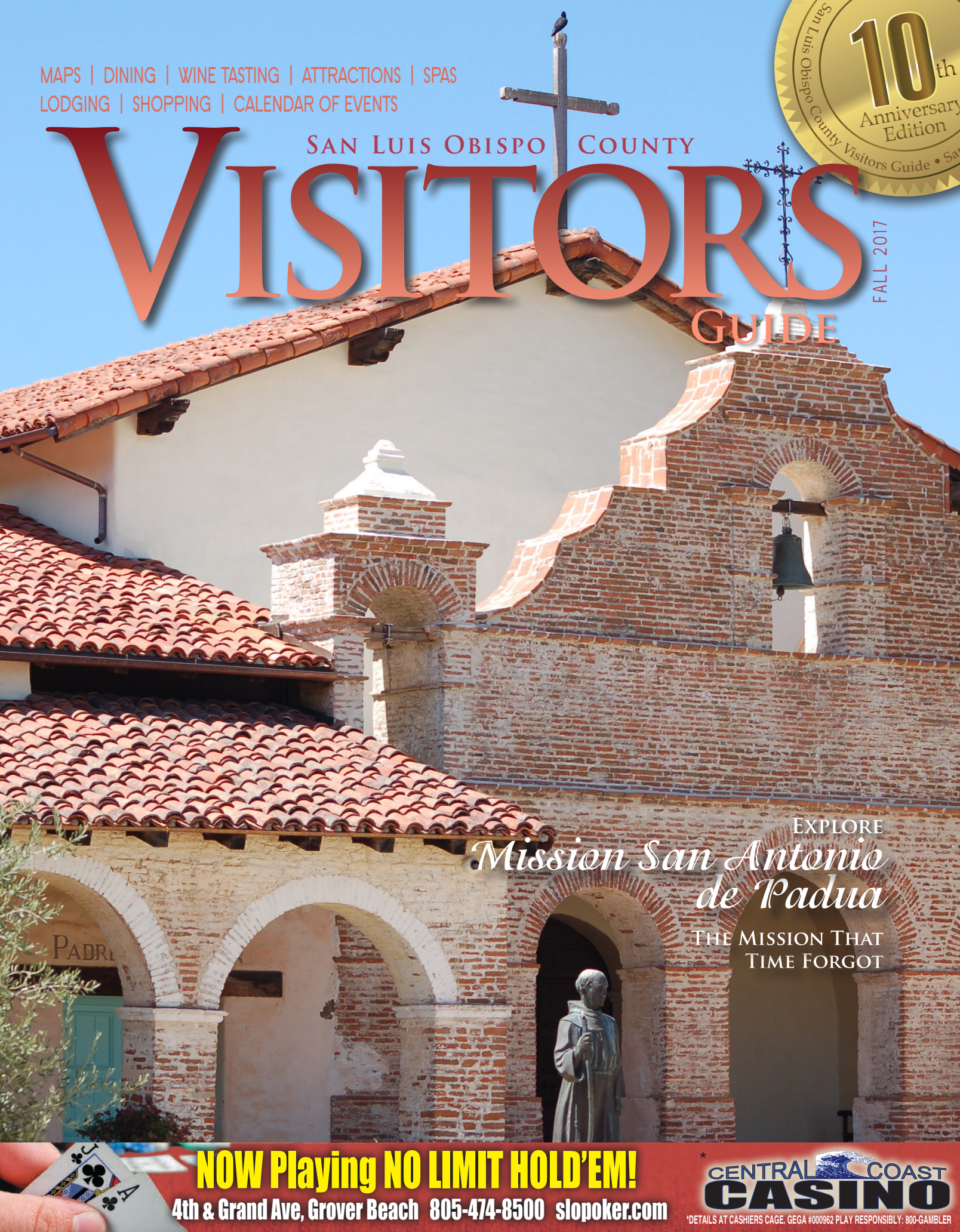


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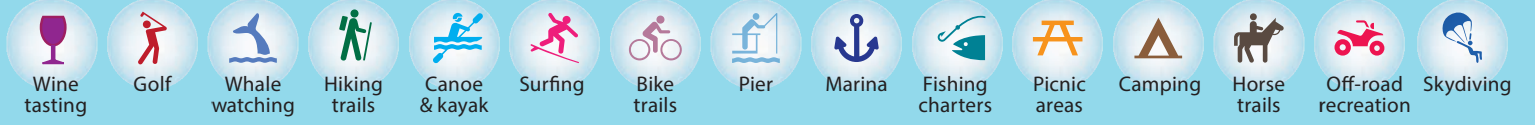


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This issue marks the 40th edition of the magazine, and we are celebrating 10 years as SLO County's premiere source for travel information for both tourists and locals alike.

It's always a great time to explore all that SLO County has to offer. With beautiful weather year-round and a wide selection of restaurants, shops, wineries, museums, golf courses, beaches, and much more, there is always something fun to do. Throughout the pages of this magazine, you will find information on all of these types of activities and more to enhance your time in the area.

Our cover story this issue features historic Mission San Antonio, located about 45 minutes from Paso Robles, the short car trip is well worth a trip back in time. Founded on July 14, 1771 by Fray Junipero Serra, San Antonio was the third in the eventual chain of twenty one Alta California Missions instituted by the Franciscan Order. Unlike the

majority of the California Missions, San Antonio did not have a city grow up around it after secularization. Today, it appears much as it would have during the mission era.

Fall is the perfect time to take in the county's rolling hillsides, flecked with beautiful fiery-colored grape leaves baring ripe, bountiful fruit, and perhaps enjoy a local harvest festival. Inside the wine section you will find information about a variety of local wineries, and be sure to check out our events calendar to learn about a wide array of fall events suited for the whole family!

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay!



**Publisher  
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# San Luis Obispo

## There are many things to discover around SLO

The city of San Luis Obispo has many faces. It is the seat of county government, a business and shopping center, and a traditional college town.

To sample the “SLO life”, as locals refer to it, put on your walking shoes and start at the San Luis Obispo de Tolosa mission, the fifth in the mission chain in California.

San Luis Obispo is alive with history, and a walk around downtown will expose you to many structures from the early days.

Some must-sees are the Ah Louis Store at 800 Palm Street. Constructed in 1874, it was the supply station for Chinese laborers who built the railroad tunnels through the mountains of the Cuesta Grade. Other historic buildings include the Sinsheimer store with an iron front, built in 1884, at 849 Monterey Street, the Jack House at 536 Marsh Street, which was built in 1875 and the State Historical Landmark Dallidet Adobe at 1185 Pacific Street, is open Fridays and Sundays.

Visit the History Center of San Luis Obispo County on Monterey Street where an extensive collection of area artifacts are displayed.

The museum is housed in the original Carnegie Library built in 1905 with granite from Bishop Peak, one of the Nine Sisters. The sisters are a chain of volcanic peaks stretching from the city to the ocean at Morro Bay along Highway 1.

Drive across town to visit an architectural wonder: the Madonna Inn. Built by the late rancher, Alex Madonna and his wife, Phyllis, it sits in splendor by the side of Highway 101, on Madonna Road.

Horses graze in the white-fenced fields on the property. A quality restaurant is on site and touring the public rooms is a must. You can see the dining room, the wine cellar and be sure not to miss the men's restroom. Even women should take a peek to see the waterfall urinal.

The inn has 109 theme-based rooms and a stay here might have you sleeping in the Safari Room or

the Caveman Chamber, or even the Old Mill Room with its own waterfall. There is also a convention center where many special events take place.

After touring the Madonna Inn, drive over to the largest open space in the city, Laguna Lake Park at 504 Madonna Road. Here there are picnic tables and barbecues, large grassy areas, and of course, the lake. Feeding the many domestic and wild ducks and geese is a popular pastime.

There is a nice walking trail along the lakeshore and a launching ramp for kayaks and canoes. Boating on the lake is fun, but best done in the morning hours before the winds come up.

A visit to California Polytechnic University's agricultural center makes for an interesting time. Here there is a full-scale working dairy with Jersey and Holstein cows. There is also the swine unit, horse unit, and chicken house as well as the CalPoly farm. Students in the agricultural division supply

produce and dairy products to many local families as well as local supermarkets.

Plant aficionados will enjoy seeing the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden on Highway 1 at Dairy Creek Road in El Chorro Regional Park. The gardens are a lovely quiet place to stroll or sit and meditate. Mediterranean plantings as well as California natives are part of the landscape and an educational facility is on site where a variety of programs take place. For more information, call SLO County Parks at (805) 781-5930.

— Ruth Ann Angus

### Attractions

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The SLO Children's Museum boasts three floors of interactive & imaginative exhibits for children ages 2-10 and their families. Find science exhibits on the first floor. Visit a tiny town on the second. Little ones will love the third floor “train station.” 1010 Nipomo Street, San Luis Obispo, slocm.org, (805) 545-5874.

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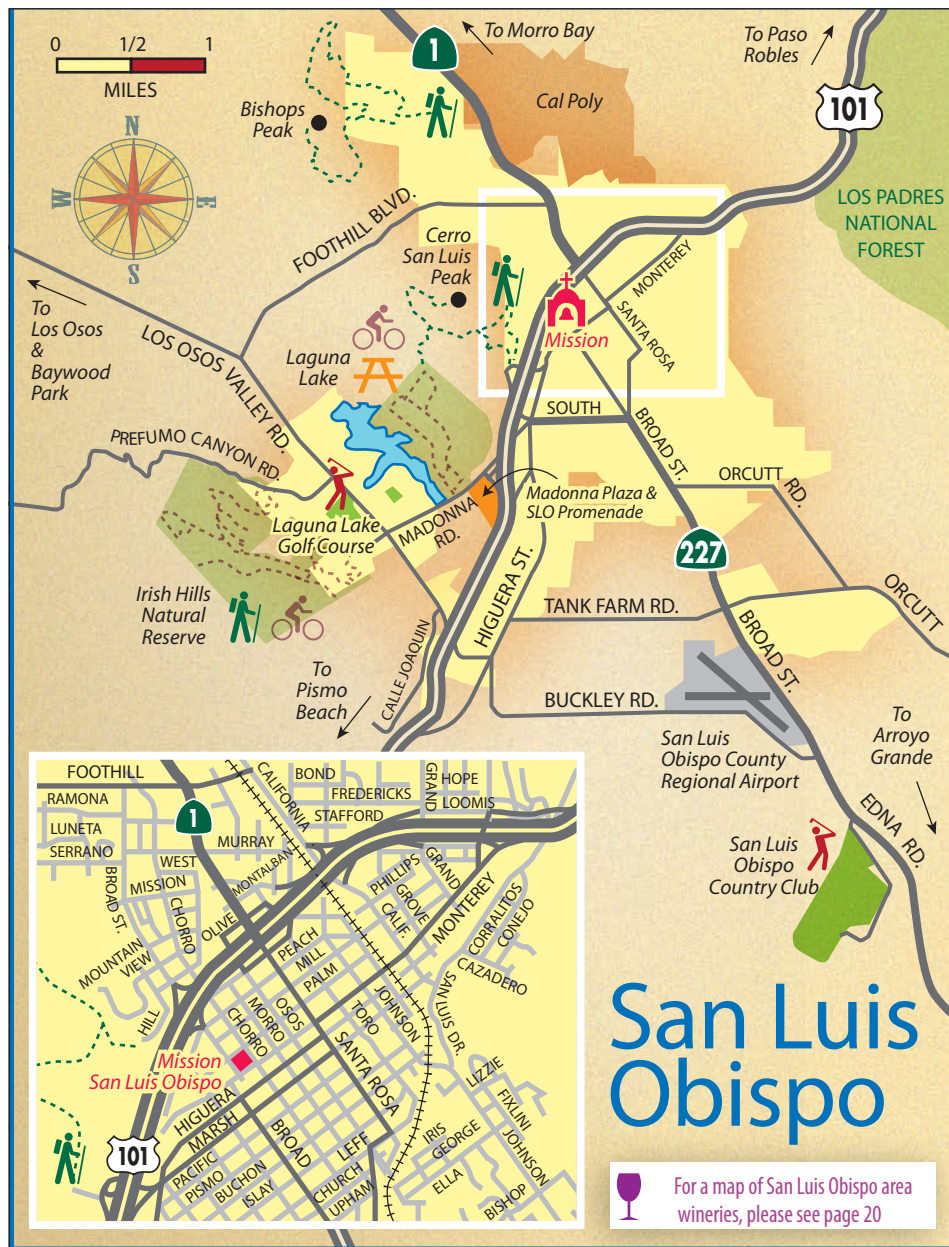
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There is no contest when it comes to the natural beauty of San Luis Obispo County. The rolling hills and fresh air that border the California coastline are open for all visitors. And there is no better way to learn about the area than to visit some of the many museums in San Luis Obispo.

## San Luis Obispo Museum of Art

At the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, all manner of artwork is on display including sculptures, paintings, photography, and other fine crafts. Beyond the exhibitions, educational courses are offered, as well as documentaries to help navigate the current exhibits. There is also a permanent collection that was gathered by Arne Nybak, a volunteer curator who contributed to the museum's early ventures. Admission is free to see the contemporary artwork of California residents at 1010 Broad St, San Luis Obispo.



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## History Center of San Luis Obispo County

A quick walk up the street from the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art stands the History Center of San Luis Obispo County at 696 Monterey St. Open for more than 60 years, it's the catch-all for everything one needs to know about the history

of SLO County. There is a research room filled with correspondences, newspapers, directories, maps, and more. Historic photos and catalogues are available to view and outline the history of the people and culture developed in the area. Open Wednesday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more at [slohistorycenter.org](http://slohistorycenter.org) or by calling (805) 543-0638.

## The San Luis Obispo Children's Museum

For families with young children, check out the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum. From miniature sets to inspire imaginations, to the hands-on activities, there is no shortage of fun learning here. Many of the exhibits are more than what they seem and children and adults alike will delight in new discoveries. Located at 1010 Nipomo St., the museum is open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from

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## San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

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## Art After Dark

There are many other museums and galleries in San Luis Obispo. For art buffs, a great time to visit the streets of San Luis Obispo is the first Friday of every month, except December, for Art After Dark, taking place from 6 to 9 p.m. as a selection of galleries and museums offer the chance to meet artists and view the newest exhibits. In addition, up-and-coming performers enhance the fun, artistic vibe as they play at local shops enhancing. There is no shortage of talent in San Luis Obispo County and this event ensures everyone a chance to enjoy it. Find more information at [www.artsobispo.org/art-after-dark](http://www.artsobispo.org/art-after-dark).

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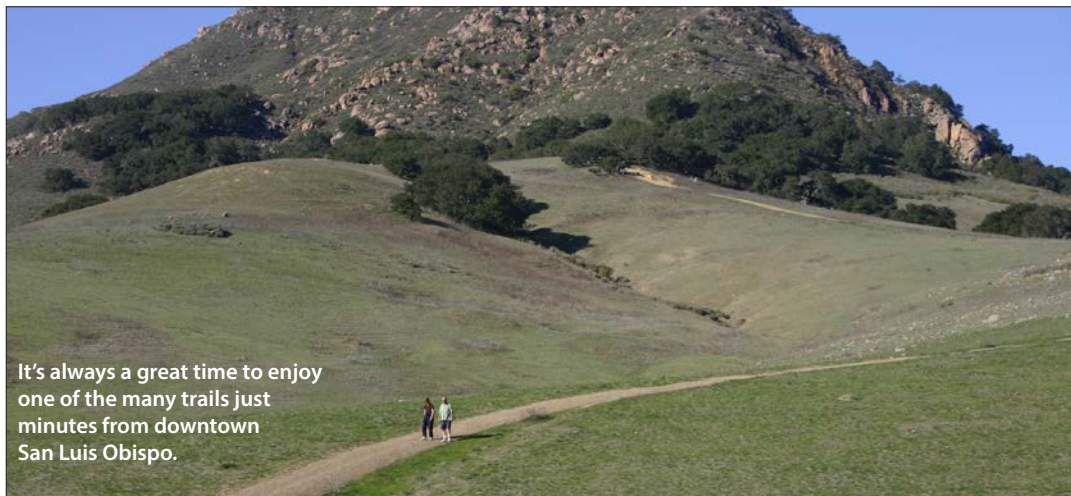
# Take a hike around San Luis Obispo

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The panoramic views offered along trails are just one of the many reasons San Luis Obispo – known to locals as SLO – was recently named the happiest town in America.

**Bishop Peak** is the highest of the Nine Sisters – a string of volcanic peaks that span the 12 miles from Morro Bay to San Luis Obispo. The trailhead for this 3.5 mile hike can be located on the left hand side of the cul-de-sac at the top of Highland Drive. While Bishop Peak is a more strenuous climb than its sisters, the views are incomparable. When you reach the peak you'll find all of SLO laid out before you in a stunning display from the Cuesta Grade to Morro Bay.

**Johnson Ranch** offers a loop that takes you through the wooded



It's always a great time to enjoy one of the many trails just minutes from downtown San Luis Obispo.

hills and grassy vistas of a historic 242-acre ranch. The trailhead for this moderate 3.7 mile hike can be located right off 101 South by exiting

at Higuera St. At the bend in the road, turn into the parking area for Johnson Ranch.

**Irish Hills** can be reached by parking on the street at the end of Madonna Road where a sign will offer multiple options for exploring this reserve. Irish Hills were named as such by Irish Immigrants; the old schoolhouse that was once the center of the Irish Hills School District still stands near the trailhead. After a brief climb in Irish Hills, the trail begins to dip and curve, carrying you across footbridges and under oak tree canopies as it rises into a clearing, providing panoramic views of Bishop Peak, SLO, and Cerro San Luis.

**Islay Peak** is a smaller sister located on the southernmost tip of the Nine Sisters string. Parking at the end of Sweet Bay Lane and a 1.8 mile round trip hike will bring you to the peak where the wineries of Edna Valley will unfold beneath you, rolling in perfect symmetry all the way to Pismo, hemmed by the beautiful Santa Lucia Mountains.

**Bob Jones Trail** is a 5 mile round trip paved trail that takes you from SLO to the pristine coastal town of Avila Beach. Park your car in the lot on Ontario Road and walk or bike over a path that takes you along the San Luis Obispo Creek and through the Avila Golf Course; sprawling oaks provide enough shade for hot days. You'll see jogging strollers,

bikes and walkers making their way to the coast and back on this family-friendly trail throughout the year.

–Katie Marchetti

Hike	Length	Elevation Gain
Bishop Peak	3.5 miles	950 feet
Islay Peak	1.8-mile	550 feet
Johnson Ranch	3.7-mile	200 feet
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*Unique tourist attraction is not to be missed*

**B**ubblegum Alley is a tourist attraction in downtown San Luis Obispo, California, known for its accumulation of used bubble gum on the walls of an alley. It is a 15-foot high and 70-foot long alley lined with chewed gum left by passers-by. It is located in the 700 block of Higuera Street in downtown San Luis Obispo.

How bubblegum alley got started is not completely clear. Some historians believe that the tradition of putting gum in the alley started after WWII as a San Luis Obispo High School graduating class event. Others believe it started in the late 1950s, as rivalry between San Luis Obispo High School and California Polytechnic State University students. By the 1970s, Bubblegum Alley was well established.

Throughout the years, San Luis Obispo's Bubblegum Alley has been



**Bubblegum alley in downtown SLO.**

featured on a number of television shows, news programs, and in newspapers around the world such as the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco

Chronicle and Ripley's Believe it or Not. "Weird Al" Yankovic mentioned Bubblegum Alley in his 1978 song "Take Me Down," an ode to San Luis Obispo.

Agreement whether these gum-covered walls should remain a part of quaint downtown San Luis Obispo has not been reached since its founding. While some locals consider this alley to be an "eyesore," the Chamber of Commerce lists it as a "special attraction." Store owners' complaints concerning upkeep are countered by the argument that it increases foot traffic and business.

The Alley has inspired professional artists such as Matthew Hoffman. On the east end of the alley, up high on the north-facing wall, a giant self-portrait of Hoffman titled "Projectbubble Gum" is created entirely with bubble gum. The picture of the artist blowing a bubble required a tremendous amount of gum, which he was able to get with the help of the community.

- *Skye Pratt*

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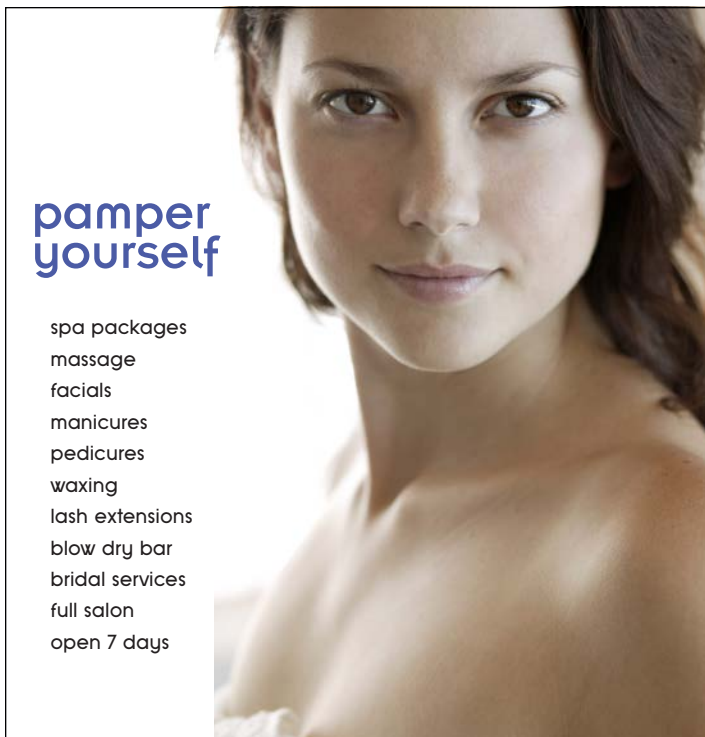
It's no secret – Whiz Kids is not your average toy store. Everything inside this unique shop located in San Luis Obispo is hand selected by the owner, Lesa Smith, and her enthusiastic staff of toy experts. One step inside and there's no doubt Whiz Kids is filled with surprises that appeal to both the young and the young at heart.

"It's not about what's 'hot,'" said Smith. "We screen things by the value of the toys." Her store is curated to include items such as science kits, construction toys, games, arts and crafts. "The toys that you are going to find here are the kind of toys that last a lifetime, and have some sort of educational value."

Smith and her knowledgeable and courteous staff members have branded themselves as "the toy experts." Shoppers are encouraged to bring in a shopping list, hand it



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over to the staff, and allow them to select the perfect birthday, holiday, or special occasion gifts for toddlers, teens, or seniors.

"We have gifts for infants, kids, college students... everyone," said Smith.

One of the more popular items at Whiz Kids are Zentangle and Mandala-themed coloring books, designed for adults. Coloring has been determined to be calming on the nerves and may be a form of therapeutic meditation – these coloring books are a real hit with moms.

Whiz Kids will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary in September 2017, with many exciting events happening throughout the month.

"I'd love to express my appreciation to our community for their support as we celebrate 30 years in business," said Smith.

Whiz Kids is located at 3979 S. Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, in the Trader Joe's shopping center. For more information, see [whizkidslo.com](http://whizkidslo.com), follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/whizkidslo](https://www.facebook.com/whizkidslo), or call (805) 547-1733.



