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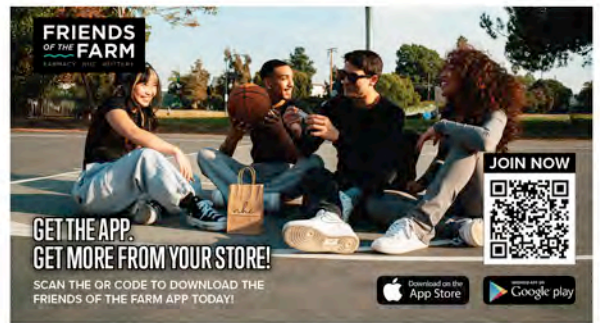
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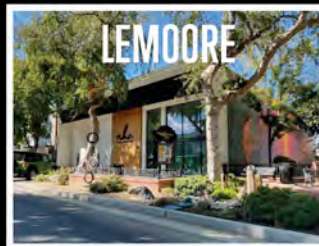
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# Welcome to San Luis Obispo County

It's spring on the Central Coast and there's a lot going on! The foothills are turning green with new growth and the season is promising warmer weather. Along with your favorite places to visit while here, be among the first to check out the newest things to do.

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Enjoy tasting flights and food pairings, as well as spirits sampling at the affiliated Willow Creek Distillery. For the ultimate experience, take an immersive Estate Tour through the vineyards, and even make it an overnight at the Inn at Opolo.

Visitors and locals alike are shopping, dining, wine tasting, hiking, cycling, exploring the beaches, tidepools, and marine life, and the many historical landmarks that fill our streets and back roads. There are hotels, motels, vacation rentals, and other lodging for every budget and family. Outdoor activities are plentiful. Be sure to take advantage of the kid-friendly activities, too!

Thank you for reading this copy of the San Luis Obispo County Visitor's Guide and discovering so many of the unique, interesting, and enjoyable places to see and things to do. On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Remember, if you run out of time, you are always welcome back to do and see more!



Beth Brennan and her family welcome you to San Luis Obispo County.

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# San Luis Obispo



## There are many things to discover around SLO

The city of San Luis Obispo has much to see and do. It is the seat of county government, a popular dining and shopping destination and a traditional college town reflecting eclectic choices in art, entertainment, food and activities.

### Attractions

#### The San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission

The San Luis Obispo de Tolosa mission is one of the best known historical sites in town. Founded by Father Junipero Serra in September 1772, the mission was the fifth of the California missions and named after Saint Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, France. For information about tours and the gardens or attending mass visit [missionsanluisobispo.org](http://missionsanluisobispo.org).

#### Historical buildings

Other historical buildings, many featuring unique architecture, include the Sinsheimer store with an iron front built in 1884 at 849 Monterey St., the Jack House at 536 Marsh Street, which was built in 1875, the State Historical Landmark Dallidet Adobe at 1185 Pacific St and the 1884 Ah Louis Store at 800 Palm St, originally a supply station for the Chinese laborers who built

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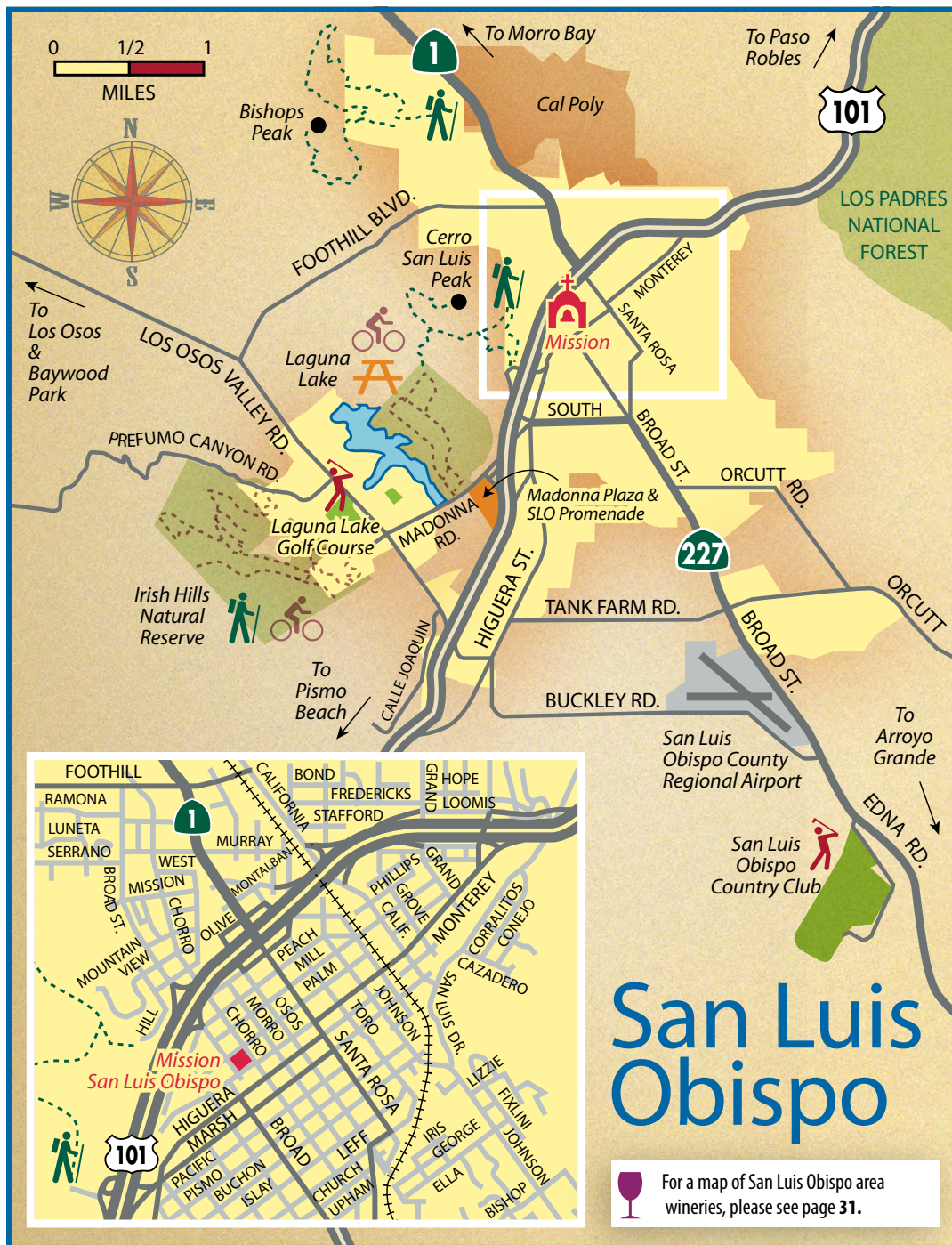
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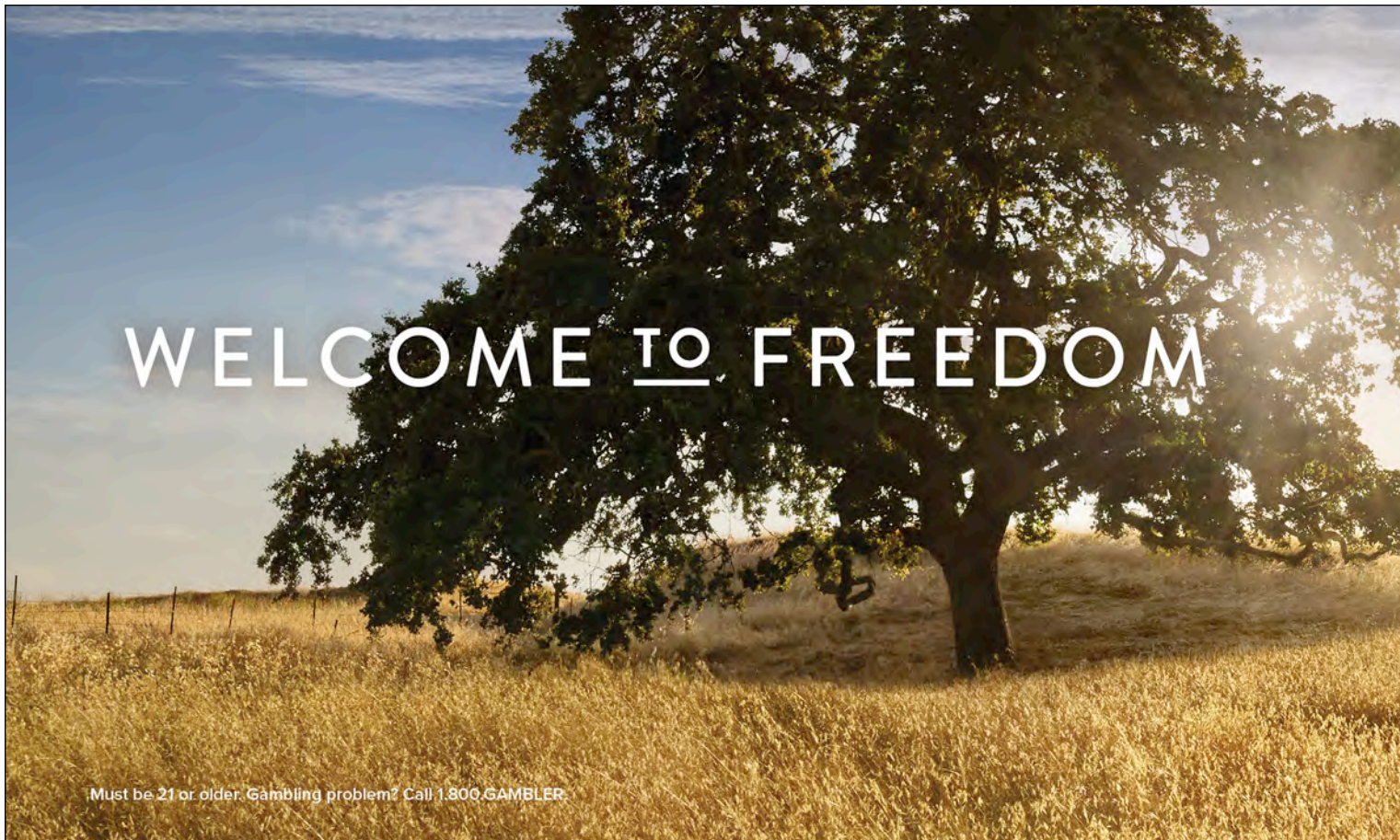
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# Louisa's Place, the best ever breakfast and lunch since 1958

*Fifties-style diner in downtown SLO is a local favorite*

Longevity is typically a rare and hard-won battle in the restaurant industry, and one of those precious few is Louisa's Place, a classic fifties-style diner and a San Luis Obispo favorite since it opened in 1958 as the Best Ever Grill. The diner was purchased in 1976 by Louise Webb, and became an instant success as Louisa's. The Sweeney family, kept the name when they purchased the business from Webb. The current owner, Aubrey Pyle took over from the Sweeney family in 2019.



**Good, homestyle cooking at Louisa's Place.**

Louisa's has won as the "New Times" Best Breakfast in SLO County over fifteen times, and the

"Mustang News" Cal Poly students best breakfast four years in a row. The eatery regularly received out-

standing Yelp reviews, and has Trip Advisor's Award of Excellence.



### Where breakfast is champion

There are 26 omelets on the menu along with the build-your-own option. There are also pancakes, local sausage, bacon, oatmeal, breakfast burritos, huevos rancheros, and waffles. Louisa's is famous for their bacon Belgian waffles, with generous chunks of actual, house-cooked bacon folded into the batter.

### After breakfast there's lunch

What's lunch without an exquisite hamburger? Louisa's menu offers all of the classic burger choices plus the breakfast burger with a 1/3-pound sirloin patty, American cheese, bacon, tater tots, and a fried egg on a sesame seed bun, with lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles on the side.

Not in the mood for a burger, grilled, or club sandwich? Choose a vegan option or order a salad, soup, or chili dish.

### Kids and dessert

The kid's menus for 12 years and under offer breakfast and lunch choices for every appetite.

Everyone, including kids, who



are up for dessert can select a dessert from the board menu at the front of the restaurant.

### No fads, just good, home-style cooking

Judging by the line out the door and the packed seating on any given weekend, Louisa's is clearly the place for most people. Dine in or call

ahead for takeout. Private parties and catering are available, including for breakfast!

Breakfast and lunch are served daily from 6 a.m.-3 p.m.

Louisa's Place is located at 964 Higuera St. in downtown SLO. To see the menu or more information visit [louisasplace.com](http://louisasplace.com) or call (805) 541-0227.



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“Since we opened, Whiz Kids Toys has been a destination for the Central Coast community to find engaging toys and books that inspire creativity and imagination. Whiz Kids focuses on supporting parents and grandparents as they encourage their children’s interests and development,” said owner Lesa Smith, adding, “Our welcoming and knowledgeable staff are always ready to offer personalized shopping advice.”

Just a sample of what can be found at Whiz Kids include puzzles, art supplies, science-themed projects, and educational toys geared specifically for preschool-age children. In addition, a thriving book selection is available with picture



Find engaging toys and books at Whiz Kids.

books, chapter books, interactive books for infants, and titles such as the Mad Libs series. Popular brands including LEGO, Maileg, Jellycat, and many more can be found on the shelves. For those interested in gifting an item, the friendly staff at Whiz Kids will gift wrap your purchase for free.

“At Whiz Kids we have high standards for our choices and carefully curate our selection of toys and books. Although we aren’t a large shop, we manage to stock a wide variety of options for kids of all ages. We love to have the perfect

gift for everyone on your list, from infants to adults,” Smith said.

Whiz Kids is highly involved in giving back to the local community by providing toys, games, and books to local charities and schools for children in need. Smith notes that “it’s always been important to me to support the children and families in our community whenever possible.” During the holiday seasons, Whiz Kids partners with Rita’s Rainbows for two major events: the Bunny Helper Project to make Easter baskets and the Angel Tree Project to help make the holiday season festive for local children, often working with the South County Youth Coalition, Womenade, and schools for these endeavors.

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For those searching for the perfect gift for a child in their life or

a fun afternoon craft activity to do, visit Whiz Kids for fun and high-quality products.

Whiz Kids is located at 3979 S. Higuera St in San Luis Obispo. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (805) 547-1733 or visit [whizkidslo.com](http://whizkidslo.com).

— By Sadie Mae Mace

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San Luis Obispo is rich with trails for hiking, cycling, viewing wildlife, native vegetation, and panoramic views of the coastline, valleys, and mountains. The city has preserved the natural beauty and resources of thousands of acres of open spaces at various locations for the enjoyment of the public.

Most of the trails are leashed dog friendly, but some of the trails can be challenging to a dog or a person not in good physical shape.

Trail maps and more information about open spaces and hiking trails are available online

from the Parks and Recreation Department Ranger Services or call (805) 781-7300.

## Bishop Peak Natural Reserve

Bishop Peak is the highest of the Nine Sisters volcanic peaks spanning 12 miles between San Luis



Obispo and Morro Bay. This reserve has two interconnecting trails totaling nearly 8 miles with varying degrees of difficulty.

**Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve**

Cerro San Luis is a 1292-foot peak in the Nine Sisters volcanic chain. Cyclers and hikers are allowed on the 2.1-mile Lemon Grove Loop. Hiking only is recommended for the "M" Trail, a 2.6-mile loop and a 640-foot climb. The trails merge for about a half-mile at one point. The trailhead is from Carriage Road.

Outdoor adventures can be found in thousands of acres of open space.

## Islay Hill Open Space

There are three different access points to the Islay Hill Trail, ending at a 776-foot panoramic view of Edna Valley and the Santa Lucia Mountains from this peak in the Seven Sisters formation. Trailheads are from Sweet Bay Lane, Spanish Oaks Drive, or Huckleberry Lane.

## Johnson Ranch Open Space

The Johnson Ranch Loop is a two-segment trail. The 2.6-mile segment is recommended for cycling and the 2.3-mile segment for hiking. The Filipponi Connector leads hikers to trails in the Irish Hills Nature Reserve. The trailhead is just off Highway 101 between San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach.

## Laguna Lake Natural Reserve

Four intersecting trails bring hikers and cyclists to Laguna Lake. Two trails, the Allen K. Settle Trail

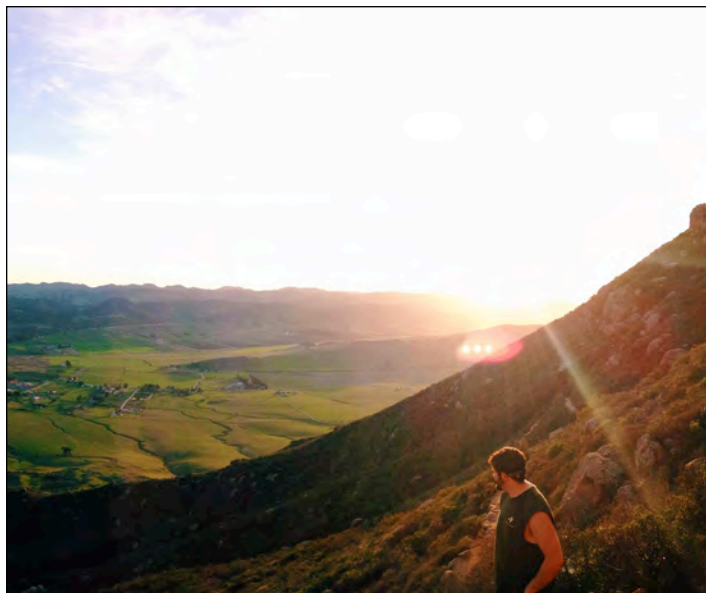
and the Lakeside Trail are ranked as easy. Laguna Lake Upper Loop Trail is an intermediate trail. Laguna Lake Ridge Trail is expert only. The entrance is at 504 Madonna Road in San Luis Obispo.

## Reservoir Canyon Open Space

Reservoir Canyon Trail is a 5.35-mile round-trip moderate to difficult hike through oak and eucalyptus groves, featuring waterways, a waterfall and a 360-degree view from the top. Leashed dogs are welcome. Mountain bikes are prohibited.

## Stenner Springs Natural Reserve

Stenner Springs Natural Reserve trail system has seven different trails that total a little over 20 miles with varying levels of difficulty. The shortest trail, the Stenner Creek Trail to Elevator Trails is a 2.9-mile moderately challenging loop. The



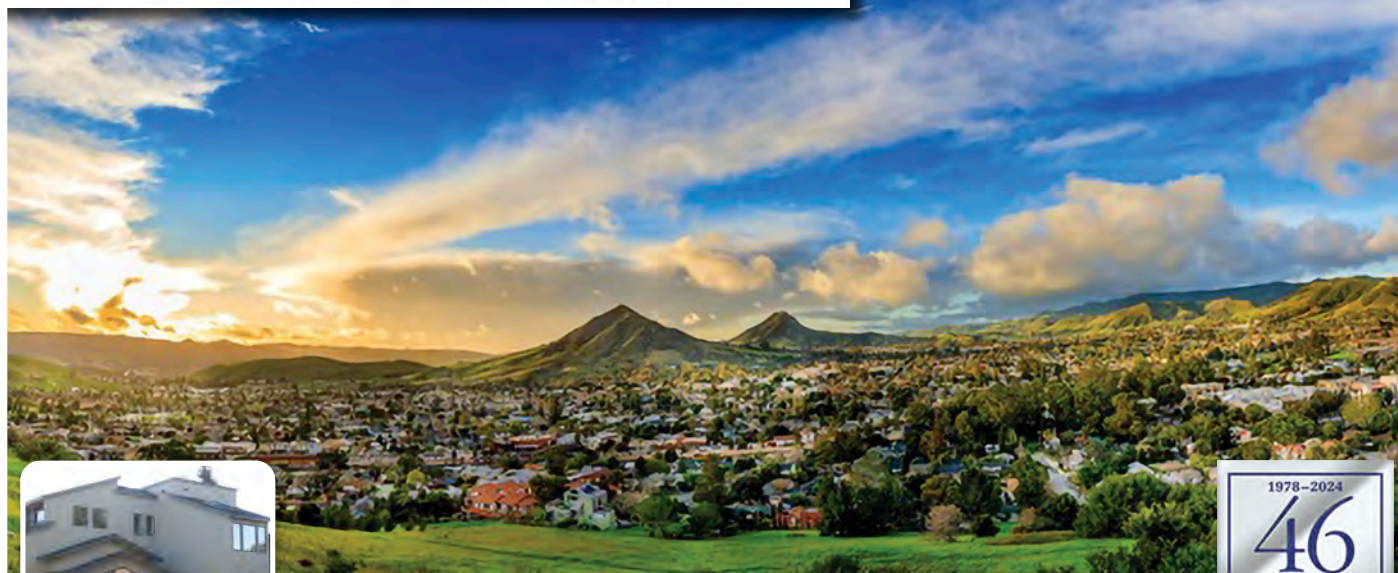
longest trail complex, which includes the Morning Glory, Botanical and Shooters Loop for hikers and mountain bikes is a challenging 9.3-mile loop that takes over four hours to complete.

**Bob Jones Trail**

This is a 5-mile family-friendly paved loop connecting San Luis Obispo and Avila Beach. Start at Ontario Road and walk or bike along the San Luis Obispo Creek, through the Avila Golf Course, enjoying shade from sprawling oaks along the way.

| <b>Hike</b>                           | <b>Length</b> | <b>Elevation</b>                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Bishops Peak</b>                   | 3.5 miles     | 950 feet                         |
| <b>Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve</b> | 2.6 miles     | 640 feet                         |
| <b>Irish Hills Bog Thistle</b>        | 3.4 miles     | 777 feet                         |
| <b>Islay Peak</b>                     | 1.8 miles     | 550 feet                         |
| <b>Johnson Ranch</b>                  | 3.7 miles     | 200 feet                         |
| <b>Reservoir Canyon</b>               | 5.35 miles    | 1,533 feet                       |
| <b>Stenner Creek to Elevator</b>      | 2.9 miles     | 498 feet                         |
| <b>Stenner Creek Morning Glory</b>    | 9.3 miles     | 1,958 feet                       |
| <b>Stenner Creek Eucs</b>             | 6.9 miles     | 867 feet                         |
| <b>Bob Jones Trail</b>                | 5 miles       | Next to none (from Ontario road) |

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# Discovering the diverse wines of the San Luis Obispo area

## *Unwind on a unique wine-tasting adventure*

The San Luis Obispo region includes the Edna Valley and Arroyo Grande AVAs, two of California's leading AVAs. Edna Valley was the first AVA granted in San Luis Obispo County in 1982 and has been producing wine since 1968. The two AVAs first attracted attention in the early 1980s when the California branch of the Champagne house Deutz, acquired land in the area. Sparkling wine is still made in the area.



The gentle sunshine and moderate Pacific Ocean maritime climate combine with the fertile soil to produce incredible wines. Bring a

camera and plan on a day of adventure sipping great wine, sampling some apple brandy, having lunch, and playing some bocce ball.

## **Stephen Ross Cellars, from a Minnesota basement to world-class pinot noir**

Stephen Ross Dooley's curiosity about wine started as a teen making rhubarb and apple wine in his family's Minnesota basement, and after a degree at UC Davis and 17 years of making wine for others, he launched Stephen Ross Wine Cellars with his wife, Paula, in 1994. In the years leading up to his own winery, Stephen worked as a winemaker in Napa Valley, Edna Valley, South Africa, and Australia.

Stephen Ross Cellars produces five or six single vineyard pinot noirs plus other varietals that flourish in the coastal climate including a Blanc de Noir sparkling.



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The couple owns the 10-acre Stone Corral Vineyard in Edna Valley, which they planted exclusively with pinot noir clones and rootstocks in 2001. The Stone Corral Pinot Noir is their top seller. Another favorite is the winery's 2021 Pinot Noir Arête. The Dooleys promote sustainable vineyard management and winemaking practices, only sourcing grapes from SIP-certified vineyards.

