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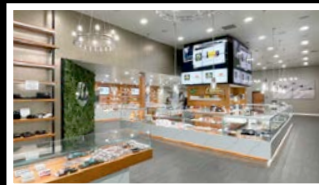
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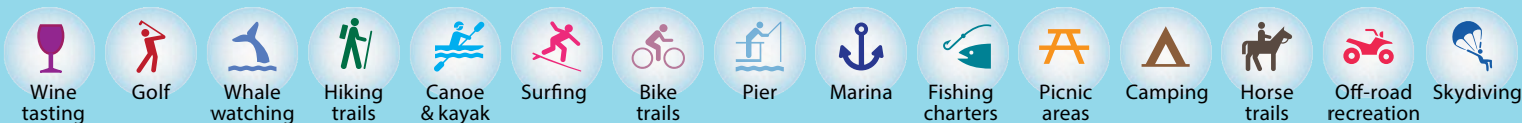




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# Welcome to San Luis Obispo County



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

Welcome to San Luis Obispo County, and thank you for reading this newest issue of the San Luis Obispo County Visitor's Guide. Winter is a special time to explore the Central Coast. Crisp winter air is invigorating and makes many activities even more special. From outdoor adventures to shopping and enjoying cozy meals and winetasting, there's something here for everyone to experience.

Along with sightseeing, shopping, fine dining, and outdoor experiences that are unique to this part of California. The crisp air, beaches, valleys, and foothills, where mysterious morning fog gives way to sunny afternoons, cozy dinners, and world-leading wine, all come together for some of the most memorable experiences for the entire family.

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Established in 1988 by Doug and Nancy Beckett, Peachy Canyon Winery has been under the full-time care of their sons, Josh and Jake Beckett, for the past several years.

The upcoming months are a perfect time to experience the charm and romance of San Luis Obispo County. Stroll along serene beaches, explore breathtaking hiking trails, and cap off your day savoring exquisite cuisine and wine at a cozy, world-class restaurant. If you can't fit it all in, don't worry—you're always welcome to return and discover even more!

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

*Beth*

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# San Luis Obispo

## There are many things to discover around SLO

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

### Attractions

#### The San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission

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

#### Historical buildings

Other historical buildings, many featuring unique architecture, include the Sinsheimer store with an iron front built in 1884 at 849 Monterey St., the Jack House at 536 Marsh Street, which was built in 1875, the State Historical Landmark Dallidet Adobe at 1185 Pacific St

and the 1884 Ah Louis Store at 800 Palm St, originally a supply station for the Chinese laborers who built the railroad tunnels through the mountains of the Cuesta Grade.

The historic Carnegie Library on Monterey Street is home to the History Center of San Luis Obispo. Built in 1905, the library is one in a chain of over 1600 libraries funded by the United States by Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The SLO Carnegie Museum is one of three still standing and in use on the Central Coast. The other two are located in Lompoc and Paso Robles.

#### San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens

Gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts are not left out. The San Luis Obispo Botanical gardens, on Highway 1 near Dairy Creek Road is the only garden in the United States exclusively featuring plants and ecosystems from the five Mediterranean climates in the world. The design includes miles of paved trails and shady resting spots and a variety of other activities.

#### Hiking and cycling

The city's Parks and Recreation Department operates several parks that span 7000 acres of breathtaking views and hiking trails. Visit the website for the City of San Luis Obispo for park maps details about the ease or difficulty of the trails.

The city has over 75 miles of bike paths and what better way for cycling enthusiasts to enjoy a vacation. San Luis Obispo was designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2007. Visit [bikeslocounty.org](http://bikeslocounty.org) for cycling maps for the City of San Luis Obispo, wine trails and other locations in San Luis Obispo County.

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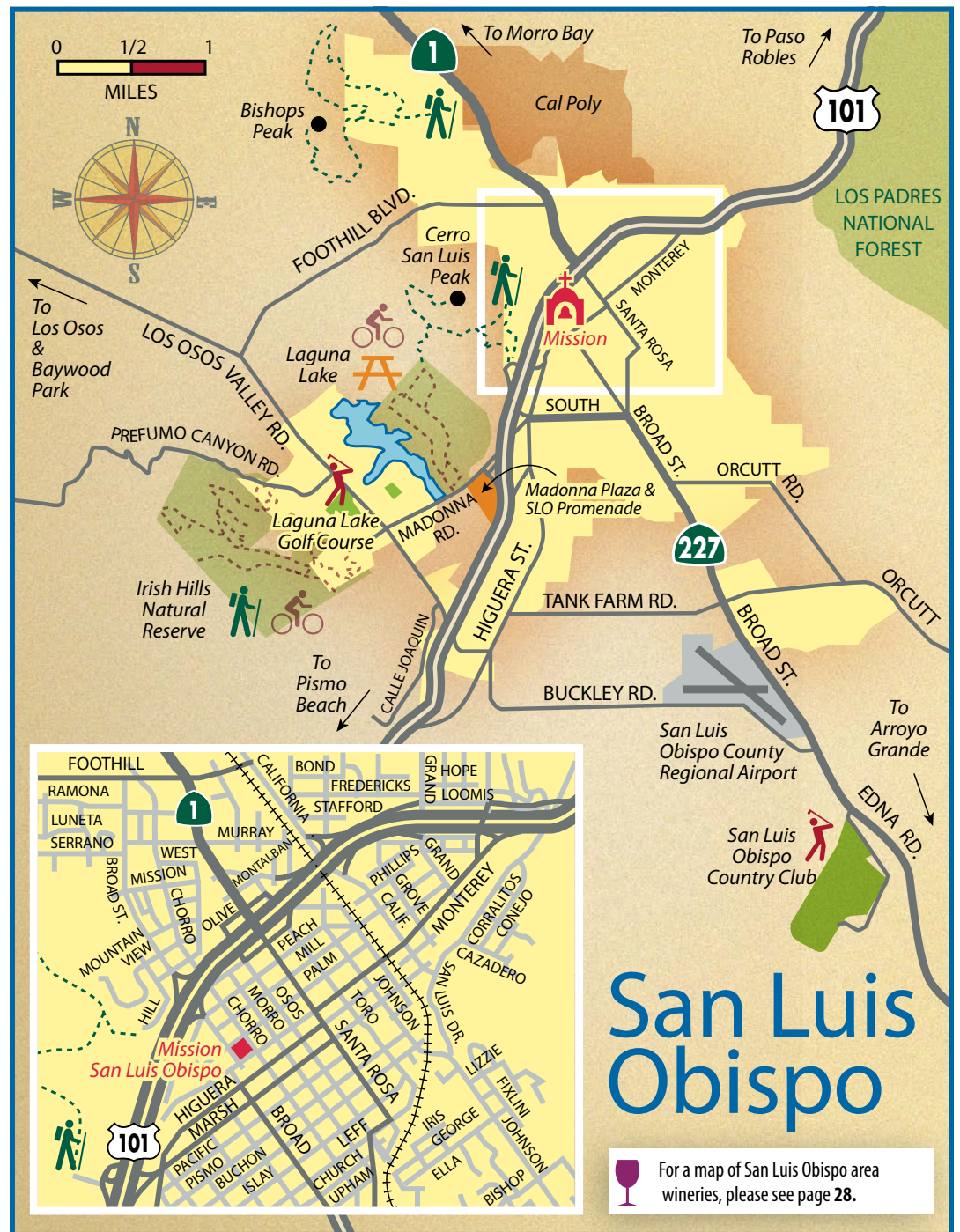
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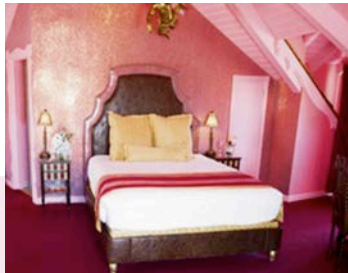
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# Whiz Kids Toys for playtime discoveries and adventures

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Play is serious business at Whiz Kids Toys, the premier toy shop on the Central Coast that has been offering fun activities, unique gifts, and educational materials for all ages since 1987. With high-quality products from hundreds of vendors, families are sure to discover the perfect goody to add play to their day in this whimsical store.

“Kids, and grown-ups too, learn best through play! Since we opened, Whiz Kids Toys has been a destination for the Central Coast com-



Whiz Kids for gifts for all ages.

munity to find engaging toys and books that inspire creativity and

imagination. Whiz Kids focuses on supporting parents and grandpar-

ents as they encourage their children's interests and development,” said owner Lesa Smith, adding, “Our welcoming and knowledgeable staff are always ready to offer personalized shopping advice.”

## Art supplies, science projects, and books

The shelves at Whiz Kids are full of puzzles, art supplies, science-themed projects, and educational toys designed specifically for preschool-age children. There's a thriving selection of books with picture books, chapter books, books for infants, and fun interactive titles such as the Mad Libs series. They are also proud to offer a large selection of trending toys from popular brands, including LEGO, Maileg,



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people of all ages. We love to have the perfect gift for everyone on your list, from infants to adults,” Smith said.

Giving back to the community is at the core of Whiz Kids Toys’ mission year-round, through direct donations to schools and local

youth initiatives. Smith notes that “as a locally-owned small business, it’s always been a priority and a pleasure to support the children and families in our community and bring positivity and play to our neighbors whenever possible.” During the holidays, Whiz Kids Toys

hosts its Annual Angel Tree Project to help make the holiday season festive for children, often working with local charities, including Pregnancy & Parenting Support of SLO and Jack’s Helping Hands, as well as local elementary schools.

#### ‘The best job in town’

“I have the very best job in town and am so grateful for our community of families. The families who shop with us have continued to grow – the original kids from our first 15 years in business are now bringing their own kids in to shop. Whiz Kids is your neighborhood toy store, a place to learn, gather, and celebrate together,” Smith said.

For those searching for the perfect gift for a child in their life, visit Whiz Kids Toys for fun and high-quality toys, books, and more. Gift wrapping is free!

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



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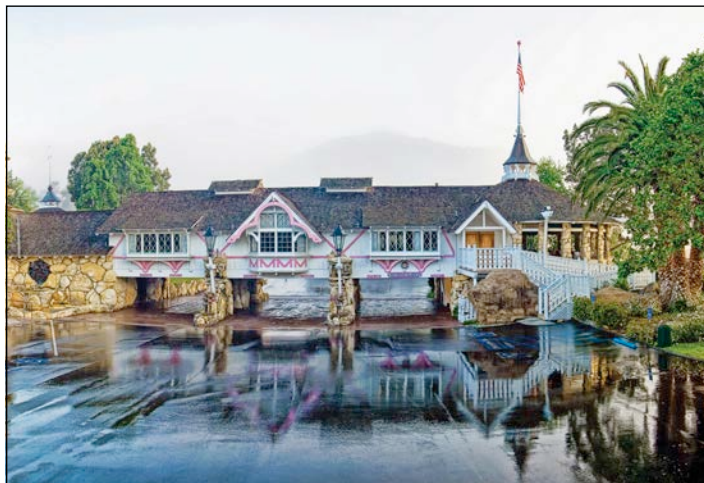
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shopping, and the  
allure of pink*

Whether a first-time or repeat visitor to the iconic Madonna Inn, locals and visitors are always in for a special treat. Located just off Highway 101 in beautiful San Luis Obispo, it's the ideal place to stop for a meal, dessert, or an enchanted night or two.



Nearly seven decades of hospitality.

children – Cathie Twisselman, John Madonna, Karen Twisselman, and Connie Pearce – learned the importance of hard work from an early age. Pearce is currently the general manager. Her husband, Clint, manages the Madonna properties, and their daughter, Audrey, helps with marketing.

The family's hospitality has exceeded guest expectations for nearly seven decades. Guests return year after year to their "home away from home" for special experiences and lasting memories.

Everyone is welcome to walk around and enjoy the ornate hand-carved woodwork, etched copper and brass adornments, and custom-made leaded glasswork and windows. The prevalent color pink first took off with the design of the steakhouse booths.

## No two rooms are alike

Famous for its unique accommodations, the Madonna Inn boasts 110 themed guest rooms.

The "Caveman" has been a favorite for decades, with animal prints, a rock ceiling and floor, and a waterfall shower. The "Mini-Maxi" features purple sparkly wallpaper, an elaborate rock fireplace, a cozy sitting area, and a rock shower. Mrs. Madonna's favorite room is "Irish Hills", a nod to her Irish heritage. This serene semi-suite is enchanting with a natural rock shower.

As social media has evolved, guests often seek playful and colorful rooms. "Merry", "Go", and "Round" are three popular rooms that fit the request perfectly with their fun, colorful designs and vibrant accents."

## Exceptional dining, desserts, and dancing

The dining experiences at Madonna Inn keep fans returning for more. The friendly staff at

Nostalgia is the name of the game at Madonna Inn. The unique style and ingenuity of the first 12 rooms completed in 1958 by Alex and Phyllis Madonna are reflected throughout the property. Over the years, returning guests share how much they enjoy that nostalgic feeling. It's important to maintain the originality of this special place while also adding subtle upgrades where needed.

This originality fills the entire 1500-acre property, from Madonna's world-famous Pink Champagne Cake, the gift shops, and into the famous restrooms.

That's correct – the restrooms at Madonna Inn have personalities all their own. The men's features a waterfall urinal and clamshell sinks; the women's exhibits pink sparkly wallpaper and a leather interior. The waterfall was an ongoing joke between the Madonnas, and Alex liked to remind Phyllis how famous it had become.

## Family-run with unsurpassed hospitality

From its mom-and-pop beginnings to now, the Madonna Inn is a family-run business. Their



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the Copper Café serves up fresh comfort food daily from breakfast to dinner. Visit the Gold Rush Steak House for dinner. Including steaks, seafood, chicken, and an extensive wine and dessert list. The Silver Bar Cocktail Lounge is a cozy area to enjoy cocktails, local wines and beers, and small bites.

Desserts are made fresh daily at the Madonna Inn Bakery. Indulge in cookies, French and Danish pastries, pies, and the world-famous Pink Champagne Cake.

Enjoy live entertainment and dancing five nights a week, including Swing Night with big band music. A lineup of musicians, including the Frank Gary Band and Starlight Dream Band, keeps the dance floor hopping through the weekend.

### Staycations, activities, and events

Scenic mountain horseback trail rides are offered daily, and hikers enjoy views from the stunning hill-tops and valleys. Tennis, basketball, or pickleball courts are open on a first-come, first-served basis.



Spa services, including massage and facials, are available by appointment. Hotel and day spa guests may enjoy the heated Terrace Pool, fitness room, and bar featuring small bites and signature cocktails. A Tesla charging station is situated at the front entrance, and the property is set to go fully solar very soon.

With three shops offering selections of designer fashions, gourmet snacks, chocolates, local wine, souvenirs, and toys, the Madonna Inn is the perfect place to find that special gift. Be sure to add one of the famous custom-made, hand-poured Madonna Inn goblets to your basket.

### Weddings and special events

When it comes to planning and carrying out unforgettable gatherings, the banquet and events team at Madonna Inn is unsurpassed for seamless planning to ensure unforgettable moments.

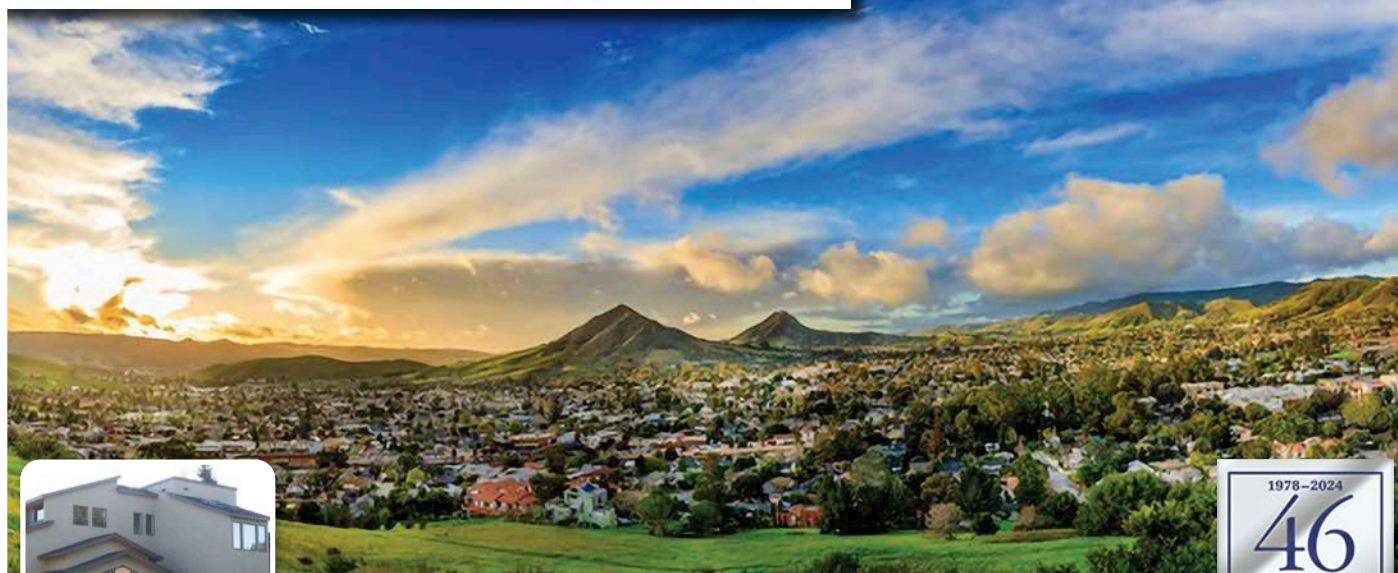
Venue spaces include the semi-private Balcony Room, the intimate Round Room, the elegant Garden Room, the charming Venetian Room, the enchanting outdoor Secret Garden, an expansive dance floor, and the Expo Center is the largest indoor event facility on the Central Coast.

### Visit today

You don't have to stay overnight or dine to enjoy the hospitality at Madonna Inn. The kindness and heart of the Madonna family are felt throughout the property, creating a welcoming and memorable experience for every guest.

Stop by the iconic Madonna Inn, located just off Highway 101 at 100 Madonna Road in San Luis Obispo. For more information, visit [madonnainn.com](http://madonnainn.com), call (805) 543-3000, or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

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# Every day is your day when living the SLO County life

*Local relocation expert, Jennifer Hamilton, has the inside scoop*

Thinking of making your favorite vacation destination your permanent home? Jennifer Hamilton, broker/owner of the real estate firm Farrell Smyth, Inc., recently shared tips on relocating to San Luis Obispo County with the SLO County Visitors Guide.

"From quaint coastal communities to ranchlands and vineyards, SLO County offers something for everyone," Hamilton says. "There are fun festivals, farmers' markets, and outdoor activities throughout the county all year."



Jennifer Hamilton offers comprehensive real estate services.

## Welcomed with a smile

Beyond its natural beauty, the region has a distinctive atmo-

sphere and inviting climate. "It's beautiful year-round here, and we have a relaxed way of life not found in larger cities," Hamilton says. "SLO County has a hometown feel. Something new residents often mention is feeling welcomed with a smile."