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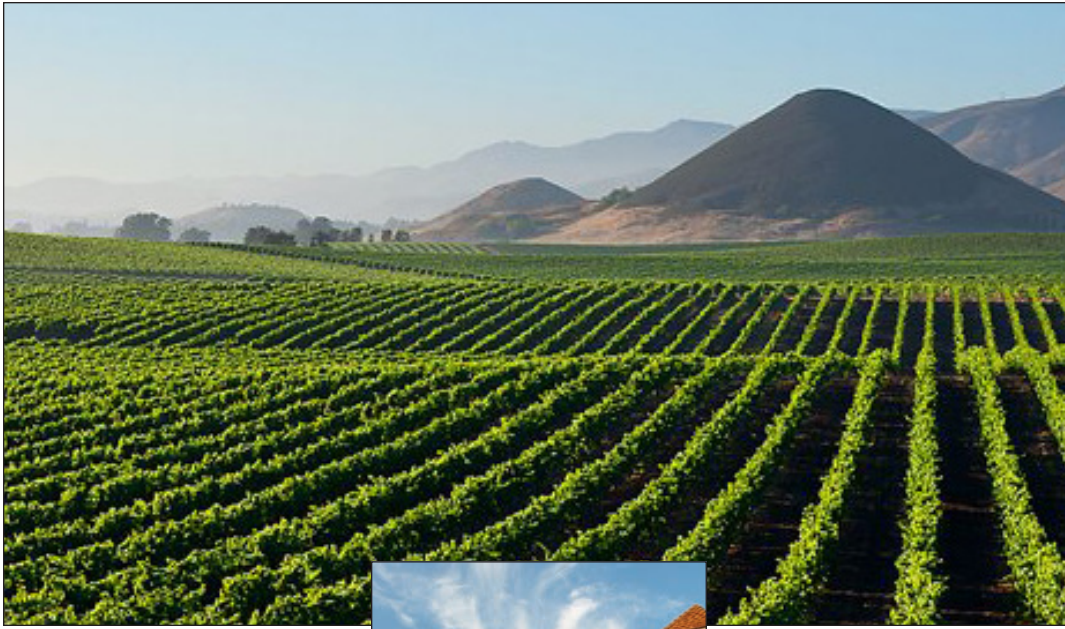
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# Go wine tasting in San Luis Obispo's Edna Valley



unique needs and we tailor their experience accordingly, whether the guest is a first-time wine taster or a wine expert," says Boone. The tasting room staff is friendly and welcoming, and provides a memorable and fun wine tasting experience for every guest.

The Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth tasting room is located at 5828 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo. It is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Group reservations are required for eight or more people. For more information visit [www.nivenfamilywines.com/tasting-room](http://www.nivenfamilywines.com/tasting-room) or call (805) 269-8200.

## Sustainability championed at Laetitia

The Laetitia Estate Vineyards were first planted to grapes in 1982

Edna Valley is a charming coastal valley located just south of the city of San Luis Obispo and north of Arroyo Grande that boasts dozens of vineyards and wineries.

With its gentle sunshine, cool maritime fog and rich oceanic and volcanic soils, the Edna Valley appellation boasts California's longest growing season. This extended growing season allows for more time to coax layered and complex flavors from the grapes.

Driving the back roads of San Luis Obispo County's picturesque Edna Valley is spectacular any time of the year with its rolling hills and vineyards, panoramic views, and historic school houses and barns.

## Taste wines in a historic schoolhouse

Traveling down Orcutt Road from San Luis Obispo, the Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth tasting room is the first you will encounter as you enter the Edna Valley. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round, the tasting room is housed in a quaint schoolhouse built by the local farming community in 1909. When in operation, the school-

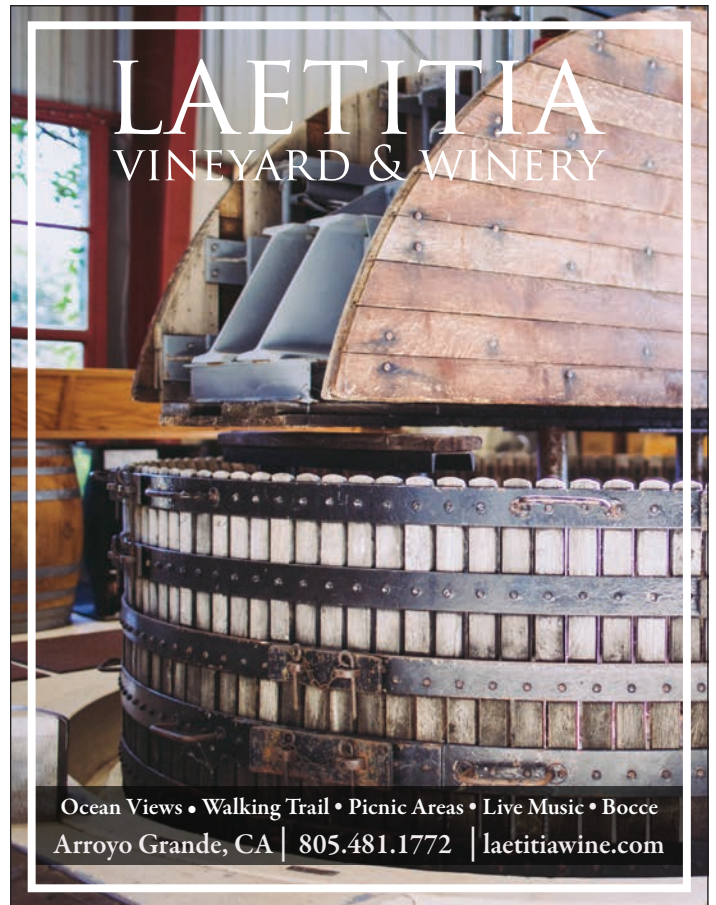


Tasting room at Baileyana

house served students ranging from kindergarten through twelfth grade who hailed from the surrounding farmland areas.

For over four decades and three generations, the Niven family has farmed their historic Paragon Vineyard, the largest family owned and operated vineyard in the Edna Valley. It spans more than 1,100 acres, producing extraordinary grapes that are used to craft the many wine styles expressed within the family's different brand projects.

The wine tasting experience is designed to accommodate all visitors' individual needs, according to Karl Boone, the Winery's Direct to Consumer Manager. "We realize each person who visits us has



when French viticulturists found ideal growing conditions in the Arroyo Grande Valley for producing wines of similar character to those of their homeland in Epernay, France. Nineteen years later, the property would be acquired by Selim Zilkha, founder of a successful wind power development company and champion of environmental sustainability.

The winery has employed creative methods such as cover-cropping and goat grazing, which preclude the need for harmful pesticides and herbicides or tractors that run on fossil fuels. President and Head Winemaker Eric Hickey has been instrumental in completing and championing the Vineyard Team's progressive Sustainability In Practice (SIP) certification process, of which Laetitia is a founding participant.

Other pursuits in the ways of sustainability on the ranch include a complete analysis/retrofit of their irrigation system to ensure that they are accommodating the needs of the different soil types on the



President Eric Hickey with Lino Bozzano and Dave Hickey.

ranch, as well as more mechanization (to assist in the labor shortage) and employing bio control strategies, such as raptors and falcons to hunt and feed on animals which attack the grapes.

*The Laetitia Vineyard and Winery tasting room is located at 453 Laetitia Vineyard Drive in Arroyo Grande. They are open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (805) 481-1722 or visit [www.laetitiawine.com](http://www.laetitiawine.com).*

### Check out newly renovated Claiborne and Churchill

Claiborne & Churchill, still run by original owners Claiborne Thompson and Fredericka Churchill Thompson, has been producing Alsatian-style "alternative whites" in San Luis Obispo since 1983. In 1995, Clay and Fredericka built their pioneering, eco-friendly strawbale-constructed winery and opened their tasting room in the Edna Valley, and over the years they have expanded their picturesque garden area to accommodate more guests and larger parties for tastings and seasonal events.

Now, upscale indoor renovations to the winery's welcoming tasting room, (which is, to the delight of visitors, right in the barrel room!) allow the popular producer to accommodate more visitors comfortably. Updates to the interior include a new feature wall and a rolling barn door reclaimed from an old dairy barn on the property, attractive lighting, and a custom stone-topped bar with an expanded serving area and hooks to hang bags.

For guests who are interested in holding their own private parties at the winery, Claiborne & Churchill will be taking reservations for small, special events such as birthday, anniversary, and graduation parties.

Also recently finished is a guest cottage, perfect for couples hitting the road for a weekend, for parents visiting students at Cal Poly, or for anyone just looking for a relaxing "getaway." The unit is now available for vacation rental through the VRBO/Homeaway website, or

by emailing [elizabeth@claiborne-churchill.com](mailto:elizabeth@claiborne-churchill.com).

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. Claiborne & Churchill Cellar Club members will be offered a special, discounted price on their stays.

*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). For more information, go to [www.claibornechurchill.com](http://www.claibornechurchill.com), or call (805) 544-4066.*



### See where it all began at Edna Valley Vineyard

The region known as Edna Valley has been producing grapes for hundreds of years.

In the 1800s, it was believed that the grapes in the Edna Valley region were of the highest quality. By the 1970s vines in the area had all but disappeared, until pioneering vineyard developer Jack Niven began to plant his own grapes on what is now known as Edna Valley Vineyard.

Today, their winemaker brings a passion for the Central Coast and the extraordinary expressions of flavor that come from this unsung region to offer balanced, elegant wines.

Edna Valley Vineyard is centrally located on 2585 Biddle Ranch Road in

San Luis Obispo, offering daily wine tastings, picnics and special events at their picturesque estate surrounded by the towering Nine Sisters volcanoes.

*Visit the tasting room at 2585 Biddle Ranch Road in San Luis Obispo. They are pouring Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 805-544-5855 or visit [ednavallevyvineyard.com](http://ednavallevyvineyard.com)*

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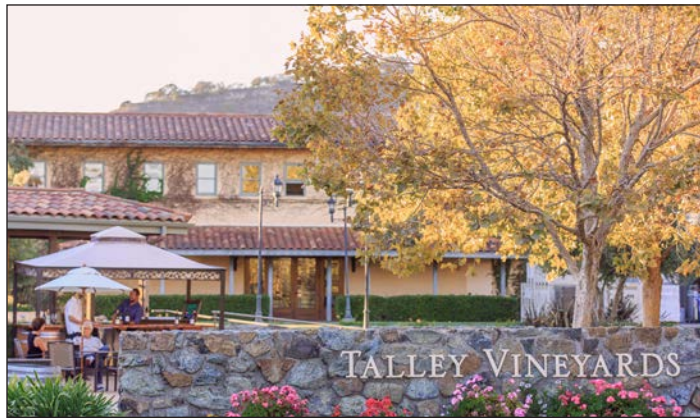
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# Discover Talley Vineyards

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Located in the Arroyo Grande Valley, seven miles from the Pacific Ocean community of Pismo Beach, (midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco), surrounded by pastoral vineyards, rolling hills and fertile soil, lies Talley Vineyards. The elegant tasting room, spacious picnic area and surrounding vista make this a perfect destination to stop, relax, and enjoy the tranquility of the area, while sampling highly rated, small production award winning wines. Approaching, your first view of the tasting room and patio may make you say: "Talley Ho!"



Talleys (with the fourth generation currently in college), the vineyards are under the stewardship of Brian and Johnine Talley, while Todd, Ryan, Brian and Rosemary Talley oversee Talley Farms. Throughout the generations, the Talley family has been dedicated to preserving the land, reducing the carbon footprint, producing the highest quality product (be it wine or fruits and vegetables), and most important, supporting their employees and the community at large.

### Sip, sample, stay

Talley Vineyards' tasting room and patio are inviting, pleasant offering a perfect place to relax. Sip at the tasting bar overlooking the vineyards, surrounding hills and fertile farmland. Or, enjoy the outside patio while accompanying your picnic with Talley Vineyards'

wines. There are currently two tasting flights offered for you to choose from:

**The Core Flight:** This flight consists of five of Talley Vineyards' most popular wines, including Talley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

**The Distinctive Flight:** This flight changes frequently, featuring five of Talley Vineyards' limited release or single vineyard wines. [talleyvineyards.com](http://talleyvineyards.com).

### Talley Farms

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### Community and commitment

Oliver Talley founded Talley Farms 69 years ago, with a commitment to grow and supply quality vegetables for the local community. Over the years, the farming operation has grown exponentially, developing into a world class grape growing and wine producing business, along with the original agricultural business. Now managed by a third generation of







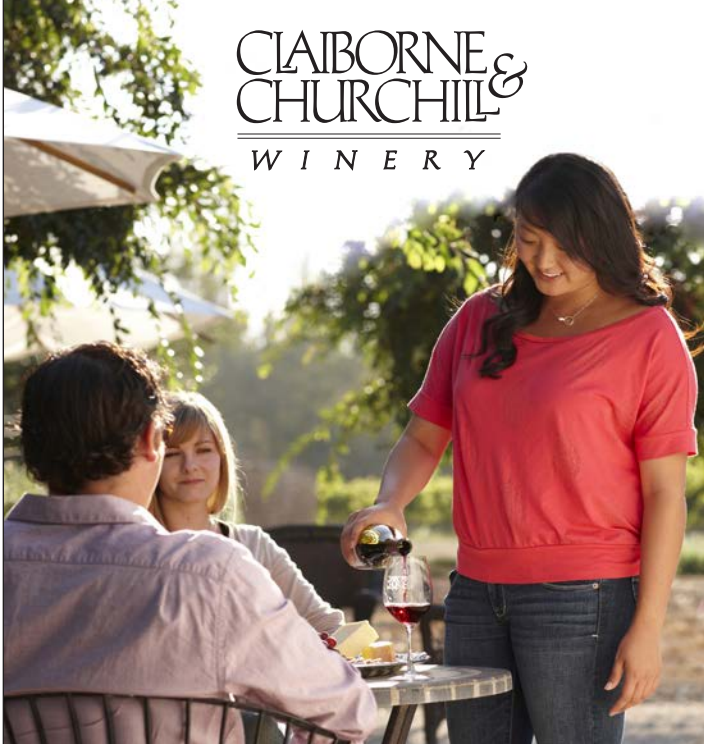
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- Pick up parties

Come experience the Talley difference where family, community and sustainability merge to create a tasteful, welcoming warm atmosphere for all who visit. The door is open, the table is set, please come in.

Talley Vineyards is open daily from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. They are located at 3031 Lopez Drive, in Arroyo Grande, Ca. 93420. For more information visit [talleyvineyards.com](http://talleyvineyards.com) or call (805) 489-0446.

- Don Sonderling

Pick up your copy of **Brian Talley's** new cookbook: *Our California Table: Celebrating the Seasons with the Talley Family.*

This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the Talley family, and includes over 50 recipes pairing food and wine. This eye-catching coffee table cookbook is an additional example of how the Talley family is immersed in the local community: Profits are donated to The Fund for Vineyard and Farm Workers, a fund benefitting SLO County farm workers and their families.



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# Avila Beach

Situated off the beaten path of Highway 101 and Highway 1, Avila Beach is set back from the rest of the beach communities. Offering a selection of resort-style hotels, oceanfront restaurants, shopping, golfing, hot springs, hiking trails, and all the water sports that beach towns have to offer, this delightful small town rests in a bay at the mouth of Diablo Canyon. Whether spending an afternoon on the beach with the family or escaping for a romantic getaway, Avila Beach has long been a favorite destination for both locals and visitors to the Central Coast. Find a list of current happenings at [visitavilabeach.com](http://visitavilabeach.com).

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# Soak it in at Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort

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A trip to Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort is sure to lighten the soul, rejuvenate the skin, and melt away stress, leaving you feeling refreshed and relaxed. This oasis, tucked away along the road leading to Avila Beach, is easily-accessible yet visitors are sure to be transformed by an out of this world experience.

"This resort is really about wellness and relaxation," said Charles Crellin, Sycamore Mineral Springs' general manager, "as it lets you experience nature in a comfortable environment."

Naturally occurring hot springs feed private patio hot tubs in each of the hotel's 72 rooms. Tubs are also available for hourly rentals in private cabanas on an oak-studded hillside. The private hillside hot tubs are available for rent by the hour, and larger parties may rent



Relax in one of Sycamore Hot Springs' private hill-side tubs.

"The Oasis," a 20-person private tub filled via cascading waterfalls.

Water is heated deep in the Earth's crust by fiery magma, causing it to rise through layers of rock and soil, soaking up minerals such as sulfur, which skin needs

to produce collagen for elasticity. The resort then captures the water and pipes it into tubs, giving guests the opportunity to soak leisurely amidst the greenery and chirping of birds.

"Mineral springs are known to have a lot of health benefits," said Crellin. "The heat and the sulfur are often considered to help relieve muscle pain and the symptoms of skin conditions."

Services at Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort expand far beyond the tubs. Let massage therapists rub your aches away with a variety of packages and oils including stone treatments, deep tissue massages, and more. Every massage includes a complimentary 30-minute soak in one of the mineral tubs. The spa also offers full service facial treatments, skin rejuvenation peels, and body treatments.

"We offer many unique packages and combinations of services so that there can be something for everyone," said Crellin.

An assortment of mind and body classes are offered in the Yoga Dome; daily Pilates, Tai Chi, and Yoga classes are available to the public and complimentary for hotel guests. Room rates vary throughout the year and are surprisingly affordable considering the many benefits such as balcony hot tub, coffee maker, mini-fridge, and free Internet. Whether in search of a standard room, a romantic suite complete with fireplace and

four-poster bed, a 3-bedroom guesthouse with a full kitchen or a bungalow-style West Meadow Suite, the choices are plentiful.

The beautiful, 125-acre environment is lush with plant life. Guests are greeted by an awe-inspiring Chinese Empress Tree that stands before the hotel lobby and boasts thousands of pink flower buds. Ancient sycamore trees dot the grounds, their twisting trunks providing cool shade and aesthetic stimulation, and an array of native shrubs and flowers fill the air with fresh oxygen and soothing aromas. Signs occasionally remind guests that they are entering quiet areas, where cell phones and smoking are prohibited so everyone may enjoy the peaceful sounds and smells of nature.

"The best part of working here is being able to walk the grounds every day," said Crellin. "It's such a wonderful micro-climate: the beach air surrounded by green hills."

Two popular trails are adjacent to the property: the Bob Jones Bike Path and the Sycamore Crest Trail. The bike path is paved and leads from San Luis Obispo to the sandy shores of Avila Beach. Of course, you don't have to walk anywhere – staff members are always on-call with golf carts to carry guests and luggage to any part of the property.

Enjoy fresh, local, spontaneous garden cuisine at The Gardens, Sycamore's on-site restaurant and bar. Open daily for a fresh juice bar, breakfast, lunch and dinner, The Gardens offers a variety of fresh, healthy, unique dishes. The Gardens Executive Chef focuses on expanding Sycamore's green and organic effort while supporting and incorporating local resources, making daily trips out to Port San Luis to visit local fisherman and purchase their fresh daily catches.

*Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort is located between San Luis Obispo and Avila Beach at 1215 Avila Beach Dr. Call (805) 595-7302 or visit [www.sycamore springs.com](http://www.sycamore springs.com) for more information.*

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# Pismo Beach

## Shell Beach & Oceano



The beach cities of Shell Beach, Pismo Beach, Oceano and Grover Beach run along the coast connected by first Highway 101 and then Highway 1. It is difficult to tell where one city ends and the next begins. The four cities attract visitors year round for their proximity to the ocean and the variety of activities individuals and families can enjoy.

The main attractions in Shell Beach are the vistas of the Pacific Ocean. Drive down to Ocean Boulevard where parking and a set of stairs provide access to the sandy beach below. There's a perfect lookout gazebo in Margo Dodd park.

Take a picnic basket and enjoy breathtaking sunset views. Fishermen love to cast lines from the stretch of cliffs. Another popular activity is kayaking.

### Attractions

#### Dinosaur Caves Park

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

#### Margarita Adventures Zipline Tours

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#### 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.

#### 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.

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The restaurant has been a landmark in Pismo Beach since 1963. Serving more than 15 types of fresh fish, they are known for their hand-dipped fish and chips and made-from-scratch clam chowder. Pismo Fish and Chips is a dutch themed family-friendly restaurant that can accommodate parties of all shapes and sizes. Open Tuesday thru Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. and everyday during summer. 505 Cypress Street, (805) 773-2853.

### Scotty's Bar and Grill

Known for their Wahoo and Classic Fish Tacos, Scotty's is downtown Pismo's only true sports bar. Serving breakfast (Sat-Sun), lunch and dinner. Scotty's has an extensive menu featuring burgers, sandwiches, steaks and salads. There is something for everyone! Happy hour Monday to Friday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. with lots of drinks and food specials. 750 Price Street, (805) 773-1922.

### Splash Cafe

This restaurant is a must-stop and is popular with the locals. There is often a line out the door to get clam chowder in a bread bowl. Pismo Beach is called the "Clam Capital of the World," so you shouldn't leave without trying a bowl. 197 Pomeroy, Pismo Beach. (805) 773-4653.

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# Unwind at Scotty's Bar & Grill

*Well-known restaurant is a prime spot for sports fans*

For tourists and locals searching to find a hidden treasure in Pismo Beach, look no further than Scotty's Bar & Grill. In business since 1997, the restaurant serves a pleasant mix of both loyal local customers and out of town visitors who come for a day of fun on the Central Coast. It has a prime location, just minutes from the beachfront, which encourages diners to satisfy their appetite while enjoying the close proximity to the water.

One of the draws to Scotty's Bar & Grill is that it is the only sports bar in Pismo Beach, which guarantees a large crowd of energetic sports fans on any given game night. The bar has five large screen televisions turned to the sports channel for diners to enjoy catching up on the latest game. On Sundays, the bar shows the football game through the NFL Sunday Ticket on Direct TV. The environment is primarily sports oriented, so Scotty's is the



prime location for those avid sports fans. The bar and grill balances this atmosphere by also being a family friendly environment for diners of every age.

Since the business changed ownership in July 2015, the menu has expanded to include a variety of delicious options, including bar appetizers, burgers, hot sandwiches, salads and more. The gourmet food

is homemade with the grill serving up fresh fish and flavorful garnishes to its patrons every day. Make sure to relish in their signature Wahoo Tacos and Classic Fish Tacos at any time; the fish is lightly battered and fried and served with delectable ingredients such as pepper jack cheese, cilantro jalapeno ranch and green onions. Yummy options for breakfast include meals such as the Crabs Benedict and the Pismo Scramble, a mouth watering plate that includes spinach, mushrooms, eggs and the option of ground beef. These dishes reflect the beachtown attitude the restaurant offers to its customers.

To complement your meal, grab a drink from the bar; Happy Hour

is weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. While ordering your drink or sipping away, admire the beautifully carved bar that has a secret history. Rumored to be over 125 years old, the bar is made of Italian hand carved wood and was bought at auction. This is a fun trivia fact about the restaurant that only cements its uniqueness to the surrounding Pismo Beach neighborhood.

Scotty's Bar and Grill is located at 750 Price Street in Pismo Beach. Open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call (805) 773-1922 or visit [scottyspismo.com](http://scottyspismo.com).

- Sadie Mae Mace



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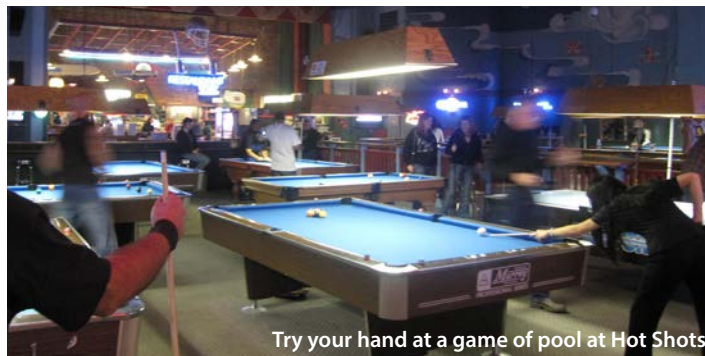
# Rack 'em up at Hot Shots

*Daily offerings of fun for the entire family*

The best souvenirs to bring back from vacation are good stories. With pool tables, beers on tap, video games, and fried frog legs, Hot Shots Family Entertainment Center is the best place in Pismo Beach for the nightlife and hilarious hi-jinks that make for memorable tales.

