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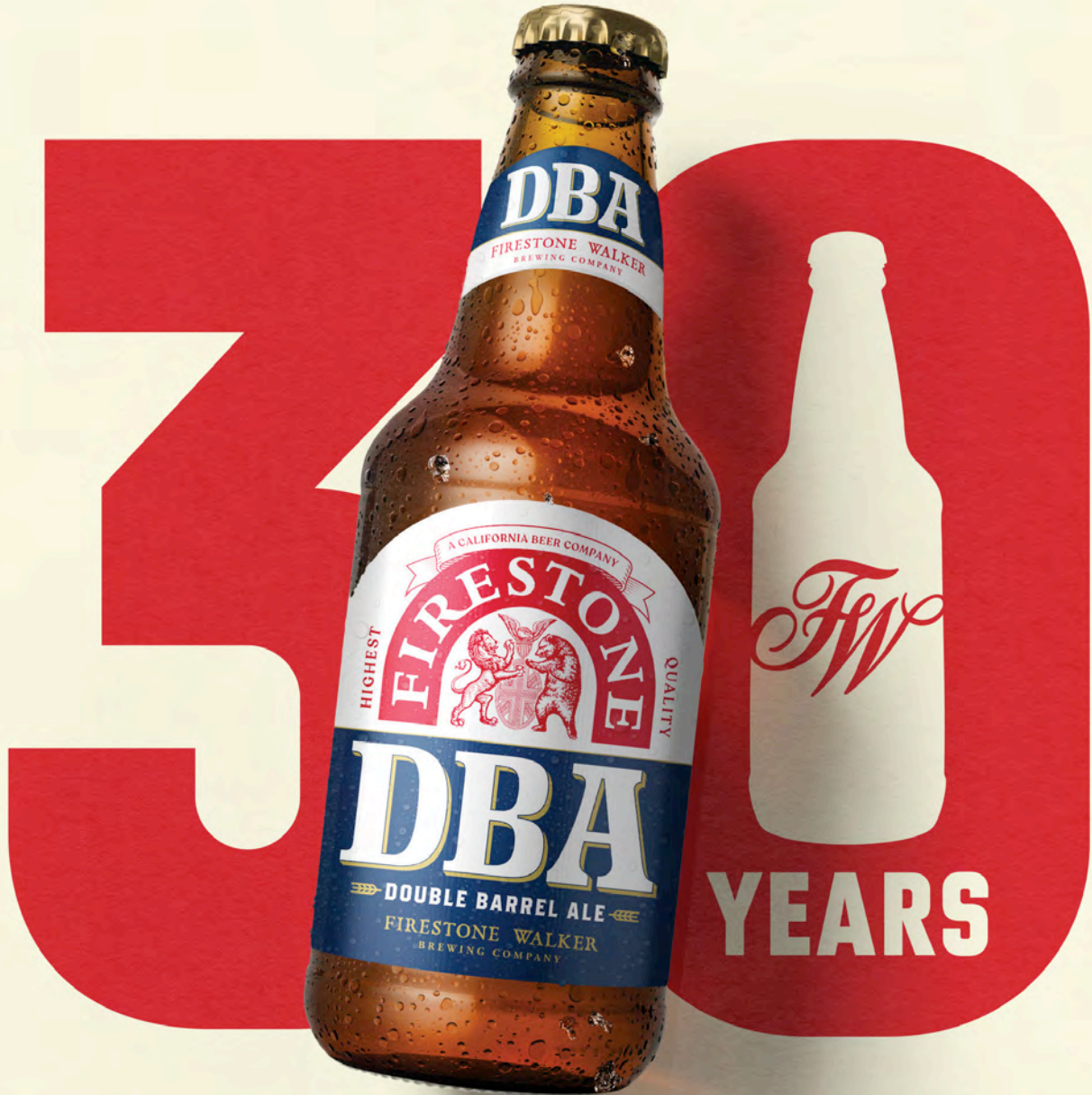
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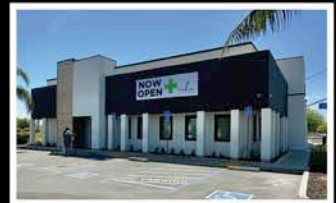
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Beth Brennan and her family welcome you to San Luis Obispo County.

Thank you for reading this latest summer issue of the San Luis Obispo County Visitor's Guide. Discover the many opportunities for new adventures, great food, award-winning wines, and the memorable experiences that come with the area's famous hospitality.

These summer days are perfect for enjoying the beaches and visiting the many landmarks throughout the area. Spend your days sightseeing, browsing, and shopping at some of the most unique shops and galleries in California. Enjoy an afternoon of wine tasting, followed by unwinding with a delicious dinner and a good night's rest, ready for the next day's adventures.