*Stephen Ross Wine Cellars is located at 178 Suburban Rd., San Luis Obispo. Tasting room hours are Fri-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For more information visit [stephenrosswine.com](http://stephenrosswine.com) or call (805) 594-1318.*

**Sip wine among the barrels at Claiborne and Churchill Winery**

Claiborne & Churchill Winery, still run by original owners Claiborne and Fredericka Churchill Thompson, has been producing Alsatian-style whites since 1983. In 1995, the couple built their pioneering, eco-friendly straw bale-constructed winery and opened their tasting room in the Edna



Valley. Over the years they have expanded their picturesque garden area to accommodate more guests and larger parties for tastings and seasonal events.

The upscale welcoming tasting room is located in the barrel room, allowing the popular

producer to accommodate more visitors comfortably. Reservations are available for small private events such as birthdays, anniversaries, and graduation parties.

Centrally located in SLO Wine Country, Claiborne & Churchill's

vacation property is only a ten-minute drive from Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, or Arroyo Grande, and a fifteen-minute drive to Cal Poly. Their guest cottage is perfect for a weekend, for visiting students at Cal Poly, or for anyone just looking for a relaxing getaway. Rental is available through VRBO/Homeaway, or by emailing [elizabeth@claibornechurchill.com](mailto:elizabeth@claibornechurchill.com).

Visit the tasting room at 2649 Carpenter Canyon Rd., in San Luis Obispo's Edna Valley; open every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except major holidays), [claibornechurchill.com](http://claibornechurchill.com), (805) 544-4066.

**Baileyana Tasting Room, get a history lesson in a glass**

The Baileyana Tasting Room is the first you encounter upon entering the Edna Valley from Orcutt Road and San Luis Obispo. Housed in the historic 1909 Independence Schoolhouse, the tasting room is the home of Baileyana, Tangent, True Myth, and Zocker brands.

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accommodate all visitors. With around 35 different white, red, and rosé wines to choose from, there are wines for every guest from the first-time wine taster to the expert. With extensive picnic grounds and views, the family-friendly tasting room provides a memorable and fun experience.

Veteran winemaker Rob Takigawa focuses on bringing elegant chardonnays, aromatic whites, and pinot noir wines from the cool Edna Valley and powerful reds from the warmer Paso Robles to Baileyana visitors. These wines are rich in stories, well told by the engaging tasting room team.

*The Baileyana Tasting Room is located at 5828 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo. It is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, excluding major holidays. Reservations are required. Please book on Tock or call (805) 269-8200.*



**Award-winning wine, grappa, and brandy at Autry Cellars**

Overlooking vineyards, and 40 miles of the Santa Lucia mountain range is Autry Cellars. Owner and

artisan winemaker Steve Autry and his tasting room staff pour wine varietals, grappa, and his signature apple brandy from some of the best grapes selected from across the region.

Autry Cellars' unpretentious tasting room is, "styled in early American warehouse," jokes Autry. But, don't be deceived by the modest décor. Here is where visitors experience superb wine varietals along with gold medal best-in-class grappa and silver medal American oak and Hungarian oak brandies.

Inspired by a spectacular zinfandel tasting experience Autry became a full-time artisan winemaker in 2001 and a fully licensed brandy distiller in 2012. He says people who visit his tasting room, "come for the wine and discover the brandy," and gain access to impressive small lot wines and brandies that are available exclusively in the tasting room.

*Visit Autry Cellars tasting room at 5450-B Edna Road in San*

*Luis Obispo; open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (last reservation at 4 p.m.) and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday (last reservation at 3 p.m.), autrycellars.com. For reservations call (805) 546-8669.*

**Croma Vera Wines—Spanish-inspired, locally sourced**

Croma Vera Wines has carved out a niche for Spanish-inspired wines on the Central Coast. Dedicated to sustainable winemaking, Croma Vera wines showcase a distinct balance and freshness influenced by the Central Coast climate and soil that is so similar to Spain's wine regions. Wines like albariño, tempranillo, graciano, and bold red blends allow Croma Vera to offer delicious, distinctive wines that bring something unique

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To mark its 10th anniversary, Croma Vera launched a project with The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County. Part of the co-branded 2025 Rosé proceeds are dedicated to land conservation efforts.

*The kid and dog-friendly tasting room is in Duncan Alley, 3183 Duncan Road, Suite D, San Luis Obispo's newest hotspot. Open Thursday through Sunday, and some Mondays, 1-7 p.m. For more information visit [cromavera.com](http://cromavera.com), social media, or call (805) 946-1685.*

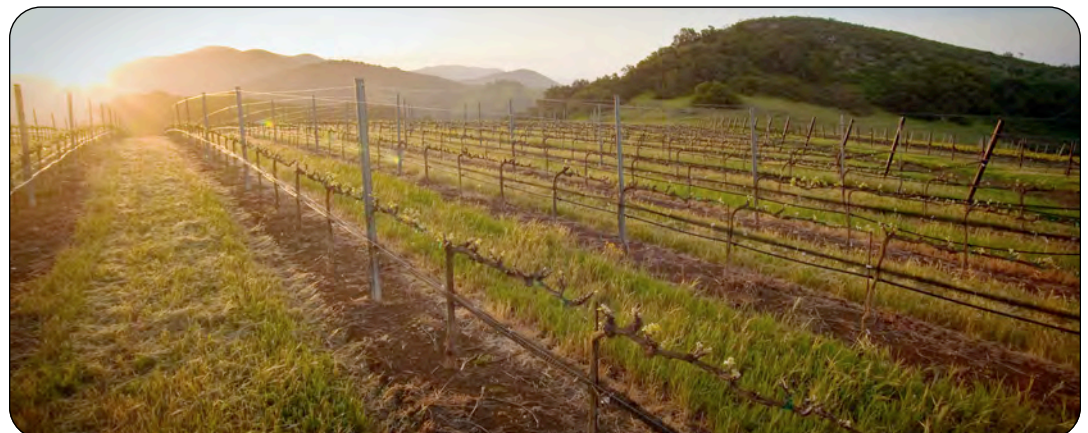


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## Attractions

### Piers in Avila Beach

Avila Beach boasts three piers, two historic piers and a private pier that houses the California Polytechnic State University's Center for Marine Sciences. The Harford Pier, built in 1873, was used for shipping before the railroad arrived. The pier also has a romantic history as a liquor smuggling hotspot during the 1920s. Today, the pier is occupied by commercial fishing and restaurants and is open to pier-fishing. Avila Beach Pier was built in 1908 and was important for fishing and ocean-bound passenger transportation. It

has been partially closed to foot traffic since 2015 due to storm damage. For information about the piers, call (805) 595-5400.

### Fishing

Personal boats and kayaks can be launched from Olde Port Beach, a public hoist at Harford Pier and two additional hoists are made accessible to the public by the Port San Luis Harbor District. To arrange use of either the trailer boat launch for boats up to 28' feet, or the mobile hoist for larger boats call the harbor district at (805) 595-7895.

### Hiking

The Bob Jones Trail starts at the trailhead on Ontario Road and wanders along the San Luis Obispo Creek. The paved trail, about three miles from trailhead to downtown Avila Beach, is a mostly smooth hike or bike ride with benches along the way.

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# Pismo Beach, Shell Beach & Oceano

The beach cities of Pismo Beach, Shell Beach and Oceano join Grover Beach to offer a 15-mile stretch of beach for long walks, watching shore birds and marine life, enjoying tide pools or just sitting on the sand and feeling the breeze and sun. Enjoy views of the historic Pismo Beach Pier and take advantage of a variety of water sports like kayaking and surfing. Green spaces with trails and panoramic ocean views include Dinosaur Caves Park, Chumash Park featuring coastal wetlands, Margo Dodd Park, and the Pismo Preserve. Millions of Monarch butterflies migrate to the Monarch Butterfly Grove in the cool months.

Pismo Beach and its companion communities provide lodging for every budget. Enjoy the iconic wholesome food and fine wines that are hallmarks for San Luis Obispo County. Gifts, original art, clothes, jewelry and décor can all be found tucked away in the many galleries and shops. A day or more exploring Pismo Beach gives a lifetime of memories.

## Attractions

### Dinosaur Caves Park

Located at the corner of Cliff Street and Shell Beach Road, this

11-acre park is popular with walkers, photographers, dog lovers, joggers and fishing enthusiasts. Observe dolphins, whales, sea otters and other sea life as well as sea and shore birds such as gulls, cormorants, and Peregrine falcons. Reservations may be required for group events. Visit [pismo-beach.org/288/Dinosaur-Caves-Park](http://pismo-beach.org/288/Dinosaur-Caves-Park) for more information.

### Oceano Dunes

Thousands flock to the Oceano Dunes State Recreational Park to camp along the ocean in tents and RVs every week. You can rent and ride dune buggies and ATVs on the beach and enjoy riding for the entire afternoon. There is a small cost per vehicle to drive on the beach and it is recommended you have a larger vehicle before attempting to drive on the dry sand; you don't want to get stuck in the dunes.

### Ocean views

Pismo Beach is home to several parks with beautiful, panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and birds and marine life that live and migrate through the Central Coast. A few of the most popular parks with exquisite views, trails, places to rest, picnic and enjoy the scenery include:

- Chumash Park covers 38-acres of

wetlands, willows, oaks and is home to a rich variety of birds and wildlife. Bring a camera. Leashed dogs are welcome.

- Eldwayen Ocean Park meanders over a mile along the bluffs and has stairs down to the beach and the tidepools. Check a tide chart to visit during low tide to explore the tidepools.

- Margo Dodd Park, located on a bluff above the ocean includes breathtaking panoramas of the ocean, beaches and surrounding areas. Bring binoculars and a camera. Walk the sandy beach to a tidepool at the end of Pier Street.

### Hiking and scenic walks at the Pismo Preserve

The preserve provides over 11 miles of trails wandering through 880-acres of oak woodlands and coastal ridges and some of the most stunning panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and surrounding land and beaches. Trails are marked for the direction of travel. Park is open weekdays from sunup to sunset.

### Price Historical Park

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The advertisement features a large, stylized logo for 'Ashtie's BEACH SHACK' with pink and white floral accents. Below the logo are three circular inset images showing various beach items: colorful beach bags, folded beach towels, and a collection of beach toys and figurines. The background of the ad shows a beach scene with a blue sky and ocean.

## Pismo Beach, Shell Beach & Oceano

walk recognizing Chumash culture and the history of missions and Pismo Beach. The gated Meherin House and Price Anniversary House, built by Pismo Beach founder, John Michael Price, are also located in this park. Visit 365 days a year during daylight. For additional information call Pismo Beach Recreation Division (805) 773-7039.

### Pismo Beach Pier

This 1,200-foot pier is a major fishing attraction. For serious recreation, try kayaking, surfing, or scuba diving. For a more relaxed afternoon walk the pier and then head to the downtown area for shopping.

## Attractions & Tours

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## Dining & Drinks

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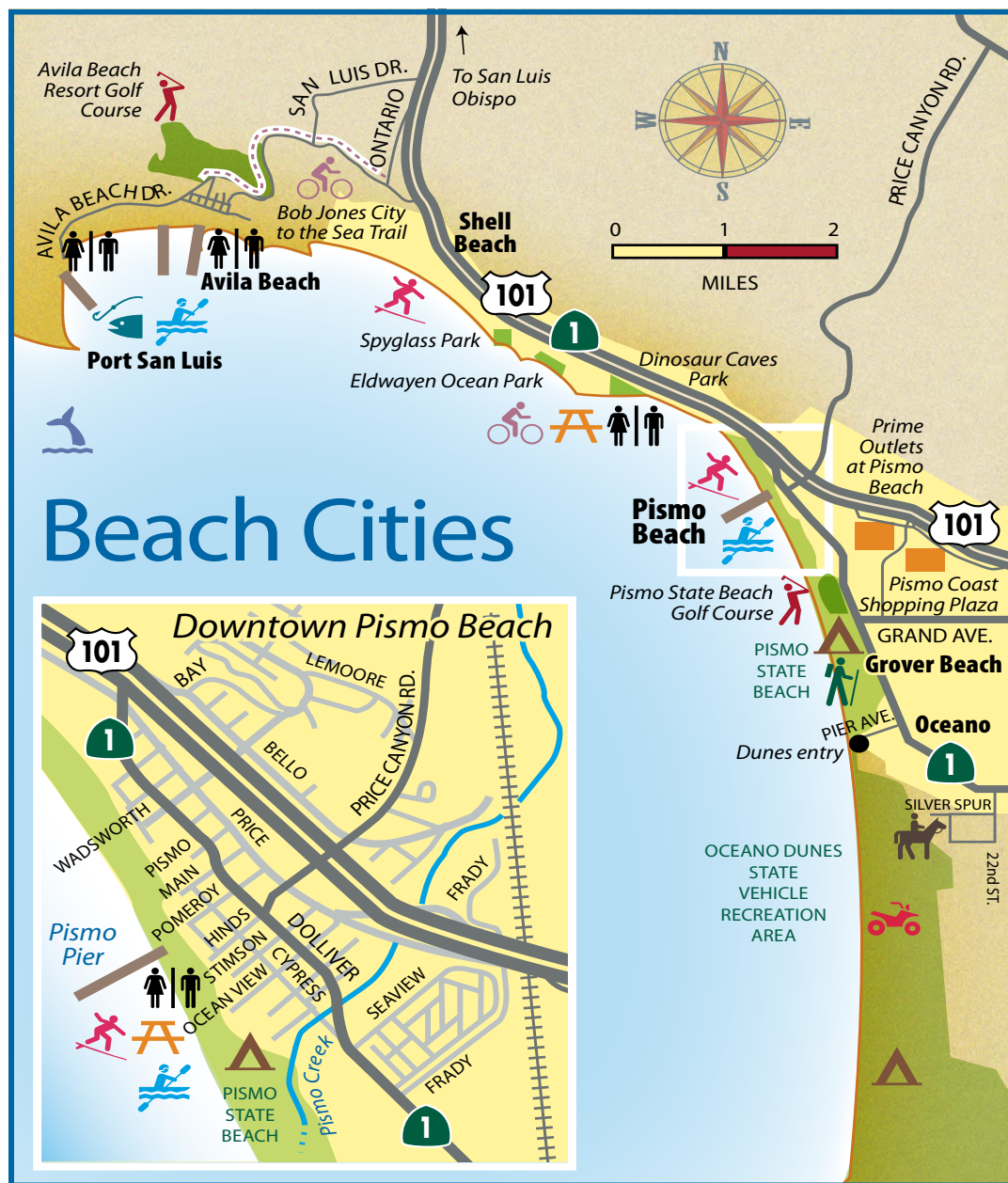
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## Shopping

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Ashtie's Beach Shack on Pomeroy in Pismo Beach is a gift, souvenir and clothing shop for the whole family. There's an assortment of trendy beach clothes, bathing suits (perfect since it's just up from the beach), sandals (dressy and flip flops) and loads of fun sparkly baubles. Come on in and see for yourself what Ashtie's has for you! 240 Pomeroy Avenue, Pismo Beach, (805) 295-5055

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*A passion for bold flavors shines in Splash Café's bakery, hot sauces, and spice rubs*

The renowned Splash Café, a staple of the Central Coast since 1989, has become a beloved landmark just steps from the Pismo Beach Pier. Under the leadership of Joanne and Ross Currie since 1991, the café has become an essential stop for locals and visitors alike.

Splash Café is known for its legendary clam chowder, serv-



Clam chowder and more at Splash Café.

ing over 40,000 gallons annually—more than some seafood restaurants serve in their entire

existence! No trip to Pismo Beach is complete without a bowl of their award-winning clam

chowder, which earns top honors at the annual Pismo Beach Clam Festival year after year.

Splash Café continues to serve the public from its original Pismo Beach location, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Now, guests can enjoy a variety of pastries, desserts, espresso drinks, and more, perfect for a stroll along the beach. If you're planning ahead, you can order one of their assorted pastry boxes or clam chowder meals for local pick-up!

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Her Carrot Pepper Hot Sauce, Raucous Daucus, was originally created to complement the café's signature clam chowder, and its success paved the way for more unique offerings. A trio of spice rubs followed—Smoky Espresso, Smoky Citrus, and Smoky Chimi designed for year-round grilling and culinary adventures.

The bakery side of Splash Café is also flourishing, with freshly baked bread bowls, desserts made in-house, and an assortment of cakes and other treats now available to ship nationwide. Through a partnership with Goldbelly, fans can have the café's famous clam chowder, spice rubs, hot sauce, and cakes delivered straight to their door.

Additionally, Splash Café's popular hot sauce and spice rubs can now be easily purchased on Amazon, bringing a taste of the café to your home no matter where you are.

**Come visit or order online**

Whether you're stopping by for a meal at the Pismo Beach lo-



cation or ordering your favorites to be shipped nationwide, Splash Café continues to bring the flavors of the Central Coast to you.

Order online for pick-up, local delivery, or nationwide shipping! Stop by Splash Café in Pismo Beach at 197 Pomeroy Ave, open

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# California Fresh Market and picnics, the perfect match for a spring outing

*Pack a lunch, hit the road, and enjoy spectacular sights and great food*

Warming days mark the beginning of picnic season. The fresh ocean breezes and quaint coastal vistas found in San Luis Obispo County's Five Cities area are ideal for day trips, taking a hike,



Picnic-ready choices await at California Fresh Market.

## Choose an adventure

The Five Cities region consists of Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, and Halcyon, an unincorporated area in the southeast part of Grover Beach. Each city is unique, with its special history, terrain, and outdoor destinations.

No visit to the Five Cities area is complete without checking out these iconic Central Coast outdoor destinations. Pack up the family and a picnic lunch and head out to one of these beloved picnic spots.

**Dinosaur Caves Park**—If you are looking for a place to enjoy a picnic lunch and let the kids play, Dinosaur Caves Park is ideal. This popular, 11-acre, oceanfront, bluff-top park is a local favorite for families, photographers, dog lovers, and anyone looking to enjoy fresh ocean air. The

park includes sweeping views, a grassy area, restrooms, and a play structure with a dinosaur, dinosaur eggs, concrete sea animals, a tot swing, and The "USS

Imagination," a play ship. Dinosaur

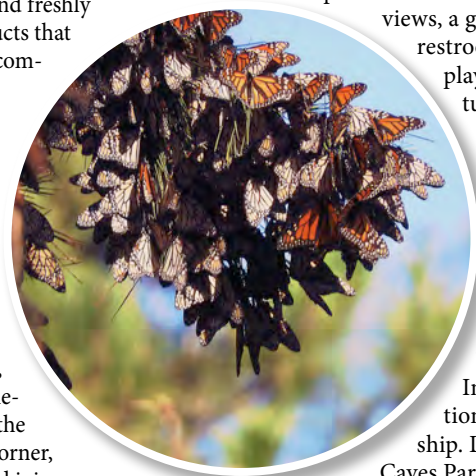
Caves Park is a top pick for families in Five Cities and is located at 2701 Price Street in Pismo Beach.

**Pismo Beach Pier**—The iconic Pismo Beach Pier is a must for visitors to SLO County. The pier and the nearby promenade

relaxing on the beach, or doing some sightseeing. Top it all off with a delicious picnic of fresh food and ingredients from California Fresh Market.

California Fresh Market in Pismo Beach offers a delicious selection of gourmet, organic, conventional, and freshly made products that are perfect companions to an outdoor excursion. Picnickers can stock up on fresh bread, meats, cheeses, and veggies, or grab something from the deli, sushi corner, or coffee and juice bar, and don't forget the chips, treats, and drinks!

The grocery store focuses on keeping things, "hyper-fresh and hyper-local." Hyper-local food paired with a hyper-local view? What's better than that?



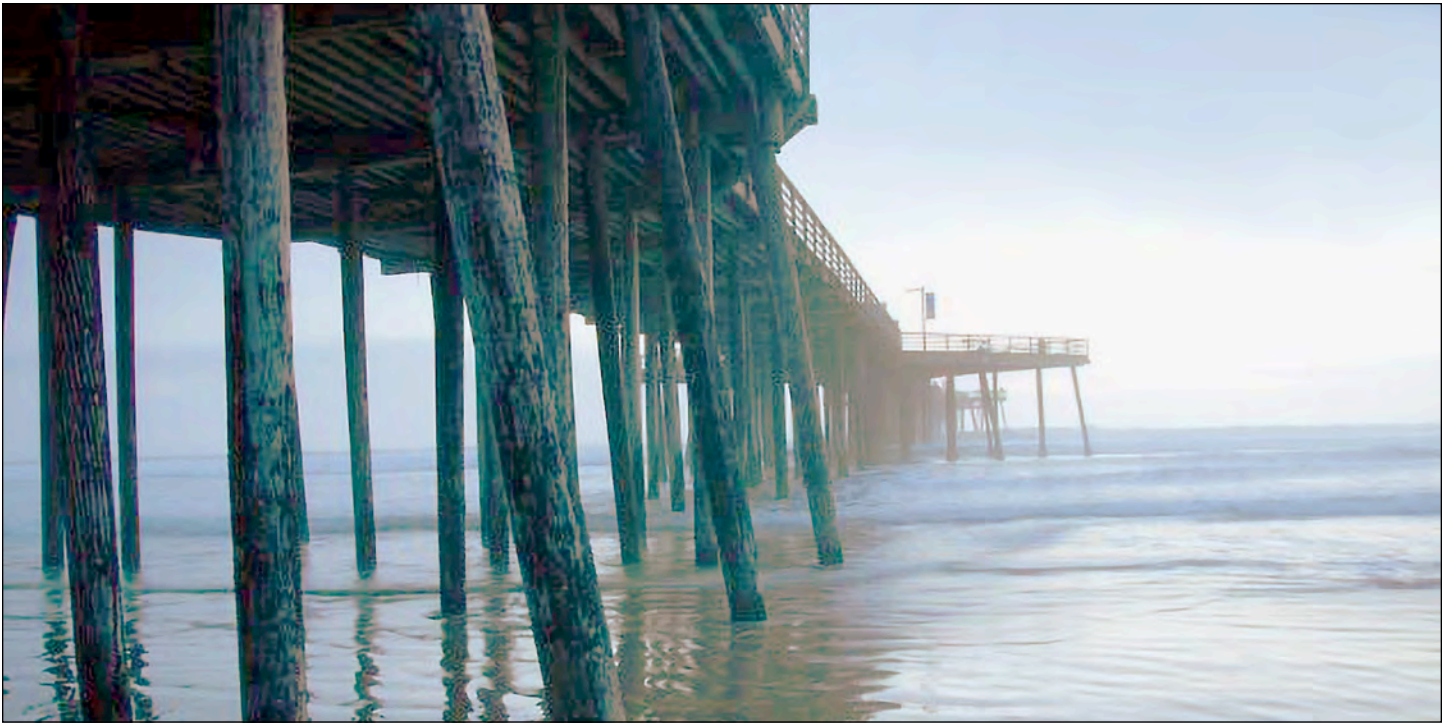

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are the perfect place to stroll, shop, and head out over the water to get a unique view of the Five Cities area and maybe even throw

a fishing line over the edge. The Pismo Pier and Promenade are located at 100 Pomeroy Ave, in Pismo Beach.

**Monarch Butterfly Grove/ Pismo State Beach**—The Pismo State Beach Monarch Grove, is free to visit and open to the

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November - February. The grove is located on HWY 1 between Grover Beach and Pismo Beach. The GPS location is 445 South Dolliver, in Pismo Beach.

CA State Parks reminds visitors to be respectful of the important, endangered pollinator: remember to watch for butterflies on the ground; don't step on them, stay on the designated paths, do not disturb butterfly clusters, and dispose of all litter

in proper receptacles.

At Pismo State Beach, visitors can also enjoy camping, surfing, swimming, walking trails, fishing, and bird watching.

**Oceano Dunes**—Just south of Pismo State Beach is the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, suitable for those seeking a bit more adrenaline in their visit. One of the few beaches on the West Coast where you can drive on the

sand, recreators bring or rent ATVs and explore the other-worldly dunes and camp on the beach next to the roaring surf. A truly unique experience, the recreation area is located at 100 Pier Ave. in Oceano.