"We're looking to offer an experience that's different than any place else," said owner Phil Schwent. "You get a lot of different kinds of people here, and there's plenty of space for everyone and enough to do to keep you from ever feeling cramped or bored."

Located near the pier, this one-of-a-kind spot is right in the thick of things. From the street, the building looks like little more than a novelty t-shirt and poster shop but, past the racks, the room opens into a huge billiards hall. The smell of pizza and burgers fills the air, and the sudden cracks of cue balls breaking new



games can be heard intermittently over rock 'n roll blasting from an Internet juke box to get the good times rolling.

Family-friendly fun

This is no ordinary pool hall – Hot Shots is a family-friendly establishment that is far from the norm. It features two air hockey tables, a plethora of arcade style race games, and first-person shooters,

claw cranes with candy prizes, and more. An entire kids section, perfect for birthday parties, is set off from the adult area without being isolated.

"It's an adult atmosphere where the kids are welcome and can stay safe," said Schwent. "Grown-ups can have a beer and shoot some pool while the kids play a few games."

In short, it's a place where everyone can have a good time, kids have the freedom to be loud, and they can play side-by-side with adults doing the same. At Hot Shots, parents can bring the kids along for the fun. Everyone wins.

### Great food, local beers & pool games

It's not a party without good food, so Hot Shots hooks it up. The pizza is made from scratch; the burgers are juicy and dripping with cheese, and the fish and chips are rated among the best in town. Add fried pickles, artichoke hearts, and frog legs to the mix, and you've got

a menu that delivers the care-free, fun-loving lifestyle of the Central Coast at an affordable price. The beer menu includes everything from your typical macro brewery beer to a West Coast style IPA and beyond, with a bevy of local micro brewery beers and those lesser-known rare brands that are sometimes difficult to come by.

"This old building used to be a Vaudeville stage and a movie theater," said Schwent. "It's a great place for entertainment, and that old attitude lives on!"

Nowadays, pool rules at the old theater. A league meets weekly to compete for bragging rights in "Scotch Doubles" play, meaning each team is composed of one guy and one gal. The seasons last 22 weeks, and the competition is more friendly than fierce. At the end, every single player is invited to attend a championship tournament in Reno.

"There are a lot of couples that come out for regular date nights as part of the league," said Schwent. "Teams are placed into brackets by skill, so you're playing people at your level. Everyone is invited to join the league, even beginners."

*Hot Shots Family Entertainment Center, located at 250 Pomeroy in Pismo Beach, is open daily 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Call (805) 773-4542 or go to [hotshotspismo.com](http://hotshotspismo.com) for more information.*

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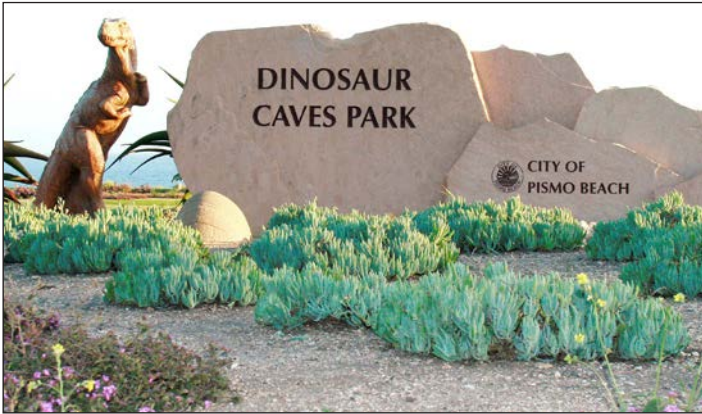
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In the past, tribal members of the Chumash held a yearly gathering on the bluffs above the ocean in Central California. Here the males carried on tribal business while the women collected shells on beaches below. These meetings were possibly the first time people picnicked in Shell Beach. You too can enjoy a day's outing by stopping at some of the parks perched atop these cliffs.

Drive down to Ocean Boulevard at Cliff Avenue and stop at Margo Dodd Park. Here you can enjoy the gazebo and gaze out to sea and search for passing whales or watch the brown pelicans, cormorants and gulls that use the cliff sides and sea stacks as resting places. There are barbecues and picnic tables here for your use also.

Continue on Ocean Boulevard and you will come to Eldwayen Park, a great place to watch the sunset. Here too, you can climb down the stairs to the beach and at low tide explore the tidepools. Picnic tables and benches are located along the cliffs.

Memory Park is a small patch of pleasant green with beautiful coastal views. Spyglass Park is next at Spyglass Road and Solano Road. This is a good spot to watch surfers who take advantage of the nice offshore swells.

In the Sunset Palisades residential area, Palisades Park has picnic tables, barbecues, and benches for you to enjoy the views of San Luis Bay.

The newest park in Shell Beach is Dinosaur Caves Park, an 11-acre site. This spot is popular with joggers, fishermen, and folks walking dogs. A great children's play section is located here. Every first Sunday of the month an outdoor art show sets up in the park.

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Kayakers love to carry their boats down the cliffs and launch here so they can explore the caves. Central Coast Kayaks or Pismo Beach Dive Shop can take you on a cave expedition where you will paddle through arches, caves, and rock gardens. Guides assist paddlers with instruction on basic strokes and will assist you with a surf entry. Sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters often swim around the caves.

After a nice day of kayaking or just enjoying the coastal views from the parks stop in and sample the western atmosphere of F. Mc Clintock's while enjoying a steak or maybe you'll want to visit the beer garden at Old Vienna and dine on some schnitzel. Whatever your choice, you can't miss by spending time at Shell Beach.

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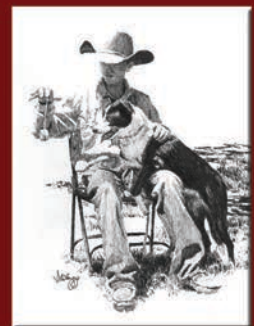
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# Grover Beach



*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 that offers numerous recreational activities. It also offers dining, night life and a card room. The town rests between Pismo Beach, Oceano, and Arroyo Grande and covers a roughly two-mile area. The streets are named after popular beachside resorts, and the town features several parks for visitors to take in the great weather year round.

Drive along the beach in your car, truck or ATV, or rent one, or ride horses on the coastline. Grover Beach hosts the only train station for the beach cities and has a visitors center there at 180 Hwy. 1.

This is one of the most affordable beach towns for buying real estate.

## **Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Park**

Located at the end of Grand Avenue, this is undeniably one of Grover Beach's main attractions.

Thousands flock to the Oceano Dunes State Recreational Park to camp along the ocean in tents and RVs every week. 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. Several ATV rental shops are located within Grover Beach. Overnight camping is allowed on the beach and the scenic boardwalk leads visitors to the Monarch Butterfly Grove in nearby Pismo Beach.

## **Pismo Beach Golf Course**

This nine-hole executive course is

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## **Dining**

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### **16th Street Park**

At South 16th St. and Menetone Ave. are areas to barbecue, restrooms, a large covered picnic table area and two play structures. The park also boasts horseshoes, softball and a grass volleyball court.

## **Rentals**

### **BJ's ATV Rentals**

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# Adventures await at the Oceano Dunes

## Rent an ATV at BJ's ATV Rental

The beach at the Oceano Dunes is the only beach in California where vehicles are still allowed to drive on the sand. Featured in "Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World's End," the dunes are where visitors can camp and ride all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the beach year-round.

Although ATVs are available for rent on the beach, be sure to stop by an ATV rental's storefront as well. One of the best places to learn about ATVs and rent one or two for a day on the beach is at BJ's ATV Rental, located at 197 Grand Ave. in Grover Beach, and the No. 1 rental company in the area since 1982.

Before renting an ATV, be prepared to fill out release and liability forms and get basic safety instruction before being released to ride in the dunes. Zach Zeman with BJ's ATV Rental, said BJ's will not rent ATVs to anyone under the age of nine and reminds everyone that all children should be supervised while riding.

When riding, Zeman recommends dressing in layers, and wearing long pants and closed-toe shoes. "Flip flops and shorts can be very uncomfortable and very dangerous," he said. For more information, see [www.bjsatvrentals.com](http://www.bjsatvrentals.com) or call (805) 481-5411 or (805) 430-5321.

Ranked as the No. 1 place to stay overnight by Reserve America, Oceano Dunes has always been a popular destination, according to Jim Suty, president of the Friends of the Oceano Dunes. Suty recommends visitors to the county make a trip to the dunes, even for a day, to walk along the sand, hang out at the beach, ride ATVs or small dune buggies, play volleyball, shop in the nearby towns or go for a plane ride.



### How to get there

From San Luis Obispo, exit Highway 101 at Pismo Beach to Highway 1, turn right at the light in Grover Beach to enter the state park. Entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle/day. Vehicles should be fit to drive along the beach, as the dunes are two miles from the entrance. Camping, overnight fees, and annual passes vary, see [ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov) for more information or call 1 (800) 444-7275 or (805) 773-7170; additional safety tip available on the website.

"There's a myriad of things to do – it all depends on what you're looking for," Suty said.

Before heading out to the dunes, the Friends of the Oceano Dunes offers tips on what to bring and what to do and not to do:

- DO arrive at the beach at low tide – find a tide schedule at [www.oceanodunes.org](http://www.oceanodunes.org)
- DO air tires down to 20 lbs. per tire
- DO carry a cell phone for emergencies
- DO bring extra keys; they are difficult to find if dropped in the sand.
- DON'T stop when driving uphill
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# Los Osos

*A gateway to nature*



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

Los Osos Valley Road leads right into the state park. The park, popular for day visitors, has 50 primitive sites. 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 visitor center is located at Spooner’s Ranch House Museum above Spooner’s Cove. The cost to enter the park is free. (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. It is a quiet place to sit and enjoy the

estuary. Grab something to eat and enjoy watching the many species of birds in the 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 Indians once lived.

## 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. The preserve is managed by the Morro Coast Audubon Society. Monarch butterflies are plentiful in this preserve from late October to March.

## Baywood Park Farmers’ Market

On Santa Maria Ave. between 2nd and 3rd streets. The market takes place every Monday from 2-4:30 pm and offers fresh, local, in-season produce. (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.

## Beer

### Baywood Ale House

Great little local spot. Craft beer selection that rotates New brews. Friendly outdoor seating available. tasty pub grub. Open Mon - Thurs 12 pm- 10 pm Fri- Sat 12pm -12am. 690 Santa Maria Ave Los Osos 752-1089 BaywoodAleHouse.com.

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# Discover small town California charm at Baywood Ale House

There are not many places left in California like Los Osos. Los Osos is non-pretentious, laid back; it's the real California. And there is no better place to experience the real Los Osos than at Baywood Ale House.

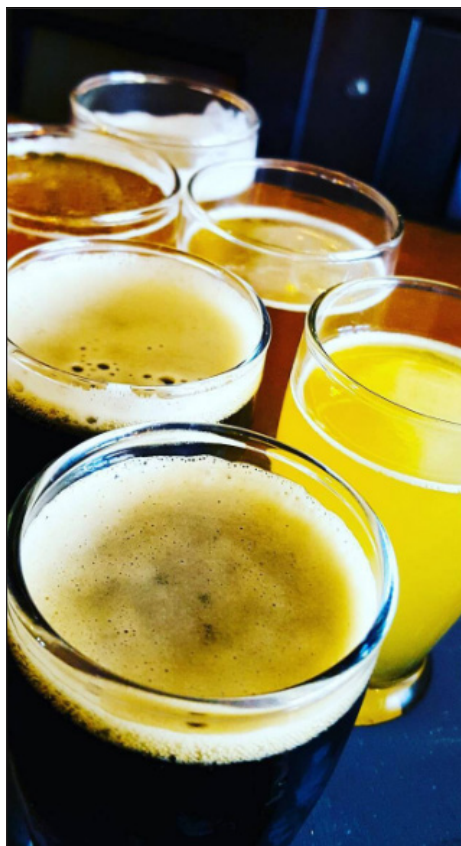
"There is much more of a local scene in Los Osos," said Baywood Ale House owner Chad Carroll. The alehouse is the third location that the owners, Chad and Christie, selected, and the Los Osos location was the perfect place to realize their collective vision.

Chad describes the alehouse as having a, "Warm, Northwestern neighborly feel," and that's fitting, as the couple spent 14 years living in the Pacific Northwest in the restaurant and brewery industries. They wanted to bring that friendly vibe to the Central Coast. Originally from Southern California, the couple chose San Luis Obispo County because it had been a favorite family vacation locale.

Baywood Alehouse utilizes fresh, organic, local ingredients as much as possible and, as far as the beer selection goes, extensive doesn't quite describe it; at any given week, there could be up to 50 beers circulated through the tap. "We probably go through 500-600 beers in a year," said

Chad. Some favorites off the menu include their sliders, with tantalizing flavor combos like brie and mushrooms or bacon and bleu cheese, and fans of shepherd's pie should try the alehouse's take on the Irish classic.

*Baywood Alehouse is located at 690 Santa Maria Ave., Baywood-Los Osos. Open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and until 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information call (805) 752-1089 or visit [baywoodalehouse.com](http://baywoodalehouse.com).*





# Arroyo Grande



The beautiful village of Arroyo Grande offers a variety of activities and retail stores to visit when in South San Luis Obispo County. Additionally, the small community showcases its history through the variety of historical buildings. The historical society and local business show off their roots with historic photos and information. On Saturday afternoons, the village comes alive with wine tasting, restaurants, coffee shops, shopping, the farmers' market and more.

## History

### The Barn Museum

This museum houses agricultural and mercantile artifacts of the area along with vintage carriages and vehicles, including a 1925 Model T truck and a 1923 LaFrance fire truck. Open Saturdays 12 - 3 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

### Heritage House

Located at 126 S. Mason Street, the Heritage House is a restored Victorian home built in the late 1890s. Its displays depict home life and costume for the last hundred years in permanent and changing exhibits. Open Saturdays 12 - 3 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

### IOOF Hall

The multi-function IOOF Hall, on the National Register of Historic Places,

is used for membership meetings, monthly speaker programs open to the public, and changing exhibits.

### Paulding History House

This house, located at 551 Crown Hill, is the preserved family home of Arroyo Grande's first permanent doctor. Open the first Saturday of the month from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. or by special arrangement.

## Attractions

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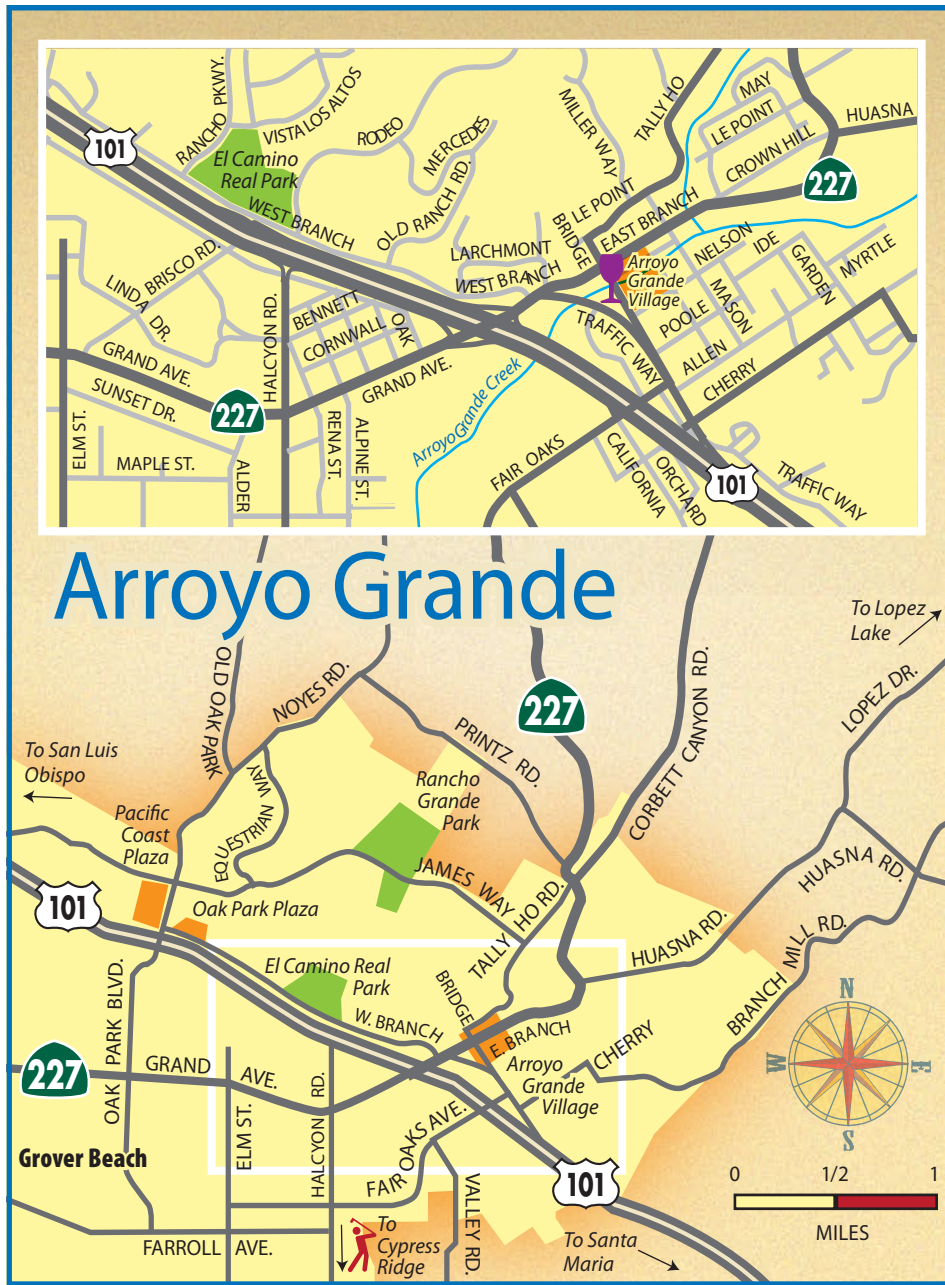
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## Farms

### Windmill Farms

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## Real Estate

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# Relax and enjoy nature at Lopez Lake

Located just fifteen minutes east of Arroyo Grande, Lopez Lake Recreational Area offers many activities including: camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, sailing, windsurfing, picnicking, hiking and equestrian trails, mountain biking, canoeing, bird watching, water-sliding and now, with the addition of Vista Lago Adventure Park, even zip-lining and ropes courses!

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### Lopez Lake Marina

The Lopez Lake Marina is a one-stop-shop for all camping needs. They have a general store,



offer boat and water toy rentals, bait and tackle and a bar and grill.

The marina is now offering stand up paddleboards. (805) 489-1006 or visit [lopezlakemarina.com](http://lopezlakemarina.com).

### Camp French

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- **Duna Vista:** 7.2 miles, moderate hike, multi-use, a local favorite to hiker, mountain bikers and equestrians.
- Scenic oak woodland, great views of the lake, surrounding mountain rangers and valleys.
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# Visit Windmill Farms

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Stroll the gardens at Windmill Farms

Windmill Farms isn't your ordinary farmer's market – this fun, colorful and eclectic farm is open to visitors every day, rain or shine. The old fashioned barn and windmill grace the side of the road just off the 101 freeway on Thompson Road in Arroyo Grande.

Approaching the Farm, visitors will see western wagons and a nearby field with sunflowers and corn growing high. Walk through the vine-covered archway and enter into a magical world with brilliant blue pottery surrounded by potted roses of white, red and yellow. Brightly-colored ceramic flowers and little toadstools accent the green foliage of the plants alongside fountains and statuary.

Benches situated on the gravel pathways offer a place to rest and take in the peaceful scenery or glance at artwork featuring whimsical cows and chickens. The garden at Windmill Farms specializes in succulents and beautiful garden décor – statuary, fountains, iron trellises, garden arches and a large selection of pottery.

## Fruits, vegetables & gift items

When Lorna Kirk and her husband bought the property in 2000 the site was a blank canvas. Starting with the building of small barn, they expanded the structure to enlarge the capacity of all the barn has to offer. Inside, find a myriad of items – from the pesticide-free fruits and vegetables to an eclectic and colorful assortment of gift and culinary items.

Assorted gift items, crockery,

natural lotions, soaps, fragrances, and oils, cards, tableware, decorative art, collectibles and more are available for purchase; gift baskets are also available. Shelves are stocked full of a wide variety of gourmet foods, sauces, jams, preserves, breads and mixes.

“We source our gourmet foods from all areas, with an emphasis on supporting local sources,” Kirk said, “and you can sample anything you might be interested in before buying.”

Looking for a special gift for that certain someone? Find unique offerings at Windmill Farms whether it be gift items, gourmet food, coffee, and tea, or succulents, dish gardens, pottery and garden art.

## Take time to enjoy the simple life

Enjoy a bit of the simple life and make sure to pay a visit to Windmill Farms. Take a moment to sit in the garden with a cup of gourmet coffee and a delicious berry scone.

No farm would be complete without animals – and the ones at Windmill Farms are a must-see for the youngsters and the young at heart. In the outside Critter Corral, visitors walk through and pet or feed goats, sheep, donkeys, turkeys, and chickens in addition to miniature horses and donkeys.

Windmill Farms, located at 1275 N. Thompson Ave. in Arroyo Grande, is open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (805) 489-1000 or visit [windmillfarms.org](http://windmillfarms.org) for more information.

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# Dine near the creek at Rooster Creek Tavern

*Patrons enjoy classics with a twist from modern menu*

When Debbie Schiro and Daryl Cope opened Rooster Creek Tavern in the historic village of Arroyo Grande, they set out to have a family-friendly restaurant with a modern menu for locals and visitors to enjoy classic favorites with a twist. Inspired by the local wildlife, Rooster Tavern features an outside patio that entices all, including the occasional rooster.

A visit to the village of Arroyo Grande would not be complete without a walk across the swinging bridge and viewing the roosters that have nested along the creek for years. Say hello to the roosters, and then wander into Rooster Creek for lunch, dinner or drinks. The locals are drawn to the chic dining experience – whether for a casual night out with friends or an excuse to dress up and celebrate – and Rooster Creek Tavern is the spot to go.

“The community has embraced Rooster Creek and we could not be more grateful,” Schiro said, adding



Wine Region. In fact, Schiro coins it as being located, “at the gateway to the wineries.”

In addition to being the ideal restaurant for a scrumptious lunch or a romantic dinner, Rooster Creek is the perfect place to reserve tables for a variety of events, from birthday and anniversary parties to business meetings. With a banquet room that seats up to 45 people, it’s the perfect location for gatherings.

Rooster Creek Tavern, located at 200 E. Branch St in Arroyo Grande, is open daily 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; on Friday and Saturday, the bar stays open to midnight. For more information, call (805)489-2509 or see [www.roostercreektavern.com](http://www.roostercreektavern.com).

–Rachelle Tellez

they value the opinions of customers, especially the regulars, to help update their menus and create a selection for all to enjoy.

## Diverse menu options

The diverse menu at Rooster Creek features items ranging from tasty appetizers to unique or traditional pizzas. Popular entrees include the Southern Style Fried Chicken, the Pan Roasted Salmon, and the St. Luis Style Ribs. Salad options include the Beet Salad brimming with fresh local beets, sliced apples, goat cheese and topped with sherry vinaigrette, and the Rooster Salad with red onion, cherry tomatoes, roasted corn, feta cheese and chipotle ranch dressing. Weekly specials are sure to delight diners as well.