On these pages, you can learn what's new at some of your favorite places and be among the first to experience the newest things to do and see! And if you run out of time, remember that you are always welcome back to explore more!

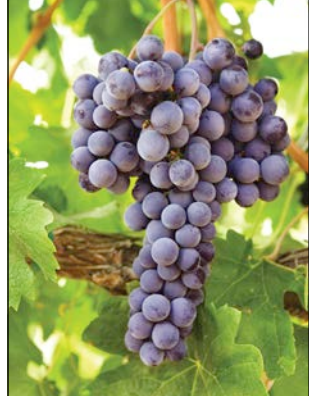
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On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Beth



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San Luis Obispo

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.

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.

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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 for cycling maps for the City of San Luis Obispo, wine trails and other locations in San Luis Obispo County.

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The fair returns July 15-26, celebrating its 80th year. This Paso Robles tradition features headliner concerts, exhibits, livestock shows, carnival rides, food, and fun for all ages. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles. Tickets and details at midstatefair.com

Festival Mozaic

This San Luis Obispo Music and Arts Festival is a dynamic 10-day celebration blending chamber music, orchestral works, and diverse genres. World-class artists, innovative, immersive experiences at various venues. The 2026 festival runs from July 15 to August 1. Schedule and tickets at festivalmozaic.org

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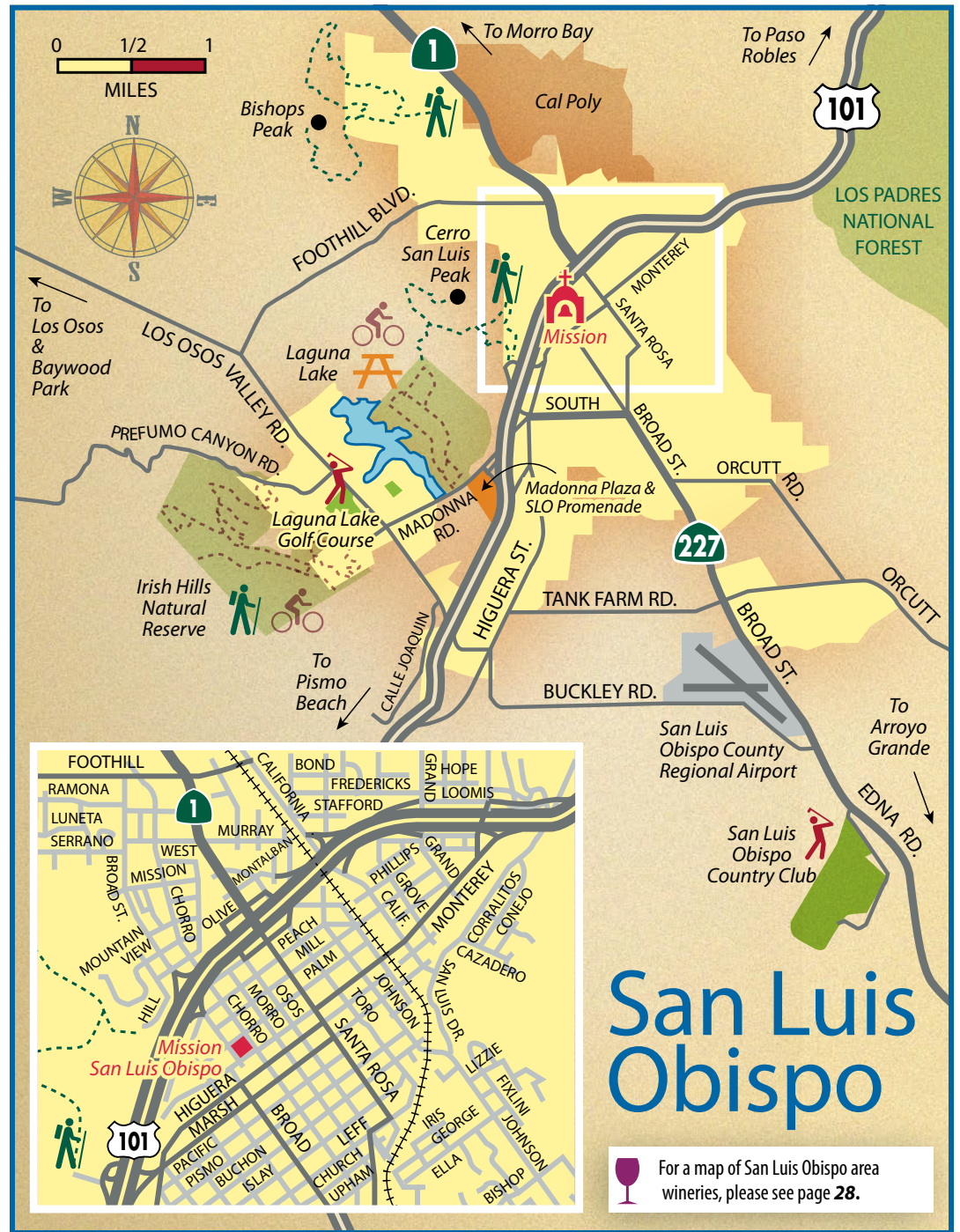
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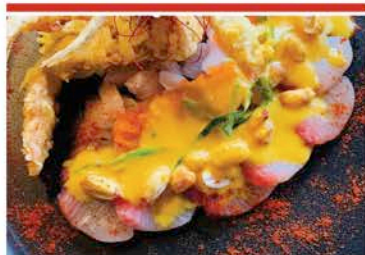
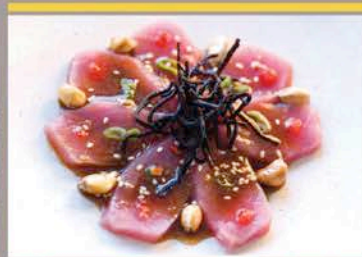
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The sweet success story of the Brown Butter Cookie Company