## Strategic location

Located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, SLO County is ideal for those seeking proximity to major metropolitan areas while embracing a relaxed pace of life. Trips to Los Angeles or San Francisco are easy by car or regional flights from San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport.

## Vibrant demographics

"Previously, most people relocating here were attending Cal Poly or retiring on the coast," Hamilton says. "Today, we're seeing more young families and professionals arriving as business growth increases."

"Every local community has unique traits, and a seasoned agent can help guide you to the best fit," said Hamilton, emphasizing the value of experienced real estate professionals familiar with the area.

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# Visit San Luis Obispo's unique museums

San Luis Obispo offers some of the best and most varied museums in the area for history, art, local culture, events, and activities for all ages. Each museum provides a special view of the region's history and culture. In San Luis Obispo, there's a museum for every interest.

Check the individual museum websites for more information about visiting, events, and activities.

## San Luis Obispo Museum of Art

Every experience at SLOMA delivers a unique view of the artistic and creative side of the region's lifestyle and interests. Exhibits include all manner of artwork, paintings, sculpture, photography, fine crafts, and a permanent collection that defines the roles of artists who are important to the local region and California. Along with the exhibits, community programs include films, concerts, art talks, and educational programs. Admission is free to the museum, but there may be an admission fee for some of the events and activities.

*The Art Museum is located at 1010 Broad St, San Luis Obispo, and is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Monday, open for school and group tours only Tue-Wed. Closed on major holidays. Admission is free. For more information about current events, exhibits, and programs, call (805) 543-8562 or visit [sloma.org](http://sloma.org).*

## History Center of San Luis Obispo County

The History Center of San Luis Obispo County has been a favorite place for historians for more than 60 years. Vast collections of correspondence, newspapers, directories, maps, and photographs are resources for historical and genealogical research in San Luis Obispo County. The exhibits are opportunities to explore the history of the area as it leads to today's lifestyles and cultures.

*The museum is located at 696 Monterey Street. Hours are Wednesday-Monday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, visit [historycenterslo.org](http://historycenterslo.org) or call (805) 543-0638.*



## Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum

The Veteran's Museum honors all veterans of all generations, with emphasis on those from the Central Coast. The collections and displays include military artifacts from WWI to today, historical memorabilia, and a research library. The Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum is the only Central Coast site certified by the Library of Congress for recording interviews for the Veterans History Project.

*Located at 801 Grand Avenue, the museum is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit [vetmuseum.org](http://vetmuseum.org) or call (805) 543-1763.*

## The San Luis Obispo Children's Museum

The San Luis Obispo Children's Museum was created to provide a fun place for children and families to explore, discover, and learn through hands-on exhibits and programs. Three floors and an outside play-scape are jam-packed with exhibits for children ages two to ten. Unique educational programs and activities are scheduled throughout each week.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made through the website. Visitors are also encouraged to read the museum's Open & Safe policies on the website.

*Located at 1010 Nipomo St. in San Luis Obispo. Hours are Thu-Mon, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call (805) 544-5437 or visit [slocm.org](http://slocm.org).*

## San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum has it all, from the first narrow-gauge Pacific Coast Railway that carried people and goods from Avila to San Luis

Obispo, through the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1896, to modern times. The exhibits include a variety of railroad cars and railroad equipment, including a 1926 Pullman observation car. The museum presents a variety of displays and artifacts that cover railroads and railroad topics such as Surf, Santa Maria Valley, Southern Pacific, Amtrak, Port San Luis, the Pacific Coast Railway, Orchard Express, Union Pacific, and more. A variety of community events are hosted throughout the year.

*The museum, located at 1940 Santa Barbara Avenue, is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children; members and kids under 3 are free. For more information, see [slorrm.com](http://slorrm.com) or call (805) 548-1894. Visitors are encouraged to visit the website for the most recent visitor information.*



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# Discovering the diverse wines of the San Luis Obispo area

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

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

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

The gentle sunshine and moderate Pacific Ocean maritime climate combine with the fertile soil to produce incredible wines. Bring a camera and plan on a day of adventure sipping great wine, sampling some apple brandy, having lunch, and playing some bocce ball.

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

Claiborne & Churchill Winery, still run by original owners Claiborne and Fredericka Churchill Thompson, has been producing Alsatian-style whites since 1983. In 1995, the

couple built their pioneering, eco-friendly straw bale-constructed winery and opened their tasting room in the Edna Valley. Over the years, they have expanded their picturesque garden area to accommodate more guests and larger parties for tastings and seasonal events.

The upscale, welcoming tasting room is located in the barrel room, allowing the popular producer to accommodate more visitors comfortably. Reservations are available for small private events such as birthdays, anniversaries, and graduation parties.

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

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

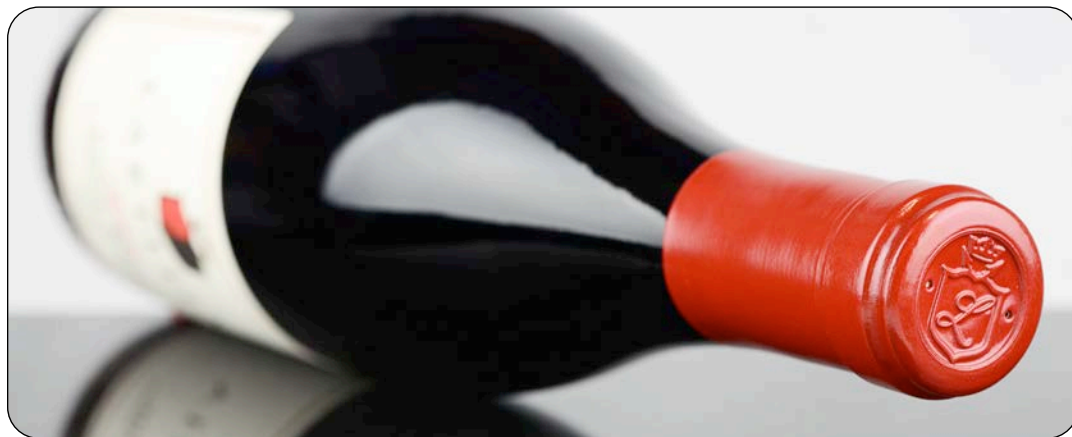
### Award-winning wine, grappa, and brandy at Autry Cellars

Overlooking vineyards and 40 miles of the Santa Lucia mountain range is Autry Cellars. Owner and artisan winemaker Steve Autry and his tasting room staff pour wine varietals, grappa, and his signature apple brandy from some of the best grapes selected from across the region.

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

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

Visit Autry Cellars tasting room at 5450-B Edna Road in San Luis Obispo; open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (last reservation at 4 p.m.) and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday (last reservation at 3 p.m.), [autrycellars.com](http://autrycellars.com). For reservations, call (805) 546-8669.







**T**ake a drive away from the beaten paths of Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 1 and discover the quiet paradise of Avila Beach. The oceanside community offers something for every interest and all ages from quiet romantic weekends to beaches, hiking trails, kid and pet friendly parks, shopping, great food, golfing and hot springs. Choose from the many hotels and enjoy family meals or a sunset dinner at an oceanfront restaurant. This delightful small town rests at the edge of San Luis Obispo Bay. The San Luis Obispo Creek empties into the bay at Avila Beach providing views of native wildlife along with the region's unique marine life. The nearby Avila Beach Bird Sanctuary is great for bird watching any time of year and especially during bird migrations.

## Attractions

### Piers in Avila Beach

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

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

### Fishing

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

### Hiking

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

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# Pismo Beach,

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

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

### Attractions

#### Dinosaur Caves Park

Located at the corner of Cliff Street and Shell Beach Road, this 11-acre park is popular with walkers,

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

#### Oceano Dunes

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

#### Ocean views

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

- Chumash Park covers 38-acres of wetlands, willows, oaks and is home

to a rich variety of birds and wildlife. Bring a camera. Leashed dogs are welcome.

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

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

#### Hiking and scenic walks at the Pismo Preserve

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

#### Price Historical Park

This four-acre park and open space provides hiking trails and a class 1 bike trail. The park incorporates a self-guided history walk recognizing Chumash culture



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

### Pismo Beach Pier

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

## Attractions & Tours

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## Dining & Drinks

### Ada's Fish House

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# Pismo Fish and Chips—where original customers now bring their grandkids

## *A Pismo Beach favorite since the 1960s*

Any trip to the beach is incomplete without a bowl of clam chowder or a plate of fresh fish and chips. It seems like restaurants are opening and closing at an alarming pace, but Pismo Fish and Chips has been an institution in Pismo Beach since the early 1960s. It started when the Zechner family immigrated to America from Holland in 1959. They did odd jobs around town and even received help from a local church. With \$500, Ann Zechner opened a fresh fish market across from the



Fish and chips made fresh for every order.

restaurant's current location. She had no experience running a fish market, but that didn't matter. It was a success!

Her husband, Jack Zechner, who was helping in the market, found a wallet nearby with \$900 inside (for context, the minimum wage was \$1.00 per hour in 1962). He immediately called the man who had lost his wallet. Of course, the man was grateful and offered a large reward, but Jack refused. The man turned out to be the local bank president, and he told Jack to call if he ever needed help.

Well, the Zechners wanted to open a restaurant, but couldn't raise the money they needed. They tried everything with no success. Then, Jack contacted the bank president, who gave them the loan even

The logo for Ada's Fish House is circular with "PISMO BEACH, CA" at the top, "Ada's" in a large script font, "Fish House" in a smaller sans-serif font, and "EST. 2019" at the bottom. Below the logo is a small photo of a man in a blue shirt standing behind a counter. The main image shows a plate of oysters on ice with a small metal cup of sauce and a glass of beer.

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The logo for Rosa's Ristorante Italiano is oval-shaped with "ROSAS" in a large serif font, "RISTORANTE ITALIANO" in a smaller font below it, and a decorative flourish at the bottom. The main image shows a plate of seafood, including mussels, clams, and shrimp, garnished with herbs. An inset photo shows a colorful salad.

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though they didn't qualify for it. Jack's good deed paid off because they opened Pismo Fish and Chips in 1963 with that loan, and the rest is history.

Little has changed inside the restaurant since 1963. The mural of Holland is still on the wall, and diners sit in cozy booths. Many of the employees have been there for decades, and the recipes that people lined up for in the 1960s are the same recipes that are served today.

The restaurant stayed in the family until 2014, when Karishma and Arpan Smith bought it. The Smiths appreciate the rich history of the restaurant and are dedicated to keeping it the same as it's always been. Karishma Smith said, "Every day we hear stories from our customers about how they have been coming here since the 60s or 70s, and now they bring in their grandkids. It has become a family tradition to come here every time they are in Pismo, and they have so many

memories built in this place over the years."

The Smiths keep the menu current with their new specials, but the traditional menu relies on the recipes from the 1960s. Karishma states, "We are known for our Wild Caught Alaskan Cod Fish and Chips. Each order is hand-cut and hand-dipped in our signature tempura-style batter and made fresh per order." Of course, the menu has more than just fish and chips. Diners can have a bowl of chowder, a hamburger, a salad, grilled fish, or even crab legs and lobster. They have a little bit of everything!

Stop by and taste a little bit of Pismo Beach history on your next trip!

*Pismo Fish and Chips, located at 505 Cypress Street in Pismo Beach, is open Tuesday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. For more information or to order online, visit [pismofishandchips.com](http://pismofishandchips.com) or call (805) 773-2853.*

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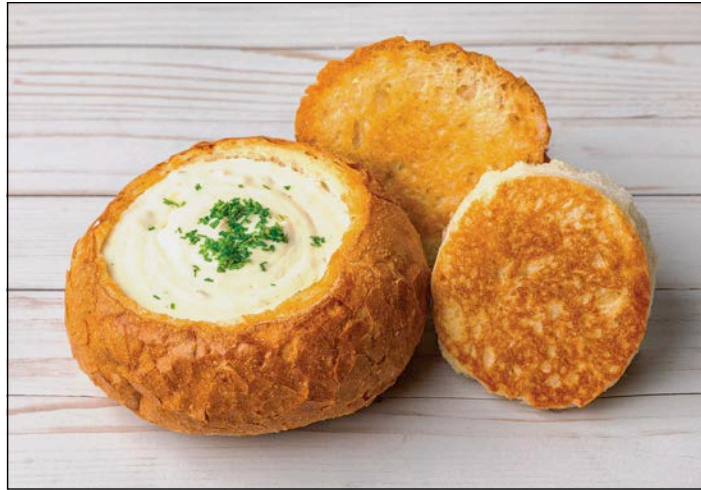


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Clam chowder is served in freshly baked bread bowls.

trip to Pismo Beach is complete without a bowl of their Award-Winning Clam Chowder, which

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Splash Café continues to serve the public from its original Pismo Beach location, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Now, guests can enjoy a variety of pastries, desserts, espresso drinks, and more, perfect for a stroll along the beach.

## Beyond clam chowder

Joanne's passion for flavors and culinary experimentation extends beyond the café into a growing bakery and retail line. Her carrot pepper hot sauce, Raucous Daucus, was created to complement the café's signature Clam Chowder, and the sauce's success paved the way for more unique offerings. A trio of spice rubs followed—Smoky Chili, Smoky Citrus, and Smoky Chimi, designed for year-round grilling and culinary adventures.



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

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

#### Come visit or order online

Whether you're stopping by for a meal at the Pismo Beach location or ordering your favorites to be shipped nationwide, Splash Café continues to bring the flavors of the Central Coast to you. Order online for pick-up, local delivery, or nationwide shipping!

Stop by Splash Café in Pismo Beach at 197 Pomeroy Ave, open daily at 9 a.m. For online orders, nationwide shipping, blogs, promos, and more, visit [splashcafe.com](http://splashcafe.com) or call (805) 773-4653.



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# Illuminating imagination—the timeless charm of Thomas Kinkade

## Broaden your horizons at Thomas Kinkade Showcase by the Sea Gallery

A few short blocks from the iconic Pismo Beach Pier, on the corner of Cypress Street and Stimson Avenue, stands a brick building with double doors swung wide open. As you step inside the Thomas Kinkade Showcase-By-The-Sea Gallery, the bright sunshine, salty sea air, and the tantalizing scent from Pismo Fish & Chips fade away as your eyes adjust to the dim lighting. Spotlight-illuminated paintings wink at you from every corner, eliciting hushed tones as you wander the cool, quiet gallery.



### Kinkade paintings offer 'a window to the imagination.'

A California native, Kinkade was known as the "Painter of Light," using techniques perfected by a distinguished group of nineteenth-century American painters, known as the Luminists.

"I try to create paintings that are a window for the imagination," Kinkade once said. "If people look

at my work and are reminded of the way things once were, or perhaps, the way they could be, then I've done my job."

"Thom's peaceful paintings reach a variety of people. Anyone is bound to fall in love with one of his many styles and scenes," explains long-time gallery owner Ann Smith. "Thom's paintings draw you into a place where you would like to be."

While Kinkade's work is most often associated with whimsical

landscapes and cozy English cottages, a stroll through the gallery will broaden your horizons with Kinkade's interpretation of Baseball, NASCAR, and the "ever-popular Disney Collection."

Smith and her team have done their job as well, showcasing Kinkade's work in the best light. Dimmer switches positioned next to the paintings allow patrons to experience the beautiful transformations that Kinkade's works take at dawn, dusk, or noon.

Since its opening in 1996, the gallery has built countless relationships with collectors and tourists alike, offering a quiet cultural reprieve from the busyness of Pismo Beach.

"Through the years, we have helped many decorate their home with what I believe is timeless, superb art," Smith said. "We work in a most peaceful setting at the beach and have made many wonderful friends through the years."

"Come on in," Smith said. The doors are open, and Kinkade's light-filled "window for the imagination" is there for you to explore in Pismo Beach, California.

*Thomas Kinkade Showcase by the Sea is located at 500 Cypress S-5 in Pismo Beach. For more information, visit [showcasegalleries.com](http://showcasegalleries.com) or call (805) 773-9424.*

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# Grover Beach

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

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

## Attractions

### Skating

The South County Skate Park, operated by the City of Grover Beach, is located at 1750 Ramona Ave. The park is open to skateboarders and inline skaters.

Helmets and knee and elbow pads are required. Call (805) 473-4568 for more information.

### Hiking and beaches

Grover Beach shares one of the longest stretches of beaches in the area with Pismo Beach. Close to 15 miles of open beach is available for long beach walks, jogging, or exploring the beach and surrounding landscapes. Grover Beach is also a gateway to the many outdoor activities that are available. The Grover Beach Recreation Department provides online trail maps to just about every open space in San Luis Obispo County. Visit [grover.org](http://grover.org) to download the maps.

### Golf

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

- Pismo Beach Golf Course. This ocean front, nine-hole, par 27 course is located just one mile from downtown Grover Beach on LaSage Drive. Visit [pismo-beachgolf.com](http://pismo-beachgolf.com).
- Cypress Ridge Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 72 course located just four miles from the center of Grover Beach in Arroyo Grande. Visit [cypressridge.com](http://cypressridge.com) for tee times and more information.
- Blacklake Golf Resort. Play a choice of courses on these Nipomo links, or practice on the 275 yard driving range. Visit [blacklake.com](http://blacklake.com) for more information.

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## Shopping

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# Natural Healing Center—elevating cannabis education on the Central Coast

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

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

Microdosing cannabis—consuming small, controlled amounts—can be a fantastic way to heighten your senses and deepen your connection to the environment. For those who like to explore the many outdoor experiences in the area, try hiking the Bob Jones Trail. This scenic, tree-lined path winds through the Avila Valley and ends at the stunning Avila Beach. A light cannabis microdose can enhance the vibrant colors of the natural surroundings and heighten your appreciation of the area's serenity. Stop by one of the local cafés for a coffee or snack before you head back, and don't forget to breathe in the crisp coastal air. Or try exploring the calm waters of Morro Bay, where you can paddle alongside sea otters and enjoy stunning views of Morro Rock.



**Natural Healing Center, where customers feel informed and comfortable.**

A microdose can enhance your sensory experience, making the sounds of the water and the sights of marine life even more vivid.

## Enjoy safely

While cannabis can be a great addition to many activities, it's important to consume responsibly. Always adhere to California's cannabis laws, including restrictions on public consumption and driving under the influence. Whether you're here to hike, sip wine, or simply unwind, San Luis Obispo County offers the perfect backdrop for a cannabis-friendly getaway. With its stunning scenery, welcoming vibe, and abundance of local cannabis products, it's a destination that truly has it all. So, stop in at the Natural Healing Center in Morro Bay or Grover Beach, grab

your favorite microdose-friendly product, and get ready to explore the Central Coast in a whole new way.

Natural Healing Center is located at 998 Huston St. in Grover Beach, 495 Morro Bay Blvd in

Morro Bay, 338 West D Street in Lemoore, and 3401 W Monte Vista Ave in Turlock. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. For more information about locations, product selection, and more, visit [nhcdispensaries.com](http://nhcdispensaries.com) or call (805) 201-1848.