One of the delectable desserts on the menu is the perfect ending to a meal; try the irresistible cookie skillet, a slice of seasonal cheesecake, the mud pie, and more. Take-out options are available; call ahead, pick up your order, and take it along to enjoy at one of the local wineries or beach spots. Rooster Creek is situated in a prime location to stop by when heading to the Edna Valley



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Nipomo is home to the historical residence of Captain William G. Dana whose descendants populated the area and started the town. His adobe house still stands near the 101 Freeway ([danaadobe.org](http://danaadobe.org).)

Other attractions in the city are the Nipomo Native Gardens, where 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).)

The huge Nipomo Swap Meet and Flea market is on the grounds adjacent to the 101 Freeway at the Tefft 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 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's free but there is a fee to park.

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# Enjoy outdoor adventures in Nipomo

Nipomo is a Chumash word meaning “base of the hills.” The land signified great promise for William Goodwin Dana, the Bostonian sea captain who married in Santa Barbara, received a land grant in 1837, and settled the 37,888-acre Rancho Nipomo. Today, Nipomo, the southernmost gate of San Luis Obispo County, still ignites a sense of anticipation in visitors from near and far.

Standing on the wet sand of the shore of the Pacific, looking out over the sprawling Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes toward the rich, riparian woods, the creeks, the fresh water lakes and the Santa Maria River, you can see many of the same views that Dana once did and that the Chumash did before him.

## Dune Diversions

The 3,400-acre Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve, part of the dune complex that stretches from Pismo to Guadalupe and Lompoc along the Pacific Ocean and which is one of the largest remaining coastal dune systems in the nation, is a must-see excursion for visitors.

A walk along the coast from the preserve entrance down to giant Mussel Rock affords incredible vistas of the tallest sand dunes on the West Coast, sculpted and contoured by the winds into a scene other-worldly enough that it made the perfect set for the film *The Ten Commandments*, shot nearby. Here, amid the seemingly untouched, wind-swept mounds and bowls of constantly shifting sediment, the sands of time have stopped and modern hikers can see



the same landscape in which the Chumash once lived and hunted.

## Lake Leisure

Also part of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve (to the north of the beach entrance), the Oso Flaco Lake hike provides a more manicured experience of the dune ecosystem on a zen-like trail made largely of boardwalk. The path crosses a 75-acre freshwater lake, dunes, forest and marshlands, all the while offering an environment of pervading tranquility that transports hikers from the modern world into a serene state of oneness with nature.

Further north, along the edge of the Oceano Dunes, there is a cluster of fresh water lakes that lie provide habitat for migrating birds and a secluded, little-known escape for hikers. Black Lake is one of these, and one of the only lakes accessible to the public. The SLO Land Conservancy offers docent-led circumnavigations of the dark, peat-colored lake, while the nearby Black Lake Canyon trail is open for self-guided

tours and horseback rides.

For golf enthusiasts, Nipomo offers some of the best golfing on the Central Coast, with scenic options like Black Lake, The Woodlands, Trilogy at Monarch Dunes, and Cypress Ridge.

## Families on the Frontier

Families visiting Nipomo will do well to stop at the Nipomo Regional Park, which has endless outlets for activity of all kinds.

The park provides baseball fields, playgrounds, tennis and volleyball courts, an off-leash dog park, and barbecue and picnic areas at one end, while it also comprises the more rustic native plant garden and 80 acres of open trails for hiking and horseback riding.

– Jamie Relth

## More Info

For more information about Nipomo’s outdoor adventures and tours:  
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# Morro Bay

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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, and camping under the stars.

When it comes to birdwatching, there's little doubt that Morro Bay provides the best chance for seeing 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. Find the perfect wine to complement your meal from area wineries.

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.

Head into Old Town and you will find a variety of specialty shops, antique galleries, restaurants, and coffee shops. Book a stay at one of the fine motels, and take in a movie at the town's first rate theater.

Venture into Morro Bay State Park and visit the Natural History Museum that has interactive exhibits, offers guided nature walks and informative lectures.

Tee up and enjoy an afternoon hitting the greens at the 18-hole championship golf course where

every hole has a view of the bay.

No matter what you choose to do, a stay in Morro Bay is always exceptional and sure to make you want to return again and again.

## Dining

### Blue Sky Bistro on the Bay

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### 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.

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# Eat at the Bayside Cafe in Morro Bay

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Walking or boating along the waters of Morro Bay's Marina, the smell of bacon sizzling on the grill wafts toward you in waves. The smells take you to Bayside Cafe, situated adjacent to a kayak rental booth and just steps from the water's edge.

The rustic restaurant has a small boat atop its roof, and the decor is a fun beach theme. Cozy tables sit along a glass wall inside and there are a few outdoor tables on patio; every seat boasts a perfect view of the bay. Just across the street from the State campground, Bayside Cafe is the restaurant every camper dreams about.

Low key and relaxed, diners often show up in beach cover-ups and camping attire. Bring your dog and sit outside under the heat

lamps, watching the fog roll away while enjoying an early lunch or see the sun set during dinner. Bayside Food

### Something for everyone on lunch & dinner menus

Each recipe has been crafted out of a love for the perfect bite. Founder and Cal Poly grad Dawn Borst started Bayside Cafe in 1986 out of necessity, recognizing the need for a place to grab a quick meal after being out on the water all day.

The location of the cafe is ideal – it sits right where the boats dock. She originally started the restaurant as a "walk-up" and created each recipe herself. Today the place has expanded to a sit down-style restaurant, but her unique recipes remain the same and Borst is dedicated to serving the freshest food to



**Bayside Cafe is just steps from the water's edge.**

each and every customer.

The lunch menu is extensive, with plenty of delicious options. From seafood and burgers to Mexican specialties, the whole family will eat well regardless of who wants what. Want to share a few appetizers among your group? Try the shrimp cocktail and calamari strips. Or maybe you'd like a bowl of chowder – a meal in itself if so desired.

The dinner menu at Bayside Cafe is a bit more romantic. Chicken Marsala, tender slow roasted tri-tip, and blackened ahi are just a few of the choices and the entree list is a perfect variety of both surf and turf.

### Dessert heaven

And then there's the desserts – locals have long discovered that a trip to Bayside is more than the mouthwatering main courses – the homemade desserts are a must-try. Chocolate Oblivion and Tres Leches Cake are just two of the delights that leave diners wishing

for more.

Take a moment to enjoy the sun setting on the water as you relax after a great meal and even better experience. Perhaps the best part about dining at Bayside Cafe is the feeling that even if you are just visiting the area, you are treated like a local. Smiling employees, delicious food, and a laid back atmosphere are the perfect combination.

Mix all this in with a large dose of relaxation and you will have a hard time leaving, guaranteed.

*Bayside Cafe, located at 10 State Park Road directly across the road from the Morro Bay State Park Campground, is open for lunch Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with extended hours until 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Dinner hours are Thursday and Sunday 4 - 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 4 - 9 p.m. ; closed for dinner Monday through Wednesday. For more information, call (805) 772-1465 and check out menus at [www.baysidecafe.com](http://www.baysidecafe.com).*

*– Hannah Driscoll*



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# Enjoy hiking in Morro Bay

*There are various options for hikers of all levels*



Morro Bay is rich with natural beauty, and there is no better way to experience it than by hiking. There are numerous trails that can accommodate a variety of outdoor leisure activities.

A great easy hike, perfect for a brisk fall morning, is black hill, the second to last of nine volcanic peaks that lie between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay – the last being Morro Rock itself. Morro Rock, a sacred space for two local Native American tribes, is not hike-able except with a special permit. The distance from the Morro Bay State Park campground to the top of Black Hill and back is approximately three miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This scenic and enjoyable hike is relatively easy and can be done in just an hour or two.

Just south of Morro Bay is beautiful Montana De Oro State Park. Montana De Oro is Spanish for, “Mountains of gold,” and refers to the small yellow flowers that bloom throughout the park. There are numerous hiking trails through the park, including Bluff Trail, a level

coastal trail, which is suitable for bikes and wheelchairs. It is about 2.1 miles long one way with a host of side trails that allow for outings between one and five miles. The hike is the perfect way to see all the tide pools, beaches, rock islands, and natural bridges, along the stunning coastline of the park, hitting highlights like Corallina Cove, Quarry Cove, and Grotto Rock.

Start from the north end of the Bluff Trail at a parking area on Pecho Valley Road just past the visitor center and across from the trailhead for Valencia Peak. More adventurous hikers can continue up Valencia Peak, one of the highest summits in the park. It provides arguably some of the best views of the park’s stunning shoreline and inviting inland peaks. About 3.7-miles round trip, there is 1,275 feet of elevation to tackle, with a few level steps allowing you to catch your breath amidst the scenic climb to the amazing 360-degree views from the summit.

– *Skye Pratt*

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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. Tourism is the local economy's largest industry, and

Cayucos offers many nice hotels and beach house rentals for the weary traveler.

## State Beach & Pier

The coastline has several access points. Free parking, bathrooms, showers at the pier. Lit for night fishing. Nearby you will find surfboards, wetsuits, stand-up paddle boarding and lessons available. There is also a great children's playground and volleyball courts.

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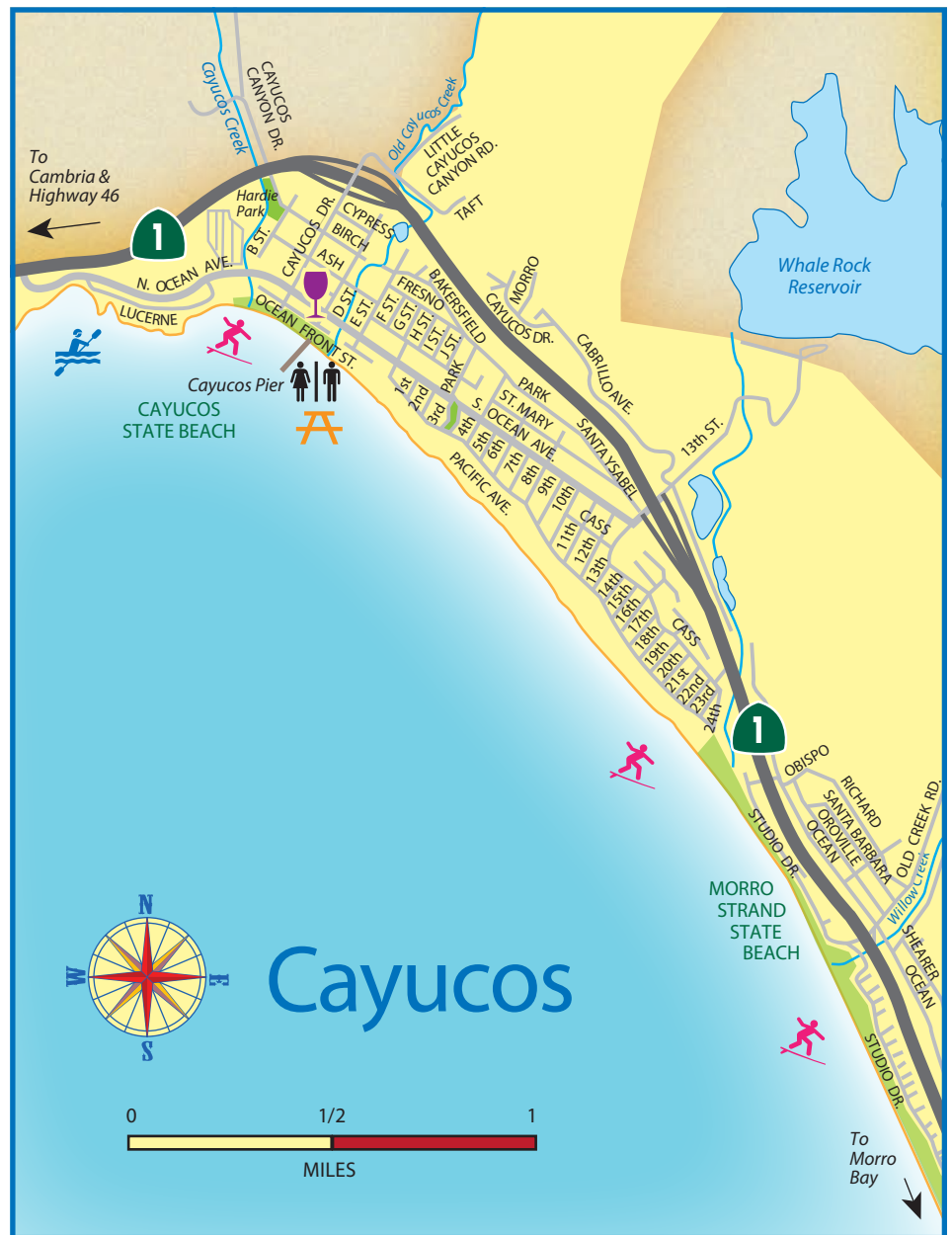
Cayucos is considered by many to be among the last of the California vintage surf towns. Its small-town mentality, popular events and proximity to vast stretches of scenic coastline continue to make this a favorite Central Coast destination for residents and visitors alike.

Cayucos is located directly off scenic Highway 1 between Morro Bay and Cambria, and world-famous Hearst Castle lies less than an hour north. Because of its mild seasons, Cayucos is popular for both summer and winter vacationers.

## Shopping, strolling, surfing and more

Downtown offers an eclectic architectural flair synonymous with its cultural history and features antique malls, gift shops, surf shops, candy and ice cream stores, fine dining restaurants and an old-world tavern. The wharf, initially built in 1872, was first used by commercial steamships from both Los Angeles and San Francisco who docked here several times each week.

It's also a popular place for skin diving, swimming, surfing and stand up paddle boarding.



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## Cayucos



Sea glass collectors and beach walkers enjoy miles of shoreline while dogs race in and out of the surf. The Cayucos Dog Beach, located just south of Cayucos along Studio Drive, is one of the only off-leash dog beaches in the county. With Morro Rock in clear view and merely 5 miles to the south, this stretch of beach is vast and the views are incredible. It's not uncommon to spy dolphins playing in the surf along with sea otters and sea lions.

### Year-round events

Along with the annual 4th of July festivities, which bring thousands into this coastal jewel with the sights and sounds of parades, live music and fireworks. The Cayucos Sea Glass festival is hosted each March.

As one of the premier events on the Central Coast, visitors come from all over the country to enjoy a weekend of local artisan goods, fun in the sun, live music, and of course an extensive marketplace of the finest sea glass art.

Downtown Ocean Ave. becomes a pedestrian zone while browsers and shoppers can checkout the many goods being offered by local and visiting vendors in October during the town's Antique Street Fair. Each New Year's Day, Cayucos again comes to life with its annual "Polar Dip" swim where thousands head together into the brisk water. Invigorating to say the least, it's another one of many annual traditions that keeps this such a close-knit community.

-Leslie Jones

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# Cambria, San Simeon & North Coast



**N**estled in a forest of coastal pines, Cambria rests along a rugged coastline, offering spectacular views, top-notch cuisine and quaint shopping.

The town is charming and filled with boutique shops and roads lined with wildflowers. Walking through Cambria is like revisiting the quiet, isolated communities that flourished in the early 1900s.

Today, Cambria is the biggest settlement on the North Coast with two village areas filled with small shops, restaurants, motels and seaside cottages.

It is also the gateway to the California State Park's most popular

attraction — Hearst Castle.

Cambria is about 35 miles north of San Luis Obispo on scenic Highway 1 and about 30 miles west of Paso Robles at the end of the wine country's Highway 46 West.

Cambria boasts some of the finest restaurants in San Luis Obispo County. They run the gamut of tastes from California cuisine to seafood, but share a common goal of absolute freshness.

## Hearst Castle

See story & photos on page 51

## San Simeon

San Simeon is the last stop on the road to Hearst Castle. The state beach here is a favorite camping site for tents and RVs.

It's a great place to watch kite-boarders ride the ocean and fly high in the breezes, when the wind is right. Or take a hike through the nature surrounding you.

## Attractions

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**Outdoor Activities**

**Nitt Witt Ridge**

Nitt Witt Ridge is a hilltop home transformed by one man into what has been described as an "assemblage of sculpted junk." Arthur Weal, spent many years collecting items fellow Cambrians were throwing away in order to create the home, which has been named a California Historic Landmark as a true example of a folk art environment. Tours available. 881 Hillcrest Drive, (805) 927-2690.

**Tour Piedras Blancas Lighthouse**

From September 1-June 14 tours are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, except federal holidays. From June 15-August 31 tours are offered on Mondays-Saturdays except federal holidays. Call for details (805) 927-7361.

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# 'Whimsy runs rampant' at Cambria Scarecrow Festival



The Cambria Scarecrow Festival, Inc. returns in October for its eighth season in the California seaside communities of Cambria and San Simeon. Scarecrows will be free public display throughout October. In addition, there will be a special program of related events during the month of October.


Evolving from the first festival in 2009 with 30 scarecrows lining the sidewalks and streets of the town, the Cambria Scarecrow Festival has grown showcase 400+ creations throughout the charming town each fall.

Along the beachfront motels of Cambria and flowing over into San Simeon, local businesses join in on the fun with their artistic renditions. Scarecrows typically begin appearing the last week of September, with the full crop making its way throughout Cambria and San Simeon by Oct. 1.

Now in its 9th year, the Cambria Scarecrow Festival has grown into a community-wide event with

hundreds of scarecrows bowling, bathing, painting, pedaling, fishing and flying through Cambria, San Simeon and Harmony as residents and businesses join in to build these hand-crafted works of art. The festival has grown into one of the most artful and unique scarecrow festivals in the U.S., drawing thousands of visitors from across the country.

For more information, go to [cambriascarecrows.com](http://cambriascarecrows.com), visit them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/cambriascarecrows](https://www.facebook.com/cambriascarecrows), or call (805) 395-2399.

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# Ball & Skein & More is a paradise of colors, textures, yarns, and more

*Charming shop features vendors from around the world*

Take a stroll into the Ball & Skein & More shop in Cambria where visitors are greeted with splashes of rich colors and deep textures. Long skeins of luxuriously-textured yarn from spinners and dyers across the United States and around the world hang from nearly seven foot tall racks and balls of soft color fill shelves and bins. Owners Kris Gregson and Oz Barron, and the shop's highly-knowledgeable and courteous staff, welcome everyone that crosses over the threshold.

"We welcome everyone of every skill level," said Barron. "Whatever you want to do with this colored string we are here to help you." Gregson and Barron's philosophy can be summed up in the slogan, "Give us twenty minutes and we'll give you the basics," said Gregson. "We like people to bring us their project questions to get started, or how to master a technique. We can show you exactly what you need to do. We love helping people this way."

Wearable items from purses, socks, sweaters, vests, caps and more are found in corners, between display racks, and nooks throughout the store. Beautifully hand-crafted buttons, crochet hooks and knitting needles, many from reclaimed wood, patterns, kits, looms, and spinning and felting supplies can all be found in the charming 1,800-square foot store.

The shop carries every kind of yarn from acrylic to hand spun and dyed natural fibers. Ball & Skein & More is one of the largest retailers of the fair trade yarn from the Manos del Uruguay women's cooperative. The racks are filled with yarns from 90 vendors including Rowan, Mrs. Crosby, Knitting Fever, Noro and Plymouth. Mountain Colors, women's hand dyers from Montana and From the Mountain, cashmere hand spun by a women's



Skeins of luxuriously textured yarn from spinners and dyers around the world hang from the racks.



Owners Kris Gregson and Oz Barron welcome everyone to Ball & Skein & More in Cambria.

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***"We welcome everyone of every skill level," said Barron. "Whatever you want to do with this colored string we are here to help you."***

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cooperative in Afghanistan are also available.

Ball & Skein & More offers all the supplies and accessories that are needed by fiber artists. "We have one of the largest collections of yarn west of the Mississippi and are one of five shops in San Luis Obispo County," said Barron said.

"Not bad for a store in a town of around 6,000."

Although a large percentage of sales occur online through their website, [www.cambriayarn.com](http://www.cambriayarn.com), Gregson and Barron believe supporting the local community is important. Their popular local event, "Stitching in Your Slippers," is offered every Friday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Just come by and bring your project," said Gregson. "I don't recall anyone actually showing up in slippers. The idea is to get together in a creative environment and learn from each other and meet fellow fiber fans." Some stay for an hour or so and some stay the entire day. It's an amazing exchange of skill and creativity."

*Ball & Skein & More, located at*



*4210 Bridge St. in Cambria, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, call (805) 927-3280 or see [www.cambriayarn.com](http://www.cambriayarn.com).*

*-Jackie Iddings*

# Visit historic Hearst Castle

## Explore the 'The Enchanted Hill'

In 1865, George Hearst purchased 40,000-acres of ranchland that included the Mexican Ranchos of Piedras Blancas, San Simeon and Santa Rosa. In 1919, his only son, William Randolph Hearst, inherited the land from his mother, Phoebe Apperson Hearst. By then the ranch had grown to encompass 250,000 acres.

Originally known as "Camp Hill," it offered a place for family and friends to "rough it." Despite elaborate arrangements with separate sleeping and dining tents, Hearst envisioned more and worked with famed San Francisco architect Julia Morgan to create one of the world's greatest showplaces. Hearst renamed it "La Cuesta Encantada" – The Enchanted Hill – and, by 1947, he and Morgan had created an estate of 165 rooms and 127 acres of gardens, terraces, pools



and walkways.

### Museum

The William Randolph Hearst exhibit located in the visitor center offers an insightful look into the castle, architect Julia Morgan, and owner W.R.

Hearst. Family histories, vintage photographs, and historical documents provide an intimate look at Hearst's personal life.

See beautiful works of art from Hearst's collection; learn about his career in media, publishing, and politics. Youngsters can explore the exhibit with a free treasure hunt map and earn a prize. The "touch gallery" – a display of materials used in the art and architecture of the castle – allows guests to experience the collection in a tactile way. Museum admission is free.

### Tours available

- Grand Rooms -gather in the grand social rooms of Casa Grande—the largest house at Hearst Castle—and experience what it was like to be a guest at this hilltop retreat. Great for first-time visitors, this tour has the fewest stairs to climb.
- Upstairs Suites- explore the upper floors of Casa Grande and ascend its winding staircases to see how media mogul William Randolph Hearst and his esteemed guests lived at the castle.
- Cottages & Kitchen – discover some of the most personal rooms of the property and some of its most practical ones, including Hearst's beloved Casa del Mar and the industrial-sized kitchen.

*Accessibility-designed tours are available; night tours during select seasons; tours include bus ride to and from the castle. Call (800) 444-4445 or visit [hearstcastle.org](http://hearstcastle.org) for more information, including schedules and rates. The visitor's center is open daily at 9 a.m. and includes a gift shop, dining options, exhibits and more.*

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# Exceptional cuisine served at Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant

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When a day exploring the shops in the town of Cambria, collecting moonstones on Moonstone Beach, and scouting the beautiful trails and gardens along the North Coast of San Luis Obispo County begins to laze beneath a setting sun, the evening calls for a relaxed dinner of exceptional food and smooth wines. Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant has just the menu and atmosphere to indulge feeling cozy and romantic and the fireside lounge is fully equipped to quench any thirst.

Cambria Pines Lodge is a favorite with patrons to enjoy the awe-inspiring rooms and views, in addition to savoring a fine dining experience. The lodge serves some of the finest meals on the Central Coast and is a regular gathering place for locals as well. Meals are casual and relaxed, yet the fare is seasoned and flavorful with a menu befitting the woody elegance of a town rich with historical beauty and warmth.

Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant prioritizes the freshness of the meals and the staff understands the importance of a healthy food menu, with locally sourced products and produce boasting outstanding flavors and textures featured daily. The Cambria Pines Lodge chefs use organic herbs and seasonally



Cambria Pines restaurant is a favorite for locals too.

available produce from the organic kitchen garden situated near the Main Lodge building.

Local musicians provide live entertainment nightly in the Fireside Lounge and, with wines flowing abundantly on the Central Coast, nearly every varietal desired is likely provided at Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant and lounge. A crackling fire, delicious dinner, sumptuous wine, romantic music – everything adds up to a perfect evening.