Butter makes everything better, take the taste test

The Brown Butter Cookie Company has brought sweet treats to the Central Coast since 2008; sisters Traci and Christa Hozie-Alderson started the business at their flagship Cayucos store, later opening in Paso Robles in 2013 and in San Luis Obispo in 2019.

From its humble beginnings as a local favorite, the company's



Brown Butter Sea Salt Shortbread Cookies are a fan favorite.

signature Original Brown Butter Sea Salt Shortbread Cookie

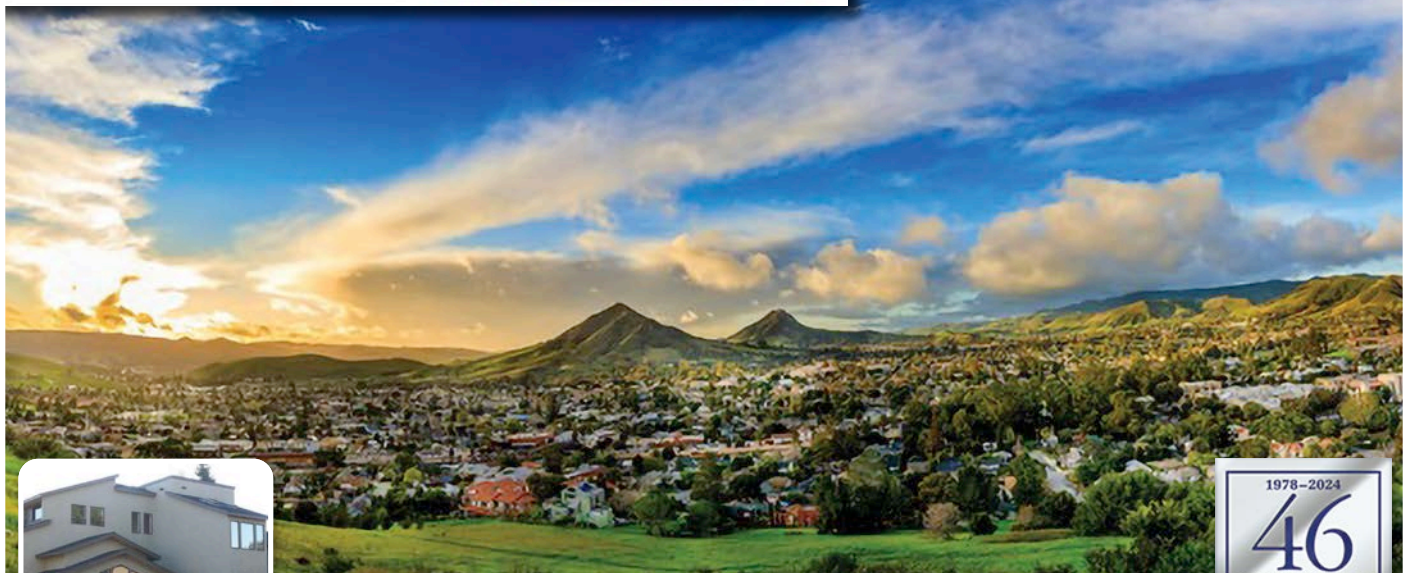
quickly gained widespread acclaim, requiring the launch of

an online store to meet national demand.

Step into the store at 897 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo and try one of the samples. Some of the cookie company's delectable flavors change seasonally, including pistachio, coconut lime, and spice. Flavors always available for purchase include original, cocoa, and Made with Ghirardelli® Chocolate Chip, Dark Cocoa Chocolate Chip, and Espresso Chip.

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There's frozen custard, too!

Don't leave without having a cup of the new Brown Butter Cookie Ice Cream (a frozen custard that includes their signature cookies), which is the perfect warm-weather treat. No artificial ingredients are used in the making, ensuring a high-quality custard.