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# Arroyo Grande



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

## Attractions

### The Swinging Bridge

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

### Open-air historical experiences

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

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

### Farm fresh foods

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

### Farmer's market

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

### Lopez Lake Recreation Area

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

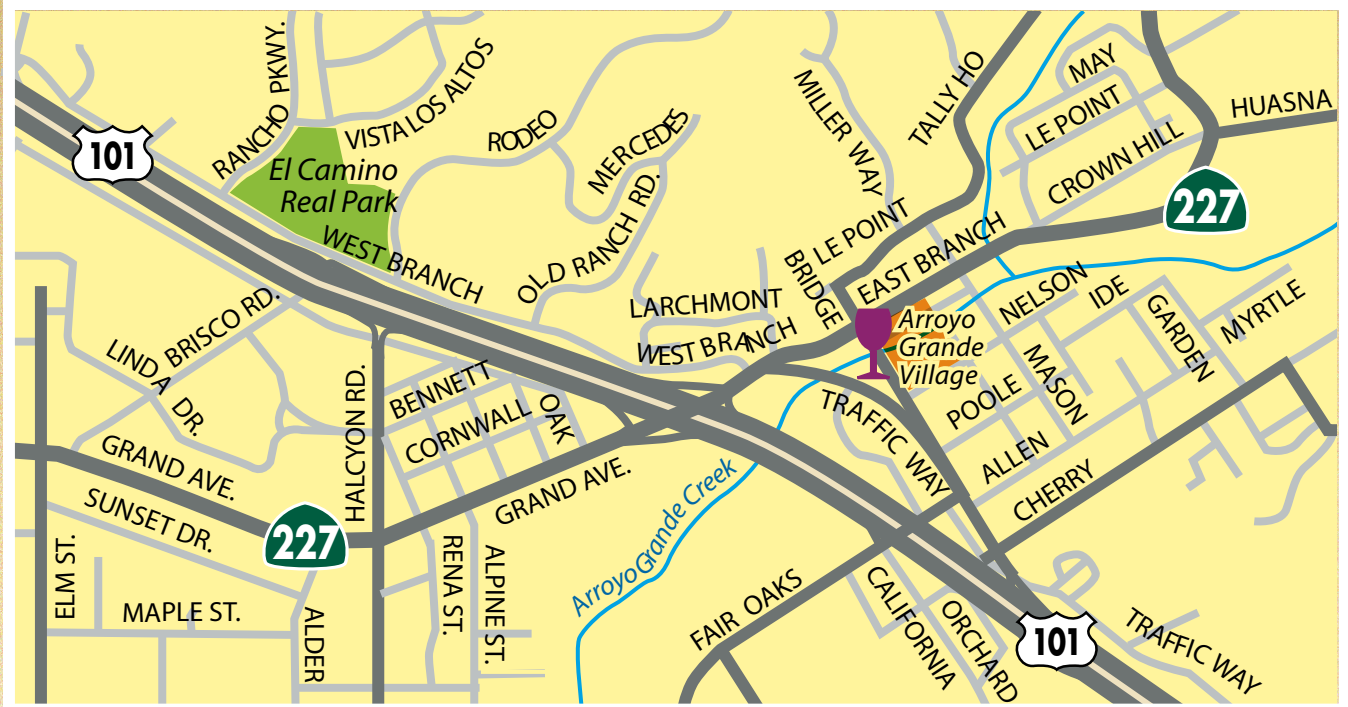
species of birds and all of the wildlife that calls the region home. Quagga mussel inspections are in force. Call (805) 781-5930 for more information about Quagga mussel inspections, camping, boat launching and horse trailer parking.

## Dining & Drinks

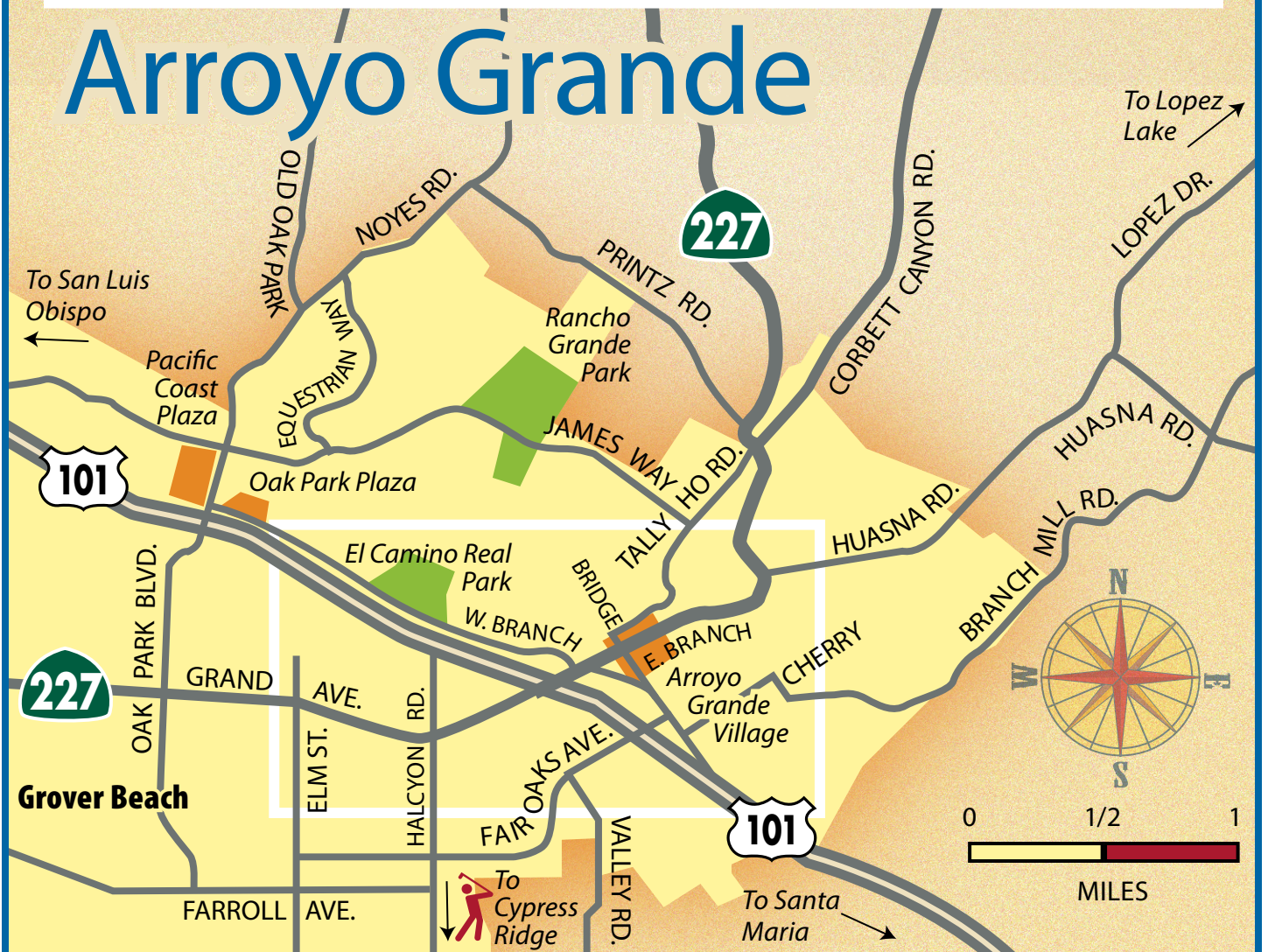
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# Arroyo Grande





# Exploring nature near Arroyo Grande



Vacations are always better with adventure, exploring and experiencing nature. The Arroyo Grande countryside is some of the most beautiful in the region, and there are miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails less than 20 minutes from Arroyo Grande Village.

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

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

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

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

## Easy trails

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

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

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

## Moderate trails

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Challenging trails

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Getting there

Take Huasana Road to Lopez Road and into the Lopez Lake Recreation Area. Along with hiking, the recreation area offers boating, fishing, and camping, including an equestrian camp. The marina at the lake has a convenience store, restaurant, and snack bar.

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

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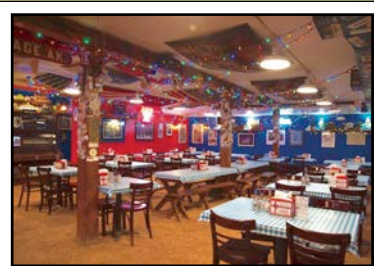
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# Nipomo

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

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

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

## Attractions

### Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes

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

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

### Nipomo Native Gardens

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

### Nipomo Swap Meet

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

### Dana Adobe Historical Landmark and Cultural Center

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

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

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# Los Osos

## and Baywood Park



**L**os Osos, Spanish for “the bears,” is off the beaten path and the gateway to Montana de Oro, an amazing state park along the ocean. Ranch Cañada de Los Osos, meaning “Valley of the Bears,” was a Mexican land grant initially granted to Victor Linares in 1842 by Governor Juan B. Alvarado. The town of Los Osos 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.

### Montaña de Oro State Park

The park is well-used with daily visitors throughout the year who go there to hike, picnic, fish, camp, surf, take a dip in the ocean, or visit the tide pools. The park’s visitor center is located at Spooner’s Ranch House Museum above Spooner’s Cove. The park is open from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free to enter. Details: (805) 772-6101, or [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov).

### El Moro Elfin Forest

El Moro Elfin Forest in Los Osos is a 90-acre natural area in the San Luis Obispo County Parks and California State Parks systems. Its plant communities include

coastal brackish marsh, riparian woodland fringe, pygmy oak woodland, maritime chaparral, and coastal dune scrub. The Elfin Forest supports more than 200 species of plants, as well as 110 kinds of birds, 22 species of mammals, and 13 species of reptiles and amphibians. It is home to rare plants, butterflies, snails, and birds. Chumash middens occur throughout the forest. There is a short, wheelchair accessible boardwalk loop that also protects sensitive habitat. Guided walks are conducted every third Saturday, reservations required. The forest is managed by the Friends of El Moro Elfin Forest. Details: [elfin-forest.org](http://elfin-forest.org), (805) 528-0392.

### Baywood Pier

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

### Los Osos Community Park

Located at the corner of Los Osos Valley Road and Palisades Avenue, the park includes a 17,000-square-foot skate park, three tennis courts, playgrounds and restrooms. The park is ideal for walking or picnicking and is the site of the Los Osos Valley School, one of five original one-room schoolhouses between San Luis Obispo and the coast. Of those five, only two still exist today, both in Los Osos.

### Sweet Springs Nature Preserve

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

### Baywood Park Farmers’ Market

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

### Bear statues

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

## Dining & Drinks

### Foggy Bottom Distillery

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

### The Olde Alehouse

A family owned establishment with 20 craft beers on tap, local wine and delicious food. Both indoor and outdoor seating with fire pits. Dog friendly patio and occasional music. Perfect for a stop on your way to Montana de Oro State Park 945 Los Osos Valley Road Los Osos, [theoldealehouse.com](http://theoldealehouse.com), (805) 439-1466





# Birdwatching in winter?

## Thousands of birds are migrating

*San Luis Obispo County is a hotspot on the Pacific Flyway*

The Pacific Flyway is a major migratory route for billions of birds that travel between their breeding and overwintering grounds. The route stretches from Alaska to Patagonia, South America. Birdwatching during migration is the chance to see birds that most of us never see otherwise.

It's no accident that hundreds of people also migrate to SLO County every January to participate in the Morro Bay Bird Festival. Another group that spearheads birdwatching activities is the Morro Coast Audubon Society (MCAS). There are plenty of opportunities for excellent birdwatching, so pack up the kids, binoculars, cameras, a picnic, and head out! Best to leave the dogs at home; many wildlife sanctuaries and preserves don't allow dogs.

Sweet Springs Nature Preserve in Los Osos is one of the top birdwatching locations in SLO County. Birds that can be seen at Sweet Springs Nature Preserve include a rich variety of water birds and shore birds, bald eagles, ospreys, hawks, hummingbirds, woodpeck-



Red-naped sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*).

ers, and many bird species some of us may have never seen before.

With 464 bird species documented in SLO County, and individual birds numbering in the thousands, there's no reason to stay home!

### Birdwatching on the coast

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

the Harmony Headlands in San Simeon, and the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve near Cambria.

### Birdwatching inland

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

### Getting to know the birds

Learning to identify each unique species can range from curiosity about what's in your backyard

to trips to observe birds in their natural habitats.

Joining a group is a fun way to learn and make new friends. The MCAS offers several monthly bird walks, beginner workshops, and in-depth learning classes. The 2026 Morro Bay Bird Festival is scheduled for January 15–19, offering five days packed with special birdwatching opportunities, events, and presentations by leading ornithologists and naturalists.

Learn more about the Morro Coast Audubon Society at [montereyaudubon.org](http://montereyaudubon.org), and the Morro Bay Bird Festival at [morrobaybird-festival.org](http://morrobaybird-festival.org).

If you're not into bundling up on cold days, spring and summer are nesting seasons when birders look forward to returning birds that have been gone all winter. Nesting season is an excellent opportunity to watch and learn. Species you might see include the hooded oriole, Bullock's oriole, black-headed grosbeak, cliff swallow, tree swallow, and Allen's hummingbird.

*The Sweet Springs Nature Preserve is located in Los Osos off Ramona Avenue and has been owned and managed by MCAS since 1989. The preserve offers hiking trails, beautiful views of Morro Bay and Morro Rock, and excellent birding opportunities. No pets please!*

—Jackie Iddings





# Morro Bay

## *A sightseer's delight*

Explore the natural beauty of Morro Bay, a town famous for its fog and fishing. Whether for a day or a week, this small town by the Rock has something for everyone.

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

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

Looking to take a slower pace? Stroll down the Embarcadero and browse gift shops and art galleries. Explore the local cuisine and dine on fresh caught fish. Sit on a bench in Tideland Park and watch the boats leaving the harbor or take a walk on the beach and watch the waves. Walk out the harbor boardwalk to Morro Rock, the 576-foot

volcanic plug that looms over the bay and seashore. Keep an eye out for sea otters that rest in the kelp beds near the shore.

## Attractions

### Morro Bay Maritime Museum

This museum has been preserving and interpreting the maritime history, especially that of California since 1995. The current fleet on exhibit includes the tug boat "Alma" that rescued sailors from the December 1941 Japanese attack on a Union Oil tanker off the coast of Morro Bay and the "Avalon," one of two Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicles (DSRV) submarines designed to rescue crews of downed submarines. The museum is located at 1210 Embarcadero in Morro Bay. For hours visit [morrobaymaritime.org](http://morrobaymaritime.org).

### Morro Bay State Park

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

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

### North Point Natural Area

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

### Black Hill Trail

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

### Giant chessboard at Centennial Parkway

According to the United States Chess Federation, the Giant Chessboard at Centennial Parkway, 806 Embarcadero, is only one of two outdoor chessboards in the United States. The other is located in New York City. The Morro Bay Chess Club installed chess tables and benches adjacent to the Giant Chessboard. The Giant

Chessboard is available for reservations, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., through the Morro Bay Recreation Services for a small fee. Visitors are always welcomed to join the Morro Bay Chess Club on Saturdays beginning at noon. For more information call (805) 772-6278

## Art Galleries

### Art Center Morro Bay

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

### David J Rogers Fine Art

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

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## Dining & Drinks

### Bayside Cafe

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

## Shopping

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## Hotels & Lodging

### Salty Sister Boutique Hotel

Salty Sister a boutique hotel is Morro Bay's newest hotel and closest lodging to Morro Rock. With a stunning panoramic view of the bay, this boutique hotel | vacation rental is a popular addition to the Morro Bay waterfront. Rent the full complex (six private suites) or choose a 1, 2 or 3 bedroom suite layout, 7svr.com, (805) 900-6000



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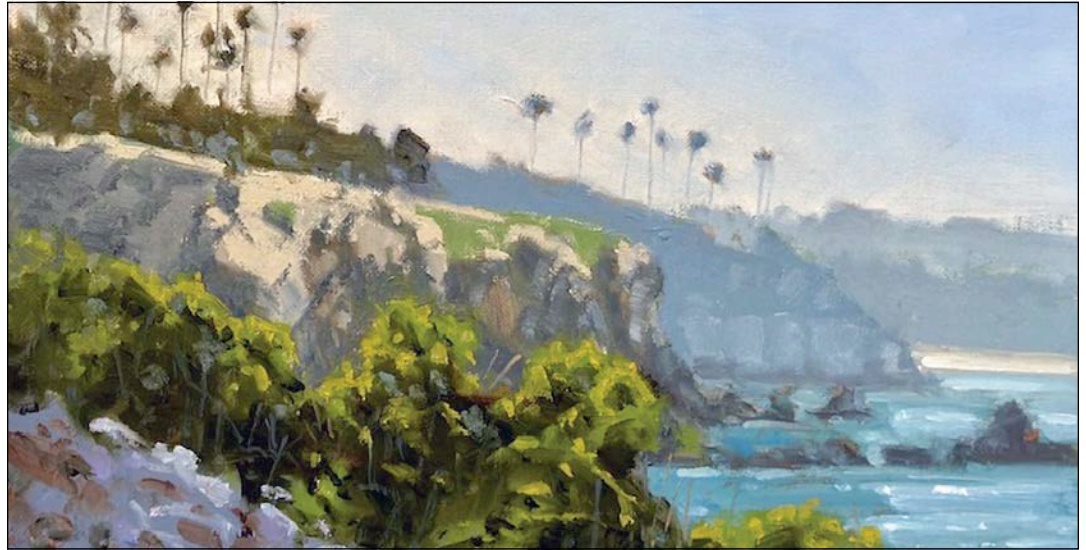




# Art Center Morro Bay, 75 years of vibrant creative legacy

*Art exhibits, classes, workshops, and demonstrations for everyone*

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



'Coastline along Shell Beach' by Joe McFadden.

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## Art all year

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

Free demonstrations by talented artists are presented on the second Monday of each month from 3 - 5 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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

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

## A history of art and community

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

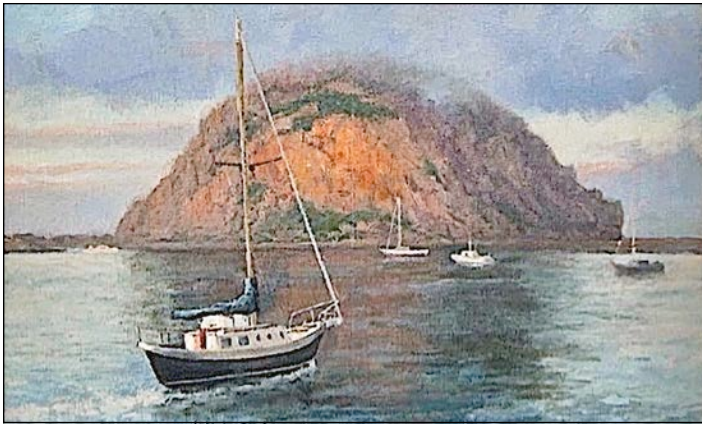
Art Center Morro Bay works with local high schools and the Cuesta College Art Department to provide internship programs and scholarships to deserving youths.

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

## Art in the Park

Among MBAA's most cherished legacies is Morro Bay Art in the Park, one of California's longest-running outdoor art festivals. Founded and still produced by the nonprofit, Art in the Park has, for the last seven decades, brought artists, visitors, and the community together in a shared celebration of creativity.