## About the lodge

Cambria Pines Lodge is situated on 25 lush wooded acres with many individually landscaped gardens. There are 152 rooms to

choose from, varying from suites to traditional hotel rooms to rustic cabins, with many offering views of the forest and some with fireplaces. Large suites can sleep up to six people whereas smaller suites will accommodate up to four. The “Deluxe” suite offers a patio, two rooms, and two gas fireplaces. The “Deluxe Spa Tub” suite offers a jetted spa tub, mini fridge, and a microwave, as well as a living room and comfy bedroom, each with its own fireplace.

The heated outdoor pool and spa for family fun is perfect for relaxing after a day at Hearst Castle, wine tasting, or shopping. The Sojourn Healing Arts Center onsite is ideal for those moments when a massage, body treatment, or solitude and peace are a must.

Wi-Fi is available in all rooms, complimentary newspapers are provided, and indoor and outdoor venues are available for meetings and special events. For animal lovers, Cambria Pines Lodge understands the importance of pets in the lives of their guests, so the presence of guests’ dogs and cats is honored. There is an on-property park for the pets to run and play; be sure to check the pet conditions and requirements before reserving

## Visit the elephant seals at San Simeon

See thousands of Elephant Seals on the beach of the Northern Elephant Seal Rookery at Piedras Blancas. Park and walk along the boardwalk just above the main rookery beach where Friends of the Elephant Seals volunteer docents are on hand to greet visitors and provide information from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Learn more at [elephantseal.org](http://elephantseal.org) and check out the e-seal cam to watch live action in the rookery. The Visitor Center and Store is located at Cavalier Plaza in San Simeon.



a pet-friendly room.

Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant serves breakfast Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 1:45 p.m. Dinner is available daily from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (800) 966-6490, visit [www.cambriapineslodge.com](http://www.cambriapineslodge.com), or email [concierge@cambriapineslodge.com](mailto:concierge@cambriapineslodge.com).

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# Atascadero

## Outdoor activities abound

Atascadero was purposely situated halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco on Highway 101, only 20 miles from the ocean by the city's founder, E.G. Lewis, in the early 1900s. The city is full of history with its numerous colony homes, many of which have been restored to their original grandeur.

### Atascadero Lake and Park

Located on Highway 41 next to the zoo, the park is open from dawn to dusk and is open to the public. Paddle boats and kayaks are available for rent depending on the water level of the lake. A pedestrian path loops around the lake and is about one mile.

### Atascadero Historical Society

The Atascadero Historical Society Colony House, 6600 Lewis Ave. behind the city parking lot across the street from the City Administration Building, is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. Talk to a docent about the history of Atascadero.

### Charles Paddock Zoo

9100 Morro Rd., Atascadero, just off Highway 41, about one-and-a-half miles west of Highway 101. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 3 to 11 years old and \$6 for seniors 65 and older. The zoo is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. The zoo is one of only 211 zoos accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association since 1991.





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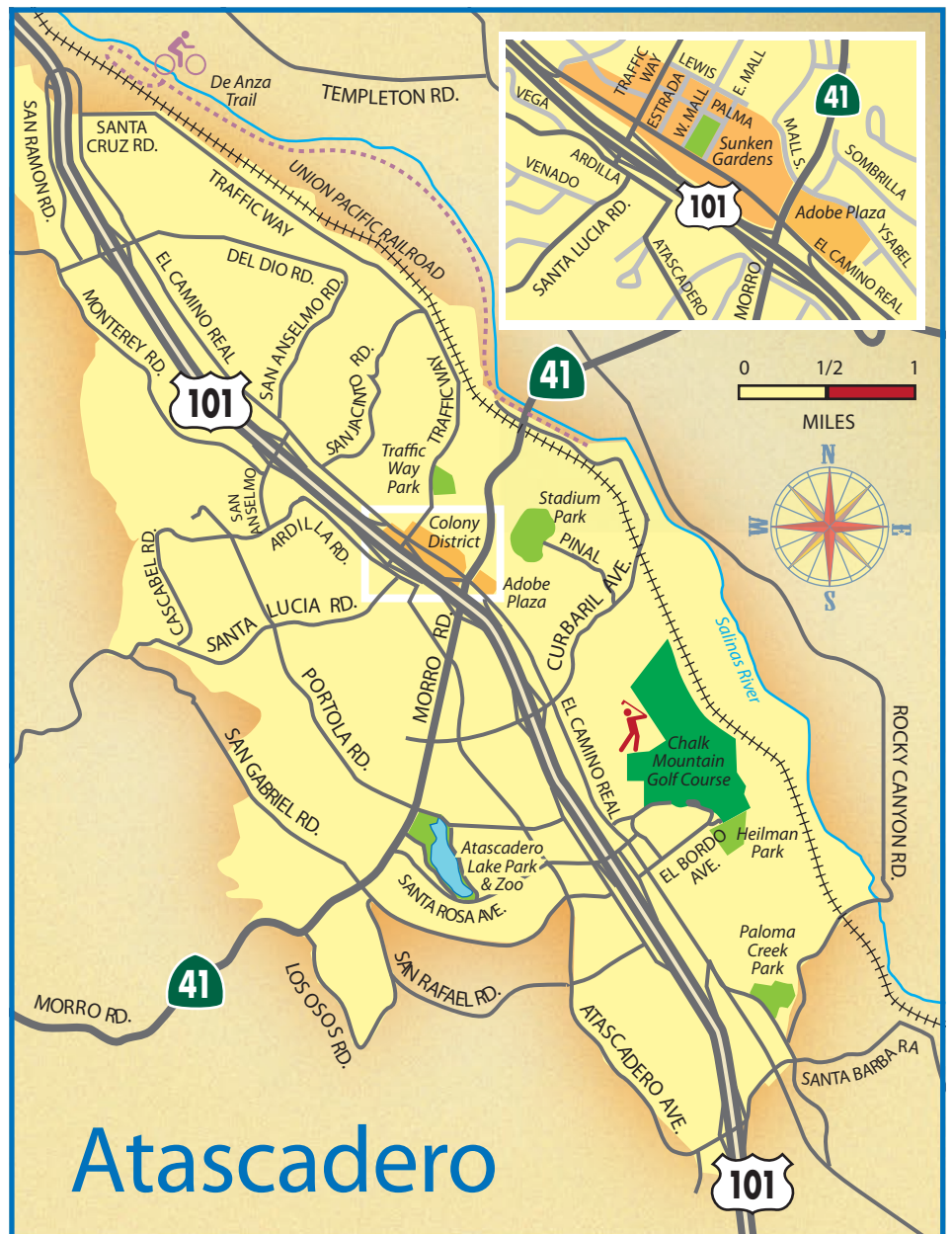
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Located just off of Highway 41 within the beautiful Atascadero Lake Park in Atascadero, the Charles Paddock Zoo is the only zoo on the Central Coast. With over one hundred animals, the zoo aims to provide a natural habitat for its residents and provide activities for both children and adults – story hour, workshops and classes.

Charles Paddock Zoo was granted accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums independent accreditation commission.

“Only zoos and aquariums that meet the highest standards are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums,” said AZA President and CEO Jim Maddy. “The community should take great pride in knowing that the Charles Paddock Zoo is a proven leader in the care and conservation of wildlife, and in inspiring people to take action to protect the natural world.”

To be accredited, the Charles Paddock Zoo underwent a thorough review to ensure it has and will continue to meet ever-

rising standards, which include animal care, veterinary programs, conservation, education, and safety. AZA requires zoos and aquariums to successfully complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years in order to be members of the Association.

The accreditation process includes a detailed application and a meticulous on-site inspection by a team of trained zoo and aquarium professionals. The inspecting team observes all aspects of the institution’s operation,

As part of this prestigious group, the Charles Paddock Zoo is part of worldwide efforts to rejuvenate various species and has a number of SSP animals on display including a red ruffed lemur, black-handed spider monkey, red panda and a tiger.

*The Charles Paddock Zoo, located at 9100 Morro Road, just off Highway 41 in Atascadero, is open daily; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call (805) 461-5080 or visit [charlespaddockzoo.org](http://charlespaddockzoo.org) for more information and upcoming events.*



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# The Carlton Hotel: A hidden gem in the charming town of Atascadero

In its heyday, the historic Carlton Hotel in Atascadero drew the likes of Jack Benny, Bette Davis, Fred Mc-Murray and Dick Powell, and was considered one of the most luxurious places to stay in California.

What started off as The Annex (part of the Atascadero Development Syndicate), was later renamed Hotel Halfway and Coffee Shop and eventually The Carlton. The building itself has gone through a series of modifications, however, the clock tower that was added in 1952 still stands as a local city landmark.

In 1999, new ownership took over, and after extensive remodel-



venue for private event.

The Ambrosia banquet room is another space for smaller events for up to 85 people.

ing, the hotel re-opened in 2004. The hotel's facade stayed original, but the interior was gutted and updated save for one original brick wall that is left exposed in the restaurant. The 52-room pet-friendly hotel has spacious king and queen-size bedrooms including two suites.

The six Courtyard guest rooms with king-size beds are located on the second floor and open onto the intimate Italian-tiled courtyard anchored by a fountain.

Each of the two Carlton Suites is accented with a marble foyer, and the living room furnished with comfortable sofa and upholstered chair.

The Classic and Vintage rooms look out with views of the rolling hills, and the Courtyard Balcony rooms on the third floor, each with a private opera balcony, overlook the courtyard. On the lobby level there is a spacious restaurant that, when coupled with the large lounge area, provides a gorgeous

The diVine room complete with a walled-in wine cellar can accommodate up to 54 people.

The Galleria, a hallway home to a large antique clock from the original building and furnished with bistro tables and chairs, is a good spot to relax with a cup of coffee or a croissant from the artisanal bakery within the hotel. The bakery, called Back Porch Bakery, opens daily for breakfast and lunch at 7 a.m.

The Carlton Hotel is one of those rare hotels along Central Coast that is a perfect melange of the old and the new. It's a throwback to the past, a time of classic elegance and gracious hospitality.

*The Carlton Hotel is located at 6005 El Camino Real in Atascadero. For more information call (805) 461-5100 or visit [the-carlton.com](http://the-carlton.com).*

*— Mira Advani Honeycutt*

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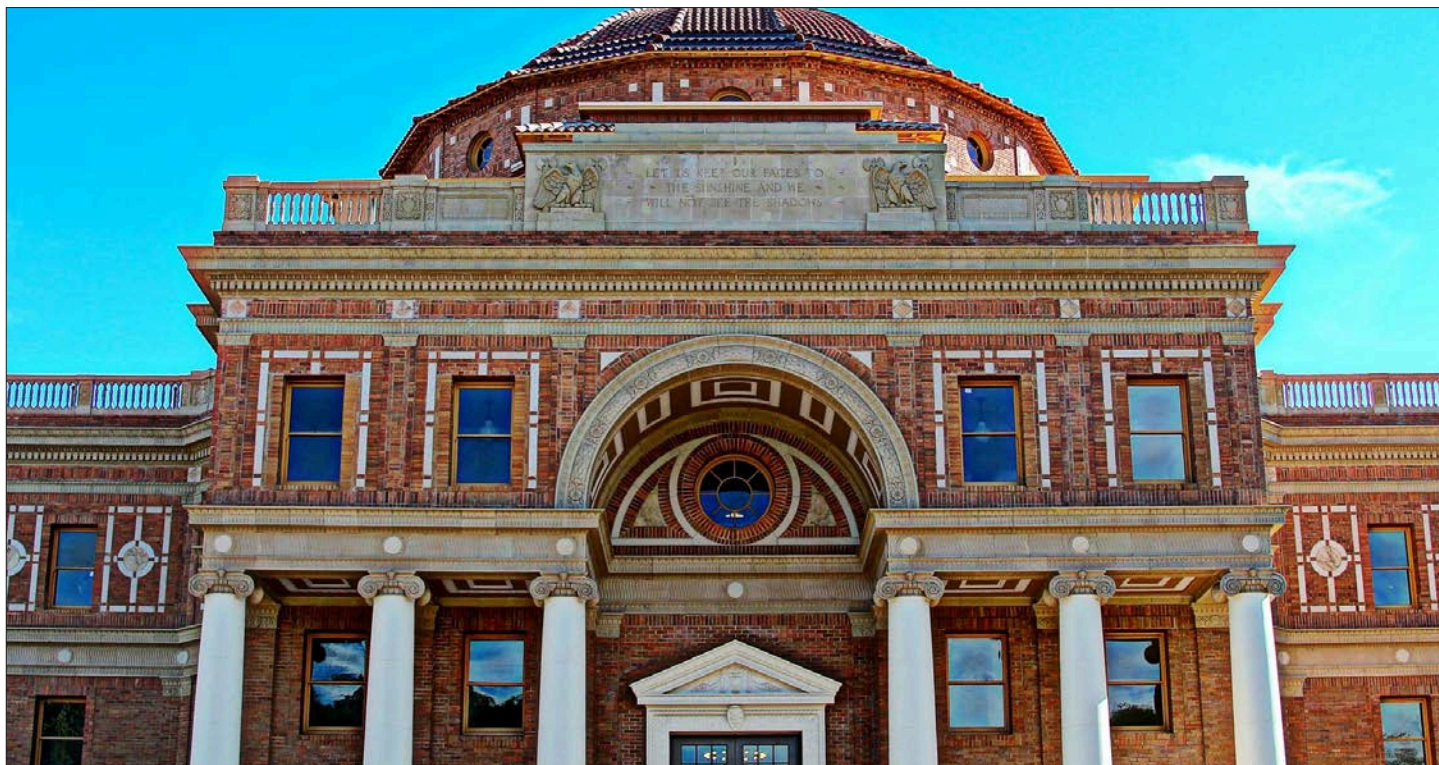
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# Take a tour of city hall



The City of Atascadero and the Atascadero Historical Society invite the public to enjoy their own private, complementary tour of Historic City Hall. The spectacular building, constructed between 1914 to 1918, was restored above and beyond its original grandeur after

the 2003 San Simeon Earthquake. The opportunity to have a private tour of this magnificent building and learning its history at your own pace is a “must do” for visitors and locals alike. Tour the museum exhibit of Atascadero’s fascinating roots on docent led tours offered by the Atascadero Historical Society.

Private Historic City Hall Tours are complementary and offered by appointment with the Atascadero Historical Society. In addition to experiencing the beautiful grandeur of city hall, stroll the sunken gardens and enjoy the beautiful walkways, statues and fountain that adorn the park. Continue your visit with a short walk over to the historic colony house to learn about the beginning of one of the most unique communities in California.

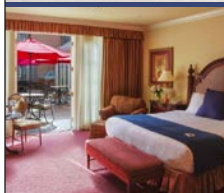
*If you have any questions about private tours by appointment for Historic City Hall, please inquire or book a private tour at [tours@atascaderohistoricalsociety.org](mailto:tours@atascaderohistoricalsociety.org) or for more information about the Atascadero Historical Society, visit our website at [www.atascaderohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.atascaderohistoricalsociety.org).*



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# Santa Margarita

*Explore this slice of the old west*



**S**anta Margarita is a rural country life nestled in the heart of the county just off Highway 101 and Highway 58. It's a little taste of the old west.

Spend the day at Santa Margarita Lake, fishing, hiking, relaxing and then finish the day in downtown with wine and beer tasting, dining, and antiquing before heading to your next destination.

## **Santa Margarita Lake**

Located off Highway 58. The park offers a variety of services year round. Some services include fishing and boating, hiking and trails, picnics, camping, and swimming. The park is located on several thousand acres of land that has been designated as open space. Two camping areas are open and backcountry campgrounds are accessible by boat. The swimming area is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Be sure to stop at the one gas station in town before driving out to the lake, as there are no gas services once you leave town. (805) 788-2397.

## **Santa Margarita Historical Society**

The vision of the Santa Margarita Historical Society is to make our local history available on-line with hardcopy held at the public library located on the corner of I & Murphy Streets in Santa Margarita. Plans call for restoration of the small county jail building and documenting a number of the community's historic buildings, both those that are still standing and those that have disappeared over the decades. The Society is recording the stories of "old timers" to help ensure that the history of the town, which grew out of the Mexican Land Grant Rancho Santa Margarita, is not lost.

## **Attractions**

### **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. 22719 El Camino Real, Margarita-Adventures.com/VG (805) 438-3120.

## **Horseback riding**

### **Shangri La Ranch**

Shangri La...a mythical, magical paradise where life approaches perfection. Located in the heart of the most beautiful countryside on the Central Coast. Come explore the Picnic/Lake Adventure rides or 3-day Riding, Fishing, Kayak & Camp combination adventures. Santa Margarita Lake, [www.shangrilaranch.net](http://www.shangrilaranch.net), (805) 438-3895

## **Shopping**

### **The Educated Gardener**

This nursery is an attraction all on its own with its lavish grounds that are nice to walk through on a sunny afternoon. Enjoy the atmosphere or pick out a plant or garden decoration to take home. While there, be sure

to visit Chicken John, the resident rooster. 22210 El Camino Real. (805) 438-4250.

## **Camping**

### **Santa Margarita KOA**

Best-kept Secret on the Central Coast. Rustic hillside campground halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, 10 miles off US101. "Glamping" Cabins with Bathrooms & Kitchens, Log Cabins, RV & Tent Sites. Giant Jumping Pillow & Pool. 4765 Santa Margarita Lake Rd., Santa Margarita, CA 93453 [www.smkoa.com](http://www.smkoa.com) (805) 438-5618.



# Go 'glamping' in the great outdoors

Camping, or glamorous camping, coined, "Glamping" in the great outdoors is the perfect way to strengthen relationships or simply enjoy solitude and nature.

Santa Margarita KOA Campgrounds is a beautiful 70-acre campsite that is built into the side of a mountain. The location is ideal and has accommodations to suit every taste. Bring your tent, RV, rent a yurt or take it up a notch by choosing one of several deluxe cabins. Dirt and gravel sites dot the oak and pine tree studded mountainside and choices are in abundance. Deluxe cabins offer several floor plans that can include showers, bath tubs and full or partial kitchens. Some cabins have air conditioning, heating, cable TV and internet service. Many of the campsite areas are huge and can accommodate large groups. It is very convenient that one family can stay in a deluxe cabin while friends can pull alongside and hook up their

RV. Some of the areas allow pets for a small fee.

The campsite is well maintained and the amenities are numerous. One of the best features is the service. The staff is incredibly friendly and helpful and the on-site general store has everything from ice to soup to nuts. Bundles of firewood are available and there is a decent selection of wine and cold beer. If you need a gathering spot, there is a huge party yurt that can hold up to 40 people.

Get settled and let the fun begin. Have you ever seen a Jumping Pillow? It is huge. Imagine a giant inverted trampoline that all ages can jump up and down on. You'll feel like your flying.

There is nothing better than a cool morning hike through the beautiful campsite. Don't be surprised when you come across Kevin the Emu. This huge friendly bird is the Santa Margarita KOA camp Mascot. Play a game of volleyball,



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take a dip in the pool or simply sit, smell the pine trees and listen to the birds sing. In the evening, you can barbecue your favorite foods and take in spectacular sunset views.

Once the sun sets, throw a bundle of wood into the large fire ring and be amazed by the millions of stars above.

The campground is located at 4765 Santa Margarita Lake Road in Santa Margarita. Email: [reservations@centralcoastcamping.com](mailto:reservations@centralcoastcamping.com) Reserve: 800-562-5619. Info: 805-438-5618

-Donna Polizzi

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# Templeton

Templeton is the epitome of small town charm. If you are looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life then you are in the right place. Wander the boardwalks while eating an ice cream cone, having a glass of local wine, dining out, shopping at little boutiques or just enjoy spending time with the family.

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## Dining

### AJ Spurs

Come and enjoy traditional American BBQ at AJ Spurs Templeton. All dinners include A.J.'s Hearty Vaquero Soup, Tequila Beans, Homemade Salsa, Salad, A.J.'s Spuds, Rice Pilaf, French Garlic Bread. 4.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Sun-Mon, 4.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m. Fri-Sat, 508 South Main St, Templeton, ajspurs.com, (805) 434-2700

### Chulos Cafe & Cantina

Strategically combines food, wine, music and art to give customers a delightful experience. Enjoy a cozy

dining room and vibrant outdoor patio. Local musicians highlight evenings with flamenco, Spanish guitar, Brazilian romance and Latin Jazz.. 335 Posada Lane Templeton 434-3044 chuloscafecantina.com

### McPhee's Grill

Fresh seasonal menus. A special place to go for lunch or dinner. The macadamia crusted Alaskan halibut is exquisite. 416 S Main St., (805) 434-3204.

## Museums

### Templeton Historical Museum Society

Incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1989, the realization of a dream of nearly 25 years earlier. The Horstman house, built by Albert Horstman, a prominent businessman in the 1920s, was donated to the society in 1994 and serves as the museum where local memorabilia and photographs are displayed. Templeton's original railroad warehouse (behind the house) contains a 1925 Model T in original condition, an antique carriage and other items too large to put into the house. Free admission. Open Fri. - Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. 309 Main St. (805) 434-0807.

## Shopping

### Adelaide Floral & Kid Corner

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### Explore historic Templeton

Take a walk back into the past with the Templeton Historical Museum's walking tour maps, available in the museum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at 309 S. Main St. The map has 59 different locations, all which were built before 1935. Pictured above is the First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Sixth and Crocker streets, was the first church in Templeton and was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1888. It is now located at 610 Main St.



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# Mosey on down to AJ Spurs

*Enjoy music in an old west setting*

Are you hungry? Head to the original AJ Spurs location in Templeton, where they serve Chuckwagon-style dining, that assures you will leave with a full belly and a smile. For starters, a cast iron pot full of hearty soup, with a side of black beans and salsa, will automatically be brought to your table, followed by a delicious, crisp salad, all of which comes standard with any meal.

If you order an appetizer, be prepared for a lot of food or plan to share with several friends. The Steak Bites appetizer, is a tender 12-ounce top sirloin, cut into bite-size pieces, served with mushrooms and rice pilaf. It is delicious! If you order the Chicken Fingers, you can expect five huge pieces of crispy chicken breast. It's more than enough for a meal or to share with 4 friends.

At this point, most will be thinking "my entrée hasn't come and I'm stuffed."

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The BBQ baby back or beef ribs are a favorite entrée and they also serve delicious fish and chicken dinners. At the end of the meal, you also get a huge root beer float or an aperitif.

AJ Spurs is the only place in town that holds a liquor license and a host of musicians fill the air with live music seven nights per week.

General Manager, Randy Reina, loves his job, the staff warmly refers to him as "boss-man" and the service is outstanding.

In 1989, the Templeton location opened using the building that was originally constructed in 1886. The



brick walls of the main restaurant and bar are from the original construction. It's very rustic, with an authentic old-west feel. Numerous antiques and western style decorations fill the restaurant, making guests feel like they are getting a field trip and a history lesson along with a fantastic meal.

General Manager, Jerry LeAir shared, "Milt Guggia Enterprises which privately holds AJ Spurs does catering and offers banquet facilities for up to 100 people.

Owner, Milt Guggia, also owns AJ Spurs restaurants in Buellton and Grover Beach. All three central coast locations are famous for enormous portions and really good food."

*AJ Spurs is located at 508 Main Street in Templeton, at the corner of 5th and Main. Hours of operation are 430-9pm weekdays and 12-930 on Saturday & Sunday.*

*-Donna Polizzi*



# Paso Robles

Shopping • Fine Dining • Wine Tasting

**P**aso Robles is bursting at the seams with attractions for tourists. Wine tasting, fine dining, shopping, visiting the lakes, seeing local Missions and visiting museums top the list of things to do in and around Paso Robles.