The Brown Butter Cookie Ice Cream, available seasonally, represents the ongoing commitment to innovation while staying



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Be sure to pick up fabulous gift bags and boxes for loved ones, available in two-packs to double-dozen sizes.

All cookies are made on the Central Coast. The flagship Cayucos shop continues to be a hub of cookie-making activity, and the sisters have expanded with a new facility in Atascadero to meet the demand of the online shop and wholesale customers.

"We invite everyone, local or visitor, to indulge in the perfect blend of rich flavors and coastal charm. Whether you're in Cayucos, Paso Robles, or San Luis Obispo, you'll always find a warm welcome and a delicious treat waiting for you," said Hartzell.

The Brown Butter Cookie Company is located at 897 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, 98 N. Ocean Ave., Cayucos, and 801 12th Street, Paso Robles. Open daily. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For more information, visit brownbuttercookies.com or call (805) 464-6636.

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*Performances run from July 15 to August 1*

Festival Mozaic's multi-week event celebrating music, dance, film, visual arts, young, emerging musicians, and more takes place at venues throughout San Luis Obispo County.

This year's festival carries added significance as the United States marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In honor of this milestone, Festival Mozaic highlights



Music Director Scott Yoo guides the 2026 Festival Mozaic season.

American composers—especially those with strong ties to California—through a collaboration with the Coastal Awakening project. The partnership underscores California's vibrant cultural scene and its influence on the evolution of American music. Music Director Scott Yoo guides the season, focusing on creative freedom and artistic exploration.

“Celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence invites reflection on the bold thinking and innovation that shaped our nation,” said Yoo. “California, in particular, has long served as a hub for artistic experimentation. Composers such as John Adams, Steve Reich,

An advertisement for Dairy Creek Golf Course. The top half shows a red flag on a white pole in the foreground, with a white silhouette of a bird in flight and the text "Dairy Creek" in a cursive font. The background is a lush green golf course with trees and hills. The bottom half contains the website "www.dairycreekslo.com", the phone number "(805) 782-8060", and the text "Dairy Creek Golf Course | San Luis Obispo".

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**Special performances and festival experiences**

This year, the festival is partnering with Cal Poly Arts, the International Film Festival, the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council and Museum of Art, and the County Library System. These partnerships reinforce the festival's commitment to strengthening the region's broader cultural ecosystem.

On July 16, Festival Mozaic and Cal Poly Arts present the Los Angeles based contemporary dance company BODYTRAFFIC. The company is internationally recognized for its bold repertory and dynamic physicality that cel-



brates ideas and spirit through movement.

The concert schedule, Celebrating American & California Voices, presents several chamber concerts throughout the county

spanning the several weeks of the festival.

The Young Artist Program features a series of mini-concerts and the Young Artist Community Concert. In collaboration with

the Colorado College Summer Music Festival, the young artists include emerging musicians from the Festival Mozaic Young Artist String Quartet, mentored by Scott Yoo and cellist Bion Tsang, along with featured young artists from the Juilliard School and University of Georgia.

Free, hour-long Community Midday Concerts are held at various locations in the county. There's also a Summer Poetry Series, the Summer of Music Film Series, and a Meet the Artist series at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art.

And that's not all! Special presentations include comedy, ukulele, more concerts and performances. The Notable Encounters & Soirée offers interactive behind-the-scenes access for selected performances.

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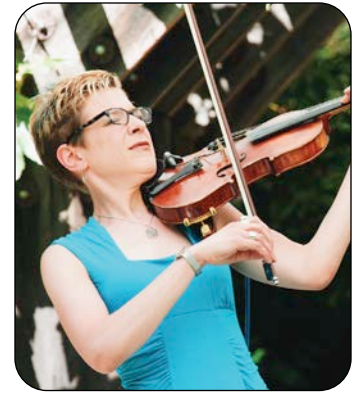
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tival programs provide many diverse venues and multiple points of entry into the world of classical music and the arts. Festival Mozaic deepens the experience through professional performances by outstanding visiting artists, outreach, education, dialogue, and content creation.

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# SLO's women-owned, neighborhood dispensary continues to raise the standard

*Roll with MOM for a wholesome cannabis experience*

Megan's Organic Market, lovingly known as MOM, offers a warm and friendly welcome to guests visiting this wholesome cannabis market.

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Options are displayed in an open-concept shopping experience.

"We love welcoming visitors into our unique space where they can safely explore cannabis and

embrace its benefits," said Megan Souza, CEO and co-founder at Megan's Organic Market. Souza

founded MOM in 2013 when she saw a need to better serve medical cannabis patients with verifiable, organic medicine. Working hard to improve the health of residents, MOM quickly became one of the most respected Prop. 215 cannabis collectives in California.

