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NOT THE PINNACLE OF THE TRIP

For years we have zipped through King City, CA. It was a typical farm town in the central valley. There were a lot of tomato packing houses that process a lot of tomatoes for a lot of people in the country. After reading a travel publication, we found that there was a very nice County park, with 76 pull-thru's, and lots of trees. It was a park that we would return to.

We decided to visit a National Monument named Pinnacles. As it turned out, among other attractions, it was a haven for the return of the California Condor to the wilds.

Since 1967, these magnificent birds, with a 9.5 ft. wingspan, were placed on the endangered species list. In 1987 the last one was captured and placed in a captive breeding program. In 2003, 04, and 05, 18 new young birds were released to the wild. In maybe 10 more years there will a self sustaining population of about 20 to 30 birds.

Pinnacles Park has an east and a west entrance. You cannot drive through the park from one to the other. After you drive out, it is about 70 miles around to the other entrance. The west entrance road is too steep and crooked for motorhomes. The east entrance is accessed through miles of nothing!



We leave tomorrow for 4 or 5 days of intense visiting in Redwood City and Auburn, and then we head north again.

Dave & Bonnie