**Lopez Lake**—Located in rural Arroyo Grande, Lopez Lake is a hidden escape located about 20 minutes east of The Village of Arroyo Grande. The reservoir is nestled among rocky hills

and has hiking trails, picnic areas, and kayaking, fishing, and camping.

*California Fresh Market's Pismo Beach location is at 555 Five Cities Drive in Pismo Beach, phone (805) 295-7162. For more information about their fresh offerings and other locations visit [californiafreshmarket.com](http://californiafreshmarket.com).*

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# Grover Beach

*Don't miss the hidden gems, dunes, golf and parks of this laid-back beach town*



**G**rover Beach is an outdoor lover's dream with access to wide expanses of beach and nearby parks and hiking. The town resting between Pismo Beach, Oceano and Arroyo Grande is one of the area's gateways to the many experiences and memories that add up to a relaxing break in the regular routine. Exploring nature, the many open spaces and parks, shops, restaurants and activities, including nearby golf courses, are only a few of the attractions that bring visitors back to Grover Beach.

## Attractions

### Skating

The South County Skate Park, operated by the City of Grover Beach, is located at 1750 Ramona Ave. The park is open to skateboarders and inline skaters. Helmets and knee and elbow pads are required. Call (805) 473-4568 for more information.

### Hiking and beaches

Grover Beach shares one of the longest stretches of beaches in the area with Pismo Beach. Close to 15 miles of open beach is available for long beach walks, jogging, or exploring the beach and surrounding landscapes.

Grover Beach is also a gateway to the many outdoor activities that are available. The Grover Beach Recreation Department provides online trail maps to just about every open space in San Luis Obispo County. Visit [grover.org](http://grover.org) to download the maps.

### Golf

Fifteen golf courses are located within 20 miles of Grover Beach. A few of the most popular include:

- Pismo Beach Golf Course. This ocean front, nine-hole, par 27 course is located just one mile from downtown Grover Beach on LaSage Drive. Visit [pismoeachgolf.com](http://pismoeachgolf.com).
- Cypress Ridge Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 72 course located just four

miles from the center of Grover Beach in Arroyo Grande. Visit [cypressridge.com](http://cypressridge.com) for tee times and more information.

- Blacklake Golf Resort. Play a choice of courses on these Nipomo links, or practice on the 275 yard driving range. Visit [blacklake.com](http://blacklake.com) for more information.

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## Shopping

### Natural Healing Center

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# Natural Healing Center for informed experiences

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San Luis Obispo's coastal communities are some of the beautiful gems of the region. Known for rolling vineyards, picturesque coastlines, outdoor adventures, and welcoming communities, this area offers a blend of relaxation and adventure. Recently, it has also emerged as a hub for cannabis enthusiasts seeking high-quality, locally crafted products.

Natural Healing Center cannabis dispensaries showcase a wide array of products, from artisanal edibles to sustainably grown flowers, often sourced from nearby farms. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a curious first-timer, you'll find something that suits you. The friendly and well-informed staff at Natural Healing Center prioritize education, making sure that customers feel informed and comfortable with their choices.

Microdosing cannabis—consuming small, controlled



**Friendly and well-informed staff at Natural Healing Center educate and inform customers.**

amounts—can be a fantastic way to heighten your senses and deepen your connection to the environment. For those who like to explore the many outdoor experiences in the area, try hiking the Bob Jones Trail. This scenic, tree-lined path winds through the Avila Valley and ends at the stunning Avila Beach. A light cannabis microdose can enhance the vibrant colors of the natural surroundings and heighten your appreciation of the area's serenity. Stop by one of the local cafés

for a coffee or snack before you head back, and don't forget to breathe in the crisp coastal air. Or try exploring the calm waters of Morro Bay, where you can paddle alongside sea otters and enjoy stunning views of Morro Rock. A microdose can enhance your sensory experience, making the sounds of the water and the sights of marine life even more vivid.

### Enjoy safely

While cannabis can be a great addition to many activities, it's important to consume responsibly. Always adhere to California's cannabis laws, including restrictions on public consumption and driving under the influence. Whether

you're here to hike, sip wine, or simply unwind, San Luis Obispo County offers the perfect backdrop for a cannabis-friendly getaway. With its stunning scenery, welcoming vibe, and abundance of local cannabis products, it's a destination that truly has it all. So, stop in at the Natural Healing Center in Morro Bay or Grover Beach, grab your favorite microdose-friendly product, and get ready to explore the Central Coast in a whole new way.

*Natural Healing Center is located at 998 Huston St. in Grover Beach, 495 Morro Bay Blvd in Morro Bay, 338 West D Street in Lemoore, and 3401 W Monte Vista Ave in Turlock. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. For more information about locations, product selection and more visit [nhcdispensaries.com](http://nhcdispensaries.com) or call (805) 201-1848.*



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# Arroyo Grande



The charming village of Arroyo Grande showcases its history through the variety of buildings and historical landmarks that line the streets, many housing restaurants, shops and museums. The shops include antiques, specialty boutique goods and gifts. Restaurants range from bakeries, cozy cafes and coffee houses, to family dining for every food preference.

## Attractions

### The Swinging Bridge

The Swinging Bridge in the Village of Arroyo Grande, spanning the Arroyo Grande Creek, is the only remaining bridge of its kind in California. Originally built in 1875, the bridge was reconstructed in 1995 after it was destroyed by a fallen tree.

### Open-air historical experiences

- The Santa Manuela School House, a one-room school that held classes from 1901 until 1957
- The Paulding History House, a registered California Historic Resource at 551 Crown Hill Road, was built in 1889.

Visit the South County Historical Society at [southcountyhistory.org](http://southcountyhistory.org) more information about the Heritage House Museum, the Barn Museum, the IOOF Historic Hall and other Arroyo Grande historical resources.

### Farm fresh foods

The town is surrounded by agricultural land and small farms that grow fresh, farm-to-fork, fruits and vegetables. Many of these essential farms offer produce and fresh farm goods at roadside stands.

### Farmer's market

If you're in town on Wednesday, don't miss the Farmer's Market at 1464 East Grand Avenue. Take your pick of fresh local farm fare, vegetables, fruit, fish, flowers and more. If you missed out on the local farm fresh roadside stands, the chances are the same farmers are at the Arroyo Grande Farmer's Market.

### Lopez Lake Recreation Area

Located just 10 miles east of Arroyo Grande, Lopez Lake has close to 1000 acres of lake surface for boating, fishing, canoeing and windsurfing. The lake has a launch ramp, tackle shop, and many other amenities for water sport enthusiasts. The oak tree studded open space offers hiking and equestrian trails and is home to more than 175 species of flowering plants, more than 150

species of birds and all of the wildlife that calls the region home. Quagga mussel inspections are in force. Call (805) 781-5930 for more information about Quagga mussel inspections, camping, boat launching and horse trailer parking.

## Dining & Drinks

### Klondike Pizza

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# Exploring nature near Arroyo Grande

Vacations are always better with some adventure and exploring and there's no better way than experiencing nature. The Arroyo Grande countryside is some of the most beautiful in the region, and there are miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails less than 20 minutes from Arroyo Grande Village.

Lopez Lake Recreation Area is a short drive from the village and the trailheads are easily accessible from campgrounds or designated parking. Nearly 20 leashed dog-friendly trails, varying from easy to challenging, offer spectacular scenery and wildlife sightings for the entire family.

Every trail offers memorable nature experiences from strolls through meadows and the shade of oaks to brilliant and exotic wildflowers on view in the springtime. Native California grasses and plants are a delight, including fragrant salvia and artemisia shrubs. Watch for the poison oak!

Wildlife includes more than 150 species of birds, including wild turkeys, eagles, hawks, condors, deer, sightings of coyotes, foxes, rabbits, and other small mammals, lizards, and snakes, including rattlesnakes!

Bring your cell phone, camera, and binoculars. Climbing a trail and cresting a hill might offer views of the lake or panoramas of foothills and meadows. Each trail is an adventure and there are some easy walks near the lake.

## Easy trails

**Camp French Road**—1.4 miles, hike, bike, equestrian.

**Marina Trail**—.3 mile, hike or bike.

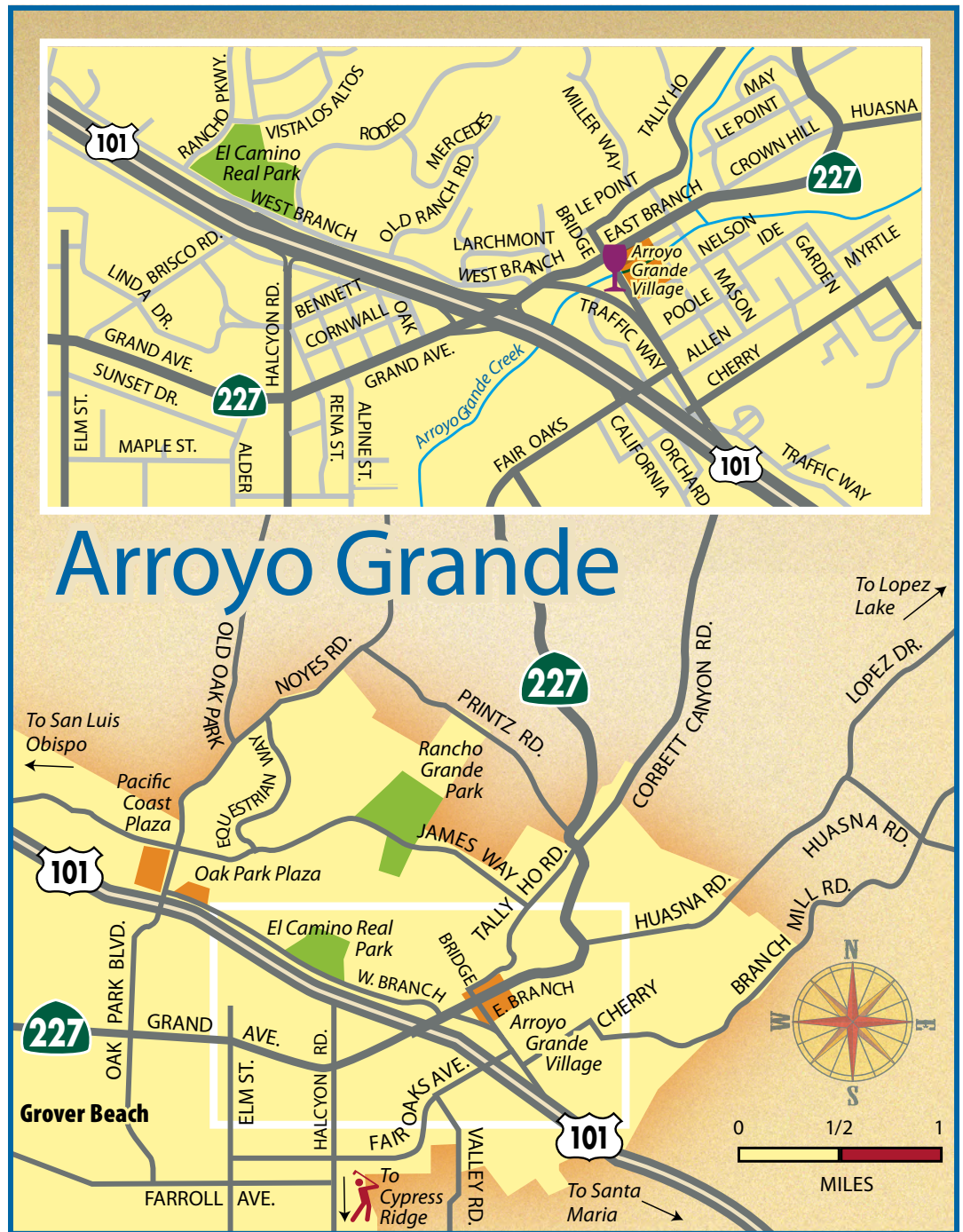
**Rocky Point Trail**—.4 mile, hike or bike.

## Moderate trails

**Blackberry Springs**—.6 mile, hike or bike.

**Bobcat Trail**—.7 mile, hike or bike.

**Connector Trail**—.3 mile, hike or bike.



**Cougar Trail**—.8 mile, hike or bike.

**Duna Vista Spur**—.7 mile, hike, bike, equestrian.

**High Mountain**—1.01 miles, hike, bike, equestrian.

**Horse Trail Spur**—.8 mile, hike, bike, equestrian.

## Challenging trails

**Black Bear Spur**—.2 mile trail hike, bike, equestrian.

**Duna Vista Loop**—3.2 miles, hike, bike, equestrian.

**Encinal Spur**—1.08 miles hike, bike, equestrian.

**Escondido Overlook**—.2 mile, hike, bike, equestrian.

**Escondido Trail**—1.1 miles, hike or bike.

**High Ridge Trail**—2.7 miles, hike, bike, equestrian.

**Turkey Ridge Trail**—.2 mile, hiking or biking.

## Getting there

From Arroyo Grande, take Huasana Road to Lopez Road and into the Lopez Lake Recreation Area. Along with hiking the recreation area offers boating, fishing, and camping, including the Black Bear

Equestrian Camp. The marina at the lake has a convenience store, restaurant, and snack bar. Marina concessions open at 7 or 8 a.m. and close between 4-6 p.m., depending on the day.

There is a day-use fee, payable at the entrance kiosk located at the campground entrance, or make day-use reservations online at [slocountyparks.com](http://slocountyparks.com).

For more information, maps, apps, and check trail conditions visit [slocountyparks.com](http://slocountyparks.com) or call (805) 781-5930.

# Arroyo Grande—relax and enjoy!



Roosters, history, museums, great food, festivals, and fun are all waiting in Arroyo Grande, known as the Village to locals. This charming village is filled with one-of-a-kind shops offering antique and vintage items, collectibles, clothing, sporting goods, gifts, and more.

## Pizza, a swinging bridge, history, and the farmers' market

Hungry after shopping? Stop in for a little piece of Alaska at Klondike Pizza. Specialty pizzas are on the menu and locals say the place is haunted.

As you walk around the village don't miss the Swinging Bridge, the only one of its kind in California. The bridge is 171 feet long and swings 40 feet above the stream. Originally the bridge had no sides, but they were added in 1902. The bridge was donated to the city in 1911, destroyed by a storm in 1995, but since reconstructed.

Visit historic buildings dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s in Heritage Park and catch a concert, too!

Centennial Park hosts the Saturday farmers' market and is home to a troupe of free-ranging roosters and hens. Their population fluctuates from time to time, but on a good day, they can be seen foraging and clucking around the park.

## Concerts and festivals

Arroyo Grande is where families can enjoy concerts and festivals all year.

From the holidays through spring, summer, and the fall harvest, festivals offer activities, parades, vendors, and lots of tasty food and beverages.

### Upcoming events include:

- Free summer concerts are held at the Rotary Bandstand in Heritage Square Park every Sunday through September 22 from 1-3 p.m. Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs, and blankets.
- The Harvest Festival, a tribute to agriculture, is held the last weekend in September. The featured attractions include a parade, live entertainment, agricultural exhibits, and an array of food, games, and arts and crafts booths.

## Parks and open spaces

The many parks include one of the few off-leash dog parks within miles along with some unique experiences:

- Fire Resistant Landscaping Demonstration Garden located at the corner of Traffic and Station Way demonstrates how wildfire-resistant areas can also be beautiful gardens.
- Health Fitness Park at 834 Fair Oaks Avenue, has jogging trails, exercise stations, and a heart check station.
- The James Way Oak Habitat on James Way is a 73-acre oak preserve with equestrian, walking, and jogging trails winding along a hillside through majestic oaks and sightings of wildlife. The area is open from 7 a.m. to sunset.

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Nipomo is a small town on the mesa in the southern area of San Luis Obispo County that is known for its stands of eucalyptus trees, expansive golf courses and special outdoor and nature experiences.

Nipomo preserves a spirit of true frontier land even while modern businesses thrive in its commercial areas. Standing on the wet sand of the shore of the Pacific, looking out over the sprawling Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes toward the rich, riparian woods, creeks, fresh water lakes and the Santa Maria River, one imagines seeing the same views that the original Chumash saw while going about their daily activities. The word "nipomo" means "base of the hills" in the Chumash language.

Bostonian sea captain, Captain William G. Dana acquired a land grant in 1837, and settled the 37,888-acre Rancho Nipomo. His adobe house still stands near the 101 Freeway.

## Attractions

### Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes

The 3,400-acre Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve is one of the largest remaining coastal dune systems in the nation and is a must-see excursion for hikers, naturalists and bird-watchers. Catch glimpses of more than 200 varieties of birds and

view more than 120 imperiled plants and animals within the preserve's National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding dune habitat.

### Nipomo Native Gardens

A forest of native plants and trees are maintained by volunteers from the Nipomo Native Gardens Society. The Nipomo Native Garden is a 12-acre site located between Pomeroy, Camino Caballo and Osage, [nipomonativegarden.org](http://nipomonativegarden.org).

### Nipomo Swap Meet

The huge Nipomo Swap Meet and Flea market is on the grounds adjacent to the 101 Freeway at the Teft Street off-ramp. The Nipomo Swap Meet & Flea market combines great family entertainment with old school swap meet atmosphere. It is the largest swap meet on California's Central Coast and is open Sunday only 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$4 Parking. No dogs. Visit [nipomoswapmeets.com](http://nipomoswapmeets.com) or call (805) 929-7000 for more information.

### Dana Adobe Historical Landmark and Cultural Center

The mission of the Dana Adobe Cultural Center is to engage visitors with the stories of California's Rancho Era History, connecting them with the peoples, the land and its resources

to foster environmental stewardship and cultural understanding. The Dana Adobe is located at 671 Oakglen Ave, Nipomo, CA. Be sure to visit [danaadobe.org](http://danaadobe.org) before arriving for the most recent information.

### The Luffa Farm

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# Los Osos

## and Baywood Park



Los Osos, Spanish for “Valley of the Bears”, is off the beaten path and the gateway to Montana de Oro, an amazing state park along the ocean. The town has many quaint places of interest for visitors to stop on their way to and from the state park. Try one of the many restaurants or grab something to take with you for a picnic at the beach or one of the nearby forests.

### Montana de Oro

The park is well-used with daily visitors throughout the year who go there to hike, picnic, fish, camp, surf, take a dip in the ocean or visit the tide pools. The park’s visitor center is located at Spooner’s Ranch House Museum above Spooner’s Cove. The park is free to enter. (805) 528-0513. For camping call (800) 444-7275.

### Elfin Forest

The forest has nearly 200 species of plants, more than 100 varieties of birds, and many species of mammals and reptiles and

amphibians. The forest includes a 1-mile boardwalk that is wheelchair accessible at the north end of 16th Street. Guided tours are given on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 am starting at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel. (805) 528-0392.

### Baywood Pier

The pier, at the intersection of 2nd Street and El Morro Ave., overlooks the shores of the back bay of Morro Bay. The Los Osos Oaks State Reserve Half-mile east of South Bay Boulevard on the south side of Los Osos Valley Road. The reserve has an easy one-mile trail through the “Pygmy Oaks”, which are dwarfed coast live oaks. The low canopy reserve is on the site where Chumash once lived.

### Los Osos Community Park

Located at the corner of Los Osos Valley Road and Palisades Avenue, the park includes a 17,000-square-foot skate park,

three tennis courts, playgrounds and restrooms. The park is ideal for walking or picnicking and is the site of the Los Osos Valley School, one of five original one-room schoolhouses between San Luis Obispo and the coast. Of those five, only two still exist today, both in Los Osos.

### Sweet Springs Nature Preserve

Located on the north end of Ramona Avenue between Broderon and 4th Street, the park is open from dawn to dusk and has trails that wander through the Monterey cypress and eucalyptus trees around two freshwater ponds and a salt marsh to the edge of Morro Bay.

### Baywood Park Farmers’ Market

On Santa Maria Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets. The market takes place every Monday from 2-4:30 p.m. (805) 748-1109.

### Bear statues

On your way into Los Osos notice the large grizzlies stationed as guards into the town at South Bay Boulevard and Los Osos Valley Road. The statues were created by local artist Paula Zima.

## Dining & Drinks

### Foggy Bottom Distillery

A small-batch craft distillery located in Los Osos on Los Osos Valley Road, specializing in bourbon, whiskeys, gin, and spiced rum. Come visit and meet the distiller. 905 Los Osos Valley Road, fbdistillery.com, (805) 795-1727

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# Sweet Springs Nature Reserve— a birdwatching paradise

*Adding a different  
experience to  
hiking, beach  
strolls, and family  
time*

Sweet Springs Nature Preserve in Los Osos is one of the top bird-watching locations in SLO County. With 464 species of birds recorded in SLO County, birdwatching is the perfect outdoor activity for families and another reason for hiking and beach strolls. Individual birds number in the thousands, and at certain times of the year, include migrating birds not normally seen in the area. The Central Coast is one of the four main migration routes for birds in the Americas.

Birds that can be seen at Sweet Springs Nature Preserve include a rich variety of water birds and shore birds, bald eagles, ospreys, hawks, hummingbirds, woodpeckers, and many bird species some of us may have never seen before.

Spring and summer are nesting seasons when birders look forward to returning birds that have been gone all winter. Along with Central Coast birds that don't migrate, nesting season is an excellent opportunity to watch and learn. Species you



Watch for the mountain bluebird (*Sialia currocooides*).

might see during nesting season include the hooded oriole, Bullock's oriole, black-headed grosbeak, cliff swallow, tree swallow, and Allen's hummingbird.

According to Susie Reddy, outreach coordinator for the Morro Coast Audubon Society (MCAS) and the Morro Bay Bird Festival, SLO County has some excellent locations for bird watching. Pack up the kids, binoculars, cameras, a picnic, and head out!

## Birdwatching inland

For great inland locations, check out Meadow Park, El Chorro Park, or Laguna Lake in San Luis Obispo. The Bob Jones Trail at Avila Beach and Atascadero Lake in Atascadero are also easy to get to locations.

## Getting to know the birds

Learning to identify each unique species can range from curiosity about what's in your backyard, to day trips, and vacations to observe many different birds in their natural habitats. "The easiest way to get started is to look out your windows," says Reddy. "You don't even need binoculars. You might be surprised at what you see and hear, birds are all around us!"

Joining a group is a family-fun way to learn and make new friends. The MCAS offers several monthly bird walks, beginner workshops, and in-depth learning classes.

*The Sweet Springs Nature Preserve is located in Los Osos off Ramona Avenue and has been owned and managed by MCAS since 1989. The preserve offers hiking trails, beautiful views of Morro Bay and Morro Rock, and excellent birding opportunities. No pets please! For more information about birdwatching locations, membership, and programs, visit [morrocoastaudubon.org](http://morrocoastaudubon.org).*

—By Jackie Iddings

## Birdwatching on the coast

For easy-to-reach locations in addition to the Sweet Springs Preserve, check out Oso Flaco Lake in Oceano. Favorite spots in Morro Bay are the marina boardwalk and Morro Rock. Farther north, visit Estero Bluffs State Park in Cayucos, the Harmony Headlands in San Simeon, and the Fiscalni Ranch Preserve near Cambria.



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# Morro Bay

## *A sightseer's delight*

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Morro Bay is bursting with exciting activities to try. There's deep sea fishing, whale watching, world-class surfing, hiking, biking, and kayaking.

When it comes to birdwatching, there's little doubt that Morro Bay provides the best chance for observing a great variety of species. It's an incredible birding spectacle. There are also harbor seals, sea lions, and sea otters.

Looking to take a slower pace? Stroll down the Embarcadero and browse gift shops and art galleries. Explore the local cuisine and dine on fresh caught fish. Sit on a bench in Tidelands Park and watch the boats leaving the harbor or take a walk on the beach and watch the waves. Walk out the harbor boardwalk to Morro Rock, the 576-foot volcanic plug that looms over the bay and seashore. Keep an eye out for sea otters that rest in the kelp beds near the shore.