In 2020, Souza's success, respected reputation, and loyal customer base led to MOM becoming the City of San Luis Obispo's first operational storefront dispensary. Today, the company has grown to a second location in Goleta.

Visit Megan's Organic Market at 280 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo. Open daily from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Curbside pickup is daily from 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit [migansorganicmarket.com](http://migansorganicmarket.com), call (805) 592-1420, or follow @sayhighmom.



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# Discovering the diverse wines of the San Luis Obispo area

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Plan a day of adventure, sipping great wine, sampling apple brandy, and playing some bocce ball.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Centrally located in SLO Wine Country, Claiborne & Churchill's vacation property is only a ten-

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

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

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

Autry Cellars overlooks vineyards and a 40-mile view of the Santa Lucia mountain range. 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 wine-maker 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.



# Avila Beach



Take 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, Shell Beach & Oceano



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

Pismo Beach and its companion communities provide lodging for every budget. Enjoy the iconic wholesome food and fine wines that are hallmarks for San Luis Obispo County. Gifts,

original art, clothes, jewelry and décor can all be found tucked away in the many galleries and shops. A day or more exploring Pismo Beach gives a lifetime of memories.

## Attractions

### Dinosaur Caves Park

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

### Oceano Dunes

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

### Ocean views

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

- Chumash Park covers 38-acres of wetlands, willows, oaks and is home to a rich variety of birds and wildlife. Bring a camera. Leashed dogs are welcome.
- Eldwayen Ocean Park meanders over a mile along the bluffs and has stairs down to the beach and the tidepools. Check a tide chart to visit during low tide to explore the tidepools.
- Margo Dodd Park, located on a bluff above the ocean includes breathtaking panoramas of the ocean, beaches and surrounding areas. Bring binoculars and a camera. Walk the sandy beach to a tidepool at the end of Pier Street.

### Hiking and scenic walks at the Pismo Preserve

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

### Price Historical Park

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 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.

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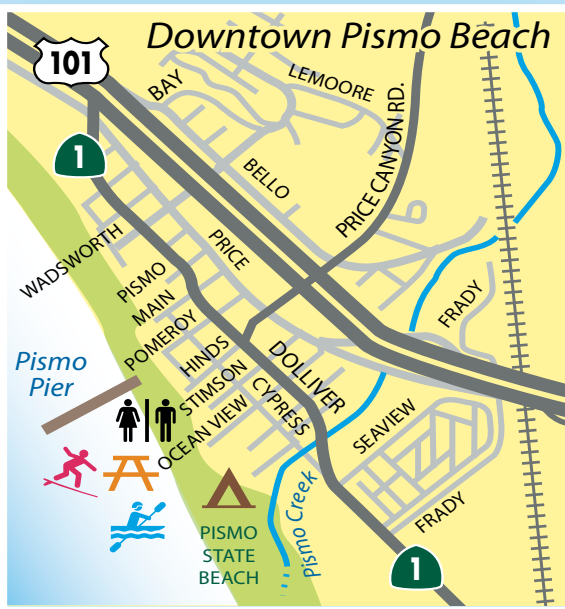
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When the original owners arrived from the East Coast, it quickly became apparent that a true seafood restaurant was missing. Cultivating relations directly with local fishermen, farmers, and processors, the Cracked Crab has become one of the most successful restaurants in San Luis Obispo County.

Executive Chef Andrew Shoneff takes the best of what is in season and tailors the menu to reflect the market. Order their signature bucket, and they lay out the butcher paper to present the highest quality shellfish to dig right into. Delicious sides made with local ingredients round out the meal. General Manager Jamie Habig says, "We strive to serve the best seafood available, whether locally caught fish or Alaskan crab. Much of what we serve, especially our Alaskan king crab, is of a quality unavailable to most other restaurants."

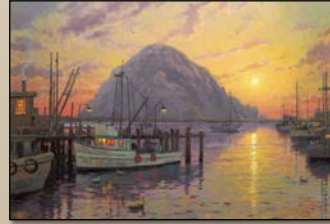
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The ingredients used in the Cracked Crab kitchen are consistently of the highest grade. The flavors of each dish reflect those ingredients. For non-seafood lovers, there are chicken and steak entrees to please the palate. The kids' menu has plenty of options for kids' appetites. A great local wine selection is offered to pair with the food, thanks to the Cracked Crab's direct relationships with Central Coast wineries.

A new menu is posted on their website daily. Chef Shoneff practices an "in season" philosophy, using local fresh catch when available, local produce, and making all of the dishes in-house and fresh daily.

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Just steps from the pristine shores of Pismo Beach, the Pismo Coast Village RV Resort is an iconic haven for vacationers seeking the perfect blend of relaxation and adventure. Earning accolades and high rankings, this resort has captivated travelers since it opened in the mid-1970s and has remained a cherished home base for enthusiasts of coastal getaways.