This event is not only a treasured tradition, it's also MBAA's most important fundraiser, helping sustain scholarships, art programs, and the gallery's operations year-round. As we look toward the future, the MBAA is reconnecting the event with its community roots, strengthening ties between artists, volunteers, and local businesses, and ensuring that this iconic event continues to thrive for generations to come.

Stay tuned for exciting updates as we honor the past, celebrate the

present, and reimagine the future of Art in the Park in Morro Bay. Three annual weekend summer shows are held in Morro Bay Park over Labor Day, Independence Day, and Memorial Day weekends. Please reach out if you would like to get involved!

Come get inspired!

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

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# Inspired by sea and sky, the art and inspiration of David J Rogers

*Nationally recognized  
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watercolor education  
and retreats home to  
the Central Coast*

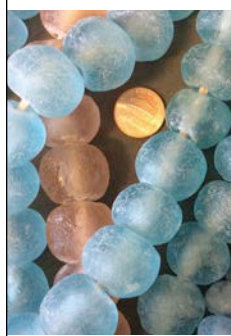
The rugged cliffs, soft morning fog, and tranquil tide pools of California's Central Coast have long inspired artists, and watercolorist David J. Rogers is one of its most passionate ambassadors. In 2018, David and his wife and business partner, Peggy, opened the David J. Rogers Fine Art Gallery in downtown Morro Bay. Since then, the gallery has evolved into not only a destination for art, but a hub for learning, community, and creative discovery.



David J Rogers Gallery is a hub for art, learning, and community.



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## From self-taught beginnings to inspiring thousands

A self-taught artist, David has been drawing and painting since childhood. With more than 25 years of professional experience and a lifetime of studying light, shadow, and atmosphere, he has developed a teaching style that is now followed by students around the world. His step-by-step "learn by doing" approach allows beginners to create surprisingly advanced paintings - even on their very first try - while still challenging and inspiring seasoned artists.

"Watercolor is a natural transition from drawing," David explains. "You're not just adding pigment - you're preserving the light. In watercolor, the paper itself is part of the painting, and that's what makes the medium both beautiful and challenging."

## Art for everyone—workshops, courses and online learning

David's workshops and online courses make watercolor accessible to students across the globe. Through live online watercolor mastery workshops held twice

each month, artists paint alongside David in real time, learning composition, color harmony, and brush control. His website also offers beginner-friendly online courses and digital resources, including several recorded workshops.

For those seeking a deeper journey, David offers year-long watercolor programs designed to cultivate artistic identity, mastery of design principles, and personal style.

## Central Coast retreats and worldwide inspiration

In addition to online instruction, David and Peggy now host intimate in-person watercolor retreats along the Central Coast each year. These retreats welcome artists to paint among Morro Bay's coastal dunes, fishing boats, eucalyptus groves, and oak-studded hillsides, immersed in the beauty that inspires so much of David's work.

This past year, they also led a group of students on an unforgettable painting trip through Italy, capturing the golden rooftops of Tuscany, the stone villages of Umbria, and quiet moments of light and shadow in centuries-old streets.





David and Peggy Rogers.

The experience sparked a wave of fresh inspiration, influencing many of David's newest works now hanging in the gallery.

Visitors to the gallery today will find walls filled with new watercolor paintings - vibrant seascapes, soft coastal fog, vineyards from Tuscany, and peaceful scenes from Italian hill towns - each piece carries the story of place, light, and memory.

### Commissioned artwork

Collectors are invited to commission custom paintings - whether a favorite vacation scene, beloved home, or meaningful memory. Working from photos or on-site sketches, David creates original watercolor pieces tailored to the client's vision.

### A place of community, creativity, and coastal beauty

Whether you stop in to browse the artwork, join a workshop, or pick up a paintbrush for the first time, David and Peggy warmly welcome you.

"Morro Bay has embraced us since the day we opened," David says. "This community, the ocean,

the light - it's an endless source of inspiration. And to be able to share that through teaching and art, it's a gift."

Their love for the town is seen not just in their paintings, but also in the large mural they donated to the City of Morro Bay, celebrating the annual Kite Festival - a colorful landmark now proudly displayed on the side of their gallery.

The David J Rogers Fine Art Gallery is located at 407 Morro Bay Boulevard, Morro Bay. For more information about the art, workshops, instructions, commissions, and gallery events, visit [davidjrogersart.com](http://davidjrogersart.com), call (805) 225-5077, or follow on Facebook.



The advertisement for Salty Sister Boutique Hotel is divided into two main sections. The top section shows a modern bedroom with a large bed, a headboard, and a window offering a view of Morro Rock. The bottom section shows the exterior of the hotel, a two-story building with a white railing and a stone walkway. A logo for "SALTY SISTER Boutique Hotel" is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "Seven Sisters VACATION RENTALS (805) 900-6000 1170 Front St., Morro Bay Book Now!" along with a QR code.



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

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

## Attractions

### Public art

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

### Explore tidepools

Rocky areas around the pier on Cayucos State Beach are great areas to find tidepools. Estero Bluffs State Park north of Cayucos is another area with plenty of tidepools. Depending on the tide, the animals that can be seen in tidepools include small fish, shrimp, sea stars, hermit crabs, anemones, sponges, sea urchins, tube worms, sea cucumbers and many, many more. Please leave the tidepools exactly as you found them. Tidepools are special, fragile systems and disturbing the animals and plants can cause harm.

### Fishing

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

### Beach activities

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

## Dining & Drinks

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### Cayucos Sausage Company

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

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*‘The only trouble is deciding what to eat.’*

The laid-back vibes of Cayucos blend perfectly with the relaxed atmosphere of Schooners. Just steps away from the beach, you can drop your beach blanket in the car and walk directly into the restaurant. It's all about the views and the seafood for this Cayucos institution.

It's been a favorite of both locals and visitors since 1994, when founder Bill Larkin purchased the 1930s building and transformed it into the restaurant and bar it is today. The famous upstairs bar was once an apartment, and many locals still remember the woman who lived there for many years.

Schooners has a space for everyone. Diners can sit downstairs in a covered patio and watch the waves and beachgoers, or in the dog-friendly outdoor patio, complete with a water wheel. There's an indoor dining room for anyone who wants to be out of the sun for a while. Upstairs is the outdoor deck overlooking the water and the Cayucos pier. It's absolutely stunning. Diners can dig into a side of calamari while watching the sunset. If the ocean breeze is too much, the overhead heaters keep the chill at bay. Adjacent to the deck is the famous bar. It's small and cozy and feels like you've stepped into a beach town bar of old movies.

The current owner, Brendan Fritzsche, bought Schooners in 2010. He had opened a restaurant in Hawaii, but the lure of the Central Coast brought him and his family back. However, his Hawaii days are evident in the welcoming and charming atmosphere at Schooners, where he brought his love of music. Locals and visitors can belt out their favorite tunes at the Wednesday, 7 p.m. open-mic nights.



Schooners is a favorite for locals and visitors.

Free live music plays on Saturday and Sunday from May to October. “There’s a lot of great talent,” says Fritzsche. He loves supporting talented local and traveling musicians. From Labor

Day to Memorial Day, guests can enjoy happy hour specials. Schooners is famous for its bloody marys and margaritas. They also have craft cocktails, local wines, and many draft beers.

The only trouble is deciding what to eat. The menu is dialed in with local favorites such as fish tacos at lunch. Dinner favorites include pan-seared halibut, Harris Ranch steak, and lobster. Fritzsche says the cioppino topped with crab legs is a must-try. During the winter months, does anything sound better than watching the sunset over the ocean with a seafood stew?

You can book wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners year-round.

Schooners is open late, so there's no excuse to miss this Cayucos gem!

Schooners is located at 171 N Ocean Ave., Cayucos, across from the beach. Open Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Bar is open an hour later. For the menu, reservations, or more information, visit [schoonerscayucos.com](http://schoonerscayucos.com), or call (805) 995-3883.

—Karen Lycan

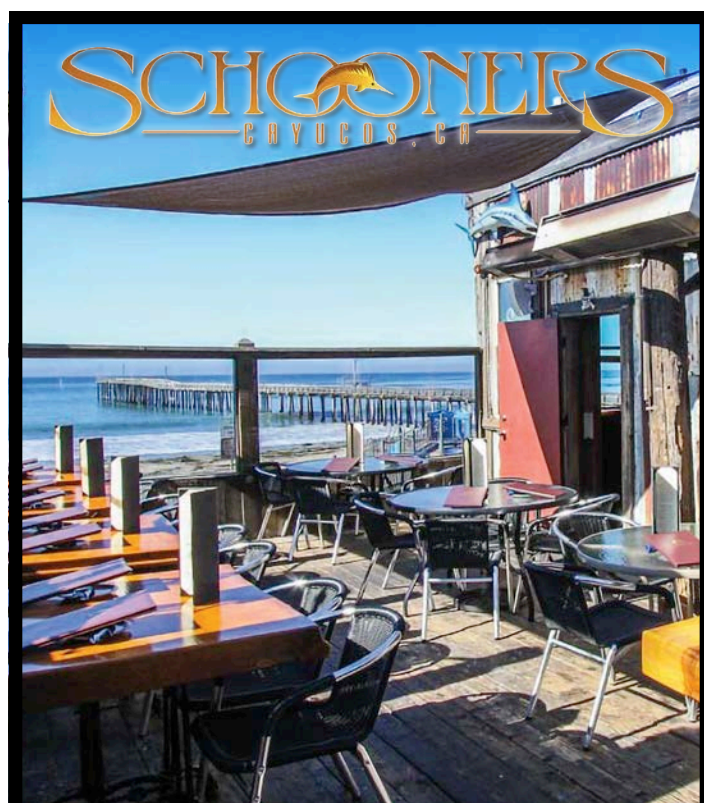


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# Cambria, San Simeon & North Coast

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

Cambria is also known as the gateway to Hearst Castle, glorious ocean scenery along Highway 1, and during the month of October, is the heart of the

Cambria Scarecrow Festival. The festival is an outdoor display of whimsical handmade scarecrows that draws visitors from all over.

## Attractions

### Historical walking tour

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

little about the people and families who shaped Cambria's early years.

### Visit the elephant seals

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

### The Hearst San Simeon State Park

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

- Santa Rosa Creek Preserve includes valuable riparian forests and coastal wetlands, that provide habitat for endangered Tidewater Goby.

- San Simeon Natural Preserve covers vast wetlands, riparian areas, and several undisturbed native plant communities and is a wintering site for monarch butterflies.

- The 13.7 acre Pa-nu Cultural Preserve contains an archaeological site dated to 5850 years before the present era. The site holds significant evidence of prehistoric technology and life patterns.

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

### Nitt Witt Ridge

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

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## Shopping

### Ball & Skein & More

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### The Shops At The Cambria Garden Shed

In mid-town Cambria the quaint shops include several beautifully curated shops: Cambria Garden Shed, garden and home grown rare and exotic succulents; Lily's Coffeehouse, refreshments; Ocean Heir, woman's apparel and greeting cards; Simplistic Home, home décor and gifts; and, Cayucos Cellars Winery. cambriagardenshed.com, (805) 927-7654

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Rich Man Poor Man originated in the mid-1970s in California's Central Valley and moved to Cayucos over 35 years ago. Back then, the rage was Victorian furnishings, China, faux florals, and lots of brown furniture. "Things certainly have changed since then," said Jo-Anna Crebs, who co-owns the mall with her husband, Myles. In 2012, the Crebs moved to the Redwood



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

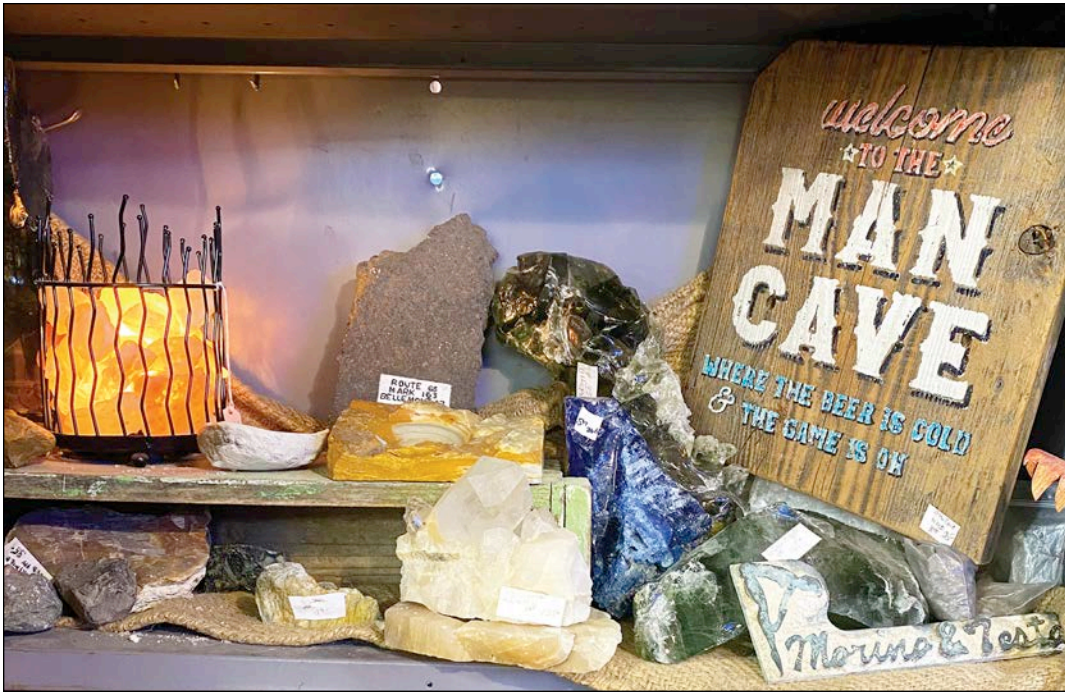
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Myles and JoAnna Crebs, both retired accountants, have owned Rich

Man Poor Man Antique Mall since 1999. "Owning the mall has been the most fun second career we could have chosen," said Joanna. "The

wonderful customers and dealers we have met over the years have been an absolute pleasure! You just don't know what the latest hot item will be.

Often, it will be what Martha Stewart or Joanna Gaines decorates with."

The Crebs are having the time of their lives at Rich Man Poor Man Antiques Mall and plan on doing so for many years to come. Providing quality antiques, vintage items, and collectibles, and superior customer service have been the primary focus of the Rich Man Poor Man since it opened. The Crebs also have a second store at 2200 Main St. (down the street from Taco Temple and Spencer's Market) in Morro Bay, with 8000 square feet of wonderful space, doubling the opportunities for collectors to find long-sought treasures!

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

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

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# Yarn, accessories, classes, and shopping, all at Ball & Skein & More

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Entering the Ball & Skein & More shop in Cambria is stepping into a wonderland of everything the fiber artist dreams about. The racks at Ball & Skein & More are filled with yarns, accessories, and books from over 80 vendors. Yarn enthusiasts will discover richly colored and luxuriously textured yarns ranging from domestic and imported wool to alpaca, llama,



from seeing them in your neighborhoods. The general idea of the Fiber Library (aka Fibrary) is to provide a place for new crafters to get inspiration, tools, and fiber to experiment with. It's also a great place for those of us who have a little "too much stash" to pass on yarn or other tools, or patterns to others.

## Serendipity & fate & more

Ready to retire from 30 years in technology, most recently 17 years at Amazon as a senior manager building Amazon Fresh shopping features, Annie was looking for something new.

She had already fallen in love with the Central Coast during a visit in 2021. Returning in February 2023 on a "retirement recon trip," looking for someplace with lots of sunshine, she walked into Ball & Skein. There was a sign in the window, "Do you want to buy a yarn shop?"

"Yes, I do want to buy a yarn shop," she said to herself. Six weeks later, she was back in Cambria signing the contract to buy the shop! Along with Beverly, her Bernese Mountain dog, she took ownership of the shop in October 2023.

Beverly is part of the staff in this pet-friendly shop whose happy face can be seen on custom project bags and shop stickers. "She is a working dog who greets customers by leaning in and accompanies Mom to the post office to ship orders," said Annie.

## Sip & Stitch & more

Annie offers classes from introduction to knitting or crocheting to project-based classes for learning more advanced skills, such as the world-famous Butterfly Shawl (using short rows) and Doodling with Yarn (using playful stranded colorwork). In addition to the classes, there are free community stitching events at the shop. Friday Fiber Friends meets every Friday from 12 - 1:30PM and is a great learning and socializing opportunity for the community.

cashmere, linen, cotton, and bamboo. Inspiring samples of scarves, hats, sweaters, shawls, blankets, socks, and baby apparel are displayed among the yarn. You can also find colorful accessories like stitch markers and needle toppers that bring joy to the user and make wonderful gifts.

Owner Annie Groeninger focuses on female/family-owned small businesses and fair-trade vendors, including Manos del Uruguay, Trendsetter, Urth Yarns, Smirligans, Round Mountain Fibers, JUL, Emma Ball, Binkwaffle, Katrinkles, Allstitch Studio, Maika, Cowgirl-blues, Fibres of Life, Lemonwood, and Cocoknits—to name just a few! "Being a small, woman-owned business, it just seems natural to support others," said Annie. You can also find world-renowned brands such as Berroco, Della Q, Juniper Moon Farm, Noro, Lang, Lykke, and Skacel. The shop is the largest on the Central Coast and has one of the largest collections of yarn west of the Mississippi.

There's a new addition to the front of the shop—a Free Fiber Library. You may be familiar with the concept of free little libraries

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The monthly Sip & Stitch meet-up includes a choice of wines sourced from Central Coast vineyards and premium teas from Course & Wale. Course & Wale is dedicated to community and good cheer and inspired by a passion for knitting. Even the names of the wines reflect the company's commitment: Knit One is a Cabernet Sauvignon, Purl Two is a Chardonnay, and Tink is the Rosé.

A fitting match for Annie's commitment to supporting local, woman/family-owned, small, and fair-trade artisans, Course & Wale supports knitting non-profits that build skills, offer comfort, and provide warmth. Cheers, dears!

### Great for gifts too

Ball & Skein offers a wide assortment of crafting accessories, from practical to whimsical. Cute project bags and greeting cards by Emma Ball, handy knitting lights from Lumos & Lumos, and hand-crafted wooden yarn minders by Lemonwood are among the offerings. Not just for knitting or crochet projects, colorful Maika project bags add punch to any picnic or shopping outing. For the younger set, potholder kits and the Discover series offer simplified packaged introductions to

knitting, crocheting, and weaving.

The shop features a private label hand-dyed yarn with a palette of colors named after Cambria's attractions: Fiscallini Ranch, Shamel Park, Santa Rosa Creek, Elephant Seal, Olallieberry, Scarecrow Fest, and Squibb House, to name a few. And you don't want to miss the Cambria-themed stitching stickers designed and made locally by Celeste Ward of Make It A Good Daisy designs, or the Moonstone Beach-inspired custom-designed yarns, beanie kits, or yarn minders.

### For the latest classes and news

Annie writes an engaging and informative newsletter every week or two. Be sure to sign up for the newsletter to be the first to know about new products, new classes, and events!

Check out the website for merchandise that can be purchased online and the events and class calendar.