## Attractions

### Morro Bay Maritime Museum

This museum has been preserving and interpreting the maritime history, especially that of California since 1995. The current fleet on exhibit includes the tug boat "Alma" that rescued sailors from the December 1941 Japanese attack on a Union

oil tanker off the coast of Morro Bay and the "Avalon," one of two Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicles (DSRV) submarines designed to rescue crews of downed submarines. The museum is located at 1210 Embarcadero in Morro Bay. For hours visit [morrobay-maritime.org](http://morrobay-maritime.org).

### Morro Bay State Park

Morro Bay State Park, located at 60 State Park Rd. Morro Bay, features lagoon and bay habitat, all in view of Morro Rock. The park has opportunities for sailing, fishing, hiking and bird watching and features a marina and an 18-hole golf course. The Morro Bay Golf Course is located at 201 State Park Rd. Call (805) 772-1923 for hours and tee times.

The park is a California state park, visit [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov) for information about parking, hours and other attractions.

### North Point Natural Area

Operated by the City of Morro Bay, the North Point Natural Area has a stairway that leads down to the beach. Once on the beach, people can walk north to Cayucos or south to Morro Rock. The beach has one of the best tidepool areas. In the spring, the meadow is full of blooming wildflowers. The entry is located on Toro Lane in Morro Bay.

### Black Hill Trail

Located at Main St and Parkview Dr., this 2.5 mile trail is a moderate hike. The trail is a favorite spot for nature walks and birdwatching. Leashed dogs are welcome.

### Giant chessboard at Centennial Parkway

According to the United States Chess Federation, the Giant Chessboard at Centennial Parkway, 806 Embarcadero, is only one of two outdoor chessboards in the United States. The other is located in New York City. The Morro Bay Chess Club installed chess tables and benches adjacent to the Giant Chessboard. The Giant Chessboard is available for reservations, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., through the Morro Bay Recreation Services for a small fee. Visitors are always welcomed to join the Morro Bay Chess Club on Saturdays beginning at noon. For more information call (805) 772-6278

### Art Center Morro Bay

The Gallery has become a hub for fine art. They offer many opportunities to purchase beautiful, local drawings, prints, sculpture, jewelry, cards and more through an array of venues, as well as networking and educational opportunities for artists to further their craft. Morro Bay Art Center 835 Main St., [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org), (805) 772-2504

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## Art Galleries

### David J Rogers Fine Art

Visit the gallery and working studio of local artist, David J Rogers. He offers original paintings, giclée prints, cards, gifts and live watercolor workshops. Located in downtown Morro Bay, 407 Morro Bay Blvd., open daily 10 am - 5 pm, Sundays 11 am - 4 pm, [davidjrogersart.com](http://davidjrogersart.com), (805) 225-5077

## Attractions & Tours

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## Dining & Drinks

### Bayside Cafe

Located at the State Park Marina it's the best kept secret on the Central Coast. Seafood dinners, such as fresh fish, steamers and fish and chips. Meatloaf served Thursday nights. Lunch daily starting at 11 a.m., dinner Thursday-Sunday 4 - 8:30 p.m. Located across the street from the State Park Campground entrance, (805) 772-1465

## Morro Bay

### Hotels & Lodging

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The large purple building with its iconic mural of Morro Rock in downtown Morro Bay is a must-visit for art appreciators and artists. Art Center Morro Bay (MBAA) has been offering art exhibits and art-related activities since 1951. This nonprofit, volunteer-run art center is a destination for emerging and professional exhibitors and art collectors who appreciate compelling exhibits filled with a vast array of quality art.

## Art all year

Art Center Morro Bay presents eight exhibits annually with two spacious galleries and a classroom. Special juried exhibits have included the Pastel Society of the West Coast, featuring award-winning, national and international artists.

### Current and upcoming exhibits include:

- **Estuary and Marsh**—Through March 31, this exhibit celebrates the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's 30th anniversary. Artists explore the rich and dynamic themes of the vital ecosystems where the land meets water in estuaries and marshes. Their work captures the teeming life, contrasts and transformations between the stillness and movement, resilience and fragility of these landscapes.

- **Central Coast Watercolor Society: Aquarius 2025**—Through March 31, this premiere juried show is presented by Central Coast Watercolor Society. This annual exhibition features excellence in watermedia painting, from traditional to experimental, and encourages appreciation for watermedia



Art Center Morro Bay offering art activities since 1951.

painting as a vital, enduring, and expressive art form.

Check the website for dates and times for receptions.

Mark your calendars for the annual Art in the Park weekends. Every year Morro Bay Art Association holds Art in the Park Festivals on Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day weekends as their annual fundraisers. This year, 2025, marks 70 years of Art in the Park. The proceeds help fund children's art classes and provide scholarships and other programs. The 2025 schedule is:

- **Memorial Day weekend:** May 24, 25 26–Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

- **Independence Day weekend:** July 4, 5, 6–Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

- **Labor Day weekend:** August 30, 31, and September 1–Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

*Art in the Park is held at City Park at Harbor in Morro Bay. Accepting vendor applications now! Apply on the website at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).*

## Classes, workshops, and demonstrations

Free demonstrations by talented artists are presented on the second Monday of each month from 3 - 5

p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Adult art classes and workshops are offered throughout the year, and summer art camp is designed for children over the age of six. Drop-in figure drawing is offered every Wednesday evening from 6-9 p.m. for a minimal fee to cover the cost of the model. Fine art classes and workshops may include, plein-air painting, portrait painting, sketching, and digital drawing. Craft classes include clay sculpture and jewelry.

Classes are available throughout the year so check the website regularly.

## A history of art and community

Beginning in 1951, seventeen artists met in local homes, hanging their paintings on neighborhood trees, using whatever space was available for shows. The association acquired its current home in 1971 and has become an integral part of the community since opening its doors.

Art Center Morro Bay works with local high schools and the Cuesta College Art Department to provide internship programs and scholarships to deserving youths. The MBAA established and is still responsible for the three annual summer Morro Bay Art in the Parks, the second-oldest park show in California!

A board-of-directors-operated, member-supported nonprofit organization, Art Center Morro Bay is completely operated by volunteers. Members are the heart of the organization and membership is open to all. Visit the website to join.

*Art Center Morro Bay is located at 835 Main St., Morro Bay, CA, open 12-4 p.m. daily. For more information call (805) 772-2504 or visit [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).*





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The Morro Bay Kite Festival has been a Central Coast go-to event since 2007. Starting Friday night, April 25, the kite fun and adventures continue all day on Saturday and Sunday. There are free kites for the first 500 children on Saturday, two candy drops a day, kite-making workshops, flying contests, musically synchronized kite-flying, professional kite-flying demonstrations, vendor booths, food, and more.

The festival started in Paso Robles in 2006 when event director, Shaun Farmer organized a group of local kitefliers. The next year, he brought the event to Morro Bay for



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the favorable springtime winds. Today, the festival entertains around 3000 kitefliers and visitors.

### Friday night kites

After sundown on Friday, the night sky fills with LED-lighted kites, launched by professional kitefliers.

The weaving and dancing lights set the mood for the high-flying shapes and colors over the weekend.

The professional kitefliers, many known personally to Farmer, are invited to fly the demonstration kites and display their unique kites and technical flying skills. The pros

participate in activities throughout the weekend, flying and controlling multiple-lined kites and performing acrobatic, synchronized demonstrations.

Professional kitefliers? Yep! There is such a thing! Most are members of the American Kitefliers Association, which holds events, and workshops to help kitefliers develop the advanced skills needed to reach professional status.

Personal non-professional kites are welcome on Saturday and Sunday! Experience some of the best kite-flying wind in the world, learn to make kites, pick up some professional tips, or relax and enjoy watching the kite-filled sky at this free and fun family event.

*The Morro Bay Kite Festival is held near Morro Rock from Friday night April 25, through April 26-27. For hours and more information, visit [morrobaykitefestival.com](http://morrobaykitefestival.com).*

—By Jackie Iddings

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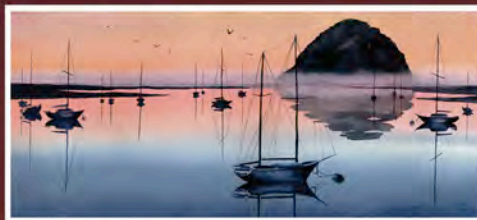
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# Cayucos

Enjoy this scenic seaside retreat



A quiet town, Cayucos invites folks to slow down, smell the ocean air, pick up sea glass, and never take life for granted. The broad main street recalls the days of stagecoaches and cowboys, and some of the buildings there date back to that bye-gone era.

Cayucos is the number one destination on the Central Coast for antique shoppers and a great place to just cool down and get away from the heat. It is the perfect beachside town for renting a beach house and enjoying a week of sand castles, sunsets and relaxation.

## Attractions

### Public art

Cayucos has a number of public murals and sculptures on display at various locations. The art includes a "Mosaic Sculpture Honoring Indigenous People," an underwater scene of the Cave of Mysteries, and more. Visit [cayucos.org/muralsociety](http://cayucos.org/muralsociety) for a map of the art.

### Explore tidepools

Rocky areas around the pier on Cayucos State Beach are great areas to find tidepools. Estero Bluffs State Park north of Cayucos is another area with plenty of tidepools. Depending on the tide, the animals that can be seen in tidepools include small fish, shrimp, sea stars, hermit crabs, anemones, sponges,

sea urchins, tube worms, sea cucumbers and many, many more. Please leave the tidepools exactly as you found them. Tidepools are special, fragile systems and disturbing the animals and plants can cause harm.

### Fishing

Fishing on the pier and from the shore of Cayucos State Beach is a favorite activity for locals and visitors. No fishing license is needed. Surf fishing is also allowed but a license is needed. Deep sea fishing is also available from local commercial fishing businesses.

### Beach activities

The Cayucos State Beach stretches five miles south to Morro Bay. Run, jog, or walk as far as you like. Leashed dogs are welcome. Other beach activities include surfing, boogie boarding, kayaking or sitting in the sand and building sand castles.

## Dining & Drinks

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### Cayucos Sausage Company

Cayucos Sausage Company is a seaside delicatessen that makes gourmet sausages with the finest ingredients and never uses preservatives. In addition to the sausages they are an upscale full-service deli and meat market. 12 N. Ocean Avenue, Suite 121, [cayucossausage.com](http://cayucossausage.com), (805) 900-5377

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# Cayucos Sausage Company, a seaside delicatessen

*Where specialty sausages headline the menu*

The Cayucos Sausage Company makes gourmet sausages using their signature seasonings, great sandwiches, and treats for your dog. A must-try is their Tequila Mustard and Signature Seasoning. Located on North Ocean Street in Cayucos, this shop, and deli are easy to find by the tables, umbrellas, and beautiful flowerpots in front. Enjoy your meal while people-watching or on the patio behind the shop.

The Central Coast is known for many interesting types of foods, tri-tip, and avocados for instance, but sausage is definitely uncom-



mon. So, the success of Don and Juneé Sherwood's Cayucos Sausage Company is a welcome treat for visitors and locals. For-

merly located at the back of the Cayucos Supermarket, the sausage company was a local favorite for over 18 years. The couple finally relocated across the street from Shoreline Inn and are now a favorite for both locals and visitors.

Sausage was in Don Sherwood's blood from the time he was 12. Raised locally, Sherwood is the last of nine children who had the opportunity to work for local ranchers, many of whom were of Italian/Swiss ancestry. "At one time of the year they would make Swiss sausage," he explained, "and I learned from that."

Sherwood eventually went into the meat industry and met a German man who desired to hand down his recipes for making sausage. He picked Don as his apprentice and even though he left the meat business for years, those recipes remained with him. When returning to the meat business he began to use those recipes but altered them to create his sausage specialty line.

Sausage is made with premium pork and fresh spices. After Juneé bugged Don for years he came up with a chicken sausage. The flavor wasn't quite what he wanted and one night after pondering it for hours he suddenly thought of the missing ingredient. It was

cranberry. He did the same thing with Irish sausage finally hitting on Guinness Blonde Ale. It's his personal favorite.

Sausages offered are Coastal Italian, French Apple, Jalapeno Chipotle, Hot Basque, Baja, Bratwurst, and many more varieties. They also make two holiday sausages: Pumpkin Spice (Halloween) and Champagne Pecan (Christmas). All sausages are handmade in the store with no preservatives.

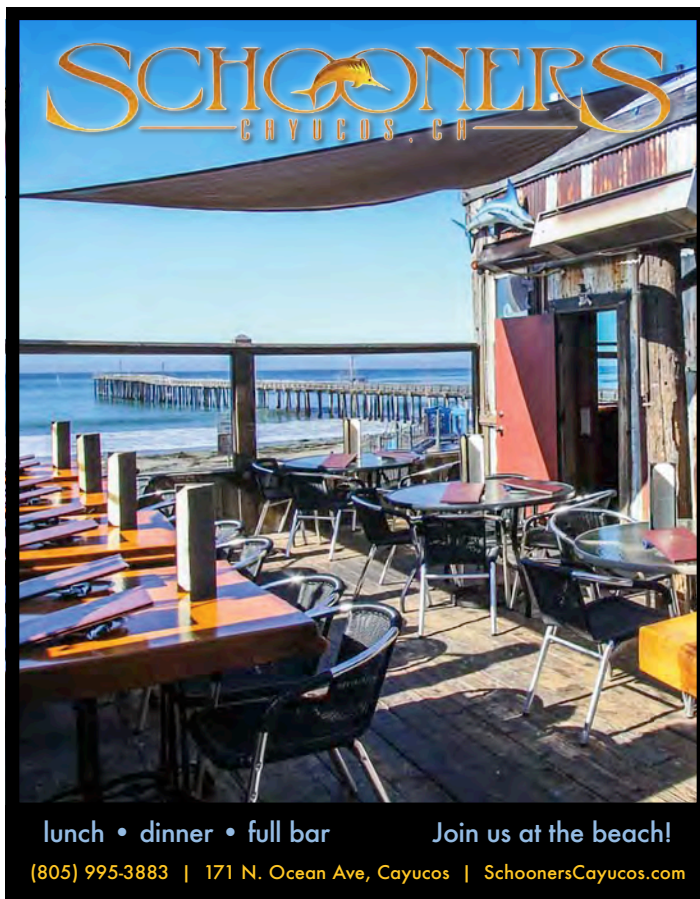
Sausage isn't everything there is also a deli with tasty sandwiches on fresh bread. Meats offered are turkey, ham, roast beef, pastrami, tri-tip, pork roast, salami, and Mary's chicken, a delicacy not matched by other chickens. Cheeses include provolone, Swiss, smoked cheddar, pepper Jack, Muenster, cheddar, and American. Sandwiches can be topped with their special Tequila Mustard, house-made Garlic Aioli, Chipotle Mayo, avocado, or lettuce and tomato.

Cooked foods available are delicious baby back ribs, pork roast, tri-tip, and Mary's free-range rotisserie chickens. Soups and salads are also on the menu.

The latest creation, which may prove to be the million-dollar moneymaker, is Juneé's specialty, Dog Treats. "I took Pork Cranberry Sausage cooked it, sliced it and dehydrated it, and came up with this nice little dog treat," she said. "Dogs are literally going crazy for it." On each day about 30 to 50 dogs go by the store and each stop to get their treat.

*Cayucos Sausage Company is at 12 North Ocean Street, Suite 121, in Cayucos. Parking in the front and back, which is accessed from the north on the street just before the store location, Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. For information and to check out the menu, visit [cayucos-sausage.net](http://cayucos-sausage.net) or call (805) 900-5377.*

— By Ruth Ann Angus







# Cambria, San Simeon & North Coast

The charming village of Cambria is filled with unique shops, galleries, and restaurants serving all kinds of delicious food. The shops have everything from antiques, specialty items, household gadgets, exquisite jewelry, and art from the quirky to traditional. Walking through the village, along flower-filled yards and shady trees, the well-maintained buildings, many dating from the 1800s, all come together in a sense of how life in a more tranquil time must have been.

Cambria is also known as the gateway to Hearst Castle, glorious ocean scenery along Highway 1, and during the month of October, is the heart of the Cambria Scarecrow Festival. The festival is an outdoor display of whimsical handmade scarecrows that draws visitors from all over.

## Attractions

### Historical walking tour

Visit the Cambria Historical Society website ([cambriahistoricalsociety.com](http://cambriahistoricalsociety.com)) for a map of a walking tour of Cambria's historical buildings. The self-guided tour encompasses 28 buildings and the map includes a written history of each one. Learn the fascinating history of these old buildings and how their uses evolved from the original business or residence

to their current occupations. Learn a little about the people and families who shaped Cambria's early years.

### Visit the elephant seals

The elephant seal rookery extends six miles along the shoreline near Point Piedras Blancas in the Hearst San Simeon State Park. The seals may be seen all year but the largest populations are present during late January, April and October. Visit the Friends of the Elephant Seal website at [elephantseal.org](http://elephantseal.org) for information about the best viewing times and spots.

### The Hearst San Simeon State Park

The state park encompasses the Moonstone Beach, the Santa Rosa Creek Natural Preserve, the San Simeon Natural Preserve and the Pa-Nu Cultural Preserve.

- Santa Rosa Creek Preserve includes valuable riparian forests and coastal wetlands, that provide habitat for endangered Tidewater Goby.
- San Simeon Natural Preserve covers vast wetlands, riparian areas, and several undisturbed native plant communities and is a wintering site for monarch butterflies.
- The 13.7 acre Pa-nu Cultural Preserve contains an archaeological site

dated to 5850 years before the present era. The site holds significant evidence of prehistoric technology and life patterns.

A 3.3 mile trail runs through parts of the San Simeon Natural Preserve, with a portion of the trail being wheelchair accessible. The trail includes scenic overlooks, rest-stop benches and interpretive panels. The park address is 500 San Simeon Creek Road, Cambria. Call (805) 927-2010 for information about days and times the park is open.

### Nitt Witt Ridge

This California Registered Historical Landmark #939 is famous for the artistic use of recycled materials used in its construction. Reclusive artist Arthur Harold Beal purchased the land in 1928 and spent the next 50 years creating his own version of a castle. Building materials include beer cans, concrete, washing machines, car parts, old stoves and abalone shells. Call (805) 927-2690 to arrange a tour.

## Attractions & Tours

### Covell's Clydesdales

Covell Ranch has 50+ Clydesdale horses and 2,000 acres of pasture and forest the family lives on in Cambria. They have been raising them for nearly 40 years. They are open Mon. – Sat. 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. for horseback riding and at noon for vehicle tours. 5694 Bridge St, Cambria, [covellsclydesdaleranch.com](http://covellsclydesdaleranch.com), (805) 975-7332

## Dining & Drinks

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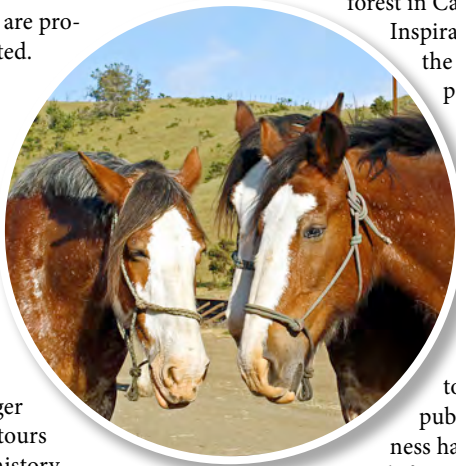
# Ride a gentle giant at Covell Clydesdale Ranch

*Trails rides and tours travel past spectacular views*

Take a trail ride through acres of Monterey pine forest, through pastures of grazing cattle, and along a spectacular ocean view. Covell Clydesdale Ranch in Cambria offers guided trail rides atop their 2000-pound gentle giants. Tara Covell says, "These are gentle and calm horses and easy to ride, you just have to be able-bodied and able to take instructions." Imagining sitting atop their broad backs can be daunting, but many say it's the experience of a lifetime.

"The rides are mostly walking," said Tara, "with some trotting and cantering depending on ability." Children must be at least seven years old. Helmets are not required but are provided if wanted. Bring your camera!

Other fun includes UTV tours for groups of five or fewer or wagon tours for larger groups. The tours include the history of the ranch and up-close encounters with the pastured Clydesdales. Prior to Tara Covell's Clydesdale tourism business, her Father Covell had raised Clydesdales for nearly 40 years, 23 of those in Cambria before he passed in 2023. Originally based in Azu-

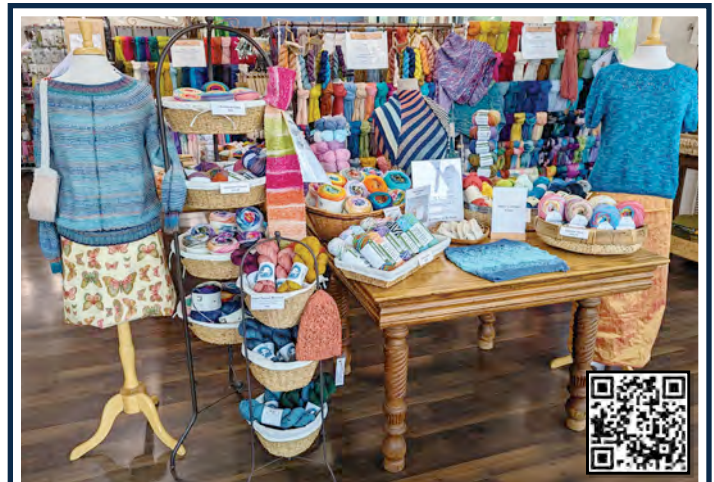


Take a trail ride and have a visit with the foals.

sa, California, he bred and showed his huge horses throughout the country. His search for more rural space brought his horses and family to a nearly 2000-acre ranch amongst the Monterey pine forest in Cambria. The

Inspiration to open the ranch to the public came about in 2015 when daughter, Tara, came up with the idea to offer the rides and tours for the public. Her business has carried the ranch for years, and is continuing the legacy her Father dreamed of for decades!

Covell currently has between 50 and 60 Clydesdales, a breed of draft horse well known in the United States for representing Budweiser. The large, gentle Clydesdale is named for its origin



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in the valley of the River Clyde in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The breed originated in the 18th century when imported Flemish stallions were bred to local mares. In the 19th century the Shire, another draft breed, was introduced to the bloodlines. Clydesdales were exported to other countries to help with farming. As mechanized farming began replacing the horse the Clydesdale's population diminished. Today the Clydesdale is bred primarily for show and is considered a vulnerable breed.

Clydesdales weigh between 1800 and 2000 pounds and measure around 18 hands. A hand equals four inches measured from the withers (top of the shoulder) to the bottom of the hoof. One of the horse's beautiful characteristics is the long silky hair, called feathers, covering the hooves and floating in the air as the horse moves. Another characteristic is the coat colors, ranging from tan, through reddish tan, dark brown to almost black. Many have a blaze of white



The gentle Clydesdale can weigh 2000 pounds.

down the front of their faces. The famous Budweiser Clydesdales are a specific bay color and all markings are closely matched. Budweiser is very particular that their horses match specific conformation standards.

Rates are \$140 for the trail rides. Tours start at \$200 for groups of one to four with arrangements of \$50 per person for larger groups.