Spanning 26 meticulously landscaped acres, the resort boasts 400 spacious sites, each offering a picturesque retreat. The ocean beckons a short stroll away, and the resort’s extensive amenities include a heated swimming pool, outdoor pickleball and basketball courts, a nostalgic miniature golf course, an arcade, and surrey bicycle rentals.

An on-site restaurant, complimentary wireless Internet access, and a well-stocked general store catering to needs from everyday toiletries to local wines, RV essentials, and trendy apparel fill



Great vacations are made at the Pismo Coast Village RV Resort.

out the amenities. The resort’s prime location has easy access to popular Pismo Beach restaurants and shopping, all within strolling distance.

### A tapestry of experiences

Guests of Pismo Coast Village RV Resort immerse themselves in a tapestry of experiences. Whether savoring the local wine-tasting scene, basking on the sun-kissed beaches, or exploring the myriad attractions in the area, there’s no

shortage of activities. The vicinity is a treasure trove of wonders, beckoning travelers to explore and experience before settling in for a tranquil night at the resort.

While holidays and summer resonate with the laughter and joy of families, the off-season beckons couples seeking a romantic, serene escape. The resort’s calendar is filled with vibrant events, including the renowned Pismo Beach Classic Car Show, the Clam Festival, PCV Halloween Lane,

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The Pismo Coast Village RV Resort is not just about creating unforgettable vacation memories; giving back to the community resonates deeply with the resort’s





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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-beach-golf.com](http://pismo-beach-golf.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.

## Service

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## Shopping

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# Visit a mystical town, experience romance in the Wild West, and find a missing body at the Great American Melodrama

*Laugh out loud, boo the villains and cheer the heroes!*

The Great American Melodrama Theatre offers unique evenings of music and comedy, thrilling audiences since opening its doors in 1975. The theatre offers fun, interactive, family-friendly performances with top-tier professional actors from all over the country who greet audiences at the door, entertain them all evening on and off stage, and deliver the best performances on the Central Coast.

Known as “the Melodrama” by its fans, the theatre offers fresh, funny shows with titles that you won’t see anywhere else. Modern musical plays or contemporary takes on familiar stories are all performed in the melodrama style, including the use of broad comedy and larger-than-life characters. In true melodrama theatre style, audiences are encouraged to boo the villain, cheer the hero, and swoon for the lovers.



Boo, cheer, and swoon with larger-than-life villains and heroes.

A favorite experience for many in the audience is interacting with the performers throughout the evening. The actors not only perform but also greet guests at the door, show them to their seats, serve food at the snack bar, and take time during intermission to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the crowd.

With a wide variety of food, snacks, desserts, beer, wine,

and sodas as well as a third-act Vaudeville Revue, an evening at the Melodrama is three experiences in one: A great play, delicious dining, and a themed cabaret full of music, parody, and comedy sketches.

Over the next few months, the Melodrama actors explore a mystical town, outsmart Western bad guys, and solve the mystery of a missing body.

## **Wizard of Halzyon, now until June 13**

Trapped in a mundane life, Gail’s wish is granted when an earthquake transports her to Halzyon, a mystical town in the coastal marine layer. She is enlisted by a cursed stranger to defeat the town’s elusive wizard, reluctantly leading a mismatched crew. Their journey is filled with chaos, secrets, and a tumultuous quest to return home.

## **The Saga of Roaring Gulch, June 19 – August 1**

In the lively Wild West town of Roaring Gulch, CA nouveau riche,

49er style, Hilda Heartfelt captures the heart of Marshal Wyatt Winchester and the attention of the cunning gold hunters, Bart Black and Calantha. Get ready for a musical melodrama that will make you tap your boots and clutch your heart.

## **Murder on the Air, August 7 – September 19**

In 1938 at station WBFR, a live radio broadcast faces chaos with picketing musicians, a dwindling crew, and the rumored death of the leading lady, whose body disappeared. The remaining staff must continue with various programs while solving the mystery, all while staying on the air.

## **Get your tickets, here, ladies and gentlemen!**

The Great American Melodrama Theatre is located at 1863 Front St, Oceano. The box office is located at 1827 Front St. For tickets and more information, visit [americanmelodrama.com](http://americanmelodrama.com) or call the box office at (805) 489-2499.

