

Indian Valley Road near San Miguel from Discover Central California

Indian Valley Road runs north-south from San Miguel to Peach Tree Road (which continues north to CA-198). This is a beautiful back road drive through cattle country. It's a quiet and peaceful drive of about 25 miles.



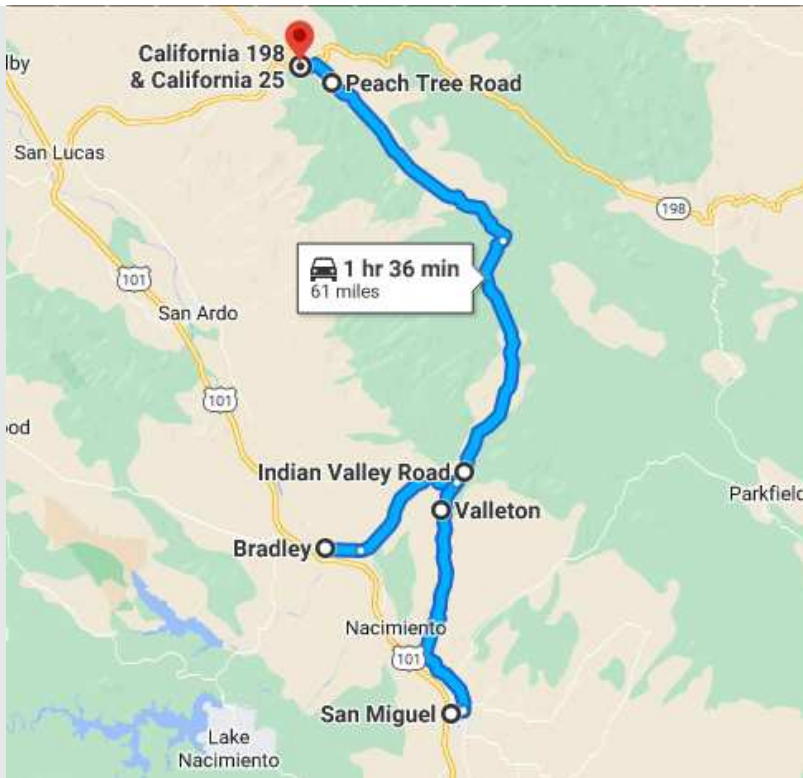
Windmill – water pump

How to find Indian Valley Road



Getting to Indian Valley from the south - from San Miguel take 14th Street east across the Salinas River bridge. Turn left immediately at the end of the bridge. Turn left immediately at the end of the bridge. The photo above shows the view there. Then take the next left and you're on Indian Valley Road.

If you were to go straight instead of turning onto Indian Valley, you'd be on Cross Canyons Road where there is a good wine tasting trail beginning with Locatelli Winery just around the corner here.



Getting to Indian Valley Rd. from the north - just 50 feet east of the intersection of Highways 198 and 25 is the exit for Peach Tree Road which heads mostly east here. Peach Tree Road continues for 8-9 miles along the trace of the San Andreas Fault and turns into Indian Valley Rd.



Indian Valley can also be accessed by way of Bradley off Highway 101 via Hare Canyon Road.

What You might see along Indian Valley Rd.



Yak?

No, you didn't take a wrong turn and end up in the Himalayas...there are some yaks along the road here. They've been here for a number of years and seem to be dealing with the low altitude just fine.



Possibly an old schoolhouse?

There was once a small town here called Valleton. It was located near the Stone Canyon and Pacific(?) Railway. There was a post office in Valleton from 1887 to 1918.



Stone Canyon Mine railway bridge - 1919



Bush Lupines blooming in a creek bed and a closeup along the road



Fiddlenecks blooming alongside the road & Goldfields on the hillside

Views of Indian Valley



From San Miguel you can drive south thru Paso Robles into San Luis Obispo County or north thru the Salinas Valley in Monterey County.

If you drive north on Indian Valley Road it turns into Peach Tree Road and eventually T's into CA-198 near CA-25. This latter road is another beautiful drive north past Pinnacles National Park (eastside) and along the San Andreas Fault system into Hollister.

