

Serra Hill Residence
41095 Highway 1, Coast Route
Monterey, California 93940

This private residence sits 525 feet above the Pacific Ocean on the Big Sur Coast. The view of the ocean and the hills in the back are unbroken by any other home except for the Lighthouse on Point Sur. Water and power are self-sufficient except for a scheduled delivery of propane gas. The view can be found on post cards and visitors have termed it a "world class" house. The trees were planted on the 3-acre parcel in 1963, making it possible to block the "view shed" from around the Little Sur River and Highway 1. This allowed the Coastal Commission to grant a building permit, later in 1997.

*Custom home built in 2000
Architect: Paul Davis Sr./Jr.
Contractor: Richard Rudisill
Square feet: 2,300
Deck: 900 sq ft
Garage: 600 sq ft
Home site: 3 acres
View: Broad ocean Point Sur
Little Sur River, Beach
Hillsides, sunsets*

*2 Bedrooms/2Bathrooms
3-Car finished white wall garage
Open beamed, cathedral ceilings
Wood exterior
Fireproof composition shingles
Milguard double pane windows
Hard wood floors
Tiled bathrooms
Granite countertops
Quality appliances, incl. Viking*

Water comes from a 150 foot well with a submerged pump. The water is pristine, eternally abundant, soft, good tasting, with 10,000 gallons in storage tanks upon the hill. There is an on-site fire hydrant, as well as overhead sprinkler systems on ceilings. An automatic sprinkler system also maintains a large area behind the house.

Power is supplied by a 12KW marine generator which is automatically controlled by a trace inverter and a field of 16 industrial batteries. The system is located in its own building away from the house. Utilities are self-sufficient other than a scheduled delivery of propane about once a month.

Heating within the house is supplied by 4 propane Williams propane wall heaters, a Gnome forced air propane heat, and 2 fireplaces. Insulation of the home is so excellent that these sources are not often used. Two ceiling fans are present if cooling is needed, but again not frequently needed.

Other small buildings on the property include a lawn mower shed, a tool house and a green house. A bocce-ball court also has been made on the property.

The home is built on cement raised foundations, the large deck has been laid with stainless steel screws with copper railings. The outer walls of the home are constructed of 2by6" lumber, instead of the conventional 2by4".

The appliances include a Viking gas range, an Amana microwave, Servell double refrigerators and freezers, Brun dishwasher, 2 garbage disposals, a compactor, and a Maytag washer and dryer. The cabinets have pull out shelves below the counters, are custom built, with a walk-in pantry.