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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

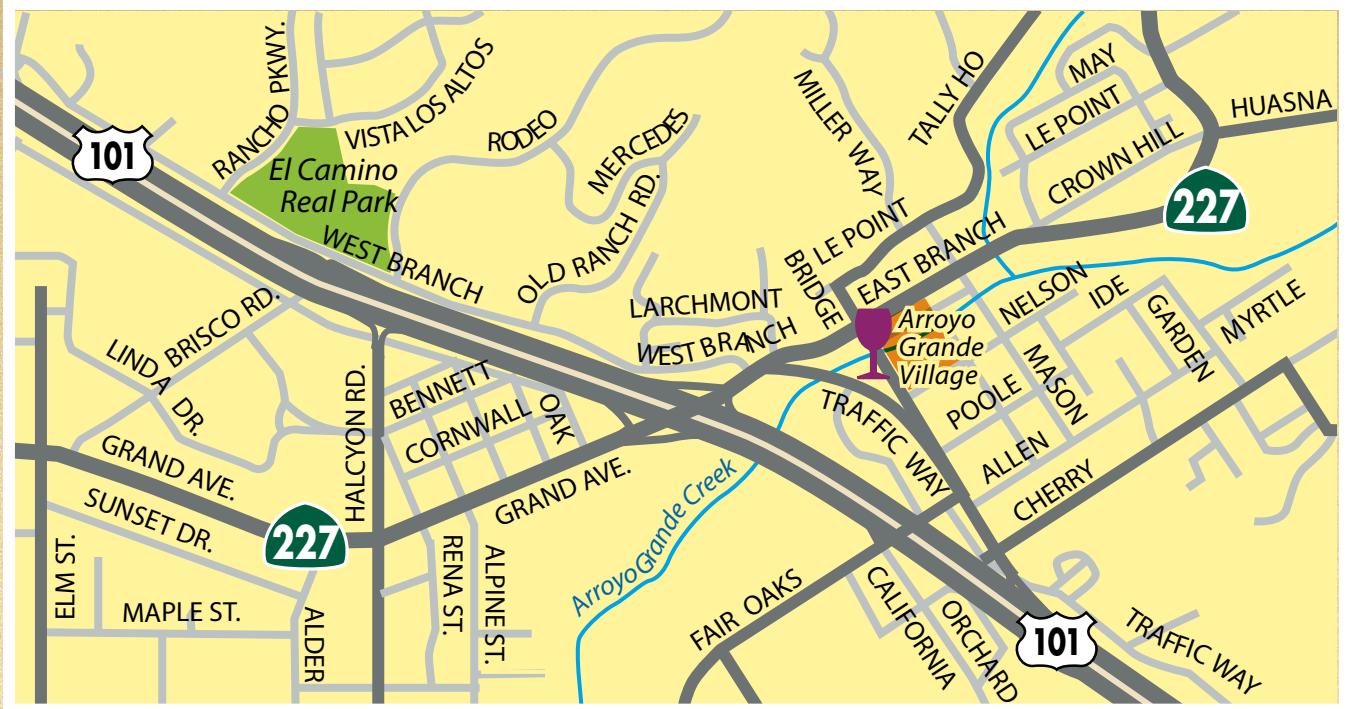
Located just 10 miles east of Arroyo Grande, Lopez Lake has close to 1000 acres of lake surface for boating, fishing, canoeing and windsurfing. The lake has a launch ramp, tackle shop, and many other amenities for water sport enthusiasts. The oak tree studded open space offers hiking and equestrian trails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