Covell's is open Monday-Saturday by appointment only. Trail rides at 9

a.m. and 3 p.m., vehicle tour at noon. To book a ride or tour, text or call (805) 975-7332. For more information visit [covellsclydesdaleranch.com](http://covellsclydesdaleranch.com) or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

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# Behind castle gates, a glimpse into the Gilded Age at Hearst Castle

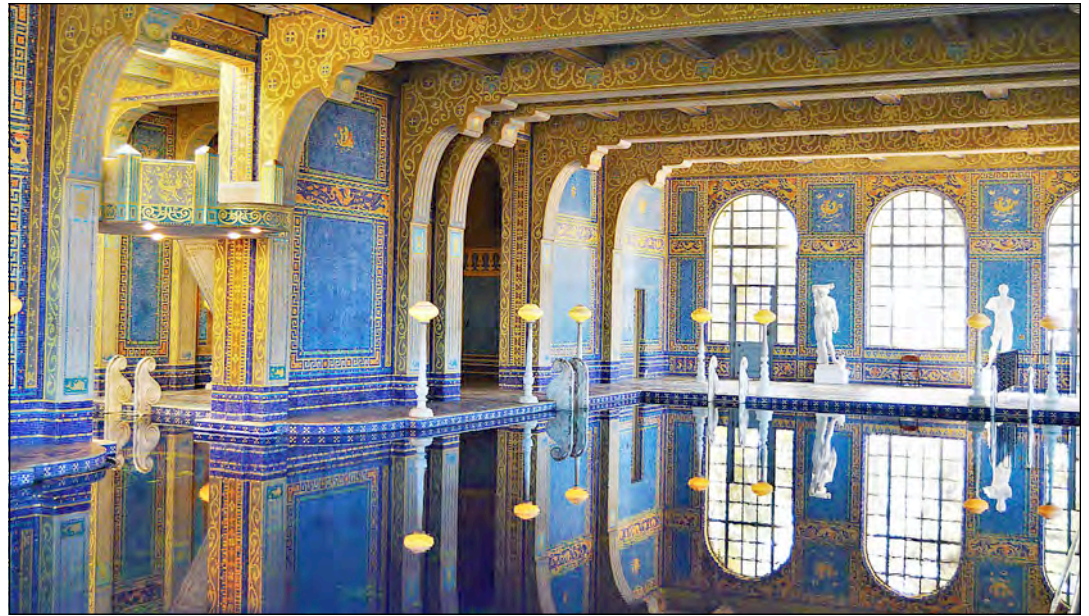
*Art, architecture, and the glamour of a golden era*

Hearst Castle, one of California's world-famous landmarks, is not to be missed when visiting the Central Coast. The castle offers several tours, not counting privately arranged tours. Some of the most popular tours are wheelchair-accessible and accommodate visitors (with their support dogs) who have standing and mobility difficulties.

William Randolph Hearst started building the legendary estate on family ranchland overlooking the village of San Simeon in 1919. He called the estate "La Cuesta Encantada" - Spanish for The Enchanted Hill. By 1947, the hilltop complex included the iconic twin-towered main building, three guesthouses frequently occupied by Hollywood's famous, and 127 acres of terraced gardens, fountains, and pools.

Regular visitors to the castle included a long list of Hollywood greats, political leaders such as Winston Churchill and Calvin Coolidge, and other notables such as Howard Hughes, George Bernard Shaw, Hedda Hopper, and Louella Parsons, well-known gossip columnists of their time.

The castle was donated to the State of California in 1957 and managed by the California State Parks System. The doors first opened to the public in 1958. The castle sees over 850,000 visitors from all over the world every year.



The Roman Pool at Hearst Castle.

## So many tours, so little time

The guided tours include year-round and seasonal tours. The year-round tours include the private rooms and suites, the guest cottages, the kitchen, and the Julia Morgan Tour. Seasonal tours, only available at certain

times of the year, include The Art of San Simeon, Hearst, and Hollywood Tour, an evening tour, and a holiday tour. Private tours for schools and other groups are also available by prior arrangement.

Daytime tours include a viewing of the film "Hearst Castle - Building the Dream" in the Hearst Castle Theater at the visitor center. The film is not included in the evening tours but visitors who wish to see it can do so for a discounted cost.

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**'Something a little more comfortable up on the hill'**

The first 40,000 acres of the land was acquired by George Hearst in 1865. His son, William Randolph Hearst, inherited the original land and thousands more acres after his mother Phoebe Hearst, died from the Spanish flu in 1919. With subsequent land purchases, the entire property grew to around 250,000 acres.

In 1873, Phoebe took young William on a grand tour of Europe's castles, museums, and cultural centers. This voyage is believed to have inspired William's vision for the castle and grounds. Hearst's inspiration to hire Julia Morgan as the architect apparently came through Phoebe, who had hired Morgan to complete construction on a palatial residence in Pleasanton, California.

Hearst hired Morgan as the architect of the castle to create "something a little more comfortable up on the hill." Morgan



The Neptune Pool at Hearst Castle.

not only designed the castle on the hill but also the Hearst San Simeon property and other family properties. As one of America's preeminent architects, Morgan's designs graced private homes, college campuses, women's clubs, and religious buildings. The Julia Morgan tour highlights Morgan's gift for design and includes photographic displays of architectural drawings, family photos, and personal items.

It's no wonder Hearst was drawn to the accomplished Julia

Morgan. Phoebe Hearst was a highly accomplished woman in her own right, founding the University of California Museum of Anthropology, and establishing libraries, among other major contributions.

*Hearst Castle is located on Highway 1 above the village of San Simeon, a four-hour drive from either Los Angeles or San Francisco. Reservations are strongly encouraged. For directions, reservations, ticket prices, and information about the tours visit [hearstcastle.org](http://hearstcastle.org) or call (800) 444-4445.*

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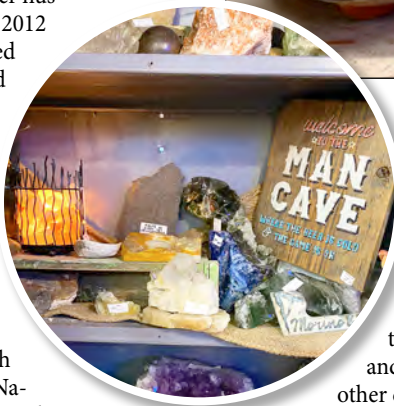
*Unmatched Cambria charm, timeless finds, and unique collectibles*

Rich Man Poor Man originated in the mid-1970s in California’s Central Valley, moving to Cayucos over thirty-five years ago. Back then the rage was Victorian furnishings, China, faux florals, and lots of brown furniture. “Things certainly have changed since then,” said JoAnna Crebs, who co-owns the mall with her husband Myles. In 2012 the Crebs moved to the Redwood Center (currently under renovation) at 2110 Main Street in Cambria.

Quality antique and vintage dealers fill the mall with estate jewelry, Native American jewelry and artifacts, antique and mid-century furniture, antique lighting, decor in all fashions, coins, fine art, toys, books, fine pottery, sports memorabilia, vintage clothing, collectible Hawaiiana including shirts, fine China and sterling silver flatware. The mall includes an outdoor area with plants, planters, outdoor furniture, and all forms of rusty treasures.

Big John’s Man Cave, which has been around for many years, is a popular locale in the store for all things manly. Knives, cast iron, collectible signs, pipes, toys, sports and automotive collectibles, and specialty items can be found ready for the man cave at home.

The Creekside Restaurant and Redwood Cafe are steps away serving terrific breakfasts and lunch.



Add to your collections at Rich Man Poor Man.

Shoppers can take a break to refuel and then continue shopping. Visitors come from everywhere in the United States and many from other countries. The mall in Cambria is just a short drive to Hearst Castle and the elephant seals in San Simeon.

Myles and JoAnna Crebs, both retired accountants have owned Rich Man Poor Man Antique Mall since 1999. “Owning the mall has been the most fun second career we could have chosen,” said Joanna. “The wonderful customers and dealers we have met over the years have been an absolute pleasure! You just don’t know what the latest hot item will be, often it will be what Martha Stewart or Joanna Gaines decorates with.”

The Crebs are having the time of their lives at Rich Man Poor Man Antiques Mall and plan on doing so for many years to come. Providing quality antiques, vintage, and collectibles, and superior customer service has been the primary focus

of the Rich Man Poor Man since it was first opened. The Crebs announced the opening of a second store at 2200 Main St. (down the street from Taco Temple and Spencer’s Market) in Morro Bay, with 8000 square feet of wonderful, doubling the opportunities for collectors to find long-sought treasures!

The treasures are constantly changing. Visit often so you don’t miss anything!

The showroom is located at 2110 Main Street in Cambria. JoAnna and Myles Crebs invite you to stop in any day between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving and Christmas days. Pets welcome! For more information visit them on Instagram at richman\_poorman\_antiques or call (805) 203-5350.

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# Atascadero

## Outdoor activities abound



The city of Atascadero, originally founded by E.G. Lewis in the early 1900s as a utopian community, is a popular location for shopping, dining and strolls along the lake shore. Home to the Charles Paddock Zoo, the town has a large selection of restaurants offering a range of cuisine from rib-sticking American style to Asian, Mediterranean and more. Breweries, wine tasting, bakeries, antique stores, specialty shops, boutiques and art galleries are tucked away in locations along the main El Camino Real and on side streets around the Sunken Gardens. Popular area wineries are only a short drive from downtown and any of the town's several hotels.

## Attractions

### Atascadero Lake Park

A 1.3-mile easy walk path circles the lake in the park providing views of the lake, the many varieties of birds that frequent the lake and other visiting wildlife. Bring binoculars; more than 48 species of birds have been sighted at the lake and recorded on ebirds.org. Leashed dogs are allowed and the path is also a favorite place for cyclists. The

park has restrooms, small barbecue and recreation areas. The Faces of Freedom Veterans Memorial occupies the edge of the park facing Morro Road and is well worth a visit. The park is located at 9305 Pismo Ave, Atascadero just off of Morro Road (Highway 41).

### Charles Paddock Zoo

The zoo is one of only 211 zoos accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, this zoo was founded in 1955 by Charles Paddock, a county park ranger who nursed injured wild animals back to health. Today, the zoo covers more than five acres. Many of the zoo residents are part of a world-wide program to preserve animals and their habitats. Some of these rare and endangered animals include the American Alligator and endangered owls and the Greater Roadrunner native to California. The zoo is located at 9100 Morro Rd, Atascadero. For hours and more information call (805) 461-5080 or visit [charlespaddockzoo.org](http://charlespaddockzoo.org).

### Golfing

Atascadero and North San Luis Obispo County has several challenging golf courses. Contact any

of these golf courses directly for tee times and more information: Chalk Mountain Golf Course, Links Golf Course of Paso Robles, Paso Robles Golf Club, Hunter Ranch Golf Course and River Oaks Golf Course.

### Historic City Hall

Atascadero's historic city hall is probably the city's best known historic building. Located at 6500 Palma Ave. and gracing the back of the Sunken Gardens, the double-domed Italian Renaissance building was originally constructed in 1914 as the Atascadero Administration Building. After founder E.G. Lewis declared bankruptcy the building was purchased in 1927 and, over the years, served as three different private schools and a bank. It became the Veterans Memorial Building when acquired by the County of San Luis Obispo in 1954, and served as a community building. When the City of Atascadero incorporated in 1979, government offices occupied the building until it suffered major damage in the 2003 San Simeon Earthquake. After years of reconstruction and restoration, Historic City Hall opened again in 2013.

## Beer

### Wild Fields Brewhouse

A local brewpub crafted as a comfortable space for beer lovers and families alike. Their facility includes mini-bowling lanes, arcade games, foosball, air hockey and a toddler corner. 6907 El Camino Real Suite C, Atascadero, [wildfields.com](http://wildfields.com), (805) 399-2337

## Shopping

### D.S. Fisher Men's Apparel

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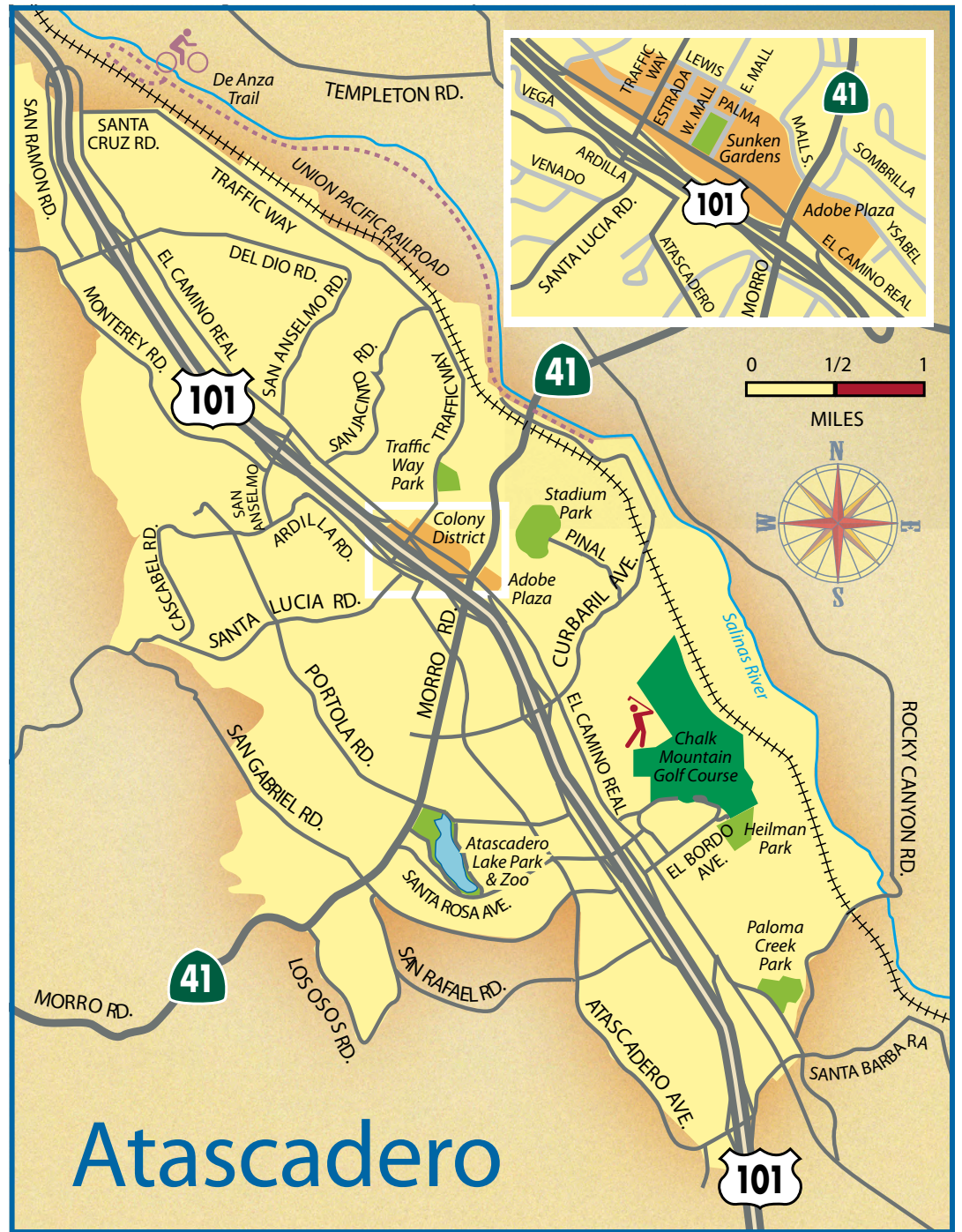
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# Wild Fields Brewhouse, where award-winning beer meets family fun

*From mini-bowling, games, a play-corner, to food—something for everyone in the family*

Occupying a former bowling alley, Wild Fields Brewhouse is a local brewpub, crafted as a family-friendly, comfortable space for beer lovers and their families. The original lanes are long gone; however, owners Jacque and Ryan Fields installed a few mini lanes in addition to arcade games, foosball, giant Connect Four, and a toddler corner. The games are fun for the whole family.

Brought together by craft beer, Jacque and Ryan always dreamed of starting their own brewpub. They relocated to Atascadero and made their dream a reality by opening the



Wild Fields Brewhouse owners Jacque and Ryan Fields.



doors of Wild Fields Brewhouse in 2019. With two small children of their own, they wanted a place that offered something for everyone in the family.

Jacque is the mastermind of the culinary items. The menu was developed to be “a little wilder than the typical”. It features classic items that pair with beer, such as pickled

eggs, pretzels, sandwiches, and hot dogs; the twist is that the flavor has been hopped up. Instead of your basic sandwiches, you’ll find items like the Elote Burger, Luau Burger, Chicken Artichoke, and Blue Cheese Patty Melt. The mac and cheese is loaded with bacon and Polish kielbasa, while the hot dog selection ranges from El Camino Street Dog to Currywurst. Vegetarians will love the wide selection of vegan items including the Brewhouse Bahn Mi made with a marinated grilled carrot and pickled veggies. Don’t worry, if you are bringing the kiddos, there is a half-pint menu with items those 12 and under will love including a PB&J sandwich.

The main draw for adults is of course the beer. The 20 taps pouring house beers include at least two brown ales, a Mexican-style lager, and a Scottish-style ale. Their beer has been raking in awards at competitions, including an impressive four gold medals at the 2022 World Beer Cup for Atascadero Beach, Pine Mountain Monolith, Magic Swirling Sip, and Three Bridges Brown. The four gold medals in a single year at this prestigious competition broke a craft beer record. The latest win was

at the 40th Annual Great American Beer Festival, where Wild Fields Brewhouse was named Brewery of the Year in the 500 to 1,000 barrels of beer a year category. The award was won based on receiving three gold medals with their Magic Swirling Sip (Scottish Ale), Three Bridges (American Brown Ale), and Pine Mountain Monolith (English Brown Ale).

“Seven big medals at the biggest competitions in one year is definitely something we weren’t expecting to accomplish,” added Ryan. “We couldn’t do it without our awesome team here and all our supporters and people that believed in us along the way even though things haven’t always been easy or obvious that we were going to succeed.”

Be sure to visit their website for upcoming events. You’ll find family-friendly events such as mommy meetup Mondays, trivia nights, paint & pint afternoons, and pottery workshops.

Wild Fields Brewhouse is located at 6907 El Camino Real in Atascadero and is open Thu-Mon 11 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information visit [wildfields.com](http://wildfields.com) or call (805) 399-2337.

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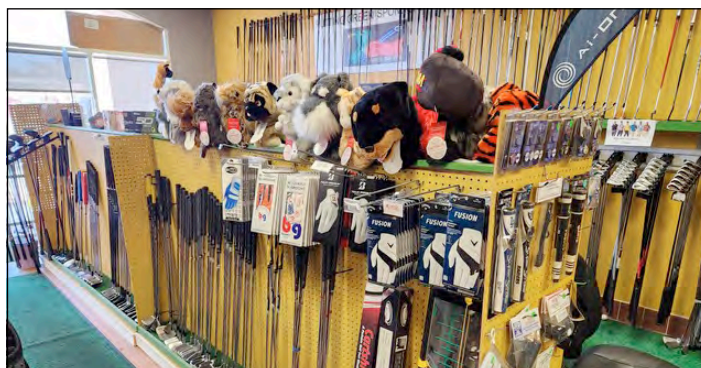
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Owner George Dodge, a dedicated golfer for over 50 years, opened Golf and More in 2010. After a distinguished 23-year military career and over two decades as an assistant superintendent for finance in Paso Robles, Dodge retired and started The Link, a local nonprofit organization. His passion for golf inspired him to turn his longtime hobby into a local business for all golfers to enjoy.



Golf clubs, clothing, sports equipment, and more at Golf and More.

"I retired but, needed something to do and had always enjoyed golf and worked on clubs, even making them, as a hobby," Dodge said. "I felt I needed more knowledge, so I went to a school on golf club repair in Texas. Then I found a location near Chalk Mountain Golf Course where I have been for 15 years."

Dodge's shop features an impressive selection of new and used golfing

supplies, including brands such as Callaway and Taylormade. Popular clubs include wedges, fairway woods, drivers, and putters, along with clothing and accessories for children to adults.

The support services, such as changing club lengths, regripping, and general repairs, are another standout feature. "We repair and regrip clubs usually within the same

day. We always have a large stock of clubs, golf balls, wedges, putters, and accessories. We also have a large stock of disc golf," Dodge said.

Another unique feature of Golf and More is the indoor hitting bay for customers to test clubs, and measure their swing speed and ball speed to determine the best type of shaft they need.

Golf and More carries an extensive variety of used youth sports supplies for basketball, soccer, and football. For those on their way to Lake Nacimiento, Golf and More carries high-quality water skiing and fishing tools.

Stop by Golf and More for all of your golfing and sporting needs!

Golf and More is located at 9965 El Camino Real, STE E, Atascadero. Open Monday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (805) 460-6900 or visit them on Facebook.

— By Sadie Mae Mace

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# How many tamales can you eat?

## Find out at the 9th annual festival

*Tamales! Sip & Shop! Live music! Dancing horses! Tamales! Kid's fun! Did we mention tamales?*

Atascadero's famous Tamale Festival weekend kicks off with Fiesta Friday on May 2, 2025, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Sunken Garden, downtown Atascadero. Free admission to the festival includes family-friendly activities, contests, live music, and entertainment.

**Sip & Shop:** Fiesta Friday is a special opportunity to browse participating businesses, enjoy a variety of wine, beer, coffee, and cider. Early bird Sip & Shop tickets are available through April 18 at [atascaderochamber.org/events](http://atascaderochamber.org/events). Regular-priced tickets will be available until noon, May 2. The evening includes complimentary tours of Historic City Hall!

Saturday's main event starts at 11 a.m. and is packed with over 100 food and merchandise vendors with close to 30 tamale vendors with Tamales from gourmet, to traditional and sweet. For the thirsty, enjoy margaritas, craft beer, wine, cider, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Saturday's entertainment includes Emcee Francisco Ramirez, Medina Light Show Designs, music from Voces Tapatias Mariachi, Ranchero Artist Manuel Enrique and his horse, the Famous Dancing Horses, and the Aztec Folklorico Dance group! Live music is featured on two stages.

Enjoy bounce houses, Zorb Balls, obstacle courses, and bungee jumps along with face painting, balloon animals, a photo booth with Waffles the miniature donkey, contests, and plenty of fun for all ages!

### Contests all day!

• **Noon-12-30 p.m.** — Find out who wins the Best Tamale Contest



See traditional Mexican Folklorico dancers at the Tamale Festival.

when winners are announced.

• **2 p.m.** — Don't miss the Chihuahua Pet & Costume Contest.

• **3 p.m.** — Join the Tamale Eating Contest to find out how many you can eat!

The Chihuahua Pet & Costume and Tamale Eating contests are on the steps of city hall. Enjoy!

Admission is free, but don't forget to bring your wallet for the delicious food, activities, and merchandise. Be sure to stock up from your favorite tamale vendors. Tamales freeze well and you can enjoy them for months!

All proceeds from the Tamale Festival's adult beverage sales on Saturday benefit the Friends of the Charles Paddock Zoo!

*The festival is on May 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and May 3 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real. More information: [atascaderotamalefest.com](http://atascaderotamalefest.com)*

### More to do and see in Atascadero

#### Central Coast Craft Beer Fest

This classic beer festival returns for its sixth year with booths representing wineries, breweries, cideries, and even kombucha producers. Locally made drinks are available along with food trucks and merchants. Games and live music make this a

family-friendly event that people look forward to every year.

*March 22 from noon-4 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real. Purchase tickets at [centralcoastbrewersguild.com/beerfest](http://centralcoastbrewersguild.com/beerfest).*

#### Charles Paddock Zoo special events

Party for the Planet is an Earth Day celebration including education, conservation, and fun for all ages on April 19 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ice Cream Zoofari on June 7, 5-8 p.m. is the time to beat the heat on a warm summer evening with a relaxing and delicious ice cream-filled event!

*Charles Paddock Zoo is located at 9100 Morro Road, Atascadero. Tickets are available at the kiosk at the entrance or the gift shop. For hours, tickets, more information, and upcoming events visit [chaespaddockzoo.org](http://chaespaddockzoo.org) or call (805) 461-5080.*

#### Atascadero Citywide Yard Sale

Get ready for treasure hunting! This yard sale, famous among locals and visitors, has over 120 vendors with thousands of quality finds. Heading into its eighth year, this event attracts everyone who loves a good deal.

*April 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various locations. Visit [sites.google.com/view/atascaderoyardsale](https://sites.google.com/view/atascaderoyardsale) for a digital map.*

#### Movies in the park

Enjoy free family-friendly movie nights under the stars at Colony Park. The movies begin 15 minutes after sunset. Come early to enjoy a variety of fun games and activities including chalk drawing, frisbee tossing, mini-soccer games, sack races, and wiffle ball.

*June 13 and July 11 from dusk until 10 pm at Colony Park Softball Field #2, located at 5599 Traffic Way.*

#### Atascadero Lakeside Wine Festival

##### The Atascadero Lakeside

WineFest showcases premier wines from the Central Coast and beyond at a sun-kissed lakeside location! Celebrating its 28th anniversary, this festival boasts over 100 wines from more than 50 wineries, breweries, and cideries, food vendors serving delicious food, live music from local Central Coast musicians, and incredible art exhibitors.