Ball & Skein & More is located at 4210 Bridge St. in Cambria. The shop is open Every Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For schedules or more information, visit [cambriayarn.com](http://cambriayarn.com) or call (805) 927-3280.

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# Atascadero

## Outdoor activities abound



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

### Attractions

#### Atascadero Lake Park

A 1.3-mile easy walk path circles the lake in the park providing views of the lake, the many varieties of birds that frequent the lake and other visiting wildlife. Bring binoculars; more than 48 species of birds have been sighted at the lake and recorded on [ebirds.org](http://ebirds.org). Leashed dogs are allowed and the path is also a favorite place for cyclists. The park has restrooms, small barbecue and recreation areas. The Faces of Freedom Veterans Memorial occupies the edge of the park facing Morro Road and is well worth a visit. The park is located at 9305 Pismo Ave, Atascadero just off of Morro Road (Highway 41).

#### Central Coast Zoo

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

#### Golfing

Atascadero and North San Luis Obispo County has several challenging golf courses. Contact any of these golf courses directly for tee times and more information: Chalk Mountain Golf Course, Links Golf Course of Paso Robles, Paso Robles Golf Club, Hunter Ranch Golf Course and River Oaks Golf Course.

#### Historic City Hall

Atascadero's historic city hall is probably the city's best known historic building. Located at 6500 Palma Ave. and gracing the back of the Sunken Gardens, the double-domed Italian Renaissance building was originally constructed in 1914 as the Atascadero Administration Building. After founder E.G. Lewis

declared bankruptcy the building was purchased in 1927 and, over the years, served as three different private schools and a bank. It became the Veterans Memorial Building when acquired by the County of San Luis Obispo in 1954, and served as a community building. When the City of Atascadero incorporated in 1979, government offices occupied the building until it suffered major damage in the 2003 San Simeon Earthquake. After years of reconstruction and restoration, Historic City Hall opened again in 2013.

### Beer & Cocktails

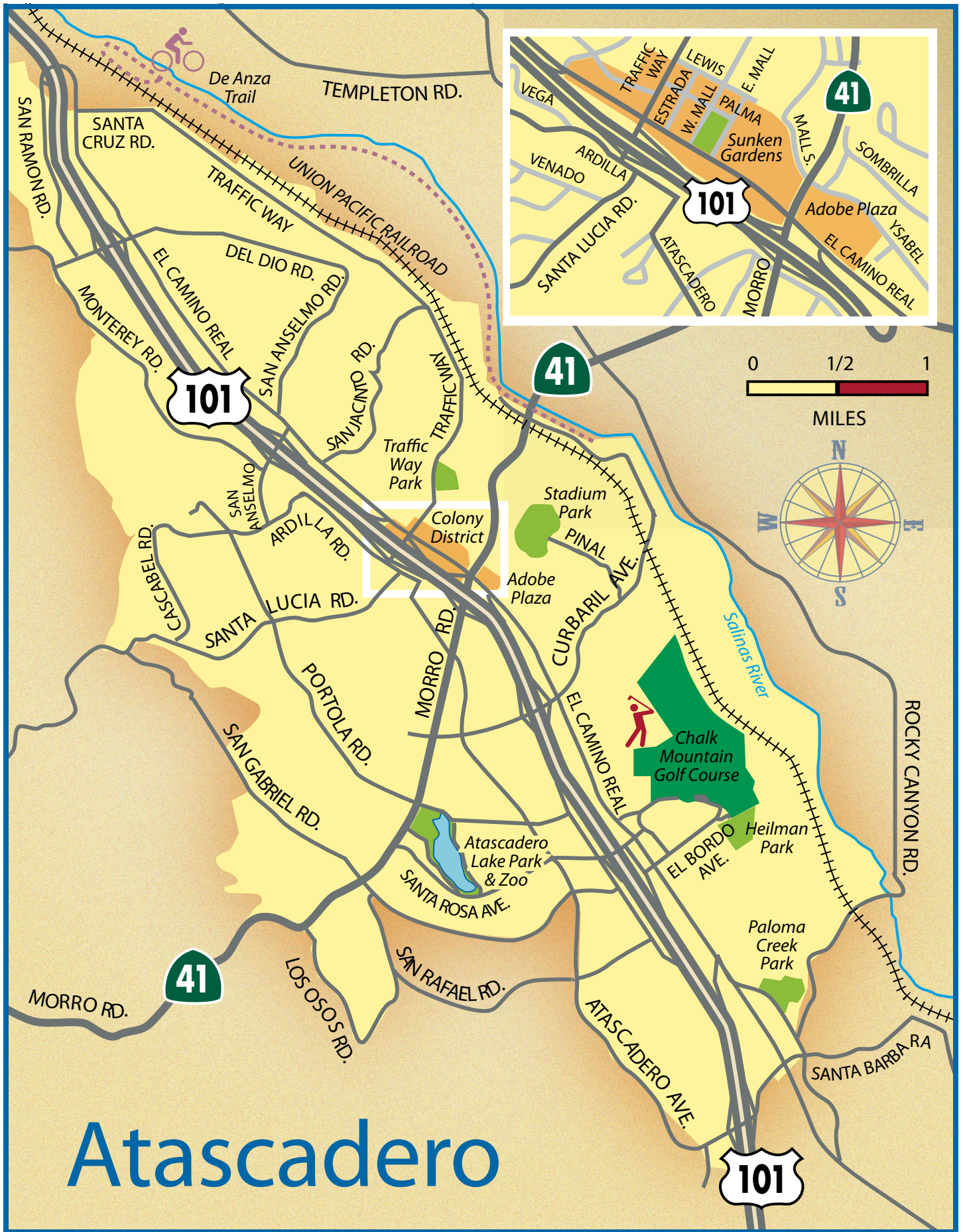
#### Whiskey & June

Whether it's for happy hour or a birthday celebration, Whiskey & June is the perfect spot to meet up with friends in downtown Atascadero! Open daily 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. A local favorite, known for its homemade eggnog that is available starting Thanksgiving Day. 5950 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA, (805) 466-9974. Follow on Facebook.

#### Wild Fields Brewhouse

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# Central Coast Zoo—the local zoo with global presence

## *Conservation in action and fun learning experiences*

From the local California condor to the southern Madagascar Radiated tortoise, the Central Coast Zoo plays a role in global species conservation and animal well-being. A visit to the zoo is more than an opportunity to see and learn about endangered animals from around the world. It is a way to support local and global conservation efforts and an opportunity to be part of activities that help protect threatened species.



The local zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and is one of only 254 zoos worldwide that meet the highest standards for animal care, conserva-

tion, and educational experiences. AZA-accredited zoos work to save animals from extinction through global programs for preserving threatened animals, monitoring endangered natu-

ral habitats, breeding, and reintroducing animals to their native habitats.

“Reintroducing an animal into their natural habitat isn’t as easy as turning them loose,” said Dr. Cynthia Stringfield, director of the Central Coast Zoo. “It involves making sure their habitats are reestablished and safe so that the species survives and flourishes.” Carefully monitored breeding programs make sure there are healthy animals ready to be released, and habitat monitoring makes sure that habitats are sufficiently restored to support the future of the animals.

### **When visiting makes a difference**

Visiting the Central Coast Zoo is a much grander experience than walking around admiring the over 300 animals that represent 100 threatened

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species. It's an opportunity to learn ways to save threatened animals, make a difference for their habitats, and life on the planet.

The zoo has several fun and educational programs and events throughout the year, and any time is the perfect time to visit.

- Keeper chats, held every weekend, are educational, hands-on opportunities to learn about featured animals directly from the zoo staff.
- Children's camps, held in spring and summer, are excellent fun ways for exploring the natural world and learning how to be an ally for wildlife.

• Volunteering is the chance to be part of the behind-the-scenes experiences with zoo operations, working on everything from the gift shop and events to replanting habitats and helping prepare the animals' diets.

• The downloadable Central Coast Zoo Activity Learning Book, available from the website, introduces kids to biodiversity hotspots around the world, filled with rare animals and plants found nowhere else.

Fun events are held throughout the year. Upcoming events include a Valentine's Day event, details to be



announced soon, and the annual Party for the Planet that celebrates Earth Day every April. Check the website regularly or follow the zoo on social media for announcements.

### Condors, butterflies, and tortoises

Dr. Stringfield has first-hand experience with preserving and reintroducing endangered species through her work with the California condors. "I was part of that program from the start," she said. "And now, the Central

Coast Zoo is working in the field with the Ventana Wildlife Society to vaccinate condors.

"We also assist the Xerxes Society with its annual Western monarch butterfly count at local overwintering sites, and this year, we are helping with the new tagging program," Stringfield said. She also reports that, in partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Master Gardeners' program, the zoo is establishing a monarch and pollinator garden at the Highway 41 off-ramp in Atascadero.

"We are also part of the global program preserving the endangered Madagascar Radiated tortoise," she said. "This tortoise is a good example of the perils of leaving an animal alone in its threatened habitat, or releasing it too soon."

The threats to the Radiated tortoise include poaching for the pet trade, food, and medicine. Its habitat is threatened by deforestation for agriculture and charcoal, and invasive species. When an animal is endangered, leaving it alone or attempting to return it before its habitat is stabilized is a path to extinction. While the AZA is continuing educational and environmental efforts in Madagascar, accredited zoos, including the Central Coast Zoo, are working to save this tortoise for the future. Visit the Radiated tortoise on your next trip to the Central Coast Zoo and learn what you can do to save it.

The zoo is located at 9100 Morro Road, Atascadero. For events, admission, membership, volunteer applications, hours, and more information, visit [centralcoastzoo.org](http://centralcoastzoo.org), follow on social media, or call (805) 461-5080.

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# Santa Margarita

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

## Attractions & Tours

### Santa Margarita Lake

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

### The Carrizo Plains National Monument

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

### Santa Margarita Historical Society

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

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

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# Templeton

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

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

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

## Attractions

### Fresh farm to table adventures

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

### Farmers market

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

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

## Dining & Drinks

### Chulos Cafe & Cantina

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

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### Templeton Market & Deli

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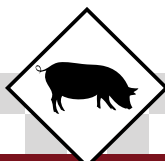


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# Chulo's Café & Cantina, experience the flavors of Templeton's hidden gem

## Latin American innovations from breakfast to lunch

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

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

Breakfast at Chulo's Café & Cantina cannot be missed, as there is a great mix of classic and innovative dishes to choose from daily. The most popular creations include huevos rancheros, chilaquiles, and various types of egg benedicts, including bacon, spinach, roasted poblano pepper, and a corn beef hash style. For lunch, try some favorite local picks such as a carnitas burrito, taco, chile relleno, or cheese enchiladas.



Don't skip the coffee section of the menu! Along with classic choices are delicious, unique Chulo's creations. The coffee choices with a kick include the Café Mexicano, a tequila and steamed horchata espresso, the Irlandes Brevé, a whisky and Irish cream espresso, and the Kafé Lua, a Kahlua shot espresso.

"Everything is made from scratch. It's my passion and all of us here put a lot of effort into abso-

lutely every detail, such as the flavor of food, the presentation, and the service," said Karol, noting that the many years in business have built a loyal and supportive clientele.

Chulo's Café & Cantina is always planning new experiences for the community and visitors while providing exceptional food. The cozy indoor seating, along with a spacious patio, ensures an enjoyable time can be found at Chulo's Café & Cantina.

"We are happy to serve this community because the way they support us is the best feeling. That's the reason we get up every morning. This community is amazing," Karol said.

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

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## *Shopping, Fine Dining & Wine Tasting*

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

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

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

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### **Park Street Gallery**

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## **Attractions & Tours**

### **Franklin Hot Springs**

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### **Redwings Horse Sanctuary**

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## Paso Robles

### Pine Street Saloon

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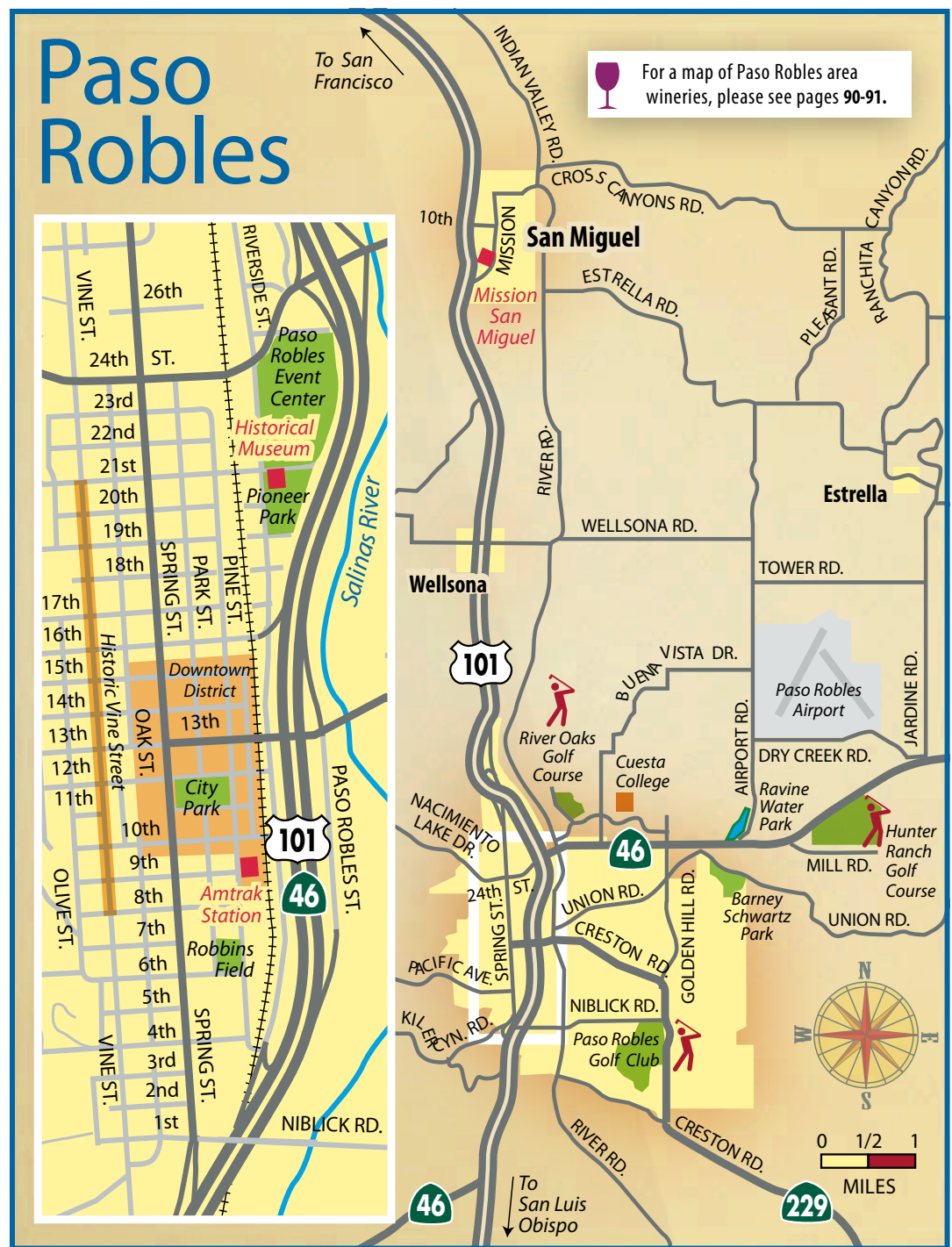
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### Paso Robles Children's Museum

The museum's mission is to engage children in a joyful learn-through-play environment and inspire educational curiosity. It's a favorite for a fun family afternoon. Located in the historic Paso Robles Volunteer Firehouse. See website for hours. 623 13th Street, pasokids.org, (805) 238-7432

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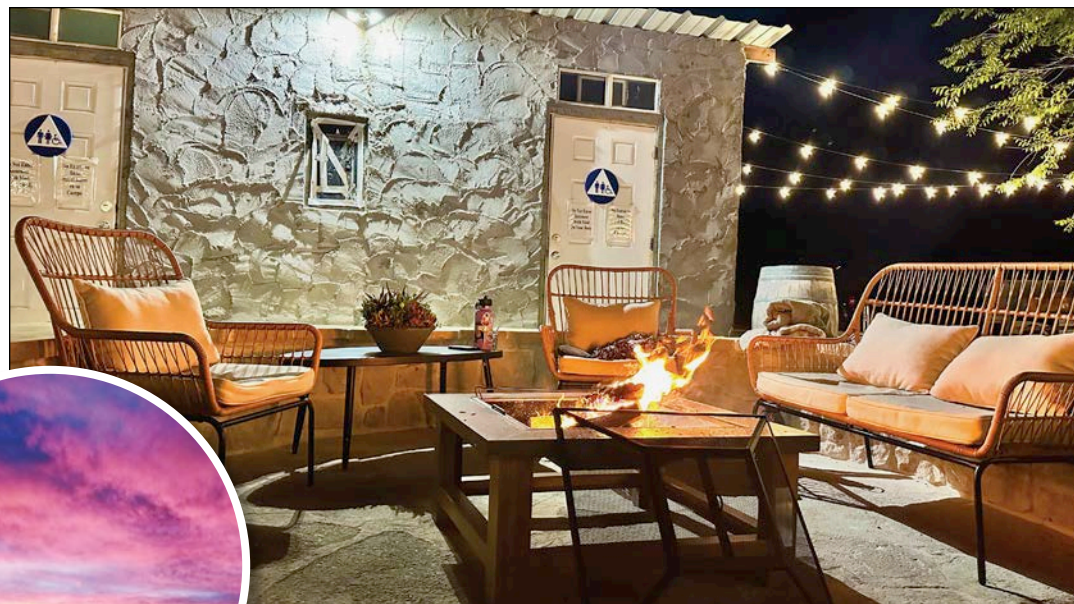


# Franklin Hot Springs— Paso Robles' hidden oasis

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Tucked into the rolling countryside of Paso Robles, Franklin Hot Springs is a sanctuary where the warmth of the water matches the warmth of its welcome. What began as a humble family farm has evolved into one of San Luis Obispo County's most popular natural retreats—a place where healing, heritage, and hometown hospitality converge.

The story of Franklin Hot Springs is rooted in both luck and vision. In 1952, Wesley Franklin was a farmer tending his land when Texaco arrived to survey for oil. Instead of striking black gold, they unearthed something far more life-giving—a bubbling source of mineral-rich, geothermally heated water. Wesley saw not a commercial opportunity, but a community treasure. Over the following decade, he engineered a system of lakes and channels to preserve and channel the flow, creating a sustainable oasis



in Paso Robles' golden hills.

For years, the springs were a private refuge, shared only with friends and family. Then, in the 1980s, the Franklins opened their gates to the public, inviting visitors to share in the healing power of the waters. Today, under the stewardship of Wesley's descendants, Norman and Cindy Franklin, the springs remain a family-run labor of love—rustic, restorative, and refreshingly unpretentious.

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The mineral water itself is extraordinary. It originates in Thermopolis, Wyoming, traveling deep beneath the earth for hundreds of miles, collecting minerals as it moves through layers of ancient rock before emerging at Franklin Hot Springs at a soothing 97 to 100 degrees. The result is water dense with positive ions and naturally occurring sulfur, said to ease muscle tension, improve circulation, and rejuvenate the skin. As Norman says, "Our main goal is for people to have a great time, relax, spend time with their family, and live a healthier life."