### Wine Tasting

See special section beginning on Page 83. The biggest attraction for tourists is the local wine country. There are more than 180 wineries in North County, many with tasting rooms open for your enjoyment all week long. This area is the fastest growing American Viticultural Area in California with 26,000 acres planted. It has one of the longest and most consistent growing seasons for wine grapes in California.

### Antique Shops

#### Relics Mall

Over 4,000 sq. ft. antique and vintage decor mall is Paso Robles' ultimate shopping destination, showcasing the wares of over 30 vendors and designers. Come prepared to spend time strolling through the store. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1329 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA [relicsmall.com](http://relicsmall.com) (805) 296-3612.

#### 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, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. In downtown at 1344 Pine St., [reminiscepasorobles.com](http://reminiscepasorobles.com), (805) 239-1001.

#### Vineyard Antiques

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### Studios on the Park

Visit Studios on the Park and meet SLO County's most accomplished artists at work in their studios/galleries. Watch how each artist uses their favorite medium to create decorative, functional, and wearable art. It's an art experience unlike any other! 1130 Pine St., StudiosOnThePark.org, (805) 238-9800.

### The Ravine

The hottest place to cool off on the Central Coast. Enjoy a day of fun in the sun at Ravine Waterpark. It is a fun family park for the entire family of all age levels. 2301 Airport Road, Paso Robles 805-237-8500 Ravinewaterpark.com

### Redwings Horse Sanctuary

This sanctuary rescues horses that have been abandoned, neglected or abused. Their mission is to eliminate the causes of equine suffering through education and community outreach programs. Located at 47240 Lockwood-Jolon Rd., Lockwood. The sanctuary is open for visitors from Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am- 3 pm, (831) 386-0135.

## Beer

### The Pour House

With 25 taps offering beer brewed on-site as well as from around the U.S., this is the place for the local ex-beer-ience! Live music most nights. 525 Pine St., pasobrewing.com, (805) 239-1000.

## Dining

### Big Bubba's Bad BBQ

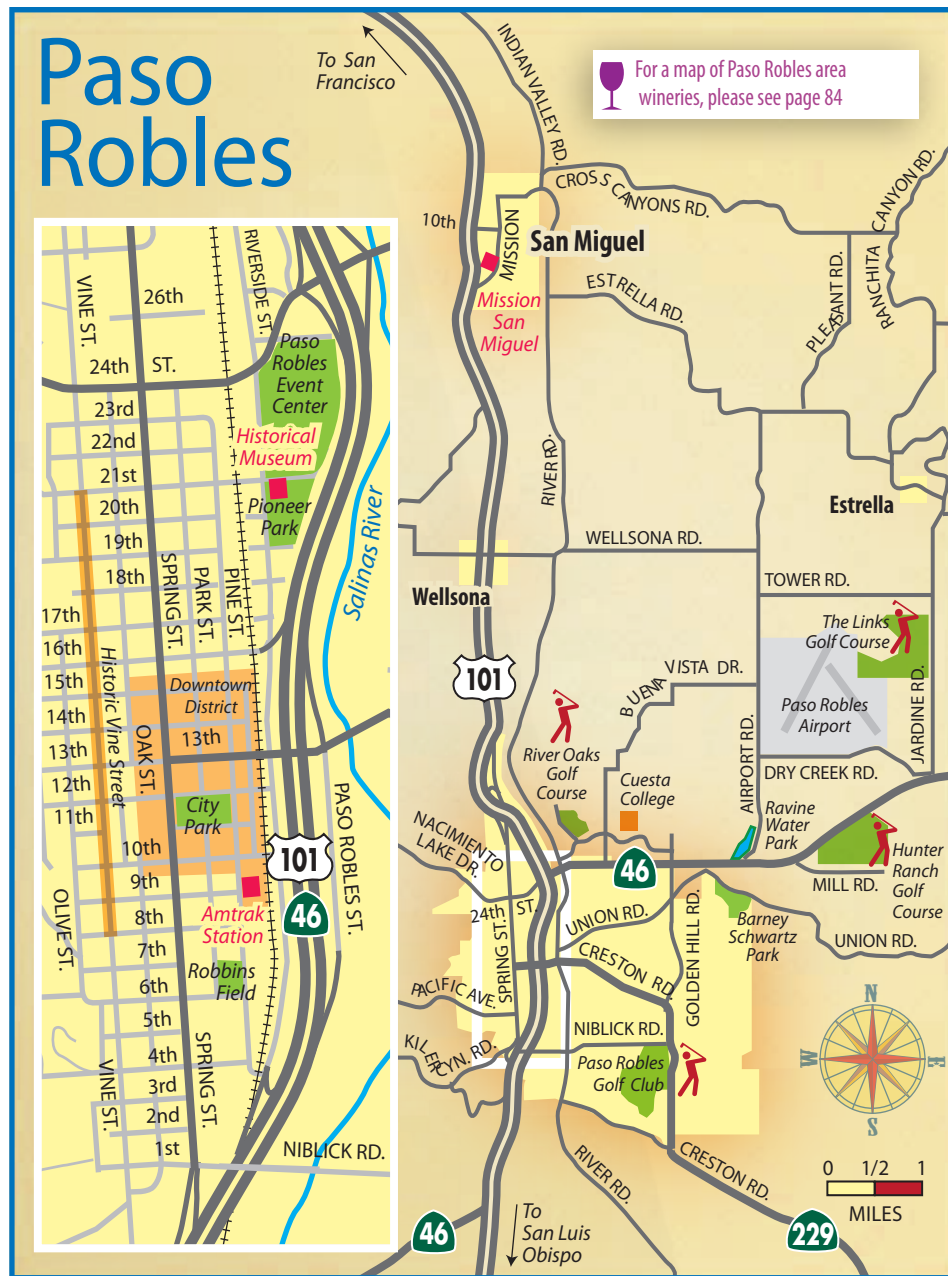
Big family fun is what you'll find at this western-themed restaurant. Belly up to the full bar. Don't miss the onion rings or line dancing. 1125 24th St., (805) 238-6272.

### Buona Tavola

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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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**Museums**

**The Estrella Warbird Museum**

An aviation museum dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, vehicles, and memorabilia. Hours: Thursday through Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday (only if legal holiday): 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 4251 Dry Creek Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446. [ewarbirds.com](http://ewarbirds.com), (805) 227-0440.

**Paso Robles Historical Society**

The Paso Robles Historical Society is a non-profit organization that seeks and encourages the development of archives and serves as a repository for records and other materials. The Paso Robles Historical Society is located at the historic Carnegie Library in the downtown city Park. Open every day but Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free Admission, (805) 238-4996.

**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](http://pasoroblespioneermuseum.org), (805) 239-4556.

**Shopping**

**Bella Jule**

Master Jewelers, fine jewelry and watch repair shop has joined forces with Jack Johnson, a former illustrator and art director from the film industry and has his oil, watercolor and gouache paintings on the walls for decoration and for sale. 1224 Pine St, Paso Robles, 238-2231, [bellajule.com](http://bellajule.com)

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**New With Tags**

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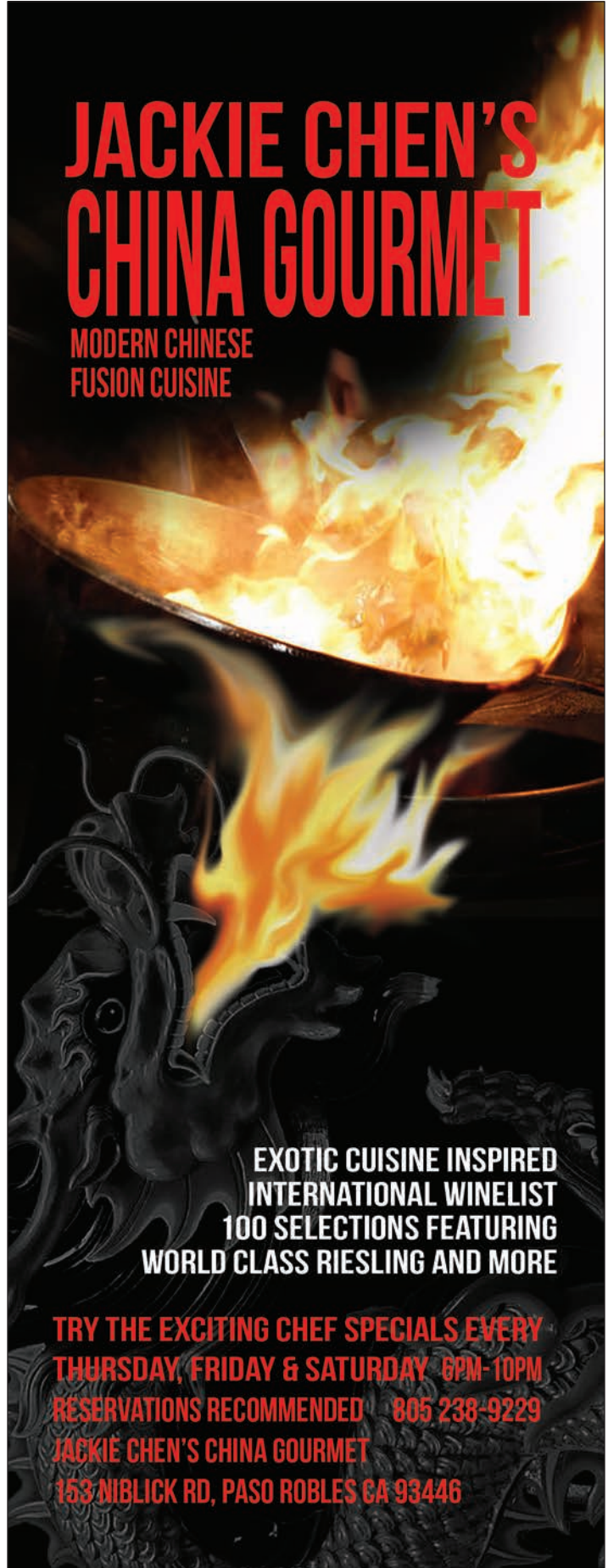



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# Explore Mission San Antonio de Padua

## The mission that time forgot

Just forty-five minutes outside of Paso Robles, nestled snugly against the foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountain Range, you can take a step back in time and discover a hidden treasure: Mission San Antonio de Padua.

Founded on July 14, 1771 by Fray Junipero Serra, San Antonio was the third in the eventual chain of twenty-one Alta California Missions instituted by the Franciscan Order. The Spanish government, eager to establish territorial claims in the New World had already built presidios at the ports of San Diego and Monterey. Mission San Antonio represented their first inland venture for the Franciscans, and Serra protested formally against a Spanish Military presence at this new mission, citing multiple human rights violations against the Indigenous Peoples by the Spanish

soldiers. Mission San Antonio, therefore, was the first Mission established without a Spanish Presidio. Ironically, the mission is now completely surrounded by Fort Hunter Liggett, an Army Reserve base that serves as the Western Regional Training Center for all branches of the military.

Unlike the majority of the California Missions, San Antonio did not have a city grow up around it after secularization. Today, it appears much as it would have during the Mission era. Protected, both as a California State and a National Historic Site, the eighty-six acres sit like an oasis from a bygone era. Still visible are remnants of the ancient aqueduct system, the workings of the mill pond, original river rock threshing floor and grist mill. Without the effects of light pollution, the night sky at the mission presents



a stunning array of stars, flung far and wide, telling their timeless stories by way of glittering diamond constellations.

Mission San Antonio currently continues to serve a small but stalwart parish community of less than six dozen members. This com-

munity grows at each of its annual fundraising events, one set in each season.

History, however, is not all that San Antonio has to offer. The mission offers an excellent ten-room museum of mission-era artifacts and an exceptional Southwest-

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ern Indian basket collection. The museum is temporarily closed as the final touches of the a restoration project are completed.

The Mission Gift Shop and Gallery displays the artistic creations of over one hundred artists. This elevates the shopper's selection of available unique gift items and ensures that many of the items are truly one-of-a-kind.

Vital to the daily operating budget is the revenue stream from the Mission Retreat Center. In a world that often spirals out-of-control with busyness, the peace and serenity of this historic site nurtures a sense of calm well-being. The mission accommodates both private and group retreats focusing on either spiritual or educational purposes.

California State has mandated that all unreinforced masonry buildings in the state and serving the public must be seismically stabilized to remain open. In 2010, in response to this call to improve safety conditions for the thousands of guests and visitors to the mission, a group of concerned community members established a non-profit 501 c-3, named Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio de Padua ([www.preservemissionsan-antonio.org](http://www.preservemissionsan-antonio.org)) Tasked with the goal to raise the money necessary to fund the massive seismic retrofit/restoration project, this group has been hard at work soliciting donations.

August 4, 2014 construction work began on Phase I (of five phases) of the retrofit project. To date, Phase I (the Church), Phase II (South Convento including Museum, Library, Cloister, Gift Shop and Parish Offices), and Phase III (West Convento Retreat Rooms) have been completed. The seismic work and the electrical upgrade of Phase IV (North Convento Retreat Rooms) is nearing completion.

"Through the continued gen-



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erosity of many individuals and foundations, we have accomplished approximately three-fourths of the stabilization/restoration project," said Joan Steele, Mission Administrator. "We are now at a critical junction. Our money has run out and we are in need of approximately \$3 million to complete the remaining plumbing and ADA compliance work. We are asking for your support. We need to get the word out about this hidden gem on California's Central Coast."

"Please visit Mission San Antonio. See for yourself how worthwhile this project is. Come spend a night or two with us and refresh your spirit, rejuvenate your soul. Please share the details of our plight with others. It has taken the generosity of many, many people to get us this far. It will require the contributions of many more generous individuals for us to succeed in completing

this vital project. Use your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram... Please help us spread the word. Just as the Mission was built brick-by-adobe brick, it will be saved dollar-by-dollar. Please accept the invitation to

become part of the team that saves this historical treasure for future generations!"

Mission San Antonio is located at 1 Mission Creek Rd, in Jolon. For more information, visit [missionsan-antonio.net](http://missionsan-antonio.net) or call (831) 385-4478.

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# Redwings Horse Sanctuary: providing a safe haven for gentle giants

Many of us have consciously chosen to adopt an animal from the local humane society in order to offer a beloved new pet a much-needed home. What happens to larger animals desperately needing a secure place to live, largely due to prior abuse, neglect or abandonment?

Located in Lockwood, CA, Redwings Horse Sanctuary is a safe haven for those gentle giants that don't have a forever home. Horses are much harder to place than dogs and cats because of the space needed to keep them and the cost involved in feeding and caring for them. They offer permanent sanctuary for those equines that are "unadoptable" because of age, illness, or injury.

The mission of Redwings Horse Sanctuary is to eliminate the causes of equine suffering through education and community outreach



Above: Mac before, Left: Mac after

programs, to rescue abused and neglected equines, and to provide permanent sanctuary or selected foster homes for those equines.

Redwings has a foster to adopt program to ensure that every horse is placed in the right home. Those who wish to adopt one of our

equines will go through a one year fostering program complete with initial and quarterly facility inspections. If the foster goes well for the horse and caregiver, the caregiver can then choose to adopt (and become the owner of the horse) or continue to foster (Redwings retains

ownership of the horse). If the Redwings Horse Sanctuary's primary goal in overseeing the foster process is to ensure that each horse and caregiver is doing well together. We have had 21 successful fosters and 8 adoptions in the last couple of years. The organization has initiated

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numerous programs including an equine education program for new horse enthusiasts, and an emergency medical assistance program called "Helping Hooves." Redwings partners with Fort Hunter Liggett to help train soldiers in the reserves on safe horsemanship and basic equine husbandry and emergency medicine. In previous years Redwings has worked with many different organizations including local 4-H clubs, Kinship groups, and the Girl Scouts to educate children about horses.

Community wise, they currently offer numerous public events including the recent Annual Blessing of the Animals. Generally conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, this nondenominational event is just one of the many ways Redwings and their dedicated team supports the health and well being of animals and their overall importance in our lives. They also participate in the Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade.

Starting out in May 1991 as a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization in Carmel, California named CHAPS, Redwings initially rescued 15 equines from abusive or life-threatening situations. Their dedicated staff rehabilitated these equines and matched them with carefully-screened adoptive homes. In 2000 Redwings moved to a 167-acre ranch in southern Monterey County, California where it peacefully lies today.

"We have been blessed by a generous donor's gift that has allowed us to purchase property in Paso Robles that will allow us to have a permanent home for our Sanctuary and the horses. It is going to take some time to ready the property for our equines. Our current location is remote which limits our ability to attract volunteers, ambassadors, and donors. We are looking forward to embracing the community of Paso Robles says Andie Wilcox, Executive Manager, and we hope that they will embrace and welcome us as well.

-Leslie Jones

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# Satisfy your appetite at Vic's Cafe

*Local cafe gives diners a home style experience in downtown Paso Robles*

A well-respected establishment since 1942, Vic's Cafe provides home style food with a sophisticated polish. Originally owned and operated by Vic and Lorna Buckley, ownership changed in 1973 to Larry and Jan Eastwood, whose daughter, Cheri, is the current manager and chef. Cheri graduated from the San Francisco Culinary Academy in 2007 and brought a new vision to the menu while honoring the traditional tastes.

Vic's Cafe offers a day long menu with breakfast, lunch and light dinner options in the style of comforting home cooked meals. Breakfast, which is also served all day, offers a personalized menu to customers, with sections such as Vic's Favorites and Vic's Special Scrambles. A unique twist includes the Build Your Own Breakfast option, where diners can customize their meal by choosing a plateful of eggs, breakfast meat with a selection of bagels, pancakes, fruit and more. If you are looking for a delicious lunch, the cafe meals range from hot, cold and char-broiled sandwiches, salads and an extensive children's menu to satisfy the younger diners. For an early dinner experience, customers can order their true home cooked meal at any time during the day with popular dishes such as liver and onions, chicken fried steak and home made corned beef. Jan has made scrumptious pies for over forty years, so make sure to grab a slice of pumpkin, apple, banana split and even Snicker's pie, to name



a few, to finish off your meal. The cafe also offers a delivery service, online ordering and catering.

The fun traditions that Vic's Cafe offers build strong community ties, allow tourists to experience a small town feel and guarantees locals to frequent the restaurant on the days of their favorite specials. Meatloaf is the specialty on Monday, Tuesday offers up taco salad and Friday is set aside for recently delivered fresh fish, such as snapper and salmon. An in demand item is Vic's Jerky, which Larry and several friends started producing 20 years ago. This flavorful jerky, which is made at the restaurant, is mailed to eager customers in places such as Wisconsin, Oklahoma and to the military service. The bond between Vic's Cafe and the community is a strong one, with the staff always friendly and a warm meal promised to comfort. "We love locals and tourists... we thank them for sticking by us all these years and

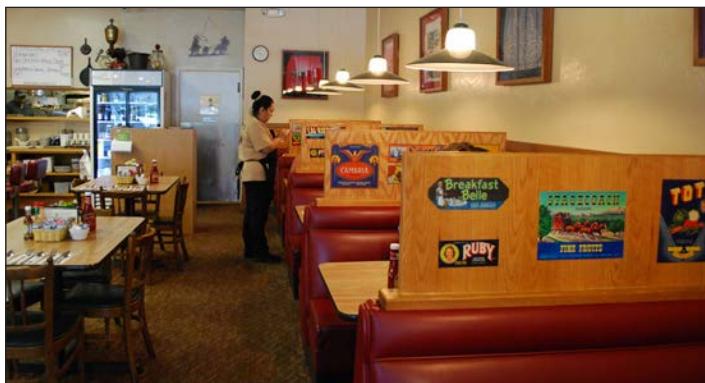
through the changes," said Cheri, who added that the customers are like family.

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- Sadie Mae Mace



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*This high-end vacation spot offers guests an elegant retreat*

The luxurious Vines RV Resort is a premier lodging accommodation in Paso Robles for tourists and locals who enjoy exploring the Central Coast. It has a convenient location, being only minutes away from the Ravine Water Park and the Mid-State Fair for family fun in the summer, multiple award winning wineries, and various popular tourist destinations along the Central Coast, such as San Luis Obispo and Hearst Castle.

## Accommodations

The Resort offers two different rooming options: an RV spot with full amenities and a one-room,



tastefully furnished cottage. RV sites are located on concrete pads, which allow for easy set up. The cottages are rustic, yet upscale, with landscape paintings reminiscent of

Paso Robles in the bedroom and a fireplace in the living room area. In each location, wi-fi and cable are provided. For those staying in their exclusive RV site, private bathing facilities and laundry options are available. For guests that wish to relax in style, the Resort has two pristine swimming pools and a spa with a hot tub. If guests are looking to explore the surrounding Paso Robles community, the Resort faculty are always on hand to recommend different activities around the area. Several of the activities have the option of a shuttle service for transportation, and guests are provided different schedules for popular local events. If guests or locals are interested in attending an on site event, there are frequent craft and quilting classes to enjoy.

Vines RV Resort is its own mini retreat with multiple amenities and facilities for use. Events can be held at the Mulberry Ballroom and the Royal Oak Ballroom, with equipment needed for business ventures or for a catered event. Each ornately decorated room can hold a maximum of 100 guests, who can lounge by the fireplace, admire the paintings or enjoy the elegance during their event. Also available for relaxation and comfort is the Magnolia Lounge, which serves beer and wine, and where you can engage in a friendly game at the billiards table. Also available is the dog park for your furry friends and library with floor to ceiling bookcases. The Resort also features a fitness center with quality equipment that overlooks the pool and lounge area. Also on site is a general store with RV supplies, food and more.

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# Studios on the Park brings art to life

*See artists at work in their studios*

Thanks to artist Anne Laddon's vision for an active, engaging space for artists and art lovers alike, Studios on the Park in downtown Paso Robles serves as a major hub of the Central Coast's thriving art community. Dedicated to sharing the creative process with locals and visitors, this nonprofit organization and open studios art center has grown to include six studios with 16 artists, four galleries and a fine craft gift shop since opening in 2009.

Local artists work in a variety of mediums at Studios on the Park, including acrylic, charcoal, collage, mixed media, mosaic, oil, pastel, pen & ink, photography, printmaking and watercolor. Styles range from traditional to contemporary. The unique combination of artist workspace allows visitors to view the art as it is being made.

The heart of Studios on the Park, with artists as "professionals who inspire others to create, explore, educate and share," is based on an interactive art community Laddon had been a part of in the Washington DC area during the 1970's and 80's. Visitors are encouraged to pause, ask questions, and watch the artists as they work.

"Studios on the Park is committed to providing arts access and education in Paso Robles," Laddon said. "It is so much more than a gallery."

## History and community connection

From its location along the tree-lined eastern edge of the downtown city park, Studios on the Park boasts an array of activities for visitors and community members, as well as the opportunity for visitors to purchase and learn about art being made locally. Residing in a historic building that once housed an auto repair shop and a variety of auto show rooms, the art center has maintained the original character of the building

through its repurposing. The facade, with its floor-to-ceiling windows, lets in abundant light; the sign on the front of the building was designed to mirror old-fashioned auto repair shop signs; and decorative touches throughout remind visitors of the history of the space.

A connection to the community was a part of Laddon's vision from day one – a variety of classes are offered throughout the year. With its Kids Art Smart program, the nonprofit provides free, hands-on art classes to local elementary and middle school children, more than 8,000 to date. Studios on the Park also celebrates Art After Dark Paso, a fun tradition of art, wine, and live music-filled evenings on the first Saturday of every month.

With its continued presence both in the community and in its space downtown, Studios on the Park

continues to make a huge impact on the landscape of the arts in Paso Robles and the entire Central Coast.