Enjoy unlimited tastings, bring a blanket and a low-back chair, and enjoy the afternoon by the lake. Live music and other activities fill the park for a spectacular Winefest experience. The "roar-and-pour" puts folks up close and personal with zoo animals while winetasting within the Charles Paddock Zoo, the only zoo on the Central Coast. A portion of the event proceeds benefit the zoo.

*The wine festival is June 21, 4-8 p.m. at the Atascadero Lake Park at 9305 Pismo Avenue. For tickets and more information visit [atascaderolakesidewinefestival.com](http://atascaderolakesidewinefestival.com).*

##### Saturdays in the park

Enjoy the sounds of summer at Atascadero Lake Park with local bands performing live. Bring low-backed chairs and blankets. Enjoy the music and many food and artisan vendors.

*Weekly starting June 28-Aug 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Atascadero Lake Park, 9305 Pismo Ave. Free admission. For more information visit [visitatascadero.com/events](http://visitatascadero.com/events).*

—By Lisa Pretty



# Santa Margarita

Santa Margarita is a taste of the Old West. This settlement, easily reached from Highway 101 or Highway 58 is the gateway to Santa Margarita Lake and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The small town quickly changes from the first impression of a sleepy western town to reveal surprising shops full of antiques, quirky garden art, plants, garden supplies, creative décor, restaurants serving up wholesome meals, and winery tasting rooms. The long history of Santa Margarita, from the ancestors of today's Chumash and Salinas people through the Spanish and Mexican land grants and early American settlers until today, is being researched and preserved by the Santa Margarita Historical Society.

## Attractions & Tours

### Santa Margarita Lake

Follow Highway 58 to Santa Margarita Park to find the lake located in Santa Margarita Regional Park at 4695 A Santa Margarita Lake Road. Be sure to head out with a full tank of gas. The lake and park offer boating, fishing, hiking trails and picnicking. The park is located on several thousand acres of land designated as open space. Call ahead (805) 781-5930 to verify boat launches, swimming and camping.



### The Carrizo Plains National Monument

The 250,000 acre Carrizo Plain National Monument is the largest surviving native California grasslands. The plains are reminiscent of Africa's Serengeti, providing the highest concentration of irreplaceable wildlife in California. To reach Carrizo Plain, take Highway 58 south from Santa Margarita to 17495 Soda Lake Rd.

### Santa Margarita Historical Society

The historical society takes local history online, with copies of research material held at the public library located on the corner of I & Murphy Streets. Ongoing projects include documenting a number of the

community's historic buildings and recording the stories of "old timers." [santamargaritahistoricalsociety.org](http://santamargaritahistoricalsociety.org)

### Margarita Adventures Zipline Tours

Margarita Adventures is the ultimate blast for the entire family! Here in the heart of San Luis Obispo County, you will embark on six ziplines spanning nearly 1.5 miles total, starting with a thrilling 2,800-foot tandem ride and finishing with an unforgettable 1,800-foot journey over Pinot Noir vines. To book a tour or for more information visit [Margarita-Adventures.com](http://Margarita-Adventures.com) or call (805) 438-3120

# Margarita Adventures—soar, explore, and escape

Whether you're a thrill seeker who enjoys flying over the landscape, exploring wilderness and wildlife, or solving your way out of challenging escape rooms, Margarita Adventures offers something for everyone, and fun for all.

## Six amazing ziplines

Soar over valleys, oaks, mountainsides, and vineyards. Six distinct ziplines spanning more than 7,500 linear feet deliver the thrill of wine country. Margarita Adventure zipline adventures have five-star ratings with both TripAdvisor and Yelp.

## Scenic vineyard eBike tours

Hop on a pedal-assisted eBike for a guided tour of Ancient Peaks Winery's Margarita Vineyard. Ride through the vines learning about sustainable wine-growing and the land's unique geology. Enjoy tasting two Ancient Peaks wines from the surrounding vines.



Top-rated escape rooms at Margarita Adventures!

Later, optionally cap off the experience with lunch and wine tasting at the Ancient Peaks tasting room and café in Santa Margarita.

## Escape!

Margarita Adventures offers

a unique blend of classic escape room motifs combined with interactive special effects and imaginative challenges. The growing list of escape rooms is designed in-house by Santa Margarita Ranch's Frank Rodgers and his team of talented in-house designers.

"It was incredible. My family of four has done 50+ escape rooms all over the country and this was definitely in our top five. The prop quality and technology used is top-notch and above all, super fun!" -Rachel N., Google Review.

## Nature and foraging tours

Explore the amazing wildlife and diverse ecosystems of the historic Santa Margarita Ranch. Led by ranch naturalist Jacqueline Redinger, the tours illuminate the workings of nature while providing insights that will last a lifetime.

The "Summer Sensations" kid's camp features the area's natural wonders and includes crafting, games, hiking, and more!

For reservations and more information visit [margarita-adventures.com](http://margarita-adventures.com), call (805) 438-3120, or stop by the Margarita Adventures office at 22719 El Camino Real, Santa Margarita. Be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



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# Templeton



Templeton is the epitome of small town charm. Originally founded in 1886 as the last station on the southbound Southern Pacific Railroad, the town hosted horse drawn stagecoaches that met the trains and gave passengers a ride to San Luis Obispo to connect with the next stagecoach to their destinations. Even after the railroad extended the rails south to Santa Margarita in 1889, Templeton remained the shipping point for local crops and products bound eastward and to boats in shipping ports on the coast. Grain, wood, charcoal, fruit and cattle, driven from as far away as Kern County, arrived in Templeton for the next destination.

Many of the buildings from the late 1800s are still lining Main Street and housing unique shops, wineries and restaurants serving everything from

hearty country breakfasts to dinner for every taste and the Templeton Historical Museum Society.

## Attractions

### Fresh farm to table adventures

Templeton is an ideal starting or end-of-day spot for touring the back roads on the way to or from your favorite wineries. Small farms along oak lined winding roads have produce stands offering fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs and more.

### Farmers market

The Saturday morning Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Templeton Park. The park is located at 550 Crocker St. Find fresh

vegetables, fruit, bakery goods, meat, fish, nuts, honey, olive oil and hand-made crafts.

## Dining & Drinks

### Chulos Cafe & Cantina

Chulos offers an extensive menu, featuring American cuisine with a Latino touch, not to mention a wide selection of artfully created coffee beverages. The sophisticated dining experience includes Nouveau-Latin dishes and handcrafted cocktails. Truly a hidden gem. 335 Posada Lane [chuloscafecantina.com](http://chuloscafecantina.com), (805) 434-3044

### McPhee's Grill

Fresh seafood, wood grilled steaks, & gourmet pasta served in a converted old saloon with contemporary country decor. 416 S. Main St., (805) 434-3204

### Pig Iron

A new restaurant serving high-end California comfort food, award winning cocktails, and a brunch most would die for. Open for lunch and dinner, come find out what all the talk is about! Follow on Instagram: @pigirontempleton. 508 S. Main St., [pigirontempleton.com](http://pigirontempleton.com), (805) 400-4542

### Templeton Market & Deli

Hometown deli with delicious homemade salads, sandwiches and fried chicken. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Huge selection of snacks and beverages, including local wines. Open daily 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 390 S Main St., Templeton, (805) 434-2345



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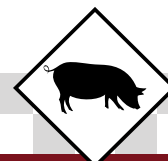


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*Innovative, fresh menu and unique espresso creations*

Located away from the hustle and bustle of Templeton’s Main Street lies Chulo’s Café & Cantina, a secluded and friendly place to enjoy authentic Mexican food. Opened in 2011, Chulo’s Café & Cantina has cemented itself as a favorite local spot for delicious drinks, outstanding food, welcoming service, and catering services for your next event.

“My goal is to create a memorable visit and to transport you to different places in Mexico through food, with a variety of ingredients, the variety of sauces, and a relaxing experience,” said owner Karol Struble.

Breakfast at Chulo’s Café & Cantina cannot be missed as there is a great mix of classic and innova-

tive dishes to choose from daily. The most popular creations include huevos rancheros, chilaquiles, and various types of egg benedicts, including bacon, spinach, roasted poblano pepper, and a corn beef hash style. For lunch, try some favorite local picks such as a carnitas burrito or taco, chile relleno, or cheese enchiladas.

Don’t skip the coffee section of the menu! Along with classic choices are delicious, unique, Chulo’s creations. The coffee choices with a kick include the Café Mexicano, a tequila and steamed horchata espresso, the



Everything is made from scratch at Chulo’s Café & Cantina.

Irlandes Brevé, a whisky and Irish cream espresso, and the Kafé Lua, a Kahlua shot espresso.

“Everything is made from scratch.

It’s my passion and all of us here put a lot of effort into absolutely every detail, such as the flavor of food, the presentation, and the service,” said Karol, noting that the many years in business have built a loyal and supportive clientele.

Chulo’s Café & Cantina is always planning new experiences for the community and visitors while providing exceptional food.

The cozy indoor seating, along with a spacious patio, ensures an enjoyable time can be found at Chulo’s Café & Cantina.

“We are happy to serve this community because the way they support us is the best feeling. That’s the reason we get up every morning. This community is

amazing,” Karol said.

Chulo’s Café & Cantina is located at 335 Posada Lane in Templeton. Open every day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information visit [chuloscafecantina.com](http://chuloscafecantina.com) or call (805) 434-3044.

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# Templeton Mercantile—the hottest spot in town

*Family-friendly menu, craft cocktails, live music, and more!*

The Templeton Mercantile is off to an exciting 2025 for families, cocktails and live music aficionados, and everyone who enjoys good food. After some upgrades that include freshening the Pig Iron menu and the Club Car Bar line-ups, the Templeton Mercantile has become the latest hot spot for dining, cocktails, live music, and wallet-friendly prices.

## Pig Iron

Featuring a family-friendly California comfort food menu, Pig Iron has something for kids and adults. Choices like the one-third pound Classic Burger, crave-worthy seasoned French fries, and the savory Tri-Tip Torta are favorite offerings. The dedicated kid's menu includes choices such as mini corn dogs and chicken nuggets. Daily happy hour food and drink specials are available from 3-5 p.m.

Brunch-exclusive dishes and drinks like Chicken & Waffles, the Cowboy Benedict and the house-made bloody Mary are available every Saturday and Sunday.

Abundant indoor seating is available in Pig Iron's brightly lit dining room or cozy bar, nicknamed The Engine Room, a nod to



California comfort food is on the menu at Pig Iron.

Templeton's rich railroad history. The spacious outdoor patio provides ample space for groups to

gather, with heaters and a fire pit for comfort. Two new arcade games keep the whole family engaged while enjoying a meal together.

## Club Car Bar

Templeton's only full bar, the Club Car Bar, features regular live music from an eclectic lineup of talented musicians while serving up fine-crafted cocktails, wine, and beer. Ranging from boot-scootin' classic country artists such as Emily Nenni and Teddy & The Rough Riders to the legendary British punk outfit, The Subhumans, and acclaimed singer-songwriters like The White Buffalo, there is something for everyone on the event schedule.

Original Western murals by late local artist Hugh Slayden frame out the Club Car, with hand-cut wood floors that complement a curved marble-topped custom bar. Familiar spirits such as Crown Royal and Jameson are stacked alongside specialty bottles, appealing to cocktail aficionados of all preferences. Regular house events like Wednesday night trivia and monthly Karaoke Night (every last Saturday) pepper the brimming calendar, booked by longstanding local promoter Good Medicine Presents.

## Make a date and go

Whether you're planning a date night, evening out, grabbing lunch with the family after a basketball game, brunch with friends, or other special events, Templeton Mercantile is the local go-to spot for all things food, drink, and music.

Templeton Mercantile, Pig Iron, and Club Car Bar are located under the same roof at 508 S. Main Street in Templeton. Pig Iron hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., with weekend brunch from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Club Car Bar is open Wednesday-Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. For upcoming concert calendars, menus, and more information, visit [templetonmercantile.com](http://templetonmercantile.com) or call (805) 400-4542.





# Paso Robles

*Shopping, Fine Dining & Wine Tasting*

Paso Robles is known worldwide as the place for award winning wines, but the wine is just one of the reasons to spend some time here. Easy access to lakes and the coast makes the town a perfect central location for boating, fishing or beach time.

Browse the many boutiques, antique and specialty shops for unique gifts, jewelry, home décor, books and one-of-a-kind items, often created by local artisans, that you know you need. Visit art galleries and museums. Order lunch or dinner and dine outside in the beautiful shady Downtown City Park.

Several winery tasting rooms are located within easy walking distance in downtown Paso Robles. There are more than 200 wineries in the region around Paso Robles. One of the fastest growing American Viticultural Areas in California with 26,000 acres planted, Paso Robles wine country has one of the longest and most consistent growing seasons for wine grapes in California.

## Antique Shops

### Reminisce Antiques

Browse this village of shops for a selection of fabulous antiques and treasures for everyone. Vintage, home decor, western, gifts, jewelry, accessories and everything inspirational. Open Mon. to Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wed. 'till 6 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. In downtown at 1344 Pine St., [reminiscepasorobles.com](http://reminiscepasorobles.com), (805) 239-1001

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## Attractions & Tours

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### Redwings Horse Sanctuary

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### Pine Street Saloon

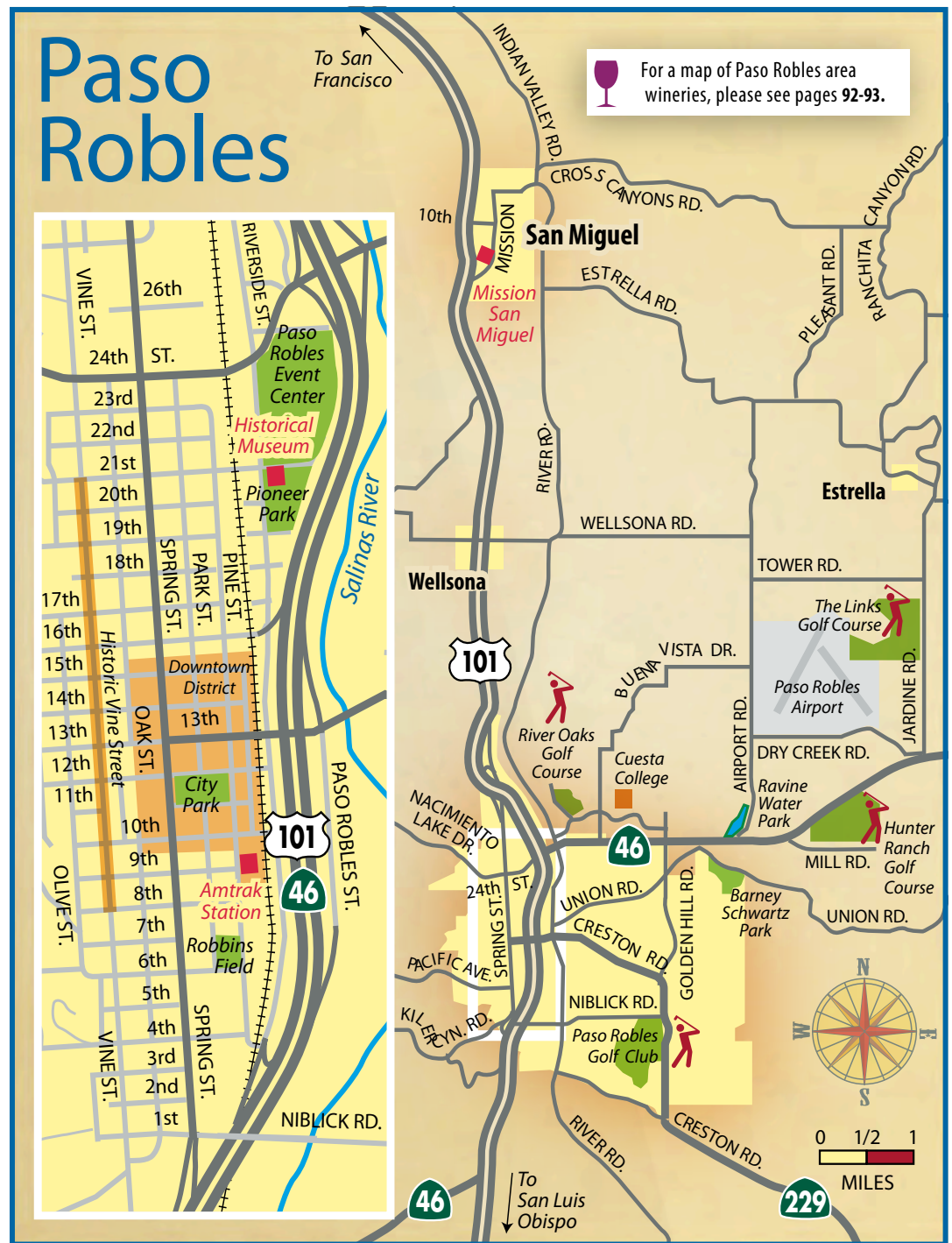
Chances are outlaws like Jesse James huddled within these walls. The saloon is one of the oldest and most unique false-front buildings in the area. Enjoy your visit to this historic saloon and raise your glasses to the spirit of Jesse James. 1234 Pine St., (805) 238-1114

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Hours: Thursday through Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Banquet Hall available for rent, 4251 Dry Creek Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446, ewarbirds.org, (805) 227-0440

### Paso Robles Children's Museum

The museum's mission is to engage children in a joyful learn-through-play

environment and inspire educational curiosity. It's a favorite for a fun family afternoon. Located in the historic Paso Robles Volunteer Firehouse. See website for hours. 623 13th Street, pasokids.org, (805) 238-7432

### Pioneer Museum

The Pioneer Museum is fun for all ages! Get a glimpse of what local life was like in the "Good Old Days." View Paderewski memorabilia, vintage farm equipment, pioneer artifacts, a one-room schoolhouse and much more. 2010 Riverside Ave. Open Thursday-Sunday 1p.m.-4 p.m., Free Admission, pasoroblespioneermuseum.org, (805) 239-4556

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# Unleash your inner artist at ArtSocial 805 in Paso Robles

*Create something beautiful at the studio arts hub*

Do you have a calling to unleash your inner artist? In Paso Robles, ArtSocial 805 offers a fun, welcoming space where visitors and locals can paint, craft, and get creative with hands-on art experiences.

Founded by local artist Karyn Blaney, the studio has introduced thousands of people to painting, mosaics, pottery, glow-in-the-dark painting, and more.

**A studio arts hub in Paso Robles Wine Country**

Blaney, a Kent State University graduate with a bachelor's in fine arts, moved to Paso Robles from Ohio a decade ago. She was drawn to teaching because of her love for bringing people together.

"I have an affinity for throwing



Unleash your inner artist at ARTSocial 805.

But she persisted—and her first event sold out.

parties and adding an element of creativity," she says. "As the old adage goes, love what you do and you'll

never work a day in your life—and I truly do love what I do."

When Blaney first pitched a Paint & Sip class, she said she was met with skepticism.

"They told me people just don't attend these types of events," she recalls.



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Word spread quickly, and soon wineries, businesses, and creative enthusiasts were reaching out. Now, eight years later, ArtSocial 805 helps inspire and support thousands of people in their creative pursuits through a rotating lineup of unique workshops and experiences.

**Ways to get creative**

When you arrive at the studio, you'll find a Creative Menu waiting for you. Browse the options, from paint pouring and pottery to mosaics and watercolor, and choose whatever sparks your creativity. Once you've selected your experience, and your supplies are gathered, you can relax, settle in, and enjoy the creative process.

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Instructor-led classes are scheduled monthly, including:

- Watercolor Sundays
- Paint Your Pet

ArtSocial 805 also offers:

- Artful Pages Book Club – A fresh take on book clubs where members read a designated book each month, and then create art inspired by the story.

- Creative Club & World Art Traveler (for kids) – Homeschool and after-school programs designed to ignite young artists' imaginations.

- Special Events and Ladies' Nights – Unique-themed events like Paint Your Pet, Glow-in-the-Dark Painting, and Paint Your Date Nights.

- And more!

ArtSocial 805 has a dedicated studio space in Paso Robles, but they also travel to local restaurants and wineries to host pop-up events. Check their event page to find out where they will be next. You can also host a private party at the studio or in your home.

"We've had three-year-olds and ninety-year-olds come in to paint," Blaney says. "There's truly something for everyone."

### Ready to dive in?

Paso Robles has a thriving arts scene, but ArtSocial 805 stands

out for its welcoming atmosphere, variety of experiences, and commitment to making creativity accessible to all.

"We bring the creativity and fun out in others," Blaney explains. "And we offer experiences that are unique on the Central Coast."

For many guests, the most rewarding part of a class isn't just the final painting—it's the realization that they can create something beautiful.

"I love when an adult says, 'I can't believe I painted that!'" Blaney says. "So many people were discouraged as kids, and I love proving to them that art is for everyone."

For those hesitant to pick up a paintbrush, Blaney offers this advice: "Once you get over the fear of starting, the benefits of creating far outweigh anything that could possibly go wrong. Get lost in the process and allow yourself to find joy in it."

*The studio is located at 631 Spring St. in Paso Robles and is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For events, workshops and more information, visit [artsocial805.com](http://artsocial805.com), or call (805) 400-9107.*

—By Skye Pratt



# Double the pleasure—Red Scooter Deli opens a second location

*Delivery, pick-up or dining-in just got even better!*

When you find yourself in or near downtown Paso Robles, hungry and without much time to grab something to eat, Red Scooter Deli comes to the rescue! Give them a call, order online, or drop in. Pick up your order at the new 711 6th Street location, right next to Robbins Field, across from the Post Office.

Don't despair! They are still at the downtown location on Pine Street, directly across from the Downtown City Park. Leisured dining is still a thing to do at both locations. The new, expanded outdoor patio location on 6th and Spring Plaza is ready to greet loyal Red Scooter fans and welcome newcomers! The new location has a lovely covered patio, opens early at 6:30 a.m., serves beer and wine, and includes an expansive parking lot for easy access to the deli.

Over the years, the Red Scooter, renowned for its mouthwatering fresh ingredients, vegan options, and warm hospitality, has become a foodie destination for locals and visitors alike. Traveling fans of the deli make it a point to stop here, as it's the perfect halfway point



**Mouthwatering fresh food is now available at two locations!**

between Southern California and the Bay Area.

### Fresh, locally-sourced food

The deli opens early for breakfast, serving everything from bagels, lox, egg scrambles, and breakfast sandwiches, to gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. Locals and visitors exploring the beautiful Paso Robles wine country can enjoy meals on the patio or take a picnic to a winery or the nearby park.

The food is built on fresh, locally sourced ingredients, including pastries and breads either baked in-house or from local bakeries. Guests can choose from a variety

of hot and cold sandwiches, wraps, salads, and soups, all piled high

with delicious fillings. There are dietary options available, as well as fruit smoothies, a full espresso bar, and pastries like walnut-loaded sticky buns and lemon bars.

### A favorite since 2010

Stephanie Johnston has been operating the Red Scooter Deli since 2010 after purchasing it from the former owners. She works alongside her staff, taking orders, preparing the food, serving, checking on customers, and bussing tables. "I'm very hands-on," said Johnston. "This is a family-run business and I enjoy mentoring the staff and helping them learn and develop job skills." Her efforts are apparent in the cheerful and helpful attitudes of the deli staff, and Red Scooter Deli's con-

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contributions to local charity is always top of mind, giving a percentage of profits to help the homeless, support local schools, and other nonprofits.

Red Scooter Deli is also the perfect go-to for catering local events, wineries, and luncheons. The catering menu features a large variety of sandwich, cheese, and vegetable platters, as well as salad bowls, box lunches, and desserts.

Drop in and order in person or use Red Scooter's easy and conve-

nient online ordering system. Delivery to many locations is available for orders placed between 7 am - 3 p.m. Delivery to wineries is also available as well as Templeton and San Miguel businesses.