### Relax under open skies, while nature works its quiet magic

The experience here is less a spa resort and more an authentic Central Coast retreat. Guests soak in a large, pool-style hot spring beside a serene pond where ducks and egrets glide across the surface. Nearby, families cast fishing lines (no license required), paddle small boats, or simply float and watch the clouds drift by. With day passes

starting at just \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, seniors, and military guests, wellness here is refreshingly accessible.

Beyond the water, Franklin Hot Springs buzzes with simple pleasures. Weekends often bring live music and laughter around the fire pits. Visitors can try lawn games or cornhole before winding down with a soak and a sunset barbecue. A handful of camping sites allow guests to linger overnight, stargazing and waking up to the gentle steam rising from the springs.

"Natural mineral water is the best treatment Mother Nature gives us," says Norman. It's a philosophy that echoes through every corner of this down-to-earth haven. At Franklin Hot Springs, wellness isn't a luxury; it's a way of life, shared generously, and soaked in sunshine.

*Franklin Hot Springs is located at 3015 Creston Rd., Paso Robles. Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit [franklinhotsprings.com](http://franklinhotsprings.com) or call (805)712-5372.*

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# Park Street Antiques—Paso's newest treasure trove celebrates its first year

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With more than 25 dealers and a wide variety of unique vintage and antique items, Park Street Antiques is a must-stop for collectors. Located in downtown Paso Robles, this charming and inviting shop has been a welcome addition to the area since opening in August of 2024. Now, celebrating a year in business, owner Betsy Hill is excited to welcome new and returning customers.

"I strive to offer the absolute best variety of items," Hill said. "It's so fun having one-of-a-kind, unique items that might catch someone's eye and make them think, 'I absolutely have to get it!' It's a great feeling for me and my dealers."

Expansive front windows give passersby a peek inside the meticulously staged shop boasting comfy chairs, a dressing room, plenty of mirrors, and open, accessible aisles. The interior décor, with high ceilings, bright white walls, and strategically placed lighting, is refreshing.



A dish filled with nostalgic candy sits at the front desk, and background music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s adds to the ambiance. The dog treat jar is always full, too.

Everything about this charming store adds up to a comfortable and pleasant shopping experience. There's even a fun mascot of sorts – the fraternity sweater Robert Carradine wore on screen in the cult classic movie, "Revenge of the Nerds," sits alongside an auto-graphed photo and handwritten certificate of authenticity from the auction house.

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To say Park Street Antiques carries a little bit of everything would be an understatement. The dealers are an eclectic group. Their specialty booths feature vintage jeans and T-shirts, antique glassware, hard-to-find records, video games, cards, comics, jewelry, and more. There's also a wide variety of Southwestern and Native American offerings, books, linens, furniture, wall decor, barware, dish sets, and postcards.

The same goes for vintage home items, with people of all ages turning to classics for decorating and everyday use. A young couple recently purchased a half dozen eclectic art pieces to adorn their bare walls, including a watercolor of Dennis the Menace created by Hank Ketcham, the original comic artist. Customers often see furniture or knick-knacks like their parents had, or perhaps a dish with a vintage pattern they want.

The dealers bring in new items and move things around to keep



their individual areas fresh. Welcoming and knowledgeable, they work together to ensure a pleasurable shopping experience.

"We all take pride in this shop, and we place importance on featuring quality items while keeping our prices affordable," Hill said. "We

each have our own niches, and several dealers come in at least once daily, which means we consistently have new items. So, if you've visited us before, be sure to come back because you're likely to experience a completely different store."

## Repurposing, restyling, and finding the past

"It's really exciting when people find a new purpose for an item," Hill said. "One customer bought a vintage ashtray to tile with mosaics and turn it into a little dish. When people repurpose items, it's really cool to think about how it's lasted 50 or 75 years before being given a new life and not ending up in the landfill."

"Our clothing, shoes, and hats are popular, particularly the vintage wear," Hill said. "So many people are into repurposing items, especially clothing. We'll have teens and 20-somethings pick out long, beautiful vintage night gowns with gorgeous lace and trim, repurpose them as dresses, put on some boots and a cowboy hat, and they're ready to go!"

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Another customer had her grandmother's burnt orange, 1960s-era Sunbeam hand mixer for years before it suddenly stopped working. She loved to bake, and begrudgingly purchased a new one, only to discover its poor quality. "So, she came into our shop one day, and her jaw just dropped because one of our vendors had a like-new, vintage burnt orange Sunbeam hand mixer still in the box. She scooped that right up!"

### From unique wine glasses to a busy shop

Hill marvels at how what was once her hobby has turned into a thriving business. About 10 years ago, while helping her husband, a local real estate agent, host housewarming parties for his buyers, she started thrifting unique wine glasses. That led to her discovering a knack for buying and reselling items online, and later signing on as a dealer in two local stores. Hill had so much fun and thought about what it would take to open her own shop. A friend told her about the

space that Park Street Antiques now occupies, and within a few months of signing the lease and reaching out to the local vintage and antique dealer community, the shop was filled and ready to open.

"It's something that makes me happy, and how many people can say that about their line of work? This area is just so charming; I love being in downtown Paso, and I absolutely adore all of my dealers. I love talking with all of the people that visit us, seeing new items being brought in, learning about their history, and sharing in the excitement people experience when they find that special item. It's one of my favorite parts of having this special place in our community."

*Park Street Antiques, located at 1335 Park Street in downtown Paso Robles, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours on Friday and Saturday until 6 p.m. Follow their Instagram and Facebook pages for the latest events and specials, or call (805) 296-3040.*

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Customers are welcome to browse the shelves in the 300-square-foot walk-in humidor, which holds a huge stock of cigars.

Find cigar accessories like cutters, punch cutters, travel humidors, and leather accessories at Boyd's. This special shop features lighters from S.T. Dupont, cigar cutters and lighters from XIKAR.

Also offered is a wide selection of pipes and pipe tobacco. Boyd's has a full line of imported Italian briar pipes. The wall displays glass jars filled with old-fashioned pipe



tobacco blends, with a variety of wares available for every customer. They also sell their own exclusive blends of tobacco.

Boyd's carries a selection of stylish headwear from

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Boyd's Tobacco & Elegant Gifts strives to serve both seasoned tobacco connoisseurs and knowledgeable customers looking for gifts. The staff is knowledgeable and ready to help.

Check out the members' only cigar lounge. The lounge is a favorite spot for customers to watch sporting events throughout the year or shoot some pool. Boyd's Tobacco & Elegant Gifts also offers cigar events





for its lounge members and guests, featuring various cigar brands. For out-of-town customers, lounge day passes are available for purchase, giving full access to all amenities.

Boyd's Tobacco & Elegant Gifts truly strives to serve as Paso Robles' go-to stop for cigar, pipe, and tobacco enthusiasts and those who love them.

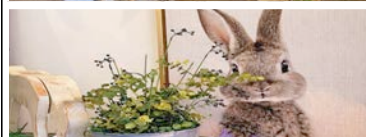
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Fish Gaucho, and the CANE Tiki Room—offers something truly unique.

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

## **Pappy McGregor's**

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

available for private parties such as rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, birthday parties, and more.

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

## **1122 Speakeasy & Cocktail Lounge**

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

Once inside, let your senses engage with the Roaring 1920s as the bartenders provide an elevated cocktail experience with offerings from the classics, the forgotten, and the unique and seasonal signature





cocktails. Smoked cocktails are a favorite and the popular Butter Pecan Old Fashioned is now offered in pre-made bottles to go. Bartending seminars, educational events, and private events are offered throughout the year. Join the Spirits Society membership for discounts on cocktails, access to special events, and other perks.

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Speakeasy is located on Pappy McGregor's back patio. Enter through Pappy's. Walk-in hours are Friday-Saturday 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Reservations are recommended for Tuesday-Sunday, 6-11 p.m. but walk-in guests are still accommodated. For more information or to make reservations visit eleven-twentytwo.com.



### Fish Gaucho

Another Best Restaurant winner year after year is Fish Gaucho. During a trip to Mexico, while sipping fresh lime margaritas without added high-calorie, sweetened mixers, Troy and Donovan, wondered, "Why can't we find a drink like this back home?" As they enjoyed their fresh ceviche, creative salsas, shucked raw oysters, and fresh fish tacos, they again found themselves wondering where they could eat like this back home. They returned and developed the Fish Gaucho restaurant and tequila bar, offering a large selection of fine tequilas, hand-muddled margaritas,

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

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

### CANE TiKi Room

The CANE Tiki Room was conceived when a Tiki bar was temporarily set up on Pappy's back patio during the finishing touches on the speakeasy. It was a huge success so when the space around the corner from Fish Gaucho became available, Troy and Donovan jumped at the chance to create Paso's first Tiki bar. They did not spare any attention to detail when remodel-

ing the space. CANE (Paso's Tiki God of Cocktails) is a water feature behind the bar that blows smoke, lights up and plays music when special drinks are ordered. Every aspect of the restaurant is decorated for a full Tiki-themed experience. The menu includes all the classic Tiki cocktails, some CANE TiKi Room originals, and a Polynesian-inspired menu ideal for sharing with items like teriyaki bowls, fried rice, egg rolls, Spam musubi, chicken lettuce cups, ahi poke, and Mongolian beef. A visit to this island oasis is a wonderful escape from the everyday.

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

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

—By Lisa Pretty



# Spirit of Paso Robles brings old-fashioned hospitality back to the table

*A favorite of so many regulars for a reason*

The Spirit of Paso Robles at River Oaks Golf Course has only been open since 2024, but it's already a favorite for locals. Good food, good views of the golf course, and good prices. What's not to like? Co-owner Mike Stanton attributes the restaurant's popularity to his and wife Ellen's philosophy of "simple food, done well."

For nearly four decades, the Stantons have been fixtures in the Central Coast restaurant scene. Mike Stanton started in 1986 at F. McLintock's in downtown San Luis Obispo. Ellen opened a popular deli in 1989, just before meeting Mike. They ran it together for 28 years and also opened another restaurant. On top of that, in 2009, Mike started managing the San Luis Obispo Country Club. They thought they might slow down or retire, but the allure of owning the Spirit of San Luis at the airport forced them to press pause on that dream and start a new one. They bought the Spirit of San Luis in 2017, and thanks to a fresh menu and interior, it's been a favorite for locals ever since.

Last year, they opened Spirit of Paso Robles at the golf course. Managed by Mike, locals love it because of the fresh food and the old-fashioned sense of hospitality. Mike explains, "We're proud of the fact that we take good care of people. We have so many regulars for a reason. We see them coming in, and they like the same table every time. So, we get them that table. Whatever it is, we take care of it for people."

## 'Simple food done well'

So, what's the most popular thing on the menu? Mike replied, "Probably the Cowboy Cuban Sandwich. It's our take on the

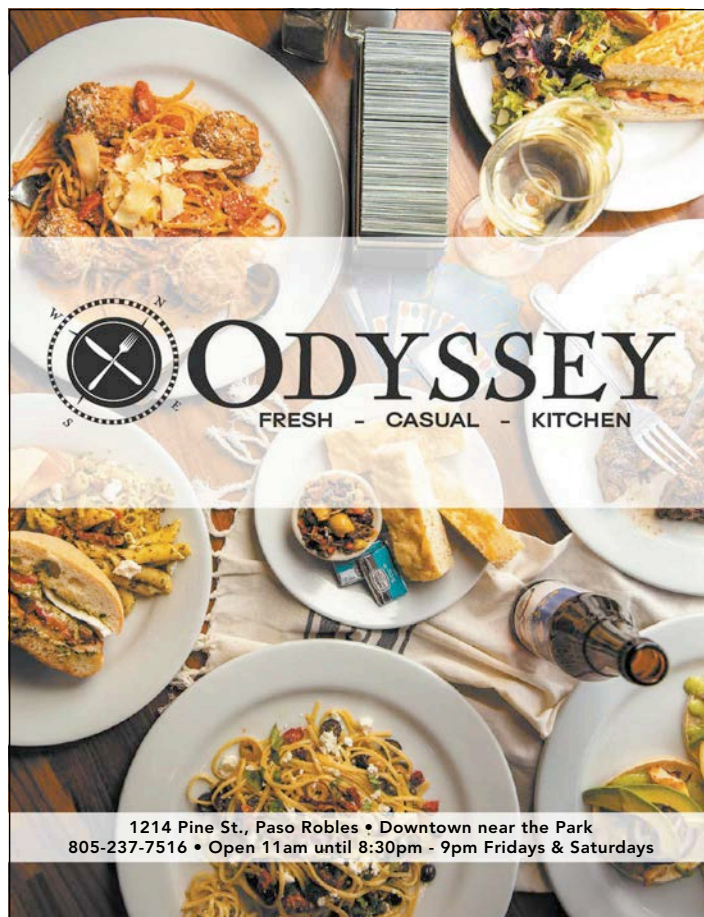


Cubano—Cuban sandwich. A true Cubano has ham, roasted pork, and Swiss cheese. Ours is smoked brisket, smoked pulled pork, Swiss cheese, and mustard. We call it the Paso Cowboy version of a Cubano. Also, our smash burger is spot-on."

The same hospitality extends to large groups. "We're comfortable with putting tables together and serving groups of 8, 10, 12 people. We never charge for a large group." The restaurant regularly hosts book clubs, bridge clubs, and car clubs—and provides separate checks when asked. Stanton insists that they don't mind because it's part of that old-fashioned sense of hospitality.

The Stantons emphasize keeping the prices reasonable, but also keeping the quality high. He says, "We refer to it as simple food done well. It's not fancy food. It's not gourmet, but it's honest food, and it's excellent."

"What sets our restaurants apart is that they're local places," Mike explains. "Even our location at the San Luis airport is for locals. We've created spaces where people can come, enjoy excellent food, and feel at home." Ellen manages Spirit of San Luis.



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*Spirit of Paso Robles is located at 700 Clubhouse Dr., Paso Robles. For hours, reservations, or more information, visit [spiritofpaso.com](http://spiritofpaso.com) or call (805) 257-8003. For more information about Spirit of San Luis Obispo, visit [thespiritofslo.com](http://thespiritofslo.com).*

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

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

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

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



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Celebrating 26 years of their Olivas de Oro Olive Company, the Menachos extend a special invitation to visit their tasting room in Tin City, just off Highway 101 and 46 West in Paso Robles.

Tastings are all about enjoyment and discovering how flavorful, wholesome ingredients can elevate everyday meals. The experience



isn't limited to EVOO. Over time, the Menachos have expanded their Ranch Products collection to include favorites like chimichurris, jams, Dijon, sea salts, rubs, grilling sauces, and an array of tapenades.

Settle in on the patio with a glass of local wine or beer from

neighboring Tin City makers, and enjoy small bites like hummus, olives, cheese, salami, tapenades, and more in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Book ahead or drop in. Each guest is paired with a friendly team member who tailors the tasting

to their preferences and answers questions. "Building relationships is at the heart of what we do," Marti adds. "Everyone gets a personalized experience and can sample as much as they like."

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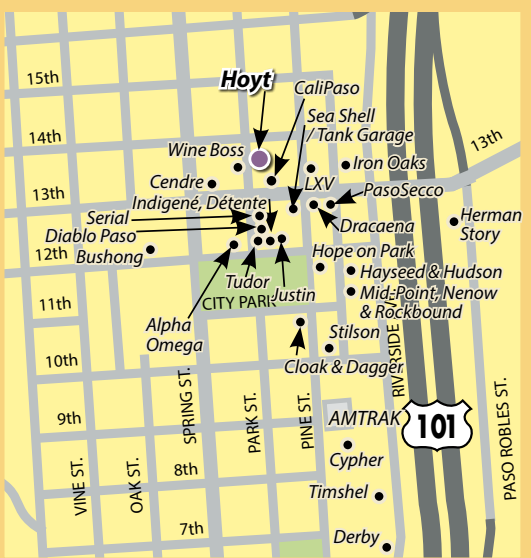
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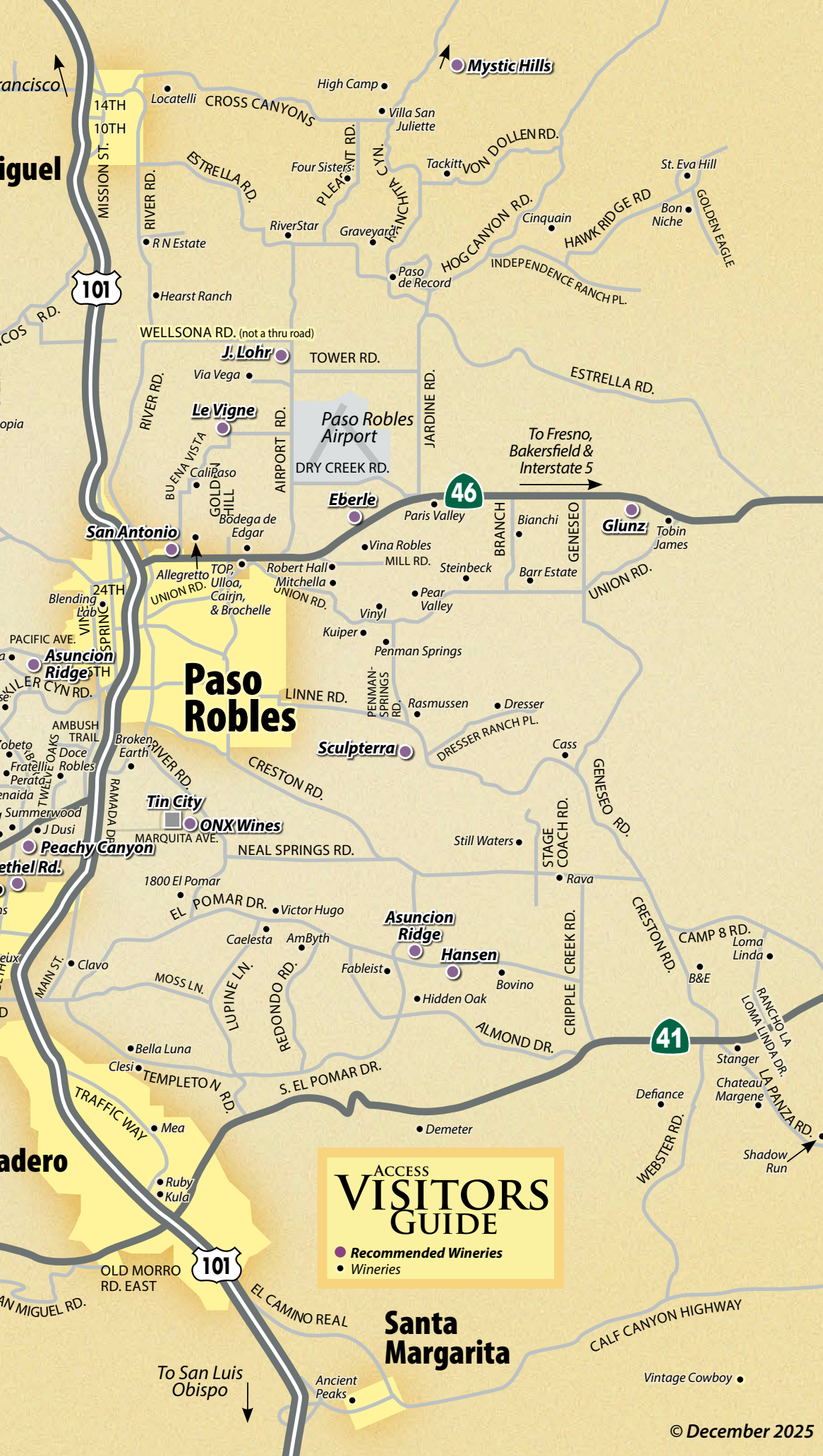
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Castoro Cellars was established in 1983, when fewer than twenty wineries operated in the Paso Robles area; today, that number has grown to over 250. The Udsens began their journey sourcing fruit and making wine, eventually building a winery and tasting room, and purchasing

property. By 1990, they were fully involved in the entire operation—and haven't looked back since, but they do look forward.

