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## Historical Highlights

The 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach is one of the most famous scenic drives in America. The route, established in the late 19th Century as an excursion for guests of the Hotel Del Monte, originally began and ended at Herrmann Hall on the NPS campus. The 17-Mile Drive earned its name from the length of its course as it wound through the 7,000-acre Hotel Del Monte Park Reservation (today's Pebble Beach), then along the Monterey Bay shoreline, past the Chinese Village and Presidio of Monterey, then to landmark buildings such as Monterey's Colton Hall and the city's early Spanish adobes.



The scenic and cultural excursion was once called 18-Mile Drive and an 1889 Hotel Del Monte Souvenir book in the Pete Charette Collection provides an excellent description of the drive and several illustrations. The book will be on display in the new Herrmann Hall Welcome & Historic Center when it opens next year.

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