*Red Scooter Deli's locations are 1102 Pine Street, open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (805) 237-1794. 711 6th Street, open daily 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Delivery is available daily 7 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, visit [redscooterdeli.com](http://redscooterdeli.com), or call (805) 237-1780.*

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*Ernest 'Dubs' Hall received the first cannabis business license in Paso Robles*

Dubs Green Garden, a local family-owned and operated business, brings cannabis products directly to homes, apartments, offices, and hotel rooms in San Luis Obispo's North County area.

"Dubs Green Garden's mission has always been to offer the community a trusted source of cannabis products," says Ernest "Dubs" Hall, who co-owns the business with his wife, Grace Hall.

"I was born and raised in Paso Robles and take pride in being the first licensed cannabis business in Paso," he says. "It is important for us to provide the best products to our customers and always take the time to answer any questions on the benefits cannabis may bring to their lives," says Dubs.

Dub's offers a full range of products, plus fans of the service can order hoodies and t-shirts! Visit the website at [dubsgreengarden.com](http://dubsgreengarden.com) for a complete list of available products, which includes:

- Beverages, gummies, concentrates, and edibles.
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- CBD/hemp products.
- And more.

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"We always take our time to help educate anyone who would like information about how cannabis may help improve their quality of life," said Dubs.



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"We were inspired to open Dubs Green Garden over 12 years ago because at that time there was a big need in this area for people to obtain alternative remedies for various medical issues. Cannabis can be a great benefit for those that want to choose a natural solution," Dubs said.

The dispensary is exclusively by delivery. Dubs Green Garden delivers seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Orders can be made online or over the phone. Experience the convenience and expertise of Dubs Green Garden today.

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# Paso's ultimate pub crawl—pick one or visit them all

*From Irish charm to speakeasy secrets, with Mexican flavors and a Polynesian experience in between*

If you have ever been to downtown Paso Robles, chances are you have enjoyed one of the Park & Pine Group's venues. Each of the four concepts—Pappy McGregor's, 1122 Speakeasy & Cocktail Lounge, Fish Gaucho, and the CANE Tiki Room—offer something truly unique.



1122 Speakeasy & Cocktail Lounge in downtown Paso Robles.

The group is owned and managed by Donovan Schmit and Troy Larkin, cousins who grew up in the restaurant business. The success of each business is due to attention to detail, focus on unique concepts and superior customer service.

*Pappy McGregor's is located at 1122 Pine Street, Paso Robles. Open 7 days a week, kitchen hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m., bar hours are Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-2 a.m. For more information visit [pappymcgregors.com](http://pappymcgregors.com).*

## Pappy McGregor's

Pappy McGregor's, the team's flagship venue, opened in 2006 and is a local favorite receiving accolades of Best Bar/Pub for eleven straight years. The Irish-themed gastropub offers delicious comfort food, fresh seasonal craft cocktails, local wines, beer on tap, and is home to the best nightlife in Paso Robles! With plenty of indoor dining space, two full bars, two outdoor patios, kid and dog-friendly, it's easy to see why the locals love Pappy's and why it is a must-visit when in downtown Paso Robles. They have recently added delivery services and a Pub Club for locals offering members points and rewards. Pappy's is also the perfect venue for celebrations with the back patio or the entire restaurant available for private parties such as rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, birthday parties, and more.

## 1122 Speakeasy & Cocktail Lounge

Behind Pappy's is the 1122 Speakeasy Cocktail Lounge. Named as one of the top hidden bars in the world, this establishment takes guests back to the prohibition era. To enter, press the doorbell and agree to the rules of the speakeasy that are delivered through a cage in the door by the host. Be prepared for your cell phones to be locked away in a secure pouch, then follow the host through a secret door into the hidden cocktail lounge.

Once inside, let your senses engage with the Roaring 1920s as the bartenders provide an elevated cocktail experience with offerings from the classics, the forgotten, and the unique and seasonal signature cocktails. Smoked cocktails are a favorite and the popular Butter Pecan Old Fashioned is now offered in pre-made bottles to go. Bartending seminars, educational events, and

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bar setup on Pappy's back patio. It was a huge success so when the space around the corner from Fish Gaucho became available, Troy and Donovan jumped at the chance to create Paso's first Tiki bar. They did not spare any attention to detail when remodeling the space. CANE (Paso's Tiki God of Cocktails) is a water feature behind the bar that blows smoke, lights up and plays music when special drinks are ordered. Every aspect of the restaurant is decorated for a full Tiki-themed experience. The menu includes all the classic Tiki cocktails, some CANE TiKi Room originals, and a Polynesian-inspired menu ideal for sharing with items like teriyaki bowls, fried rice, egg rolls, Spam musubi, chicken lettuce cups, ahi poke, and Mongolian beef. A visit to this island oasis is a wonderful escape from the everyday.

*CANE TiKi Room is located at 1240 Park St., Paso Robles. Open daily at 4 p.m. For more information and for reservations visit [canetikeroom.com](http://canetikeroom.com).*

*For more information about the Park & Pine Group, visit [theparkandpinegroup.com](http://theparkandpinegroup.com).*

—By Lisa Pretty

private events are offered throughout the year. Join the Spirits Society membership for discounts on cocktails, access to special events, and other perks.



*1122 Speakeasy is located on Pappy McGregor's back patio. Enter through Pappy's. Walk-in hours are Fri-Sat 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Reservations are recommended for Tue-Sun, 6-11 p.m. but walk-in guests are still accommodated. For more information or to make reservations visit [eleven-twentytwo.com](http://eleven-twentytwo.com).*

### Fish Gaucho

Another Best Restaurant winner year after year is Fish Gaucho. During a trip to Mexico, while sipping fresh lime margaritas without added high-calorie, sweetened mixers, Troy and Donovan, wondered, "Why can't we find a drink like this back home?" As they enjoyed their fresh ceviche, creative salsas, shucked raw oysters, and fresh fish tacos, they again found themselves

wondering where they could eat like this back home. They returned and developed the Fish Gaucho restaurant and tequila bar, offering a large selection of fine tequilas,

hand-muddled margaritas, seasonal cocktails, local wines, imported beer, and a modern Mexican menu of food made using fresh ingredients. The décor is mostly used reclaimed wood and metal which was inspired by old-world rustic Mexico with each piece custom-made for Fish Gaucho.

*Fish Gaucho is located at 1244 Park St., Paso Robles. Dinner every night from 3-9 p.m. Lunch is served Fri-Sun 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations are available for parties up to 18. For more information or to make reservations visit [fishgaucho.com](http://fishgaucho.com).*

### CANE TiKi Room

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“The Paso Robles Children's Museum is dedicated to providing a dynamic and engaging learning environment for children and families. It values education, creativity, and family bonding. The museum offers a wide range of interactive exhibits and activities designed to stimulate children's curiosity and encourage hands-on learning. It's a place where kids can explore, experiment and discover in a fun and safe setting,” operations manager Yoana Sandoval said.

With over ten exhibits for children to explore, all focus on growing children's self-confidence, desire to learn and overall enrichment. One of the most popular exhibits is Newton's Playhouse, which contains a ball-launching cannon that is sure to excite young visitors. BEAM is an interactive projection screen with motion sensors and different games that encourage guests to move and play.

“I hope children leave the museum feeling inspired, with a sense of curiosity and wonder ignited within them. The museum should stimulate their imagination and encourage them to explore and learn more about the world around



them. I hope families take away the knowledge that learning can be an exciting and enjoyable experience. Children's museums are unique places where education and fun intersect, fostering a love for learning that extends beyond the museum's walls," said Sandoval, adding that "by engaging in interactive exhibits and activities, children should feel encouraged to express themselves, think creatively, and problem solve in innovative ways."

Another fantastic exhibit to explore is the 1944 fire engine named Old Mack, which can also be seen in local parades. Located on the first floor, Old Mack is sure to capture the attention of young visitors, who can let their imaginations run wild by dressing up in firefighter gear and climbing on the fire engine.

"At the Paso Robles Children's Museum, passion and dedication run deep, even with our small team

of five. As a nonprofit facility, our mission is to create a magical learn-through-play environment, sparking endless curiosity in our little learners. We also take immense pride in honoring the heritage of our volunteer firefighters, true community heroes and in being a nonprofit organization, dedicated to creating happiness and wonder for all who visit our museum," Sandoval said.

For a day of exploration and interactive play, the Paso Robles Children's Museum holds the key to wonder.

*The Paso Robles Children's Museum is located at 623 13th Street in Paso Robles. Open Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (805) 238-7432 or visit pasokids.org.*

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## Look for three qualities

Tasters should look for these three positive attributes:

**Fruitiness:** Any positive organic smell or taste.

**Bitterness:** A sign of freshness that is usually tasted on the sides of the tongue.

**Pungency:** A peppery, burning sensation in the throat.

Not all olive oils have all three of the attributes, but some should be present. Try it for yourself!! Grab that bottle you've had in the pantry for ages, and taste it to see if it's still good. Pour some into a wine glass— about an inch or two high – cover the glass with one hand while warming the base of the glass with the other. Place your nose into the glass after a minute and breathe in. Does it smell fruity, like green apples, cut grass, or tomato leaf? Great! Or does it smell unpleasant, like paint thinner, bacon, or a musty cellar? In that case, it's probably defective and should be thrown out.

Next, slurp in about a quarter of a teaspoon and let it sit on your tongue while you breathe in. Finally, swallow a bit and look for any signs of pepper in the throat. If an oil has a greasy feeling on your tongue, it's probably past its prime.



Remember, olive oil is a fresh product, much like a fruit juice. It needs to be used within 24 months of when it's made, and it needs to be used within a few months of opening the bottle.

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Customers find a wide range of olive oils, vinegar, gourmet foods, and gift items in the Paso Robles store. The knowledgeable staff is happy to help shoppers find items for their kitchens, customize gift



We Olive offers a range of olive oils, vinegar, gourmet food, and gifts.

baskets, corporate thank-you packages, or custom-labeling for special occasions such as weddings.

The staff takes great pride in sharing a passion for good food, great olive oil, and superior culinary items to delight We Olive's

shoppers. "We strive to make every customer feel welcome and hope they are excited about their purchases when they leave," said Mercurio.

Customers can take advantage of We Olive's in-store refill pro-

gram. Once a bottle of olive oil or vinegar is empty, bring the washed bottle back to the store to be refilled at a discounted rate. Each refill is an opportunity to try any oil or vinegar offered in the store. The program is environmentally friendly and economical, and repeat customers earn points towards rewards with each purchase.

"We believe that the milestone of turning 20 years old in 2023 inspires trust and longevity. We are so honored to have the privilege of bringing high-quality delicious olive oil into our customers' kitchens and yummy food into their bellies," adds Mercurio.

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# A legacy of passion— the Olivas de Oro story

## The road to olive oil excellence

From their first experience in the olive oil industry to today, Frank and Marti Menacho have a shared passion for helping others improve the taste and quality of their food. Celebrating 25 years of their Olivas de Oro Olive Company, this dynamic and innovative couple extends a special invitation to visitors and locals to visit their tasting room in Tin City just off Highway 101 and 46 West in Paso Robles.

“We love being part of Tin City,” Marti says of the community of artisanal producers. “It’s all about the makers and people who are just as passionate about their product as we are about ours.”

That passion comes through loud and clear when the Menachos reflect on a journey that includes international recognition as olive oil sommeliers, earning more than 1000 competition medals, and offering the largest selection of olive oil from the oldest family-owned grower producer on the Central Coast. Frank served on the California Olive Oil Council tasting panel and as a competition judge.

Frank, a former commercial and wholesale fisherman, started his romance with olive oil while visiting upper-end restaurants and working with chefs from San Francisco to Carmel. Shifting careers, he purchased a friend’s olive tree orchard in Oroville back in 1999.

“I joined experts at UC Davis and learned all I could about olives and olive oil,” he said. “Marti came alongside to help me, and our passion and love for olive oil grew. The more we learned, the more we fell in love with it, and wanted to educate the consumer about the benefits of Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) from California.”



Owners Frank and Marti Menacho.

Along with raising their three children, Frank tended the orchards and mill while Marti worked in high-tech during the week. The family spent most weekends at farmers’ markets, doing educational road shows, and holding focus tastings.

In 2007, they transplanted 100-year-old olive trees to their property in Creston, opened a tasting room, and started providing services to fellow olive growers. They moved to Tin City in 2020 after a fire destroyed their tasting room.

“Then came the pandemic shutdowns and we had to get creative again with curbside pickups, mail orders, and sharing recipes and tips online,” said Marti.

### Tasting room fun and education

The Olivas de Oro tasting room vibe is about having fun and learning to improve the taste of food with flavorful and healthy ingredients.

“We want our guests to have fun and leave with an experience they won’t forget,” Marti says. “We show them pairings of olive oil and vinegar and discuss how to use our products in everyday dishes.”

Tastings are by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Guests are paired with a team member who discovers personal preferences and answers questions about olive oil and other products. “Guest relationships are important to us, and we provide individualized, personalized experiences,” Marti says. “People can taste as many items as they want.”

Relax on the patio, and enjoy a glass of local wine or beer from Tin City neighbors. Choose from a selection of hummus, olives, cheese, salami, tapenades, and more in an inviting and pleasant atmosphere.

Over the years, the Menachos have added chimichurris, jams, Dijon, tapenades, sea salts, rubs, grilling sauces, and more to their Ranch Product lineup.

### Crafting artisan olive oils

Crafting high-quality artisan olive oil takes knowledge and patience. Frank takes care of the trees, keeps them healthy, tastes for ripening, and picks olives at their peak of freshness. The olives are milled within 24 hours, then the oil rests in containers for natural decantation. After about three months the finished product is transferred into drums.

“When I make our Mission Blend EVOO – a combination of our arbequina and mission olives – I blend different lots of oil to achieve a certain flavor profile. For flavored oils, I use just picked mission olives, and the fresh ingredient in the mill simultaneously.” The difference between cold-pressed and infused olive oil comes out in the flavor. “An infused oil,” said Frank, “loses its flavor when cooked. Cold pressed maintains the flavor.”

“You get all the benefits of olive oil – the antioxidants and nutritional value – but whatever natural flavor you put in becomes the star of the show,” he says, adding they source all of the produce for these oils from other California farmers. “Everything is fresh, and we believe it’s important to buy local and know where your food comes from.”

### Clubs, guest houses, and perks

Olivas de Oro club options – the Press Club, Pairings Club, and Branch Club, include twice-yearly allocations, luncheon events, plus product and guest house discounts. Guests earn stars on each purchase and convert those stars to discounts or complimentary products with the Loyalty Program.

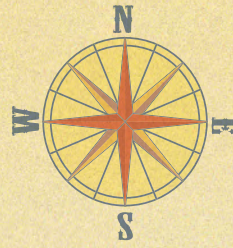
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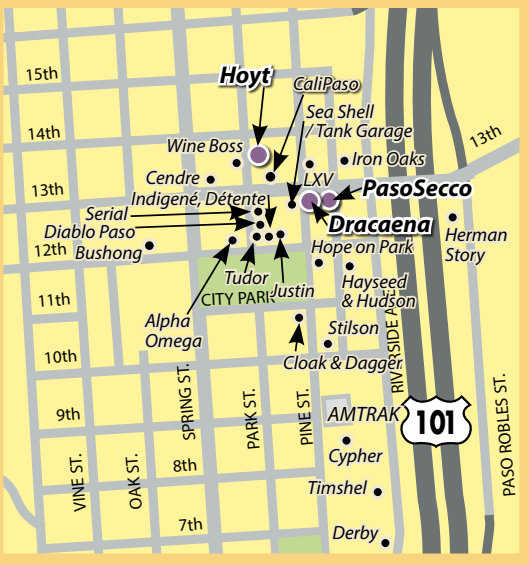
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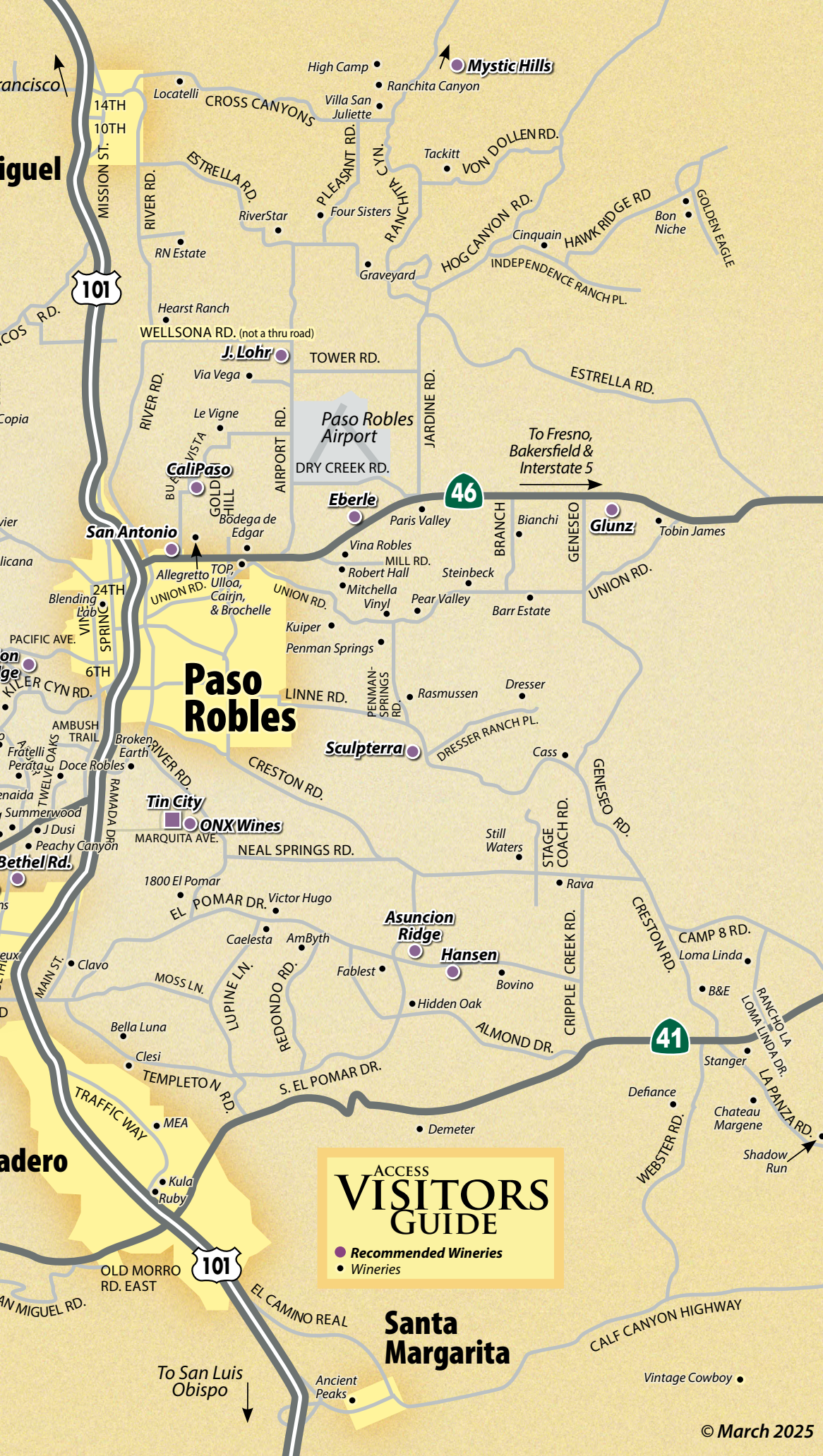


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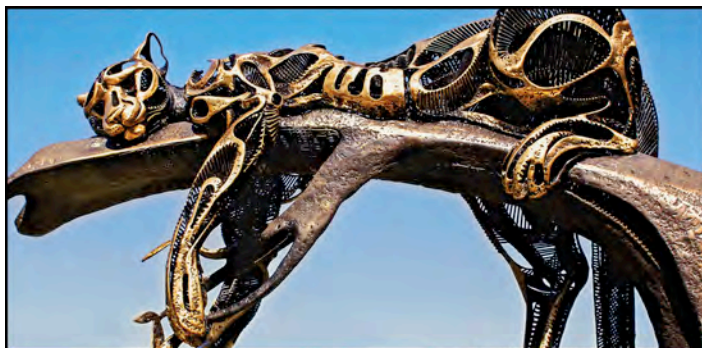
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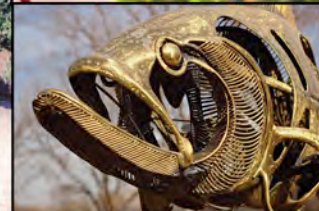
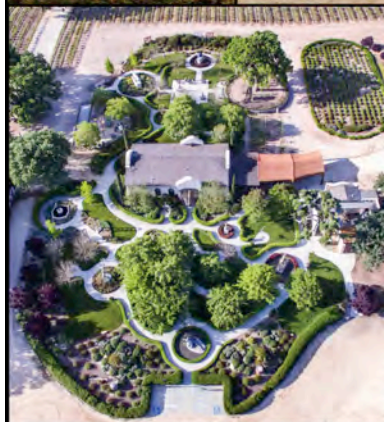
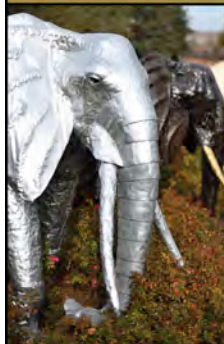


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# Dracaena Wines, where the king of cabernet franc holds court

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Enter the Dracaena Wines tasting room in downtown Paso Robles and become part of the family. Owners Lori and Michael Budd, along with their weimaraner, Vegas, are proud to call themselves a “two-person, one dog show” as they welcome visitors and locals alike.

The Budds started making wine in Paso Robles in 2013. Michael, a food chemist, and Lori, a microbiologist, have visited many wine regions over the years and knew the wine world was where they were meant to be. They are celebrating over 19 years of 90+ point rated wines with their motto, “Our Wines + Your Moments = Great Memories.”

“We truly believe in this sentiment,” Lori said. “Although we take winemaking seriously, we don’t take ourselves seriously. Wine is meant to be enjoyed and experienced with others.”

## Cabernet franc specialists

Dracaena Wines specializes in cabernet franc, and the Budds currently produce their Classic, Reserve, and Blanc de Franc, a white cab franc. The winery is also known for its chenin blanc, which the Budds decided to produce because of its Loire Valley relationship.

“Cab franc is king and she is his queen,” Lori said. “Additionally, our customers love our Phoenix, which rises from the vineyard as a different wine every vintage. It can be a red, a white, a single variety, or a blend.”

Each year, the Budds make a limited amount of their Phoenix



Owners Lori and Michael Budd with Vegas.

and when it sells out, it is gone forever. They also produce a tasty, direct-press grenache rosé.

## Award-winning wines

As the founders of the internationally recognized Cab Franc Day, their passion is to promote the variety as more than a blending grape. Since their first 2013 vintage, Dracaena Wines has never received anything less than 90 points and has won multiple best-of-shows and double golds.

“We craft the wine that we would like to drink, but we understand there needs to be validation,” Michael said. “So, we do submit to some of the largest competitions.”

Two of their exceptional wines recently garnered gold medals at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine

Competition, the largest wine competition in North America. Their 2022 Cinnabari is a masterfully blended cabernet sauvignon with cabernet franc and merlot, affectionately known as the “family tree wine.” The 2022 Classic Cabernet Franc is an elegant expression of cabernet franc with a touch of petit verdot, showcasing complexity and balance.

“We are incredibly honored to receive these gold medals,” Lori said. “Our mission has always been to produce wines that reflect our passion and dedication to excellence, and these awards affirm our journey.”

In addition, the Budds offer a limited edition of their first-ever vertical of Classic Cabernet Franc featuring three acclaimed vintages.

The 2013 and 2014 Classic Cabernet Franc earned 91 and 90 points respectively from Wine Enthusiast, while their 2015 is a double gold medal winner.

## Welcoming tasting room

The Dracaena tasting room is cozy and welcoming with a lounge area, bar seats, high tops, and tables. With its many windows, the space is open and inviting. Guests enjoy taking in the sounds of classic rock on the radio and sports on the TV.