Today, over four acres of solar panels offset the power needed to operate the winery and tasting room. Castoro is the largest grower of organic grapes on the Central Coast. The roughly 1400 acres

of 100% certified organic vineyards grow 27 different varieties of French, Italian, and Spanish grapes in 14 vineyards.

## Sit, sip, and savor

Head winemaker Tom Myers has been producing wines in Paso







Robles since 1978, establishing himself as a true pioneer in the wine industry. He joined Castoro in 1990 and has been leading the winemaking team ever since. Besides his various degrees, Tom's hands-on experience is unmatched, and he creates wines that genuinely showcase the terroir, letting the earth and grapes speak for themselves.

Tastings will vary depending on the time of year and availability, but you will always enjoy a selection of single-varietal and blended wines. Sample single varietals like primitivo, zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, pinot grigio, albariño, and a range of creative, palate-pleasing blends.

Most of the year, the weather is ideal for sitting outside, surrounded by the pastoral view of Castoro's vineyards and the landscape beyond. In real estate, there's a saying: "location, location, location." Now, add elegant wine and top-notch hospitality to the location, and you've just experienced a moment in Shangri-la.

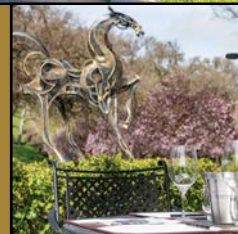
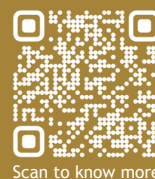
### Moved by the spirits

Spending time in Italy, Niels became fascinated with Italian-style grappa, which naturally led to expanding the family legacy. After obtaining the first distilling licenses in the county, Niels began crafting spirits, and Bethel Rd Distillery became a reality in 2013.

Located just across the road from Castoro Cellars and managed by sons Luke and Max Udsen, the distillery marks another chapter in the Udsen family's legacy of SIP and CCOF certifications. The brothers grow their own organic yeast, compost, produce their own fertilizer, use electric tractors, 100% hand-harvest, and sort the grapes.

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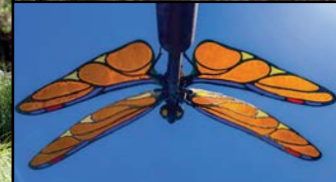
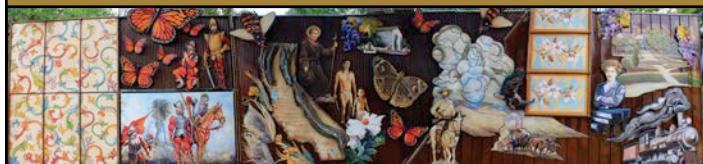
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A visit to Castoro Cellars is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the Udsen family's vision for the future.

*Castoro Cellars Vineyards & Winery is located at 1315 N Bethel Rd., Templeton, CA. Tasting room is open daily 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Re-*

*served seating is available until 4:45 p.m., walk-ins are welcome until 5:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, visit [castorocellars.com](http://castorocellars.com) or call (888) 326-3463.*

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# Bethel Rd Distillery, a journey of family legacy

## Following where the spirits lead

Blake Franco, the tasting room manager at Bethel Rd Distillery, wasn't wrong when he welcomed our tasting party to "the most unknown, underrated view in Paso Robles wine country." The view of rolling hills and vineyards, with birds of prey soaring overhead, along with the spacious, inviting outdoor seating areas, was perfect on a Central Coast fall day to enjoy tasting Bethel Rd's spirits—and wine!

Bethel Rd Distillery, opened in 2016, is another dimension of the vision of environmental sustainability from the pioneering Udsen family, founders of Castoro Cellars. During his time in Italy, Niels Udsen envisioned making grappa, a distilled spirit created from left-over grape seeds, skins, and stems. This idea naturally aligned with the Udsen family's commitment to sustainability, regeneration, and respect for the land. "Why not transform winemaking leftovers into grappa and produce high-quality brandy, gin, and liqueur?" he asked.

So, he did. Bethel Rd Distillery holds one of the earliest-issued distillery licenses in the county and is one of 13 distilleries on the Paso Robles Distillery Trail, the only designated spirits trail in California.

The Udsen sons are spearheading the distillery, following the family legacy for sustainability.



Max is the head distiller, and Luke heads up marketing and entertainment for both venues.

### Let the spirits move you

Although the Spirit Tasting Flight selection may vary at times, our party was treated to the current tasting list, which included:

- Neutral Brandy, a modern, clean neutral brandy from organic estate-grown grapes, and the foundation for the rest of the Bethel Rd brandies.

• Grappa di Moscato, the spirit that started the Bethel Rd Distillery journey.

- House Brandy, cask-aged, hand-crafted from estate grown vineyards, and distilled in small batches.

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#### Enjoy some wine-time, too

Bethel Rd also produces small-batch artisanal wines under the direction of consulting winemaker Natasha

Boffman. Vines are organically farmed and estate-grown in the Udsen family tradition. The grapes are 100% hand-harvested and sorted.

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### Family and legacy

Max and Luke Udsen continue the family legacy and commitment to sustainability and the environment. The SIP and CCOF certifications awarded to the distillery are the result of careful and intentional stewardship. Sustainability and environmental programs include solar, water treatment, and other systems to offset consumption, growing organic yeast for wine production, composting and producing fertilizer, and using electric tractors.

"We are only temporary residents of the earth, so we must be sustainably responsible for those who come after us," said our host, Blake.

The distillery is situated on a historic property with buildings dating back to the early 1900s. Of particular interest is the old barn, which now functions as the distillery. A tour might reveal some fun details about the barn's structure, orientation, and the vertical beams

supporting it. Over the years, due to the barn's positioning and the daily wind from the Templeton Gap, the beams have become slightly slanted — but don't worry, they have been reinforced.

And if you visit the barrel room, you'll see the old stable with the original horse stalls still in place. The original farmhouse, next to the stable, is still maintained but is not currently in use.

*Bethel Rd Distillery is located at 1266 N Bethel Rd., Templeton. The tasting room is open Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Reservations are requested for groups of 8 or more. For reservations or more information about spirits and wine, clubs, and events, visit [bethelrddistillery.com](http://bethelrddistillery.com) or call (805) 434-0319.*

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Jake Beckett offering Peachy Canyon's library wines.




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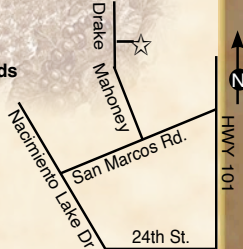
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Established in 1988 by Doug and Nancy Beckett, Peachy Canyon Winery has been under the full-time care of their sons, Josh and Jake Beckett, for the past several years.

"We consistently hear from our guests how much they appreciate visiting our family-owned business," Jake said. "I rely heavily on our team members, and I couldn't do it without all of them. From the vineyards to production to the tasting room, we have a great team."

Doug points to the family involvement as making Peachy Canyon Winery the success it is

today. He shared that through good times and bad, together they have always been able to ride it out. The Becketts are especially appreciative of the local community support over the years.

"Nancy and I are more of a resource now at the winery than active participants," Doug shared. "We try to get to the tasting room as often as possible, and we enjoy meeting our customers and club members."

### Peachy Canyon winemaker Drew Phillips

Head winemaker Drew Phillips earned his degree from Fresno State University and

has been with Peachy Canyon Winery for nearly a decade. Alongside his winemaking team, Phillips enjoys







trying new approaches, including using different barrels, doing native yeast ferments, and inoculating the estate grapes to formulate more interesting flavors and wines.

“Drew’s style of winemaking is the perfect marriage with our tasting room style,” Jake said. “He’s unassuming, full of knowledge, and has a gentle hand when it comes to

making wine. Our wines are balanced and approachable, just like Drew’s personality. He’s easygoing, yet super technical, and loves to experiment.”

Peachy Canyon wines change depending on the harvest. The last several vintages produced an even more balanced, food-friendly, and approachable selection, according to Jake. Reflecting the longstanding commitment to quality, their wines have garnered awards and honors such as Winery of the Year; double golds from the Central Coast Wine Competition, Vinous, and Wine Enthusiast; listing in Wine Spectator’s Top 100 Wines in the World, and more.

### Discover crowd-pleasing wines at Peachy Canyon

One of the most requested wines is Peachy Canyon Especial Zinfandel, a wine the family has been making since 1989. With scents of berry brambles and baking spices on the nose, and supple flavors of berry cobbler and toffee, it’s a crowd pleaser. Be sure to try the Concrete Blanc, a crisp white Rhône blend of grenache blanc, viognier, roussanne, and picpoul blanc.





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## Wine Tasting

The GSM, a year-round favorite, is highly recommended by Phillips and his winemaking team. This juicy and balanced Rhône-style blend of grenache, syrah, and mourvedre features aromas of ripe Bing cherries and rose petals with flavors of strawberries, cassis, and white pepper. Peachy Canyon's Petite Sirah is ideal for those with a preference for a bigger wine.

"Our entire lineup of wines is awesome, and that's due to Drew's skills," Jake said. "They're rich and yummy, with controlled, balanced alcohol without overwhelming the wine style. Even with some of our bigger wines, such as our cabernets and petite sirahs, Drew and his team have a way of keeping them smooth and velvety."

### Old World-style tasting room

Step up to the long, meandering bar inside the Peachy Canyon Old Schoolhouse tasting room and sample a wide variety of estate-grown varietals. White walls and wood accents lend a classic, old-world feel to the interior. The vibe is classic and comfortable in this



historic landmark. Outside, enjoy lush landscaping, vineyard views, a picnic area, a gazebo, and oak trees.

Tasting room manager Bryce Seguin works alongside Tajin "T" Flores, the wine club manager, and

their friendly, knowledgeable, and welcoming tasting room team. Along with the award-winning estate zinfandels, visitors find handcrafted small-batch Rhône and Bordeaux varietals that are only

available for purchase in the tasting room.

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are available. Larger groups are encouraged to call ahead to request larger plates. The tasting room offers juice tastings for children, and there's a designated outdoor area for visitors with on-leash dogs.

#### A labor of love

Peachy Canyon's production has been reduced over the past six or so years, focusing on their three estate vineyards – Mustang Springs, Snow, and Old Schoolhouse. Each West-side Paso Robles vineyard ranges widely in terroir and is farmed using sustainable practices.

Under the direction of Rodolfo Martinez and Javier Herrera, the vineyard team keeps the fields and 80 acres of estate vineyards healthy and happy. Water conservation is important, and the fruit is harvested by hand.

"We have a choreography we all dance to at harvest time, and it's pretty cool," Jake said. "Communication is essential, so we make sure we're picking the fruit Drew is expecting us to pick. Sustainable farming takes a lot of time and a lot more tractor driving, but it's what we focus on."

Reflecting on nearly 40 years in the industry, Doug said he and

Nancy didn't establish Peachy Canyon Winery as an investment, but as a second career after they both retired from teaching. "Even more importantly," he said, "it's been a way to demonstrate how family can work together and make a difference. Family has always been a priority for us. It's been our hope from the start that future generations would carry Peachy Canyon forward."

Jake agreed, saying, "We love farming, we love the industry, and we feel grateful and blessed to be part of it. Day after day, we work as a team here and have a good time while we're doing it. We hope that comes across to everyone who visits – we want everyone to feel welcome and enjoy our wines!"

*Peachy Canyon Winery tasting room is located at 1480 N. Bethel Road, Templeton. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., last guided tasting at 4 p.m., wines by the glass available until 4:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, reservations are highly recommended on weekends and holidays. For more information, visit [peachycanyon.com](http://peachycanyon.com), call (805) 239-1918, or follow them on social media.*

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# The story of Seven Angels Cellars—the full circle of family, friendship, and dreams

*Boutique winery is known for Rhône blends and signature single varietal offerings*

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



Greg grew up in a rural area of California with neighbors who grew wine grapes. He spent a lot

of time learning about the entire vine-to-bottle process from his patient neighbor. His interest in wine expanded when, stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard in the Bay Area, he had easy access to the wineries in Sonoma and Napa. Pamela comes from a family of foodies and wine enthusiasts. She took winemaking courses in college and learned the biology aspect of wine. She worked in catering and on TV as a home economist for a cooking show. Pairing food and wine to create an interesting and delightful balance in a meal has become an obsession for her.

Greg has been friends with Mike Emling, owner of Dark Star Cellars, for over 40 years. They used to sit in the backyard, sipping wine and talking about making wine someday. A few years ago, Mike approached the Martins about an available tasting room space on the Paso Robles 46 West Wineries Trail. The tasting room was adjacent to Dark Star Cellars, and the couple jumped at the opportunity to work with their friend.

“We love our original location on the Paso Back Roads Winery Trail. We enjoyed helping build that brand and working with so many wonderful people. Although we miss being part of that group,

we were excited to join the 46 West Wineries,” said Pamela Martin.

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

The Martins plan to keep their production small, with approximately 1,000 cases per year. In addition to chardonnay, mourvèdre, and syrah from their estate vineyard, they source fruit from premium vineyards on the Central Coast. The boutique winery is best known for its Rhône blends and signature single varietal offerings such as syrah and merlot. They also offer chardonnay, grenache blanc, viognier, and a white blend named Unorthodox.

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



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# Le Vigne Winery, from cattle ranching to 2025 Winery of the Year

*High honors from the Central Coast Wine Competition and the New York International Wine Competition*

Le Vigne Winery grew from a tradition that created an award-winning, sustainably farmed winery from a place of soil and spirit. It began as a family passion for farming and ranching, raising chickens and cattle in Ramona, California, in 1968. Eventually, that passion turned to the 400-acre Rancho Roble, which the family owned in Paso Robles, and then to grapes.

Today's Le Vigne (Italian for "the vineyard") rose from Sylvia and Walter Filippini's commitment to their individual family heritages. Born a half a world apart, Sylvia in California, and Walter in Italy, the couple met over a business deal in Gardena, California. Walter was a partner in the Ital Cheese Factory, and Sylvia was seeking to be the sole distributor of their products.

Before Sylvia and Walter met and wed, her father, Sylvester Feichtinger, had already planted vineyards on Rancho Roble. His first plantings were in 1982, a year before the Paso Robles AVA was established. By 1990, he had launched Sylvester Vineyards and Winery. Thirty-five years later, one of the region's oldest family estate wineries was honored as 2025 Winery of the Year by the Central Coast Wine Competition and the 2025 Paso Robles Winery of the Year by the New York International Wine Competition.

## Pairing wine with romance

Walter was raised in Como, Italy, and grew up among the vineyards of Valtellina. That region is known for the nebbiolo grape, which is



similar to the sangiovese, barbera, and aglianico grapes grown in California vineyards. Walter followed his passion for cooking at the Culinary Institute in San Pellegrino. In 1981, he earned first place in Italy's National Chef's Competition. In the mid-1980s, he was lured to California, where he soon met Sylvia.


Along with pursuing her own business and personal interests, including a passion for rescuing animals, Sylvia had a role in her father, Sylvester's, winery, and Walter joined her in the business. By 1996, the Filippinis were managing the winery and restaurant. In 2013, they renamed it to Le Vigne.

Sylvia's passion for rescuing animals started as a child, "Much to my mother's dismay," said Sylvia. The Filippini's personal residence near the winery is home to retired racehorses, donkeys, and some goats and sheep. "I even rescued some swan cygnets, once," she relates. Someone called her at her home in Southern California, announcing that turtles were eating cygnets at a local lake. "So I raised four cygnets in my kitchen. We have pictures of my 6-month-old girl with the swans in her stroller."

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Buddy, the min-pin mix who was rescued from Los Angeles railroad tracks 14 years ago, can be seen trotting along behind Walter. All the aging Buddy wants is to be close to Walter. "Please don't try to pet Buddy," warns Sylvia. He's losing his hearing and vision and may snap if startled.

### The vineyards, the wine, and sustainability

A vision evolved from Sylvia's commitment to her family vineyards and Walter's superb chef skills, and roots in his family vineyards. Supported by a talented Le Vigne team, accolades from the wine industry kept pouring in.

Recently, Le Vigne Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 earned five gold medals from five competitions, including the San Diego International Wine and Spirits Challenge and the New York International Wine Competition. Other multiple medal winners include:

- Le Vigne Nikiara 2021, a Bordeaux-style blend, was awarded double gold at Toast of the Coast,



the Estrella District AVA. Both vineyards benefit from alluvial soil deposited by the Estrella River and the climate of the Templeton Gap. The Domenico vineyard is two sections around the winery. The Acquarello Vineyard is located on the south bank of the Estrella River.

Le Vigne is a member of the Certified California Sustainable Winegrowers. The vineyards are sustainably farmed, supported by practices that include certified organic compost supplied on-site from restaurant, livestock, and winery waste, 17 species of cover crops, and incorporating animals into their farming practices.

### An adventure in winetasting, lunch, and shopping

Tasting flights include the Classic Wine Tasting or the Signature Wine + Cheese Tasting. Reservations are highly recommended for group tastings.

Lunch features Chef Walter's oven-fired pizzas, pastas, and salads. Lunch is served most weekends from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., unless there's a special event.

The Italian Market + Cheese Shop offers imported pastas, sauces, olive oils, salamis, and more alongside local nuts, fruits, treasures, and thoughtfully prepared frozen meals. Artisan cheeses are expertly sourced from around the world.

If Paso Robles isn't on your itinerary, check out the Los Angeles Tasting Room & Italian Market. There is wine tasting, entertainment, charcuterie-making classes, and special guest speakers. Reserve your spot for lunch featuring Chef Walter's paninis and shop the market for a second dessert.

Be sure to join Le Vigne's wine club and enjoy several exclusive member perks.

*Le Vigne Winery is located at 5115 Buena Vista Drive, Paso Robles. The Los Angeles tasting room is located at 2325 E 55th Street, in Vernon, CA. For hours, reservations, and more information, visit [levignewinery.com](http://levignewinery.com) or call Paso Robles at (805) 227-4000, or Los Angeles at (323) 689-7005.*

—Jackie Iddings

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and gold medals from the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and the Sunset International Wine Competition.

- Le Vigne Paso Robles Sauvignon Blanc won a gold medal each at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Competition and Toast of the Coast.

