



PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK GETAWAY 2024

April 8 - 11 (Monday - Thursday / 3 nights)

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Pinnacles National Park protects a mountainous area located east of the Salinas Valley in the Central Valley, and 40 miles northeast of Monterey. The rock formations are the spectacular remains of an ancient volcano embedded in a portion of the California Pacific Coast Ranges. The city of Hollister will be our home base, which is located near the intersection of State Routes 25 and 156. Plan on an approximate 3-hour drive from Lincoln. Our accommodation is about 34 miles from Pinnacles NP.

We have reserved rooms in the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites** at 391 Gateway Drive, Hollister 95203. Built in 2022, the hotel offers well-appointed rooms with a microwave and refrigerator, an indoor swimming pool, and fitness center. The room rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet.

We have reserved 14 rooms at our group rate: 1 King Bed Standard (\$134 before tax and fees) and 2 Queen Beds Standard (\$139 before tax and fees). The hotel offered us the group rate for the night of 4/11 should you wish to stay an extra night. **Please contact the hotel to make your reservation.** Click on the booking link: [Hiking Club Pinnacles](#) or call the front desk at 831.200.2945. To get the group rate, please tell the agent you are with the Lincoln Hills Hiking Group.

Reservations will be on a **first come, first served basis** with priority given to members who are active in the club as hike leaders, officers, or volunteers. **Please note this getaway will be geared toward active hiking. Plan on moderate to strenuous hiking options in Pinnacles NP.**

You are responsible for arranging your own transportation, carpools, and roommates. April weather: Daily temperatures 58° to 80°. Bring hiking gear, pack layers of clothing, your senior National Park Pass, and a flashlight.

Monday Arrival: Optional visit at 1:00 to the 1797 San Juan Bautista Mission (carpool). Happy Hour gathering.

Tuesday morning: Hike Bear Gulch/Moses Springs Loop (rated easy to moderate).

Tuesday afternoon: Second hike planned. Trail TBD.

Tuesday dinner: Group will dine together at a restaurant TBD.

Wednesday: Condor Gulch Trail (4 miles, moderate w/500' elevation gain). Those seeking a more challenging option will continue on to High Peaks Trail Loop (total hike 5.5 mi. w/1630' elevation gain). Wildflowers, caves, and condors! The trail winds along exposed ridge lines and offers sweeping views of several different rock formations.

Thursday: Mt. Madonna County Park: Ridge/Blackhawk/Sprig Trail Loop (moderate 5.2 mi. w/1204' elevation gain).

THIS WILL BE A FUN TRIP FOR THE LINCOLN HILLS HIKERS! You could extend your trip with a visit to Monterey Bay.