“In addition to being the most cab franc dedicated winery, we like to think we are the most dog-friendly,” Lori said. All dogs are greeted at Dracaena with a welcome treat, gift, and access to a toy chest and water bowl. “Vegas is our Chief Greeting Officer (CGO) and he takes his job very seriously and loves greeting customers at the door.”

The Budds ensure the tasting room is equally friendly to children, with toys to keep them busy while the adults enjoy their tastings and entertainment. And, when it comes to the tasting experience, Lori and Michael pour each wine, ensuring every visit is memorable with winemaker conversations and interactions.

“We want our customers to feel welcome, and we are proud to adapt our conversation to what the customer needs,” Lori said. “We do love geeking out, but know not everyone does, so we like people to feel comfortable and enjoy their time with us.”

In addition to wine tasting, the Budds offer specialty craft cocktails and mocktails at their Dracaena tasting room including a refreshing Vegas Spritz and the popular Franc-arita. Michael’s background as a food chemist extends to his offerings of delicious homemade jams and preserves available for purchase. Guests may also enjoy his homemade wine-infused chocolates along with other small bites.

**Virtual tastings, wine club, and more**

For those unable to visit in person, check out the Dracaena Virtual Tasting Experience. The kit includes four full 4-ounce pours and fun-tasting materials, with Lori taking guests through the tasting experience and process via Zoom. Gather your friends, or share this time even when you live miles apart.

The Chalk Club is Dracaena's wine club and has three tiers to choose from, with each customizable to the guest's liking. For locals, The Wine Whisperer is a special thank you to the community for its support. Check out details on each club as well as the virtual tasting opportunity on the Dracaena website.

Find recipes to pair with Dracaena wines including Colby Mac & Cheese, Lamb Gyros, Hazelnut Cheesecake, and more on the website. In addition, a list of upcoming events including Backgammon Night and Trivia Games Night are listed on the calendar and social media.



*Dracaena Wines tasting room is located at 1244 Pine St. Open 12-6 Wednesday through Sunday, with*

*extended hours on weekends. Reservations are appreciated, though not required. See for more information*

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# Opolo Vineyards—a quarter century of progressive winemaking and hospitality

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Fresh off its 25th anniversary year, Opolo Vineyards continues to set the pace for friendly hospitality, multifaceted tasting experiences, and acclaimed estate wines in the beautiful Willow Creek District of Paso Robles.

At Opolo, you are welcomed into a world apart, where terraced vineyards and orchards overlook the coastal mountains. Guests may enjoy tasting flights and food pairings, as well as spirits sampling at the affiliated Willow Creek Distillery. For the ultimate experience, take an immersive Estate Tour through the vineyards, and even make it an overnight at the Inn at Opolo.

Opolo was founded in 1999 by friends David Nichols and Rick Quinn, and today two generations are actively involved in the daily operations. The vineyards are Sustainability in Practice (SIP) certified, and the wines reflect both the rich heritage and progressive winemaking for which Paso Robles is renowned. Specialties include zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, Rhône-style blends, and aromatic whites.

“We are driven to create consciously made wines that reflect the incredible terroirs of Paso Robles, and to share them amid an elevated yet easygoing visitor experience,” says Opolo Director of Marketing Ricki Quinn, daughter of co-founder Rick Quinn. “We want you to feel welcome and inspired by your time at Opolo.”



Learn something new and have a great experience.

## Next level winemaking

Winemaker James Schreiner has been with Opolo for more than a decade, and he served as tasting room attendant, cellar master, and assistant winemaker before taking the lead position in 2020. He works alongside assistant winemaker Skye Bruce to produce award-winning wines.

“We call them our dynamic duo,” Quinn said. “James has grown with the company, so he has a great perspective on our brand and flavor profile. He brought our Bordeaux program to the next level. Opolo was always known for its zin because it was one of the first zin houses in Paso. James has helped us grow deeper into cabernet sauvignon and other Bordeaux varieties.”

The winemakers produce not only the winery’s flagship Opolo Mountain Zinfandel and its acclaimed cabernet sauvignons but also a list of wines including chardonnay, albariño, merlot, sangiovese, petite sirah, rosé, and more. Their wines routinely score

90+ points in a variety of journals and competitions, proving all their hard work is paying off.

## Estate Tour and Tasting

With the winery’s exclusive Estate Tour and Tasting, guests experience everything Opolo “from the ground to the glass” at the Willow Creek District estate. The tour ends with an elevated tasting of food paired with the wines.

“This is a great way to visit the estate, go through the vineyards, see where the wine you’re drinking is being produced, and learn about our winemaking process,” Schreiner said.

Offered from spring through fall, the experience includes tasting while walking through the vineyard, giving visitors an up close and personal view of the fruit for the wines they are currently consuming. “It’s not only fun, it’s educational,” Schreiner said.

Meanwhile, the Reserve Tasting Flights and the Classic Tasting Flights are offered year-round in-

side the Opolo tasting room. Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Menu offerings include wood-fired pizzas, gourmet sausages, and seasonal salads, providing an array of wine-pairing options.

“Our hospitality team and our tasting room educators are top-notch and approachable,” Quinn said. “They are really great at meeting you where you are and matching your energy.”

The team aims to ensure everyone who visits Opolo feels welcomed, learns something new, and leaves with a great experience and perhaps a new love for wine. Repeat guests often gain a refreshed outlook on the region or terroir and new offerings at Opolo.

## Distillery, lodging, events, and more

It’s no secret that Opolo is known for bringing fun to wine tasting. And, with the addition of the Willow Creek Distillery to the Opolo family, that same hospital-

## Wine Tasting

ity and exuberance has expanded. With a passion and obsession for high-quality spirits, Distiller Kevin Coulton creates modern expressions of whiskeys, brandies, liqueurs, and more.

Guests may book an immersive tasting experience, where they choose four spirits from a list of offerings enjoyed right inside the distillery production room. Oftentimes, part of a visiting group chooses to go to the distillery and taste whiskey, while the others want to do some wine tasting.

You can also go beyond tastings with an overnight stay at The Inn at Opolo Vineyards. Boasting luxurious, spacious rooms with fireplaces, soaking tubs, and made-to-order breakfast, each stay includes complimentary wine and appetizers in the afternoon.

With events such as the annual Harvest Festival Dinner & Grape Stomp, Blending Parties in the Barrel Room, Sunset Crab Feeds, and more, the fun never stops. The versatile and modern indoor and outdoor venue spaces at Opolo



also make it the ideal location for private events, weddings, and corporate gatherings.

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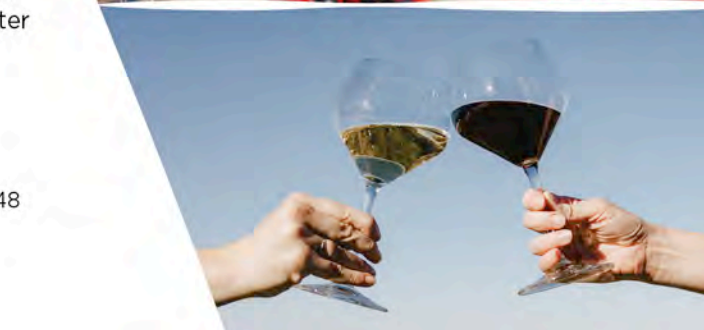
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Family-owned and operated Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture Garden has become a destination for wine and art lovers since first opening for business in 2007.

With his wife, Kathy, by his side, Dr. Warren Frankel is the visionary and driving force behind the unique setting in Paso Robles. Their son, Paul Frankel, is the winemaker and vineyard manager, and their daughter, Faith Frankel, M.D. serves as the food pairing and tasting experience expert. Her husband, Truman Prewitt, handles all marketing and promotions for the business.

## From dream to reality

"The winery was founded to support medical missions, Dr. Frankel's passion, and local art," Truman says. "Not too long ago, art options in Paso and San Luis Obispo County were scarce. Dr. Frankel wanted to change that."

And how did this idea for utilizing a winery and artwork to help others come to be? It's been a fabulous journey, indeed. While backpacking through Europe, a young Warren Frankel visited Frogneer Park, a famous garden in Norway featuring sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. Spending hours in the garden with its many human forms, he was amazed by God's creation.

Eventually, his career path led him to serve in the United States Army where he received his training to become an army physician. Decades later, while practicing family medicine in Templeton, Dr. Frankel met John Jagger in church



Award-winning wine and artwork in the gardens—the Sculpterra experience.

after returning from a medical mission. Hearing about Jagger's artwork and dream of building a larger-than-life sculpture garden, the good doctor couldn't help but think how great that would be for the community.

It was during this same time-frame when his son decided to study viticulture and winemaking at Cal Poly SLO. Everything was lining up – make art to bring in people, make quality wine to pay for more art, and to support additional medical missions. Thus, Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture Garden was born.

## An artist's vision

"The overall decor was more of the artist's vision to bring to the public," Prewitt says. "Jagger designed the garden and the general exterior. He started with what he thought was his best work, 'Morning Glory,' a sunning cat in the very front of the garden."

All of the cabinetry, doors, windows, the two 700-pound chandeliers, and metal work throughout the property were custom-built by Robert Bentley in his unique

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## Wine Tasting



Mega Focus by Dale Evers.

old-world style. An abundance of art has been added over the years. Recent pieces include the Safari by Monte de Gallo with its nine animal sculptures, and the Stagecoach, which is perfect for interactive social media shots.

### Award-winning wines

The artwork in the garden and inside the tasting room is stunning, and the award-winning wines are spectacular. Customer favorites include the viognier, grenache, and cabernet sauvignon. All are top-sellers that tend to sell out quickly.

"The wines evolve every season, and seeing the wines change is a real treat," Winemaker Paul Frankel says. "Our viognier always pleases. It's become known as the red wine drinker's white."

Frankel points to his Paso Pink Rosé, a blend of grenache, syrah, and mourvèdre, as being "a great wine that is not too sweet or tart." He suggests the Petite Syrah for those who prefer a bit more boldness. Truman's go-to red wine is Figurine, a blend of primitivo, cabernet sauvignon, and merlot.

The Héroe label, consisting of a viognier, pinot noir, cabernet sauvignon, and primitivo, was created to honor all past and present production workers. Proceeds from sales support the Gold Coast Chapter of The Flying Samaritans which operates free medical clinics in Baja California, Mexico.

The family's commitment to giving back to their community and those in need is evident. As a veteran, Dr. Frankel values the importance of honoring those

who have served their country and he is currently on the board at Camp Roberts Historical Museum. Various efforts at Sculpterra help support four artists on staff and four medical missions annually. A rotation of art from more than 100 local artists is also featured in the tasting room each year.

### Welcoming and inviting atmosphere

The knowledgeable and professional tasting room staff strives for a high level of friendliness to accommodate all types of wine drinkers.

"With the high volume of tasting room traffic, and the amount of information to convey regarding the wine profile, winemaking process, medical missions, and a variety of art, it's essential to have the best staff," Truman explains. "Deciding what information and how much to share with customers requires getting to know them first, and we take pride in doing just that."

On weekends, musical guests add to the serenity of the space, and a rotation of food trucks serve up a variety of offerings, including seasonal specials.

Sculpterra Winery and Sculpture Garden, located at 5015 Linne Road in Paso Robles, is open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, including the wedding venue, featured artists, and special events such as their spectacular Fourth of July celebration, visit [sculpterra.com](http://sculpterra.com) or call (805) 226-8881. Learn more about Héroe at [heroewine.com](http://heroewine.com).

—Meagan Friberg

# Eberle Winery, a tradition of great wine, conversation and hospitality

*The legend of great cabernet and great hospitality continues*

A Gary Eberle quotation on the wall at the Eberle Winery tasting room reads, "The difference between wine and children is you can sit down and reason with a bottle of cabernet." This quote speaks for all the Eberle wines and is a testament to Gary's passion for great wine, conversation, and hospitality, the traits that led to his being known as the godfather of Paso Robles wine.

"Have a glass of cabernet with me," is a sincere invitation from Gary to every visitor. He tries to spend a few hours every day meeting people and their dogs and can usually be



Enjoy a glass of cabernet with Gary Eberle.

found seated at the entry to the dog-friendly tasting room, welcoming all.

After graduating from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science in Biology,

Gary studied cellular genetics at Louisiana State University. During this time, he discovered wine and decided to become a winemaker. Gary relocated to California to study enology at UC Davis and received his degree in 1973.

That same year Gary moved to Paso Robles and became a founding partner in Estrella River Winery & Vineyards. In the late 70s, Gary decided to venture out on his own. Taking his share of Estrella River Winery in the form of juice instead of a buyout allowed him to create wine under the Eberle label. He released his first wine, a cabernet sauvignon, in 1979.

In 1984, the Eberle Winery tasting room opened to the public, sporting the Eberle boar that has become the winery's logo and iconic, ubiquitous symbol. A sculpture and a

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## Wine Tasting

fountain bearing the boar adorn the grounds.

In German, Eberle means small boar. In Germanic culture, the boar symbolizes a warrior, and Gary Eberle has that warrior instinct. As a pioneer, he was the first to plant syrah on the Central Coast and to produce wine with 100% syrah in the United States. His cabernet sauvignon was the first to have the Paso Robles AVA designation placed on his label. Gary Eberle's passion for his winery, winemaking, Paso Robles, and the wine industry has earned him many honors, including the 2024 Paso Travel Distinguished Leader award, the 2020 American Legend Wine Star Award from the Wine Enthusiast, the California State Fair Lifetime Achievement Award, the Robert Mondavi Hospitality Award, and the Wine Industry Person of the Year from the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (PRWCA).

Eberle Winery is known for its cabernet sauvignon. Gary credits a lot of his inspiration and business model to his friend and mentor Robert Mondavi. A Mondavi influence relating to the Eberle business model

is no charge for tastings, which include a complimentary tour of the winery and caves. Eberle is one of the few wineries that are free of charge, and that goes along with Gary's passion. He wants you to experience his wines whenever you visit Paso Robles.

*Eberle Winery is located at 3810 Highway 46 East in Paso Robles. Open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., reservations are preferred. For hours, reservations, and more information, visit [eberlewinery.com](http://eberlewinery.com) or call (805) 238-9607.*



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# Family roots to vineyard dreams— the story of Seven Angels Cellars

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Rhône blends and  
signature single  
varietal offerings*

Seven Angels Cellars is a family business owned and operated by Pamela and Greg Martin, a couple with a passion for family, food, and wine. They married in 2008 and launched the winery the following year. The winery is named in honor of their seven children, their “seven angels”, and is a passion project for the couple who have both retired so they can focus on the things they enjoy with wine taking center stage.



Owners Pamela and Gary Martin.

Greg grew up in a rural area of California with neighbors who grew wine grapes. He spent a lot of time learning about the entire vine to the bottle process from his patient neighbor. He continued his interest in wine when he was

stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard in the Bay Area and had easy access to the multitude of wineries in Sonoma and Napa. Pamela comes from a family of foodies and wine enthusiasts. She took winemaking courses in college and learned the

biology aspect of wine. She worked in catering and on TV as a home economist for a cooking show. Pairing food and wine to create an interesting and delightful balance in a meal has become an obsession for her.

Seven Angels Cellars recently made a move from the Paso Back Roads Winery Trail to a new space located behind the Dark Star Cellar's tasting room on the Paso Robles 46 West Wineries Trail.

“We love the Back Road wineries and have enjoyed helping build that brand and working with so many wonderful people. Although we will miss being part of that group, we are excited to join the 46 West Wineries with our move to the new location where we will have the benefit of higher traffic,” said Pamela Martin.

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Greg Martin has been friends with Dark Star's owner, Mike Emling, for over 40 years. The two men used to sit in their backyard and sip on wine while talking about making wine in the future. All these years later, when Mike approached Greg and Pamela about the tasting room space adjacent to his becoming available, the couple jumped at the opportunity to work with their friend.

"When we first started making wine, it was at Dark Star Cellars when the original owner was there. So many things seem to have come full circle, and we are delighted to be operating from this new location. We are excited about the outdoor space with live music most weekends and the opportunity to launch new events. Working side by side with my friend is a definite perk," commented Greg.

The Martins plan to keep their production small, with approximately 1,000 cases per year. In addition to chardonnay, mourvèdre, and syrah from their estate vineyard, they source fruit from premium vineyards on the Central

Coast. The boutique winery is best known for its Rhône blends and signature single varietal offerings such as syrah and merlot. They also offer chardonnay, grenache blanc, viognier, and a white blend named Unorthodox.

*The Seven Angels Cellars tasting room is located at 2985 Anderson Rd., Paso Robles. Open Friday-Sunday noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information visit [sevenangelscellars.com](http://sevenangelscellars.com) or call (805) 835-4054*

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## Central Coast Craft Beer Fest

March 22, Noon-4 p.m.—This classic beer festival returns for its sixth year with booths representing wineries, breweries, cideries, kombucha, food trucks, and merchants. Family-friendly at the Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real. Tickets at [centralcoastbrewersguild.com](http://centralcoastbrewersguild.com).

## Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale

March 21-23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.—Stroll through various neighborhoods in Morro Bay to browse and shop a variety of goods and treasures. More information: [morrobay.org](http://morrobay.org).

## Art in the Part Paso Robles

April 12-13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Hundreds of arts and craft vendors in the Paso Robles Downtown City Park, 12th Street. Free admission. More information: [pasoroblesartinthepark.com](http://pasoroblesartinthepark.com).

## Party for the Planet at Charles Paddock Zoo

April 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.—A great day for education, conservation, and fun for all ages. Regular admission. More information: [chalespaddockzoo.org](http://chalespaddockzoo.org).

## Wine 4 Paws Weekend

April 26-27.—Raise funds for Woods Humane Society by purchasing from over 50 businesses and wineries. More information: [wine4paws.com](http://wine4paws.com).

## Atascadero Citywide Yard Sale

April 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.—Over 120 vendors throughout Atascadero. More information and map: [sites.google.com/view/atascaderoyardsale.com](http://sites.google.com/view/atascaderoyardsale.com).

## Taste of Pismo

April 26, 1-4 p.m.—One of the premier culinary, wine, and beer events on the Central Coast. Twenty-one and over. Dinosaur Caves Park, 2701 Price St, Pismo Beach. Tickets and information: at [pismochamber.com](http://pismochamber.com).

## Morro Bay Kite Festival

April 25-27—A high-flying weekend of family fun. Morro Rock, Morro Bay. More information: [morrobaykitefestival.org](http://morrobaykitefestival.org).

## Vintage Sidecar Rendezvous

April 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.—Vintage motorcycles, recycled treasures, comic book expo, and more. Paso Robles Downtown City Park, 12th Street. More information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

## SLO International Film Festival

April 24-29 at various venues throughout SLO County—Filmmakers from all around the world screen independent films ranging from documentaries, narratives, music videos, short films, student films, and a central coast filmmaker showcase. Tickets and information: [slofilmfest.org](http://slofilmfest.org)

## Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show

May 1-3—A celebration of community spirit, bringing together classic car enthusiasts while supporting local businesses, charities, and organizations. More information: [morrobaycarshow.org](http://morrobaycarshow.org).

## Sip 'n' Saunter

May 4, 1-4 p.m.—Explore downtown San Luis Obispo while tasting some of the finest food and beverage served at downtown retail locations. More information: [downtownslo.com](http://downtownslo.com).

## Tamale Festival

May 2-3, Fri night 5:30-8:30 p.m., plus Fiesta Friday Sip & Shop. Sat 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—Over 30 tamale and other food vendors, along with dog costume and tamale eating contests, dancing, and live music. Atascadero Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real. Free admission to Tamale Festival. Tickets for Sip & Shop at [atascaderochamber.org](http://atascaderochamber.org).

## Paso Robles Olive and Lavender Festival

May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.—Experience a delightful blend of Paso Robles' finest olive and lavender offerings. Free event. Downtown City Park. More information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

## Paso Wine Fest

May 15-18—Explore Paso Robles Wine Country with four days of wine tastings, winemaker dinners, live music, and more! Tickets and information: [pasowine.com](http://pasowine.com).

## Memorial Day Ceremony

May 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.—The Atascadero Veterans Memorial Foundation hosts a Memorial Day ceremony at the Faces of Freedom Memorial, at 8024 Portola Rd.

## Morro Bay Art in the Park

May 24-26, starts at 9 a.m.—Hundreds of art and craft vendors, food and more. Morro Bay Park corner of Morro Bay Blvd and Harbor Drive. Mark calendars for July 4-6 Art in the Park. More information: [morrobayartinthepark.com](http://morrobayartinthepark.com).

## Golden State Classics Car Show

May 23-24,—Friday night cruise. Saturday car show 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Downtown City Park, Paso Robles. More information: [goldenstateclassics.org](http://goldenstateclassics.org).

## Pismo Beach Classic Car Show

May 30-June 1—Free family event. See hundreds of classic cars, live music, food, and vendors. Public streets and the pier in Pismo Beach. More information: [theclasicatpismoeach.com](http://theclasicatpismoeach.com).

## Concerts in the Park Paso Robles

Thursdays in June, July, and August, 6-8 p.m.—Downtown City Park. More information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

## Atascadero Saturdays in the Park

Saturdays starting June 28-Aug 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Atascadero Lake Park, 9305 Pismo Ave. More information: [visitatascadero.com/events](http://visitatascadero.com/events).

## Pinot & Paella Festival

June 1, 2-5 p.m.—Join talented local chefs and wineries for an afternoon of great wine, creative Paella dishes, and live music. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and dancing shoes. Templeton Community Park, 550 Crocker St. Templeton. Tickets and information: [pinotandpaella.com](http://pinotandpaella.com).

## Ice Cream Zoofari

June 7, 5-8 p.m.—Cool down on a warm summer evening with a relaxing and delicious ice cream-filled event at Charles Paddock Zoo, 9100 Morro Road, Atascadero. Tickets and information: [charlespaddockzoo.org](http://charlespaddockzoo.org).

## Movies in the Park

Starting June 13-July 11 from dusk until 10 p.m. Enjoy free family-friendly movie nights under the stars at Colony Park. Come early to enjoy a variety of fun games and activities. Colony Park Softball Field #2, located at 5599 Traffic Way.

## Atascadero Lakeside Wine Festival

June 21, 5-8 p.m.—Experience some of the best wineries, craft beer, dozens of vendors, artists, and live music. Atascadero Lake Park, 9305 Pismo Ave. Tickets and information: [atascaderolakewinefestival.com](http://atascaderolakewinefestival.com).

## Live Oak Music Festival

June 13-15—A fun-filled weekend of great music, art, camping, activities, and reuniting with friends and family. El Chorro Regional Park, State Hwy 1 at Dairy Creek Road. Tickets and information: [liveoakfest.org](http://liveoakfest.org).

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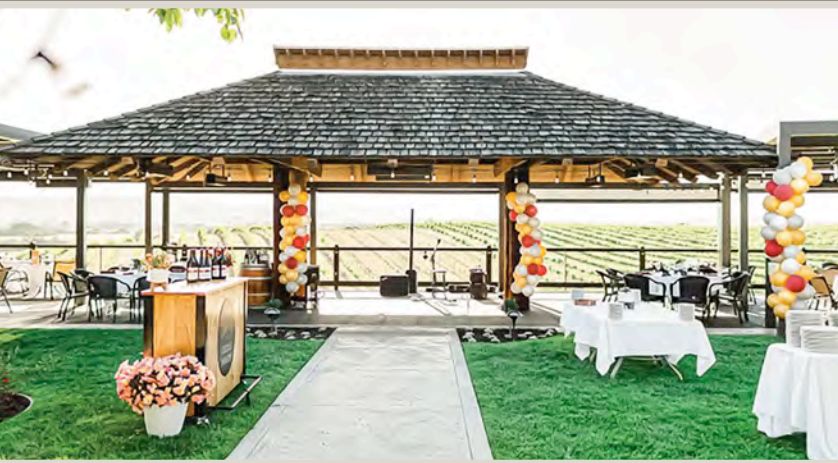
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