*Studios on the Park, located at 1130 Pine St. in Paso Robles, is open Monday-Wednesday Noon – 4 p.m., Thursday – Sunday, Noon – 6 p.m., with extended hours until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.*

*Call (805) 238-9800 or visit [studiosonthepark.org](http://studiosonthepark.org)*

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– Kate Joyce



Studios on the Park artists



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# Discover the past at Pioneer Museum

Take a free tour and explore Paso Robles history

The Paso Robles Pioneer Museum, located at 2010 Riverside Avenue, south of the Paso Robles Event Center (fairgrounds), is a great place to visit for an afternoon excursion and to learn the history of the Paso Robles area. Knowledgeable docents are on hand to answer questions.

The 20,000 square feet of building space shows Paso Robles through the years, even before it was Paso Robles, and gives visitors a glimpse of what life was like in the good ole days. A non-profit organization, the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum is funded by donations and events throughout the year.

## Exhibits galore

The museum opened in 1975 with a 6,000 square-foot building, which now houses the collection of antique buggies, carriages and cars. Visitors to the museum will explore three large rooms that have different interesting exhibits.

Start the tour with learning about the geological eras, and view petrified bones that were from the Paso Robles vicinity. Next, learn about the area's Western heritage, including an exhibit with cowboy, horse and saddle artifacts.

One exhibit in the Museum is dedicated to the famous pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski, who came to Paso Robles for the healing powers of the baths when his rheumatism became debilitating in the early 1900s.

Another exhibit shows an old-fashioned Linotype machine that made it easier to produce type; the blocks used to produce printed materials for a printing press are also on display. In the Paso Robles Bank display are a collection of antique typewriters, calculators and other office equipment. Next to the bank vault, discover rifles and shotguns collected by Clark S. Smith.

The country store display is sure to have visitors transported back in time. The post office exhibit, part of the general store, shows Mr. Patsey Dunn's store, the home of the first post office in Paso Robles, as well as



The Geneseo School House on display at the Pioneer Museum.

mailboxes from San Miguel.

Several of the exhibits show life as it was in the early years of Paso Robles, including a pioneer housewife hard at work, with the wood-burning stove she used for cooking and for heating irons to press clothes. There is a parlor and a bedroom scene complete with lamps, candles, handmade quilts, baby carriages and much more.

## Transportation Hall & schoolhouse

In Transportation Hall view the many showcased vehicles that have been used over the years, including antique cars which are kept running by volunteers, and carriages and wagons, some of which are used in the annual Pioneer Day Parade. Also, be sure to check out the wall filled with almost 900 different kinds of barbed wire, made by different manufacturers, collected over many years.

The Geneseo schoolhouse stands outside the main building on the museum grounds. It was donated by the family of the late Linden Chandler in 2004 and shows a typical rural one-room school during the early years of the community.

*The Paso Robles Pioneer Museum is located at 2010 Riverside Avenue, south of the Paso Robles*

*Event Center, and is open Thursday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. Special groups can*

*also arrange a tour, and the museum is also available for special events. For more information call (805) 239-4556 or see the website at [www.pasoroblespioneermuseum.org](http://www.pasoroblespioneermuseum.org).*

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Founder and proprietor Hans Nef established Vina Robles in 1996. An entrepreneur from Zurich and avid collector of Bordeaux,

Nef branched into importing wines from California and elsewhere into Switzerland. His dream of crafting distinctive, hand-crafted wines was realized when he discovered Paso Robles.

Each time Nef traveled to the U.S., he brought with him the desires to not only be true to nature but also to grow his own wine. This is when he discovered Paso Robles in the mid-1990s and quickly became enamored with

***"I want Vina Robles to express a unique balance of European heritage and American opportunity. As individuals, we are rooted in the Old World. As viticulturists and winemakers, we are empowered by the New World." - Owner Hans Nef***

the emergent wine country. Here, where the Pacific coastline unfolds into rugged ranchlands and cowboy ambiance, a new generation of California winemakers was turning Paso Robles into one of the world's most dynamic winegrowing regions.

Soon, Nef was inspired to embark on his own idea for a Paso Robles winery, one that would honor his European roots while embracing the unique growing region in order to pursue his dream of producing world-class wines.

Nef selected longtime friend and business associate Hans – R. Michel, a Swiss expatriate, as managing partner. In 1997, a year later, the duo planted the first of what would later become six vineyards in Paso Robles, and soon thereafter



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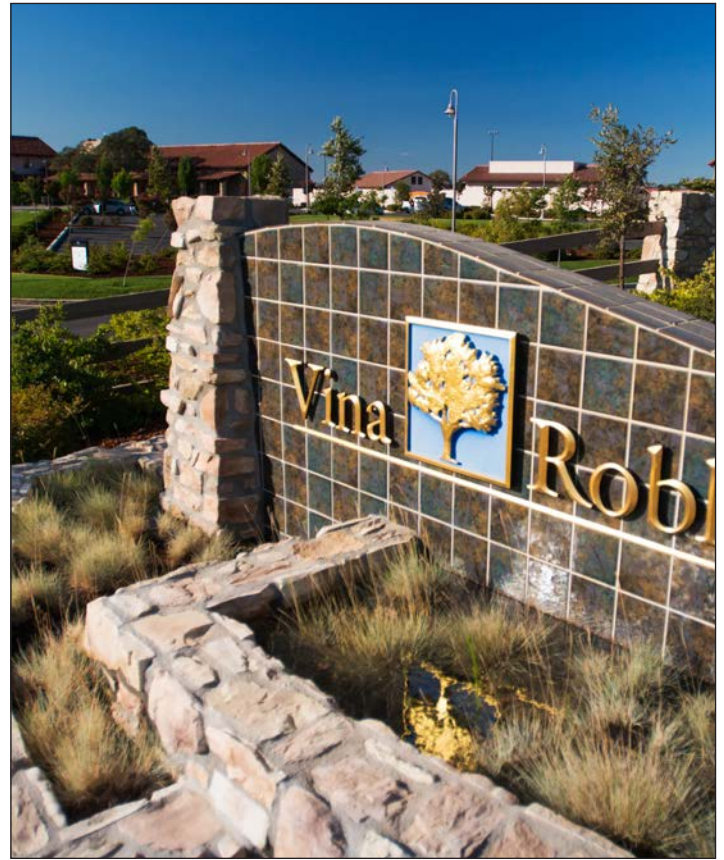
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Vina Robles was born. Winemaker Kevin Willenborg joined the team in 2012.

In 2007, Nef achieved another goal with the opening of the Vina Robles Hospitality Center, a 14,000-square-foot facility that combines classic California Mission-style design with modern European elegance. The center features a tasting room as well as several venues for public and private events. In summer of 2013, the

Vina Robles Amphitheatre celebrated its grand opening and now hosts around 30 world-class artists April through October each year.

*Vina Robles, located just off of Highway 46 at 3700 Mill Road in Paso Robles, is open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 1 to Oct. 31, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 to April 30; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information, visit [vinarobles.com](http://vinarobles.com) or call (805) 227-4812.*



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To reach the ranch, make sure to admire the century year old orchard leading to the property. When you reach the tasting room, make sure to try samples of their three extra virgin olive oils, eight



Owners Frank and Marti Menacho tasting a freshly pressed batch of 'Olio Nuovo.'

different flavored olive oils and vinegars. Different varieties, including black truffle and their classic mission blend, are a must try. The olives are pressed on site by their Italian Pieralisi mill from November to January. Along with the tastings, you can taste other products made on the ranch and take home some of their grass fed lamb. A private three bedroom guest house is available for the guests who wish

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"It comes from our passion and that we've been doing this for a long time... We are very involved in the industry...it's a passion and continual learning and evolving," said Marti.

The olive oil is of the highest caliber, with Frank being a master blender and blending extra virgin olive oil for the past 18 years. Both Marti and Frank are members of the California Olive Oil Council, and Frank is an alumnus of their Taste Panel that certifies extra virgin olive oil. They also trained in Italy to become olive oil sommeliers. Frank learned about the olive oil industry

through his work with UC Davis, the California Olive Oil Council and restaurateurs. Furthermore, this family run business provides a friendly atmosphere as you tour the grounds, savor the olive oil and chat with the staff. Marti provides guests with recipes for dishes such as Meyer Lemon Seared Halibut with Beurre Blanc Sauce, Rosemary Olive Oil Focaccia Bread, and Sausage, Chicken & Oyster Mushroom Risotto- all incorporating their signature olive oil, of course.

If you are looking for day of gourmet olive oil tasting or for a getaway to a pristine country location, head over to Olivas de Oro Olive Company's ranch.

Visit the Olivas de Oro tasting room at 4625 La Panza Rd in Creston. Open Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and through appointment. Closed Tuesday through Thursday. Call (805) 227-4223 for more information.

-Sadie Mae Mace

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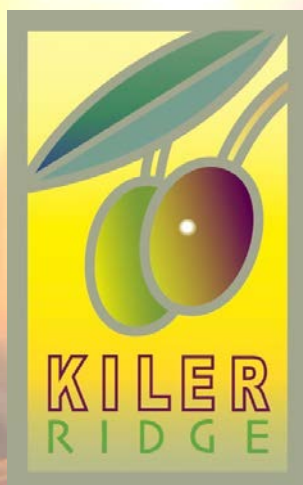
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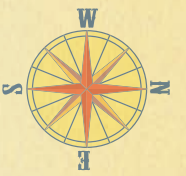
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# Get a local taste of Italy

*CaliPaso Winery offers visitors a snapshot of Tuscany*

Even though Italy is over 6000 miles from Paso Robles, you can experience a taste of Tuscany right here at CaliPaso Winery. The sweeping location boasts a picturesque wedding venue, elegant rooms in the villa, delightful tasting experiences and much more.

## The Villa

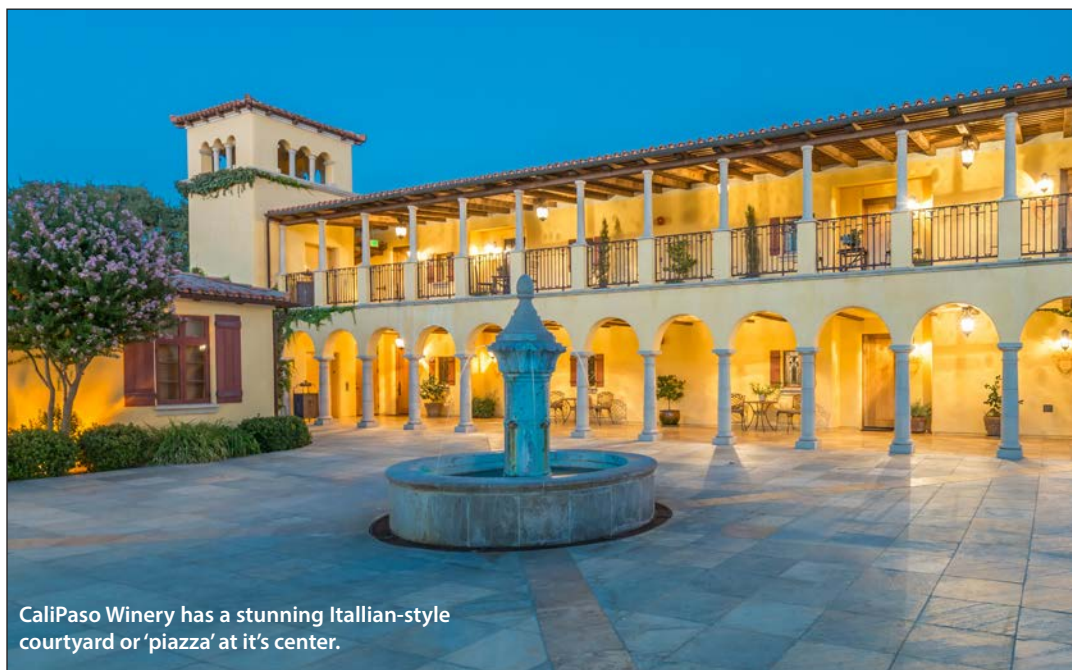
The CaliPaso Inn offers seven rooms with amenities such as fireplaces, elegant Italian inspired decor and private balconies so that guests can watch the stunning Paso Robles sunset over the rolling vineyards in comfort. Also available is "The Winemaker's Cottage" suite, covering 1500 square feet with imported European furniture, a dining room that seats ten guests, an expansive kitchen and two guestrooms with king sized beds. "It's a little oasis... you feel like you're stepping into Tuscany," said Chief Operating Officer Jaime Glenn, who adds that the villa aspect of the winery is one the newest additions.

## Events

The winery hosts around 20 weddings annually. An indoor ceremony holds 75 guests, while an outside ceremony and reception can sustain a maximum of 300 guests. The venue supplies food and beverages, along with comfortable rooms for the bride and groom to ready themselves in while guests explore the beautiful grounds. Along with these glamorous events, the venue also offers to host birthdays, Chamber of Commerce meetings and is looking to start a concert series next year. "[We] put customers first and make sure they have an amazing experience," said Glenn.

## Tasting experience

If you are looking to try CaliPaso's renowned 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel, guests can now visit their new tasting room location at 809 13th Street, across from Fish Gaucho. The room



CaliPaso Winery has a stunning Italian-style courtyard or 'piazza' at it's center.

is open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday based on customer response. Tasting usually concludes at 7:30 the other days. A bonus to guests staying at the villa is free tastings at the room, while club members receive a discount. These high quality wines are also affordable, ranging from under \$30 to \$45. The wines made and offered are of the highest caliber; Alan Kinne, highly regarded as an award-winning figure in the wine industry, has been the Director of Winemaking since 2013. As a consultant, Alan was awarded the US Winemaker of the Year and was a runner up another year. His career, spanning over 30 years, brings prominence to CaliPaso's wines.

For a fun day tasting wine and admiring the beauty of the winery, head over to the tasting room or the Winery for your snapshot of Italy.

*The CaliPaso Winery & Villa is located at 4230 Buena Vista Drive in Paso Robles. Call (805) 226-9296 or go to [calipasowinery.com](http://calipasowinery.com) for more information.*

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Owners, Amanda and Damian Grindley met on a cave exploration in Australia. Both are avid cave explorers. Damian studied landscape design and wine making, while Amanda studied bats, fossils & caves. "Brecons National Park in Wales is a place that we've always loved and is very near and dear to Damian's heart," Amanda shared as the reason that the couple decided to open the winery and name it Brecon in April of 2014.

Damian is an international award-winning winemaker, who produces exquisite wines that have won over 140 platinum and gold awards in only two and a half years.

The building is a masterpiece. "The architect who designed the interior, went on to win the Smithsonian National Design award

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in 2013," Damian said. He mentioned that it was fortunate that the award was given after he designed Brecon, because it likely would have made

him unavailable due to subsequent international demand.

The tasting room's wine bar is open to the scenic property and wine

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Brecon's Award-winning, small batches of premium wines sell out quickly and cannot be purchased anywhere else. Brecon's 2014 Syrah and Mourvedre were just awarded 93 points by The Wine Enthusiast.

The 2013 Petite Syrah is described as a great winter warmer, fireside wine. It exudes deep hues and a big fruit punch. Damian suggests that you store it for few years and the rewards will be unmistakably fabulous.

Brecon's signature food wine is a pure 100-percent Albarino. The marine fog plays an essential role in cooling these grapes, resulting in a longer ripening period. This wine exudes intense tropical flavors with a white peach character.

Brecon's 2012 Reserve Cabernet is aged 22 months in French oak, resulting in a divine, silky, smooth finish.

It's a well known fact that people come from all over the world to Paso Robles to enjoy the fruit of Mother Nature. After, of course, a valuable assist from gifted craftsman like Damian Grindley.

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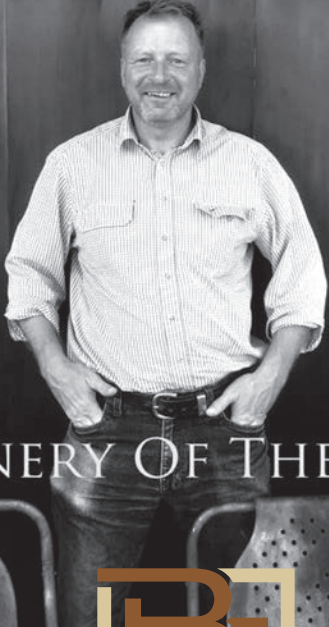
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### *Family-run winery creates wine with character*

Four Lanterns Winery begins with its name. When Steve and Jackie Gleason relocated from Southern California to Paso Robles, they changed their family's entire lifestyle, but not their identity—the Gleasons are a family who works together and seeks new and interesting experiences.

The four lanterns are Steve and Jackie's four daughters, Sarah, 21; Christina, 19; Janet, 17; and Sage, 13. "They are the lights of our lives," said Jackie, a former physical therapist who now works with her husband, Steve, a former financier, to run Four Lanterns. Steve said he was successful in his former work but didn't want to grow old there.

"I had run my course in my career and wanted to do something else," he said.

The Gleasons took over their vineyard property in the summer of 2013 with harvest staring them in the face.

"We decided to go ahead and make wine that year, hired Amy But-

ler as our winemaker, and crushed at Grey Wolf," Steve said. Two whites and a rose were submitted to the California Mid State Fair in 2014 and all won silvers straight out of the gate.

That was an affirming beginning for the family. Prior to purchasing their vineyard, the couple had been looking at beach properties down south but, as they tell the story, Jackie and Steve couldn't agree on any of the properties they viewed.

Around the same time, they were considering property in the Paso Robles region when they got a call that what would become Four Lanterns was available. Steve took the drive north — about four and a half hours on the road — and immediately fell in love. He called his wife and said, "I want to buy this place," to which she answered, "OK," sight unseen.

Asked why she agreed to the purchase, Jackie said, "I told him, 'You know what? You have such excitement in your voice. Let's buy it.'"

Steve commuted each week for the first year until he and his family could make the move. Though production is small, the Gleasons have big plans for their property.

Before Four Lanterns, the property was Sycamore Farms Natural Herb Farm and Vineyard and now focuses on the grapes and outdoor community. Where herbs once grew, there will be a stage — once permits are secured — to provide the outdoor space with live music and magnificent views. Behind the

tasting room, there will be a production facility.

The Gleason's 22 acres of vines consist of "the flats" along Highway 46 and "the terraces" that are South of the flats and reach up and over the large hill on their property. The tasting barn is on the East side of the flats. The property is managed by Roberts' Vineyard Services with onsite managers, Caitlyn Pierini and Armando Ortiz.

The Four Lanterns tasting room sits behind a farmhouse just

inside the entrance to the property. Inside the tasting room, the walls are covered in art, including three large canvases that contain the work of painter Roderick Reed of Laguna Beach, a family friend. Carol Timson Ball, from Templeton, also shows her work at the property. Carol's canvases focus on local points of interest.

The room contains Four Lantern wines and a few other items dear to foodies and wine connoisseurs. Among them are Smith and Truslow

spices, a business run by Steve's sister, Jean Gleason. The spices aren't ground until an order is placed, making them ultra fresh.

New this fall is the Thursday night Singer Songwriter Series. Local singer/songwriters perform on Thursday nights from 5-7.

Four Lanterns Winery is located at 2485 West Hwy 46 in Paso Robles. For more information, see [www.fourlanternswinery.com](http://www.fourlanternswinery.com) or call (805) 226-5955.

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# Peachy Canyon: a trendsetting and groundbreaking winery

Welcome to a slice of Paso Robles history. The word “Peachy,” evokes thoughts of peach blossoms, intoxicating flavors and aromas that are almost too good to be true. While those are characteristics of some of Peachy Canyon’s wines, the name has nothing to do with the fruit. “Peachy” was an infamous horse thief who took refuge in a cave near the original winery on Peachy Canyon Road and was eventually caught and hung in town. Jesse and Frank James also hid out in the same area in 1868.

In 1982, Doug and Nancy Beckett, San Diego teachers, moved to Paso Robles purchasing a walnut farm. It wasn’t too long until Doug got the “wine” bug. Starting with a five-gallon Sparklette’s water bottle and zinfandel grapes purchased from Benito Dusi’s vineyard, Doug



began his winemaking career under his Tobias label. In 1988 the Peachy Canyon label was launched, with 350 cases of zinfandel; you could say “a star was born.” Ten years later

the Beckett’s purchased the Old School House Vineyard (along with the old school house) on Bethel Road and today own four vineyards totaling 120 planted acres.

During the late 1980’s the Paso Robles wine industry was still in its early development. Doug was ahead of his time. The walnut grove was basically organic, being dry farmed and simply had to be “maintained.” Doug and his sons (who would eventually found their own Paso winery, Chronic Cellars), practiced sustainable farming long before it was a trend or an agricultural necessity. Pioneers in the practice of sustainable farming, Peachy Canyon were first Sustainability in Practice, or SIP, certified in 2007; truly leaders of the pack.

Whereas Peachy Canyon grows all four of the major Bordeaux grapes, they are known for their zinfandel. Step into the historical School House tasting room, or sit out back on the porch or pleasant outdoor area and sample many of

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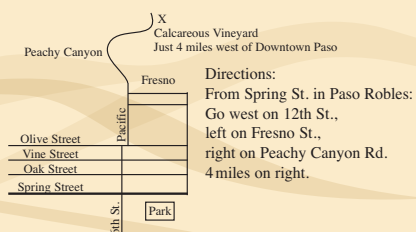
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Zinfandel is the focus, and passion of the winery, who is currently producing 9 zinfandels, but don't discount the Bordeaux/Rhone varietals and blends. As winemaker Robert Henson says: "The best wine we make is what we don't put into it." Peachy Canyon lets the terroir and the grapes speak for themselves. And speak for themselves they do, with constant recognition, accolades and high scores from many of the most respected wine publications and competitions. Wine Enthusiast, California Grapevine, Vinous, California State Wine Competition, Stephan Tanzer, and the Central Coast Wine Competition are some of the organizations bestowing honors on Peachy Canyon wines. Recently, Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine awarded the 2013 Clevenger Zinfandel 91 points, and the Daily Meal recognized Peachy Canyon as "one of the 101 best wineries in America," in 2015 and 2014.

The Becketts are also very charity focused, both locally and nationally. Charity begins at home, and after being able to guarantee jobs for their employees, and training up to six interns from around the world, the Beckett family pays it forward constantly. Whether it be supporting non-profits with fundraisers and donations, such



as the Ronald McDonald House and American Cancer Society, or giving their time to local organizations including the Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation, Studios on the Park Youth program and Paso Robles Cancer Support Community, Peachy Canyon Winery makes a difference in people's lives every day.

From their small and humble beginnings in the 80's with their first 350 case release, Peachy has become a force in many areas. At 50,000 cases today, Doug is especially proud of the fact, as he tells you with a gleam in his eyes, that "Peachy has been taking Paso Robles wines around the world for 30 years. We were one of the first to introduce Paso wines to Europe, Asia and Canada." Of note, which emphasizes Doug's humility and philosophy, is his pride in taking Paso wines, not Peachy Canyon wines, around the world. That in itself speaks volumes.

As to the future, Doug expects one day his two sons will again join the business, continuing the tradi-

tion of producing the best possible wines, growing the best grapes, supporting their family (which is the entire Peachy Canyon staff), and continuing to serve others. A visit to Peachy Canyon Winery is an experience. And, if you are lucky enough to be able to catch Doug and sit down with him you will be mesmerized by his love, passion, enthusiasm and commitment. He will hypnotize you with his story, and the history of the area, which

for Peachy Canyon, started with a horse thief, and evolved into one of the most respected wineries in the Central Coast.

Peachy Canyon Winery is located at 1480 N. Bethel Road in Templeton. Tasting room is open daily: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (805) 239-1980 or go to [www.peachycanyon.com](http://www.peachycanyon.com).

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# Bodega de Edgar and Hug Cellars: Two Wineries/One Family

Augie and Raquel Hug founded Hug Cellars in 1994. They started off making wine with the guidance of noted vintner John Alban at his Alban Vineyards winery in Edna Valley. Winemaker Edgar Torres joined the Hug team in 2005, and by 2014 the Hugs decided to leave the wine business. As Torres helped the Hugs facilitate their retirement, Torres kept thinking, "I couldn't just let Hug Cellars go away."