These are only three of the award-winning wines from Le Vigne. The vineyards, the soil, climate, vineyard management, and winemaking practices all determine the quality and character of the grapes that are eventually poured into our wine glasses.

Winemaker Ben Mayo said, "I am very much involved with every aspect of the vineyards. From pruning decisions, watering schedules, fertilizer, and cover crops, as well as picking decisions."

Mayo said vine growth and maturity are monitored consistently for the best outcomes, ensuring that the winemaking team receives the best fruit. Every harvested lot is monitored to make sure the fermentation is smooth and complete.

Le Vigne currently has 125 acres planted at two estate vineyards in



# Hotels & Lodging — Visitor Guide's Favorite Places

## Arroyo Grande

Agrarian Hotel  
325 E Branch St  
(805) 574-6040

Aloha Inn  
611 El Camino Real  
(805) 489-9300

Best Western Casa Grande Inn  
850 Oak Park Blvd  
(805) 481-7398

Hampton Inn & Suites  
1400 W Branch St  
(805) 202-2110

Pismo View Inn  
555 Camino Mercado  
(805) 481-4774

## Atascadero

Atascadero Inn  
6505 Morro Rd,  
(805) 466-0794

The Carlton Hotel  
6005 El Camino Real  
(805) 461-5100

Springhill Suites  
900 El Camino Real  
(805) 462-3500

Vino Inn & Suites  
6895 El Camino Real  
(805) 466-2231

## Avila Beach

Avila Lighthouse Suites  
550 Front St.  
(805) 627-1900

Inn at Avila Beach  
256 Front St.  
(805) 595-2300

San Luis Bay Inn  
3254 Avila Beach Dr  
(805) 595-2333

Avila Village Inn  
6655 Laurel Place  
(805) 627-1810

## Bradley

Lake Nacimiento Resort  
10325 Nacimiento Lake Dr.  
(805) 237-4924

## Cambria

Best Western Fireside Inn  
6700 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-8661

Blue Bird Inn  
1880 Main St  
(805) 927-4634

Blue Dolphin Inn  
6470 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-3300

Cambria Pines Lodge  
2905 Burton Dr  
(805) 927-4200

Cambria Shores Inn  
6276 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-8644

Cambria Landing Inn & Suites  
6530 Moonstone Beach  
(805) 927-1619

Cambria Palms Motel  
2662 Main Street  
(805) 927-4485

Cambria Vacation Rentals  
784 Main Street Ste. A  
(805) 927-8200

Captain's Cove Inn  
6454 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-8581

Castle Inn  
6620 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-8605

Creskide Inn  
2618 Main St  
(805) 927-4021

Fogcatcher Inn  
6400 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-1400

Moonstone Landing  
6240 Moonstone Beach  
(805) 927-0012

Ocean Point Ranch  
7200 Moonstone Beach Dr.  
(805) 927-4648

Pelican Inn & Suites  
6316 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-1500

Sand Pebbles Inn  
6252 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-5600

Scenic Coast Vacation Rentals  
712 Main St  
(805) 927-6163

Sea Otter Inn  
6656 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-5888

White Water Inn  
6790 Moonstone Beach Dr  
(805) 927-1066

## Cayucos

Beachwalker Inn  
501 S Ocean Ave  
(805) 995-2133

Cayucos Motel  
20 S Ocean Ave  
(805) 995-3670

Cayucos Pier View Suites  
14 N Ocean Ave., (805) 995-0014

Cayucos Sunset Inn  
95 S Ocean Ave., (805) 995-2500

Highway One Rentals  
148 N. Ocean Ave., (805) 995-3678

On The Beach B&B  
181 N. Ocean Ave., (805) 995-3200

Seaside Motel  
42 S Ocean Ave  
(805) 559-3809

## Grover Beach

Holiday Inn Express  
775 North Oak Park Blvd.  
(805) 481-4448

Pacific Inn Grover Beach  
150 S 5th St  
(805) 481-7931

## Los Osos

Back Bay Inn  
1391 2nd St., (805) 528-1233

Sea Pines Golf Resort  
1945 Solano St  
(805) 528-5252

## Morro Bay

Anderson Inn  
897 Embarcadero  
(805) 772-3434 or (888) 950-3434

Best Western El Rancho  
2460 Main St, (805) 772-2212

Best Western San Marcos inn  
250 Pacific St., (805) 772-2248

Best Western Tradewinds  
225 Beach St., (805) 772-7376

Blue Sail Inn  
851 Market Ave.  
(805) 772-2766 or (888) 337-0707

El Morro Masterpiece Motel  
1206 Main St.  
(805) 772-5633 or (800) 527-6782

Embarcadero Inn  
456 Embarcadero, (805) 772-2700

Avalon Inn  
730 Morro Ave.  
(805) 772-2244 or (800) 444-0562

Holland Inn Motel  
2630 Main St., (805) 772-2650

Inn at Morro Bay  
60 State Park Rd  
(805) 772-5651, (800) 321-9566

La Serena Inn  
990 Morro Ave.  
(805) 772-5665, (800) 248-1511

Marina Street Inn B&B  
305 Marina St.  
(805) 772-4016, (888) 683-9389

Morro Bay Luxury Rentals  
264 Bowie Dr., (805) 704-1169

Morro Bay Sandpiper Inn  
540 Main St., (805) 772-7503

Morro Bay Vacation Rentals  
1910 Hill St., (805) 459-8460

Morro Crest Inn  
670 Main St.  
(805) 772-7740, (800) 613-2007

Morro Shores Inn & Suites  
290 Atascadero Rd.  
(805) 772-0222, (800) 575-4095

Pleasant Inn Motel  
235 Harbor St.  
(805) 772-8521, (888) 772-8521

Sea Air Inn  
845 Morro Ave., (805) 772-4495

Sundown Inn  
640 Main St.  
(805) 772-7381 or (800) 696-6928

The Bayfront Inn  
1150 Embarcadero, (805) 772-5607

The Breakers Motel  
Corner of Morro Bay Blvd & Market  
(805) 772-7317 or (800) 932-8899

Travelodge  
1080 Market Ave., (805) 772-1259

## Nipomo

Kaleidescope Inn & Gardens  
130 E Dana  
(805) 929-5444 or 866-504-5444

## Oceano

Pacific Plaza Resort Hotel  
444 Pier Ave., (805) 473-6989

## Paso Robles

Adelaide Inn  
1215 Ysabel St., (805) 238-2770

Allegretto Vineyard Resort  
2700 Buena Vista Dr.  
(805) 369-2500

Best Western Plus Black Oak  
1135 24th St., (805) 238-4740

Budget Inn  
2745 Spring St., (805) 239-3030

Cava Robles RV Resort  
3800 Golden Hill Rd.  
(844) 641-5093

Chanticleer Vineyard B&B  
(805) 226-0600

Courtyard By Marriott Paso Robles  
120 South Vine St.  
(805) 239-9700

Dunning Vineyards Guest Villa  
1953 Niderer Road  
(805) 238-4763

Hotel Cheval  
1021 Pine St.  
(805) 226-9995 or 866-522-6999

La Bellasera Hotel & Suites  
Jct 101 & 46 West  
(805) 238-2834, 866-782-9669

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
2615 Buena Vista Dr.  
(805) 239-3004

The Oaks Hotel  
3000 Riverside Ave., 805-237-8700

Oxford Suites  
800 4th St., (805) 237-0305

Paso Robles Inn  
1103 Spring St  
(805) 238-2660, (800) 676-1713

Paso Robles Vacation Rentals  
(805) 423-9174

The Piccolo  
600 12th St., (805) 226-5920

Travelodge  
2701 Spring St., (805) 238-0078

Vines RV Resort  
88 Wellsona Rd., (877) 820-0940

Wine County RV Resort  
2500 Airport Road  
(805) 238-4560, (866) 927-8669

## Pismo Beach

Beach Bum Rentals  
354 Main Street Ste. A  
(805) 773-7194

Beach House Inn & Suites  
198 Main St.  
(805) 773-7476 (PISMO)

Beachwalker Inn & Suites  
490 Dolliver St., (805) 773-2725

Inn at the Cove  
2651 Price St.  
(805) 773-3511, (800) 848-1434

Shore Cliff Hotel  
2555 Price St.  
(805) 773-4671, (800) 441-8885

Coastal Vacation Rentals  
330 Main St.  
(805) 773.1080, (800) 700.1254

Cottage Inn by the Sea  
2351 Price St.  
(805) 773-4617 or (888) 440-8400

Dolphin Cove Motel  
170 Main St., (805) 773-4706

Edgewater Inn & Suites  
280 Wadsworth Ave.  
(805) 773-4811

Ocean Palms  
390 Ocean View Ave.  
(805) 773-4669

Pismo Coast Village RV Resort  
165 S. Dolliver Street  
(888) RV-BEACH, (888) 782-3224

Pismo Lighthouse Suites  
2411 Price St.  
(805) 773-1508, (800) 245-2411

Quality Inn Monarch Shores  
230 Five Cities Dr., (805) 773-1841

Sandcastle Inn  
100 Stimson Ave.  
(805) 773-2422 or (800) 822-6606

Sea Crest Resort  
2241 Price St., (805) 773-4608

Sea Gypsy Motel  
1020 Cypress  
(805) 773-1801 or (800) 592-5923

Sea Venture  
100 Oceanview Ave.  
(805) 773-4994

Shell Beach Inn  
653 Shell Beach Rd.  
(805) 773-4373

Spyglass Inn  
2705 Spyglass Dr.  
(805) 773-4855, 1-(800) 824-2612

Valentina Suites  
371 Pismo Avenue, (805) 773-1234

## Ragged Point

Ragged Point Inn & Resort  
19019 CA Highway 1  
(805) 927-4502

## San Simeon

Cavalier Oceanfront Resort  
9415 Hearst Dr.  
(805) 927-4688

Courtesy Inn  
9450 Castillo Dr.  
(805) 927-4691 or (800) 555-5773

The Morgan – San Simeon  
9135 Hearst Dr.  
(805) 927-3878 or (800) 451-9900

Sands By The Sea  
9355 Hearst Dr.  
(805) 927-3243 or (800) 444-0779

Sea Breeze Inn  
9065 Hearst Dr.  
(805) 927-3284 or (800) 927-3316

## Shell Beach

The Palomar Inn  
1601 Shell Beach Rd.  
(805) 773-4204

Shell Beach Inn  
653 Shell Beach Rd.  
(805) 773-4373

## San Luis Obispo

Comfort Inn & Suites Lamplighter  
1604 Monterey St., (805) 547-7777

Courtyard by Marriott-SLO  
1605 Calle Joaquin, (805) 786-4200

Days Inn  
2050 Garfield St., (805) 549-9911

Embassy Suites  
333 Madonna Rd., (805) 549-0800

Garden Street Inn  
1212 Garden St., (805) 545-9802

Granada Hotel  
1126 Morro St., (805) 544-9100

Holiday Inn Express-SLO  
1800 Monterey St., (805) 544-8600

Hotel San Luis Obispo  
877 Palm St., (805) 235-0700

Hotel Cerro  
1125 Garden St., (805) 548-1000

La Cuesta Inn  
2074 Monterey St., (805) 543-2777

Peach Tree Inn  
2001 Monterey St., (805) 543-3170

Rodeway Inn  
1001 Olive St., (805) 544-0400

San Luis Creek Lodge  
1941 Monterey St.  
(805) 541-1122 or (800) 593-0333

Sands Inn & Suites  
1930 Monterey St.  
(805) 544-0500 or (800) 441-4657

Sycamore Mineral Springs  
1215 Avila Beach Dr.  
(805) 595-7302

## Templeton

Honey Oak House  
2602 Templeton Rd.  
(805) 434-5091





# Calendar of Events —

## see more at

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### **Carlin Soule Memorial Polar Bear Dip**

Jan 1, starts at noon — Cayucos Beach, Cayucos. This is a favorite Cayucos Chamber of Commerce family-friendly event, in partnership with multiple county agencies. Free. Details: [cayucoschamber.com](http://cayucoschamber.com)

### **Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge**

Jan 1, 11:30 a.m. — Start with photo sessions on the east side of Avila Beach Pier. Free family-friendly event. No dogs, please. Details: [visitavilabeach.com](http://visitavilabeach.com)

### **Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival**

Jan 15-19 — This annual ecotourism event draws birdwatchers from all over the country. The festival features hundreds of events, field trips, workshops, and master classes. Held at various locations around Morro Bay. Details: [morrobaybirdfestival.org](http://morrobaybirdfestival.org)

### **Cambria Art & Wine Festival**

Jan 29-Feb 1 — Shopping, raffle ticket opportunities, wine tasting, and artist demonstrations. Tickets and details: [visitcambria.com](http://visitcambria.com)

### **SLO CAL Surfing Open**

Jan 19-25, beginning at 7:30 a.m. — The World Surf League (WSL), established in 1976, is dedicated to changing the world through the inspirational power of surfing. Pismo Beach Pier. Details: [surfingforhope.org](http://surfingforhope.org)

### **Moonlight Hours**

Monthly on third Thursday, 5-7 p.m. — Free museum hours at the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum, 1010 Nipomo St. SLO. Details: [slocm.org](http://slocm.org)

### **Art After Dark SLO**

Feb 6, 5-8 p.m. — A free self-guided art walk takes place on the first Friday of each month. Visit local galleries and participating businesses! Venues and details: [slocountyarts.org](http://slocountyarts.org)

### **Blendfest on the Coast 2025**

Feb 19-22 — Celebrating the rule-breaking, traditional, and unconventional wine blends throughout the weekend. Hosted by the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance. Held at various locations in San Simeon and Cambria. Details: [pasowine.com](http://pasowine.com)

### **Cal Poly Winter Jazz Concert**

Feb 27, 7:30 p.m. — Featuring performances by various jazz ensembles, including the University Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Combos. Tickets and details: [music.calpoly.edu](http://music.calpoly.edu)

### **At Her Table**

March 2026 — An annual 7-day county-wide food festival showcasing over 250 women-owned and co-owned businesses. Various locations in San Luis Obispo County. Details: [athertable.com](http://athertable.com)

### **Cal Poly Jazz Combos Showcase**

Mar 5, 2026, 7:30 p.m. — Cal Poly's jazz combos will perform classic jazz repertoire as well as original student compositions. Performing Arts Center Pavilion. Tickets and details: [music.calpoly.edu](http://music.calpoly.edu)

### **A Tapestry of Winds**

March 21, 3-5 p.m. — At Harold J. Miossi Cultural and Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo. Details at [slowinds.org](http://slowinds.org)

### **Annual Morro Bay City Wide Yard Sale**

Mar 21-22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. — Rain or shine. Multiple locations in Morro Bay offer treasures for collectors and thrifters. Details: [morrobay.org](http://morrobay.org)

### **Central Coast Craft Beer Fest 2025**

Mar 21, noon-4 p.m. — Sample over 40 local craft breweries, plus ciders, distilled spirits and wine. Live music, food trucks, vendors and lawn games. Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real, Atascadero. Details: [centralcoastbrewersfest.com](http://centralcoastbrewersfest.com)

### **Rhone Rangers Experience**

Mar 20, starting at 9:30 a.m. — Opportunity to sample over 250 wines, food, silent auction, and seminars. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles. Tickets and details: [rhoneangers.org](http://rhoneangers.org)

### **Farmers Markets**

**Arroyo Grande** — Two weekly markets on Wednesdays, 8:30-11 a.m. Smart and Final parking lot at 1464 East Grand Ave., and Saturdays noon-2:30 p.m. at Olohan Alley in the Village.

**Atascadero** — Wednesdays 3-6 p.m./ Winter hours 3-5 p.m., at Atascadero Sunken Gardens at East Mall Ave.

**Baywood/Los Osos** — Mondays 2-4:30 p.m. on Santa Maria St. between 2nd and 3rd St.

**Cambria** — Fridays 2:30-5:30 p.m. at 1000 Main St.

**Morro Bay** — Two weekly markets on Thursdays, 2-4:30 p.m. at 2650 Main St., and Saturdays, 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Main St. and Morro Bay Blvd.

**Paso Robles** — Two weekly markets at 11th and Spring St. on Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. near Downtown City Park.

**San Luis Obispo** — Three weekly markets on Thursdays 6-9 p.m., downtown San Luis Obispo, on Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 p.m., 224 Tank Farm Rd, and Saturdays 8-10:45 a.m. at 325 Madonna Road, World Market and Embassy Suites parking lot.

**Templeton** — 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at City Park, 550 Crocker St.

*For more information about farmers' markets in San Luis Obispo County, visit [northcountfarmersmarkets.com](http://northcountfarmersmarkets.com) or [slocountyfarmers.org](http://slocountyfarmers.org).*



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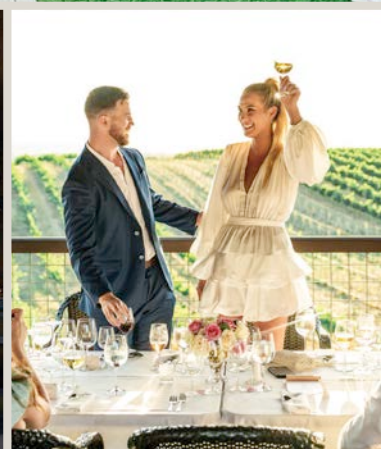
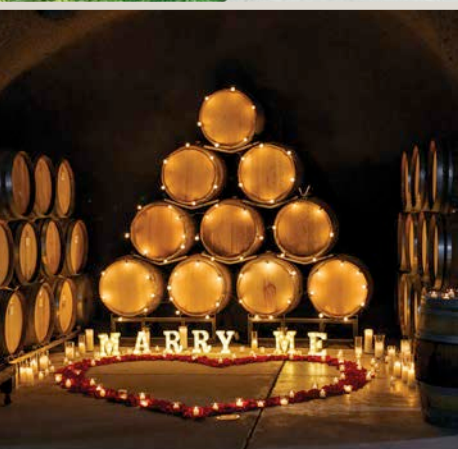
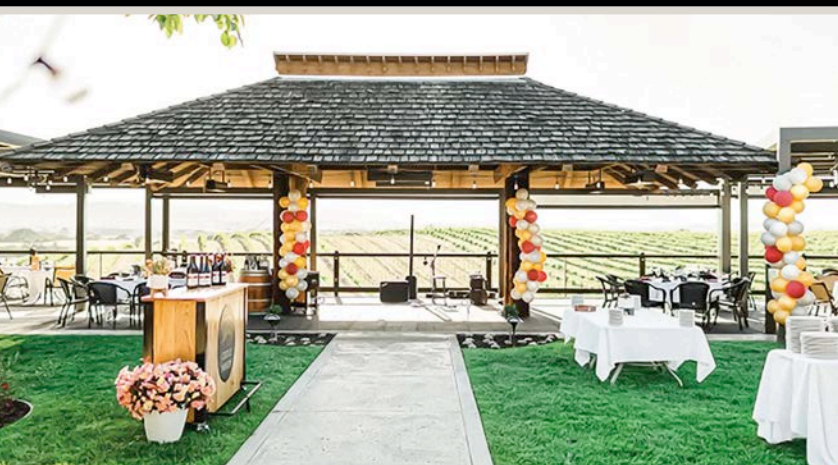


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