A Day in Capitola & Soquel

Morning
Visit Gayle’s Bakery for some of the county’s most scrumptious baked goods and gourmet foods. After breakfast, enjoy shopping at the unique surf and thrift stores that line lower 41st Avenue, including Freeline Surf Shop and O’Neill – home to the brand’s headquarters.

Mid Day
Visit the many antique shops in Soquel Village, including Center Street Antiques, where a mix of American and European findings cater to all. In Capitola Village, browse eclectic gift stores, like the Craft Gallery or choose other options at the Capitola Mall.

Afternoon
Stop by Bargetto Winery for a sampling of wines from the Santa Cruz Mountains. Catch a wave at Capitola Beach or learn about the Capitola and Soquel of yesteryear at the Capitola Historical Museum. If you’re an outdoor lover, take a Stand Up Paddle Board lesson with Capitola Surf & Paddle for a closeup look at the Monterey Bay. Stop for lunch at Zelda’s on the Beach overlooking Capitola Beach.

Evening
Take an enchanting cable car ride to the romantic Shadowbrook Restaurant for dinner, and enjoy lovely creek side views, or enjoy fine dining with an ocean view at the Paradise Beach Grille. On Wednesday evenings in the summer, you can enjoy free twilight concerts at Esplanade Park’s Outdoor Bandstand on Capitola Beach or seasonally, Art and Music at the Beach on seasonal Sundays.