"The thought just didn't sit well with me," he said. "The Hugs have always referred to me as 'Mijo,' which means 'son' in Spanish. So, I decided to maintain the tasting room, purchase their existing inventory, and they gave me the rights to use the Hug Cellars name for future production."

Since being handed the reins, Torres continues Hug's approach of producing naturally fermented, un-fined and unfiltered wines that are 100-percent varietal and vineyard-designate and hand-crafted in small lots under the Hug label.

The intimate Hug Cellars tasting room is located in an industrial park off of Highway 46 and accessed from Union Road that winds behind the cluster of buildings.

During a recent visit, Torres guided us through the tasting lineup: a floral 2014 Lerner Viognier, the rose-flecked 2015 Rosé of Syrah and the bold and fruity 2014 Rancho Ontiveros Pinot Noir are from Santa Barbara County. The elegant 2014 Cedar Lane Pinot Noir comes from Monterey County while the lush 2013 Shadow Canyon Syrah is from Paso Robles' York Mountain appellation. A non-vintage Against Time & the Tides is a fun blend of Grenache, Tempranillo, Syrah and Mourvedre, a perfect everyday, pizza and pasta wine. Torres plans to add a Cabernet Sauvignon that will be available to wine club members only.

Paying homage to his heritage and love of

**Winemaker Edgar Torres, right, along with his brother and assistant winemaker-in-training, Jaime, offer an assortment of hand-crafted wines at the Bodega de Torres tasting room.**



Spanish varietal wines, Edgar Torres named his own small winery Bodega de Edgar. Bodega is a Spanish word for winery or cellar.

Bodega's De Edgar's intimate tasting room is tucked away behind Villicana winery on Adelaida Road. Although Bodega is noted for its Albarino and Tempranillo, the portfolio also includes distinctive blends of Bordeaux and Rhone varietals.

Torres' tale started in Cambria when he was eight. Growing up he had limited options, but managed to find a job with his sister and bussed tables at Linn's Fruit Bin restaurant. This experience led to catering jobs for banquets at the Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

"That's where I learned about food and wine pairing," said Torres. He soon moved on to Villa Creek restaurant in downtown Paso Robles.

"Villa Creek was a gateway," recalled Torres. "Cris Cherry, the restaurant's owner, was a good mentor." He further honed his wine education and met local winemakers such as Matt Garret-

son, Russell Fromm, McPrice Myers and Augie Hug.

Torres struck up friendship with his co-worker Jacob Toft, who was also working as assistant winemaker at Garretson winery. After Toft departed, Torres took over at Garretson and soon moved to the adjacent Hug Cellars.

Torres takes quiet pride in his heritage and how it played into his success. "I've learnt to embrace it as a tribute to my parents who made the sacrifice, with ethics of hard work."

The Bodega wines are affordable, ranging in price from \$32 to \$48. The portfolio, noted for distinctive blends, includes over two-dozen wines. Visitors get to savor five wines at the tasting room.

The 2014 La Guerra is a fresh and crisp Albariño blended with Chardonnay that adds a touch of creaminess. The 2013 vintages of both

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Torres' love for Toro wines from Spain is reflected in Toro de Paso. The 2011 spicy Tempranillo-driven wine is blended with Grenache, Merlot and Mourvedre. The 2011 Mis Pasos is an elegant blend of Syrah and Tempranillo with a touch of Merlot that gives the wine a firm backbone.

Hug Cellars is located at 2323 Tuley Court, #120 in Paso Robles

and is open Thursday to Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call (805) 226-802 or visit [www.hugcellars.com](http://www.hugcellars.com)

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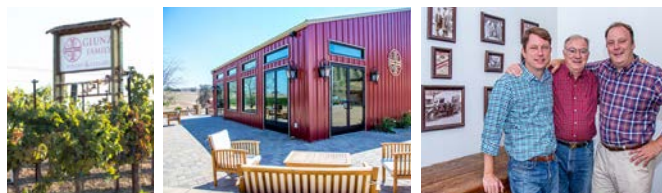
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*Winemaker David Hunt offers highly-acclaimed wines for every taste palate*

On a quest for great wine? All roads lead to Hunt Cellars, where highly-acclaimed wines have been satisfying the thirst of wine lovers for 20 years and counting. From cabernet, zinfandel, and pinot noir to chardonnay, viognier, and exciting Rhone and Bordeaux blends and ports, there's something for every taste palate.

"Our wines have an incredible, distinctive flavor profile," says Winemaker and Owner David Hunt. "We are blessed with a world-class vineyard that produces some of the finest fruit in California. For someone who knows wine, and knows the quality of great wines, Hunt Cellars is the greatest value."

Hunt's approach to winemaking is simple. "I work with the wine



until I can't produce it any better," he says. "My philosophy is to push the threshold of the winemaking art against the science, which creates

the finesse of Hunt Cellars."

With a background in music and numerous business ventures, Hunt looked to winemaking as a way to retire and enjoy a bucolic lifestyle. Diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa as a child, he wanted to start his winery before his sight was completely gone. Having developed his palate over the years, he took classes at UC Davis and a few other universities to learn the requirements for running and operating a successful winery.

"I knew that if I was going to own a winery, it had to be based on my palate alone," Hunt says. "Our philosophy is to produce the wines in the vineyard, and my job as a winemaker is to protect the great fruit that our vineyard produces. Through hard work and patience, we've been blessed to consistently produce great wines vintage after vintage."

## Wines made to last the test of time

Hunt Cellar red wines are in the barrel for about three years and another two years or more in the bottle before being released – as in European countries, these are called "Grand Reserve." Because of the concentration and low yields of Destiny Vineyard's fruit and Hunt's winemaking style, the wines are

made to last. At the Hunt Cellars tasting room, guests have the opportunity to taste both older and newer vintages.

"We've had over 150 wines earn from 92 to 98 points over the years," says Hunt, a humble man who is reluctant to brag. "Our cabernets have won the Best of California Wines competition five times and many of our other wines, including our pinot noir, merlot, Rhone blends and viognier, have also earned top honors."

When the Hunt Family established Hunt Cellars in 1996, it was the area's 37th winery. They had traveled the country, visited numerous prestigious wine growing regions, and were sold on the Paso Robles area because of the friendly people, creative wine blends, and the potential to make great cabernet. Their 550-acre Destiny Vineyard, named after their daughter, Destiny, consists of multiple terroirs with varying elevations and has proven to be one of the top California vineyards, consistently producing many highly-acclaimed wines.

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**Music & wine inspirations**

Many of Hunt's wines are named after his music including Unforgettable, a merlot; Rhapsody in Red, a meritage blend, and Bon Vivant and Cloud 9, both cabernets. A white grand piano, the centerpiece of the Hunt Cellars tasting room, is where Hunt often entertains guests with a musical number or two after his wine-maker's dinners or as they sip wines at the bar, on the veranda or as they stroll along the lush landscapes.

One has to wonder – does the wine inspire the music or does the

music inspire the wine?

"Music inspires wine, wine inspires music," says Hunt. "Have you ever had a good bottle of wine without music? You don't want depressing music, you want uplifting music and something to fit the mood."

Hunt's current musical album, Rhapsody in Red, is available on iTunes, Amazon, and in his tasting room. It has received critical acclaim from Forbes Magazine, Music Making, and Investors Daily, to name a few. His upcoming motivational album, Everything is Possible, is geared towards inspiring young people. A firm believer in the power of positive thinking, Hunt says his positive outlook on life has helped him live out his dreams.

"I like to keep things upbeat and happy," he says. "It's worked for me so far and, even though I am blind, I have been blessed. I count my blessings every day and I like to encourage other people. No matter what this world throws at you, you can still be a winner."

With a newly-renovated tasting

room, a beautification process of the grounds, and the future expansion of the barrel room and event space, Hunt continues to improve upon his guests' experience. Hunt Cellars' new management and tasting room teams offer friendly service, an overall unique, educational tasting experience, picnic lunch options, wine pairing and verticals tastings on weekends, and barrel tasting.

Stop by the Hunt Cellars tasting room, located on Highway 46 West at Oakdale Road. Open daily, 10:30



to 5:30. Hunt now offers barrel tastings at their tasting room of a 10-year-old port and a cabernet. Barrel tastings are based on availability. For more information, call (805) 237-1600 and see huntcellars.com for an exciting schedule of events for locals and visitors alike.

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*Winery honors tradition with 24-foot 'altares de muertos'*

Some believe spirits from the dearly departed come back to this realm to provide advice to loved ones. The Mexican traditions of visiting gravesites, maintaining, and setting up altars of remembrance for the celebration of the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, have been happening for around 3000 years. In Mexico, altars are placed in homes and in churches, however, the United States typically uses them in museum exhibits. In Paso Robles, a special winery has joined in. For nine years, the small 15-acre family farm, Via Vega, hosts an annual Día de los Muertos Fiesta, and they have set up a sprawling altar of heartfelt photographs and offerings. Altars traditionally known as altares de Muertos, or ofrendas,

are the most prominent feature in the celebration, because they guide the souls back home. At Via Vega, the tasting room transforms from a casual place to an exceptionally

***"It's not just a party, it's a remembrance, every year we learn something new,"***  
- April Gomez.

decorated and emotionally moving space.

"It's not just a party, it's a remembrance, every year we learn something new," said April Gomez. For Larry and April, the owners of



the winery, it is an authentic honor to share moments with people in the tasting room who recognize people in the photos. "It grows every year, people come from all over the place and see the altar, and send pictures for it. It's an educational experience." Personal losses from the family have been added to the altar and it has helped to comfort them and all the other people who get to come and see it. "People even bring photos of their pets to the altar," said April.

Via Vega winery & vineyard in Paso Robles, Calif., has built a twenty-four foot long altar, and welcomes visitors to join in the winery's Day of the Dead tradition. People may bring photos to leave on the altar and light a candle. Honor your loved ones at the altar from Oct. 13- Nov. 5. A public altar blessing is held with the Catholic Church, and a Native American Blessing is performed the afternoon of October 29. Tickets for Saturday, November 4 the formal event with dinner, folk dancers, catered dinner and musicians are available to wine club members, and leftover

tickets for non-members can be purchased after October 15. The beautiful winery has rich scene of cultural magic, colorful ambiance, and delicious wines. For almost 10 years, Via Vega Vineyard has been celebrating Día de los Muertos in their own unique way.

Día de los Muertos isn't about mourning or sadness, it's about joy and remembrance, and to join the living and dead together to celebrate. The ritual of Day of the Dead goes back to Mesoamericans, and continues to this day, because it is relevant for so many multi-cultural people. Day of the Dead is spreading nationally, and it appeals to people who are connected in spiritual ways, and who are esthetically pleased, by the wide array of colorful décor and festivities that the holiday encompasses. Celebrating the dead and honoring the ones we have lost is done comfortably and beautifully in the tasting room of Via Vega.

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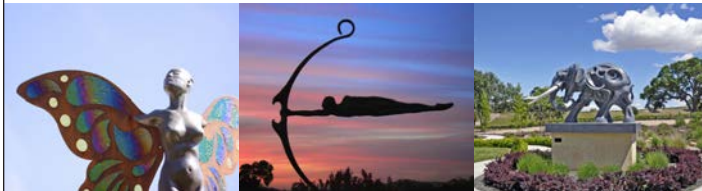
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are still growing adjacent to the existing Asistencia today. The padres produced wine for their communion service and also made brandy, which they exported. Frenchman Pierre Hypolite Dallidet was first landowner to put in a vineyard and develop a

commercial winery around 1853.

There is some debate as to which winery is the oldest in the Paso Robles appellation. Some historical writings say it was planted by Andrew York, a rancher from Indiana who planted a Zinfandel vineyard

in the late 1870s that eventually led him to establishing Ascension Winery that later became York Mountain Winery. It can claim the title of being the oldest continuously operating winery in North County, but only thanks to being purchased



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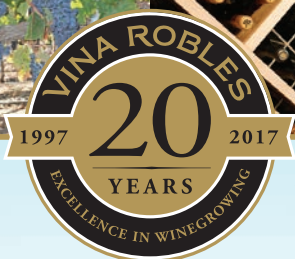
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The original four wineries in Paso Robles were Rotta, York, Pesenti, and Martinelli. Only Rotta winery operates under the same name to this day. Pesenti winery has since become Turley Wine Cellars.

Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski purchased 2,000 acres in the Adelsaida area in the early 1920s. He planted petite sirah and zinfandel, and following prohibition had his wine made at York Mountain Winery. Paderewski's Rancho San Ignacio grapes became award winners and gained the Paso Robles wine region a reputation as a premier wine growing area.

## Derby Wine Estates preserves historic almond tower

The historic Almond Tower building, located at 525 Riverside Avenue in Paso Robles, was originally constructed by the Paso Robles Almond Growers Association as a warehouse and processing plant for almonds. After some decline in the local almond industry, K.B. Nelson, a representative of the Farmers Alliance Business Association, purchased the building in 1936. For 84 years the FABA owned and operated the grain brokerage out of the building, closing their doors in 1975.

The historic building remained empty for ten years, until 1985. In 1985 it became "Riverside Centre" and was home to various businesses such as an appliance repair shop and a drywall storage business. For a short time, the building was owned by Smart and Final, who wanted to demolish the tower, but, after locals bound together in protest, and managed to get the building registered as a historical landmark, the demolition permits were pulled.

Ray and Pam Derby, who moved to the Central Coast in the early 1990s with the intention of retiring, purchased the building that is home to Derby Wine Estates in 2010. The Derbys took over this historic but derelict building after it stood vacant for 30 years, transformed it back to its original glory, and created a full production winery and tasting room.

**Hearst Ranch Winery offers tastings at two historic locations**

Hearst Ranch Winery's San Simeon tasting room shares space with one of the county's oldest Post Offices and Sebastian's Deli. The building was constructed in 1852 and was originally located on the cliff, about halfway out to "The Point" in San Simeon Bay. It was relocated in the early 1860's, with the help of horse drawn skids and lots of manual labor. Inside the building are antiques and vintage pictures of the area during the beginnings of the Hearst family ownership.

Hearst's new Jack Ranch tasting room on Highway 46 East in Cholame also celebrates history. The James Dean Memorial is located on the site; a dedication and tribute to the young actor who passed away well before his time, close to the location of the tasting room.

The tasting room in Cholame is located within the Jack Ranch Cafe, another one of the oldest buildings in the county, still operating as a small, family style restaurant. Rumor has it that Jack Ranch Cafe was one

of the "first ever" drive-thru food restaurants, where patrons would ride their horse up to the window to order and pick up their food as it was delivered down a wooden slide.

**Rotta winery has been in operation since 1908**

Rotta Winery has been around since 1908 and is known for its zinfandel, a wine that the Rotta family was able to continue making and selling during prohibition since it was used as a communion wine. In fact, many local vineyards made communion wine during prohibition.

Although it is not the oldest winery in the Paso Robles area - it was one of the first three. The winery was purchased from Frenchman Adolph Siot, who planted the first grapes and produced the first wine in Templeton. The winery was owned by the Rotta family until being sold to Jason Shorrock a few years ago.

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The Carlton Hotel  
6005 El Camino Real  
(805) 461-5100, 877-204-9830

Holiday Inn Express  
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9010 West Front Road  
(805) 462-0200

Oak Hill Manor B&B  
12345 Hampton Ct.  
(805) 462-9317

Portola Inn  
6650 Portola Rd  
(805) 440-7557

Rancho Tee Motel  
6895 El Camino Real  
(805) 466-2231

**Avila Beach**  
Avila Lighthouse Suites  
550 Front St.  
(805) 627-1900, (800) 372-8452

San Luis Bay Inn  
3254 Avila Beach Dr.  
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Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort  
1215 Avila Beach Dr.  
(805) 540-3326

**Baywood Park**  
Back Bay Inn  
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**Cambria**  
Best Western Fireside Inn  
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(805) 927-8661

Blue Bird Inn  
1880 Main St.  
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Blue Dolphin Inn  
6470 Moonstone Beach Dr.  
(805) 927-3300 or (800) 222-9157

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Cambria Vacation Rentals  
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Captain's Cove Inn  
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Creekside Inn  
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## Taste of Downtown

September 16, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Paso Robles merchants, restaurants and wineries open their doors for sampling food and beverages. \$25 per pass. For information and tickets: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org) or call (805) 238-4103.

## Arte de Tiza Paso Robles

September 16, starting at 8 a.m.  
Watch local artists create chalk paintings on the sidewalks at the Paso Robles park. Free. For information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org) or call (805) 238-4103.

## Whale Rock Music and Arts Festival

September 16-17.  
Castoro Cellars' Whale Rock Vineyard in Templeton features Michael Franti & Spearhead, Jamestown Revival, and more. For tickets and information: [whalerockmusicfestival.com](http://whalerockmusicfestival.com) or call (805) 238-0725.

## Apples and Honey Festival

September 17, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Family day featuring over artisans, apple crafting, food, Charles Paddock Zoo animals, storytelling and more. Mitchell Park, 1500 Osos St, San Luis Obispo. For information call (805) 426-5465 or email [info@jccslo.com](mailto:info@jccslo.com).

## Arroyo Grande

### Harvest Festival

September 22 – 23  
Celebrate the festival's 80th year with a parade, scarecrow contest, wiener dog races, diaper derby, food, and more. For information: [agharvestfestival.com](http://agharvestfestival.com).

## Caledonia Days

Sunday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Celebrate bygone ways at the Rios-Caledonia Adobe, across from the mission in San Miguel. Enjoy a Dutch Oven Cook-off, vendors, demonstrations and music. For information: [rios-caledoniaadobe.org/events.html](http://rios-caledoniaadobe.org/events.html) or call (805) 467-3357.

## Cambria Scarecrow Festival

October 1-31  
Hundreds of handcrafted scarecrows are bowling, bathing, pedaling, fishing and flying through Cambria, San Simeon and Harmony. For information: [cambriascarecrows.com](http://cambriascarecrows.com).

## Morro Bay Harbor Festival

October 1, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Celebrating fishermen, fisherwomen, marine industries, the harbor department, Coast Guard and the National Estuary Program. Enjoy live music, great food, vendors and many exhibits. Free on the Morro Bay Embarcadero. For information: [mbhf.com/festival](http://mbhf.com/festival), call (800) 366-6043 or email [info.mbhf@gmail.com](mailto:info.mbhf@gmail.com)

## Bubblyfest by the Sea

October 5-8  
Featuring over 50 sparkling wine and champagne producers overlooking the gor-



geous Pacific Ocean. Avila Beach Golf Resort. Tickets \$15 - \$400. (Fees apply.) Tickets are extremely limited. For tickets and information: [bubblyfest.com](http://bubblyfest.com).

## Nipomo Octoberfest

October 7-8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (4 p.m. Sunday)  
Arts and crafts, food, beer garden, car show, entertainment, BBQ competition, children's activities, pony rides and more. Nipomo Regional Park. For information: [nipomochamber.org](http://nipomochamber.org).

## Pioneer Day Paso Robles

October 14, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Various locations throughout Paso Robles. Activities include classic car judging, little cowboy/cowgirl contest, Pioneer Day parade, free bean feed in the park and more. For information: [pasoroblespioneerday.org](http://pasoroblespioneerday.org) or call (805) 835-7026.

## Cayucos Antique Street Faire

October 15, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Ocean Ave becomes a pedestrian zone to browse and shop the goods offered by local and visiting vendors. For information: [cayucoschamber.com/Calendar.html](http://cayucoschamber.com/Calendar.html) or call (805) 995-1200.

## Harvest Wine Weekend

October 20 – 22  
Explore more than 140 weekend activities in Paso Robles, including winemaker dinners, grape stomps, barrel tastings, artisanal food pairings and live music. For information: [pasowine.com/events/harvest.php](http://pasowine.com/events/harvest.php)

## Clam Festival

October 20 – 22  
A three-day party in Pismo Beach with vendors, food, entertainment, parade and family activities. Two-day pass for wine walk and chowder contest \$30. For information: [pismochamber.com](http://pismochamber.com), call (805) 773-4382 or email [info@pismochamber.com](mailto:info@pismochamber.com)

## Colony Days

October 21  
Celebrate the history of Atascadero with a parade and festival, including "Dogtoberfest" and Wiener Dog Races. For information: [colonydays.org](http://colonydays.org).

## Golden Oak Honey Festival

October 28, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Come to Downtown Paso Robles City Park for collectibles, arts, crafts, food and bee keeping seminars. Free. For information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org/downtown-calendar/pasorobles-event-golden-oak-festival/](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org/downtown-calendar/pasorobles-event-golden-oak-festival/) or call (805) 238-4103.

## Jubilee by the Sea Jazz Festival

October 26-29  
This Pismo Beach jazz festival includes New Orleans-style jazz, big bands, jazz, dancing, food and beverages and guest artists performing at five venues, all connected by shuttle bus. For information: [pismojazz.com/Jubilee-ByTheSea.htm](http://pismojazz.com/Jubilee-ByTheSea.htm) or call (805) 481-7840.

## Pumpkins on the Pier

October 28, 12 – 2 p.m.  
A family Halloween event on the Pismo Pier includes pumpkin decorating, costume contests, games, crafts and more. For information: [pismo-beach.org](http://pismo-beach.org) or call (805) 773-7063.

## Paderewski Festival

Nov 2 – 5  
A four-day music festival celebrating one of Paso Robles' most famous residents, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, virtuoso pianist and composer. Concerts feature world-renowned talent, exhibits, lectures and more. For information and tickets: [paderewskifest.com](http://paderewskifest.com).

## Holiday Boutique

Nov 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Over 50 vendors offer handmade items just in time for holiday shopping. Pavilion on the Lake, 9315 Pismo Ave, Atascadero. For information call (805) 470-3178.

## Garagistes

Nov 10 – 12  
Paso Robles celebrates the worldwide movement of renegade, cutting edge, small production winemakers who refuse to follow the rules. For information and tickets: [www.garagistefestival.com](http://www.garagistefestival.com).

## Elegant Evening Downtown

Nov 11, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Free merchant open house debuts the holiday season with refreshments, carriage rides, prizes, live Nutcracker mannequins, dancers and music. Downtown Paso Robles. For information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

## Taco Day on Traffic Way

Nov 18, 2 – 5 p.m.  
Browse unique, creative boutiques, shops and eateries while munching tacos along Traffic Way in Atascadero. Five tacos for \$10. For tickets and information: [atascaderoartsdistrict.com](http://atascaderoartsdistrict.com).

## Holiday Craft Bazaar

Nov 24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Local handmade crafts for unique holiday gifts. Downtown Paso Robles City Park. For information: [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

### ONGOING

## SLO Farmers market

Every Thursday: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Downtown San Luis Obispo. Shop for fresh produce, sample San Luis Obispo's best cuisine, browse local shops, listen to live music. For information: [downtownslo.com/](http://downtownslo.com/)

## Piedras Blancas Lighthouse tours

Morning tours every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday year-round. Adults \$10, Kids \$5, five and under free. Meet at the Piedras Blancas Motel on Highway 1 at 9:45. No reservations required for groups less than 10. No pets allowed. For information: [piedrasblancas.org/tours.html](http://piedrasblancas.org/tours.html) or call (805) 927-7361.

## North County Farmers markets

Weekly farmers markets featuring fresh local produce, crafts, food and more:  
Paso Robles: Tuesdays 3 – 6 p.m. 11th St next to the Downtown City Park  
Templeton: Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the park, 6th and Crocker streets  
Atascadero: Wednesdays 3 – 6 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens, 15 E. Mall  
Baywood/Los Osos: Mondays 2 – 4:30 p.m. at 2nd and Santa Maria streets

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