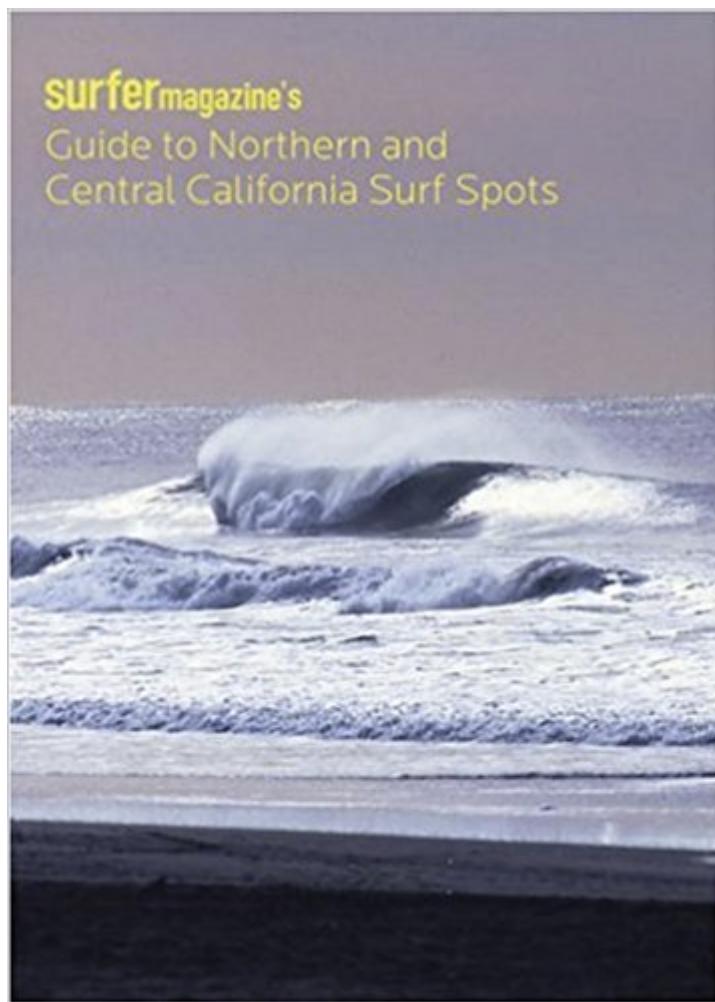


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# Surfer Magazine's Guide To Northern And Central California Surf Spots



## **Synopsis**

Surfer Magazine offers the ultimate guide to catching the best waves from the redwood shores of the Oregon-California border to the wind- blasted coastal plains of San Luis Obispo County. For more than 250 spots, this sturdy manual sporting a water-resistant covers delivers a clear assessment of wave quality, prime wave conditions, and local hazards (both natural and manmade). Informative text answers the burning questions that surfers often pose: What tide? What wind? What swell? How are the locals? Are they worse than the sharks or the traffic? With helpful maps, photos, and directions, this Surfer's Guide is sure to become the gold standard for anyone looking to score the perfect wave.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Surfer Magazine is the world's largest and most influential surf magazine. Launched in 1960 by filmmaker and artist John Severson, Surfer is widely regarded as "the bible of the Sport."

My quals: Surfing for the past 22+ years and 17+ on the California coast, shortboarder. Surfed North Shore, Fiji, Mentawais, Mex, etc. Subscriber to Surfer Mag, TSJ. Live, breathe, sleep, eat waves. I travel to NorCal each month for business and surf SF, Sta Cruz, Capitola, Monterey, etc. I was looking for a reliable guide which gives optimum swell/wind angle, tides, and paddle out tips to most of the breaks, both lesser-known and well-known. Instead, nearly all of the overly vague spot descriptions in this book cite sharks, locals and cold as barriers to surfing in NorCal. WTF?Shame on you, Surfer Mag. You're supposed to be a trusted source, selling a guide on where to surf and

maybe making the lineups a little safer. How about a little differentiation? For instance, if you're a longboarder or beginner, surf Cowells or Pleasure Point 2nd Peak or Waddell, etc. Why not include a disclaimer at the beginning of the books that the shark threat is prevalent, then just leave it alone. How many shark deaths have there been in NorCal in the past 50 years? Less than 15, I'm certain. Meanwhile, there are a million surfers who have never had a run-in, and playing to the fears, you include a giant picture of whitey at the front of the book. Your hypocritical message seems to be, "if you don't live here, don't surf here". Do the locals a favor and spell out the most heavily localized spots, giving a few tips on where the channels and obstacles are, as well as describing the more welcoming locales. In your guide to So Cal, you did this. Why play into the NorCal b.s. -- do you think the Westsiders will stop buying your mag? Only if they want to give up their sponsorships. SurferMag -- I'm used to you taking the high road, playing the referee. When did you start wimping out?

Good resource for those wanting to explore the slightly less explored breaks in Northern California. Also chock full of barbs and wit that surfers will recognize--the authors seem fully aware of what they're doing and how it will be viewed by surfers jealously guarding their "secret" surf spots. That is to say, not only does it have solid information, it's hella entertaining.

This guide is so so. I can't give a better option but I can say this one will get you started. If you're just passing through and using this book it will get you to the big name spots or atleast close enough to them to figure out the rest. This got me started and now when it's 15ft at 14sec and I'm hanging back I stand close to the locals and listen in. If you're quiet...people talk :). Also if you're alone people tend to let the stranger in town tag along :). So, don't expect miracles or an all inclusive but it will get you started and headed in the right direction...It's surfing - how much can a book really do for you :/

Got it as a gift for a beginning/novice surfer. Informative, well organized, funny quips about local areas, and descriptive enough to make locations easy to find. We were most interested in the Sonoma and Mendocino coast and it seemed incomplete. Jargon replacing content. I know how to speak like a surfer now, I just don't exactly know where to find a consistent right reef break on the Mendocino coast. But I guess that is part of what a guide is supposed to do-spark curiosity so well done. Also, I wish it were spiral bound.

A step up from "Surfing California" but still too vague.

Great read before a California road trip. This was a constant companion on the road!

Grandsons loved it.

I like this book because it's fairly accurate, has a humorous side to it & is easy to read the Southern California one is good too

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