnic, kayak, surf or swim, whatever your pleasure.  
L is for **LOVERS POINT**, a **LIVELY LOCAL** treasure.



M is for the **MAGIC CARPET** that blooms in an eye-blink.  
This springtime **MARVEL** decorates the coast in purple-pink.



N is for the Museum of **NATURAL HISTORY**,  
celebrating local wonders since 1883.

Take a stroll along the coast. O is **OCEAN VIEW**.  
Ogle playful **OTTERS** who pop up right on cue.

P is for **POINT PINOS**. The lighthouse has survived  
and shined from the **PENINSULA** since 1855.

Q is for the **QUIET**. Sometimes when all is dark,  
you hear only the breaking waves and sea lions bark.

R is a **ROMANTIC** stroll through this seaside **RETREAT**.  
Stop and smooch at Kissing **ROCKS**, an arch where two stones meet.



S must be John **STEINBECK**, whose years spent in PG  
inspired his masterpieces, a **STUNNING** legacy.

T is for the **TIDE POOLS**. Look closely and you'll find  
they **TEEM** with **TINY** wonders the sea has left behind.

Amid **UNPARALLELED** seascapes, you'll find when U are here  
**UNPRETENTIOUS** vibes and smiles that radiate good cheer.

V is grand **VICTORIANS**. Put on your walking shoes  
and tour the "painted ladies" ablaze in **VIBRANT** hues.

W is for the **WAVES** that crash against the rocky shore,  
above which great brown pelicans and squawking seagulls soar.

X marks the spot, inside a concrete wall,  
where there is a time capsule, next to City Hall.

Y is a sky painted **YELLOW**, tinged maroon and peach.  
There's nothing like a sunset from Asilomar Beach.

Z is **ZEST** and **ZEAL** as summer turns to fall.  
We play the Shoe Game against our rivals in football.

*The Great  
Tidepool*