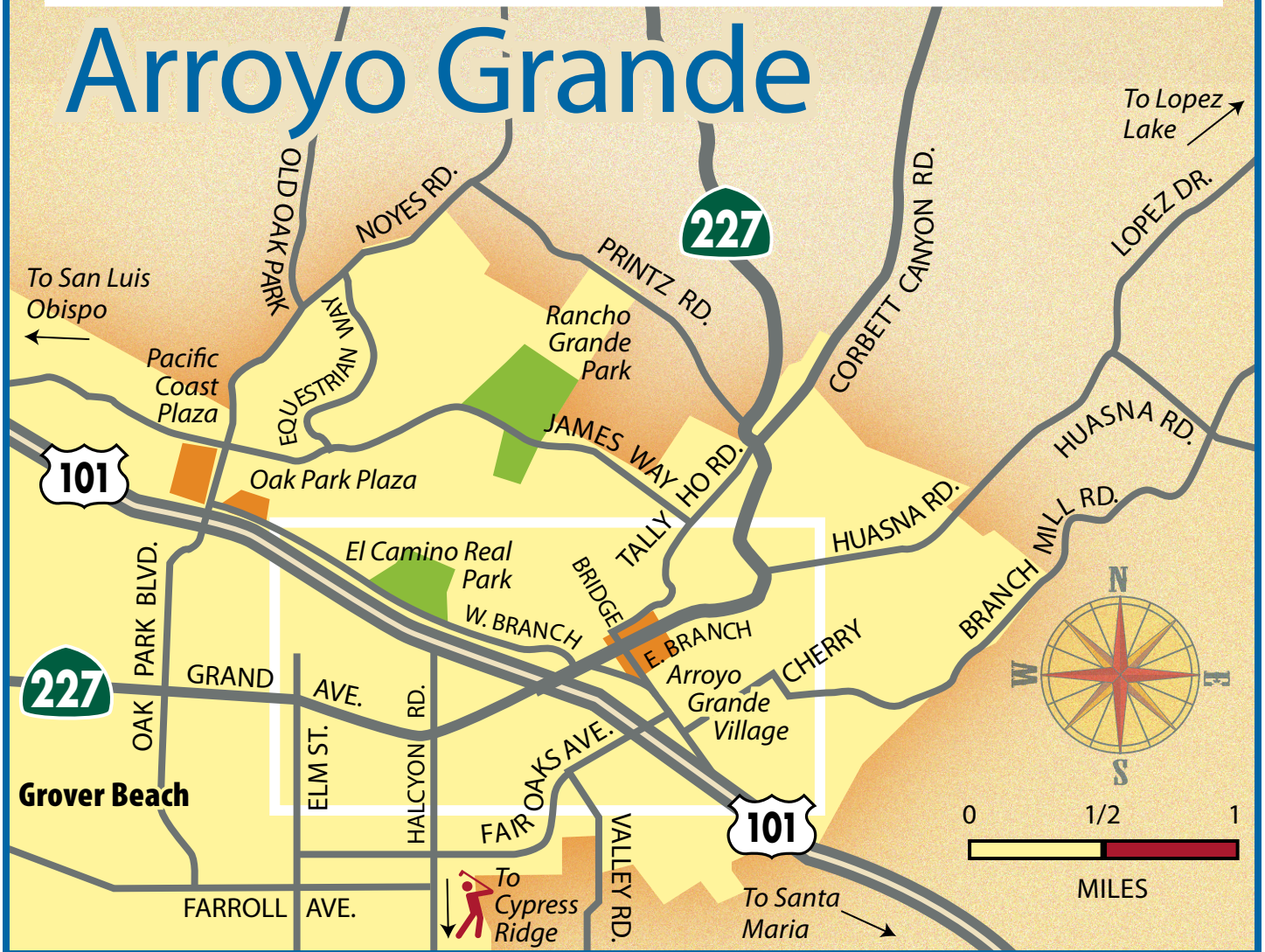
## Dining & Drinks

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# Arroyo Grande



# Exploring nature near Arroyo Grande



Adventure and exploring make vacations better, and there's no better way than experiencing nature. The Arroyo Grande countryside is some of the most beautiful in the region, and there are miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails less than 20 minutes from the village.

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

Every trail offers memorable nature experiences from strolls through meadows, the shade of oaks, to native California plants, 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 to fully appreciate views of the lake or panoramas of the foothills and meadows.

## 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 Lopez Road into the recreation area. Along with hiking, there's boating, fishing, and camping, including the Black Bear Equestrian Camp. The marina has a convenience store, restaurant, and snack bar. There is a day-use fee, payable at the campground entrance, or make reservations online at [slocountyparks.com](http://slocountyparks.com).

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# Nipomo



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

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

“nipomo” means “base of the hills” in the Chumash language.

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

## Attractions

### Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes

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

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

### Nipomo Native Gardens

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

### Nipomo Swap Meet

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

### Dana Adobe Historical Landmark and Cultural Center

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

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

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# Los Osos

## and Baywood Park



Los 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.

### 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, (805) 528-0392.

### Baywood Pier

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

### Los Osos Community Park

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

### Sweet Springs Nature Preserve

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

### Baywood Park Farmers’ Market

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

### Bear statues

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

## Dining & Drinks

### Foggy Bottom Distillery

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

## Vacation Rentals

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# Foggy Bottom Distillery, small but mighty crafted spirits

*Not to be missed array of corn whiskeys, bourbons, ryes, gins, and spiced rums*

Owner Todd Adams opened Foggy Bottom Distillery in the often-foggy coastal village of Los Osos in March of 2017. The small but mighty distillery produces a wide array of spirits, including corn whiskeys, bourbons, ryes, gins, and spiced rums.

Adams says he enjoys creating new variations of spirits, “Distilling is a very good fit for my personality and lifestyle,” he says. “I enjoy using the tasting room as a social outlet. I am normally a very private person,” he says. “Plus, I have a captive audience and they have to laugh at all my jokes and wild stories.”

Adams loves to give distillery tours to his patrons, who often will ask incredulously, “You make everything in here?” His reply is, “Yes, all 35 plus spirits were made in here! That is when they are really blown away, seeing that the distillery is the size of a small walk-in closet.”



Join the crowd for exquisite spirits at the Foggy Bottom Distillery.

Finding a location for his distillery was no easy feat, according to Adams. He says that being a distillery was a deterrent for many leasing agents. Adams also works as a county building inspector and said that one day on the job, he was inspecting the building that houses Martin’s restaurant for a remodel when he said jokingly that there was an unusual condition on the permit: that 100 square feet be dedicated to a craft distiller. After

some convincing and a whiskey tasting, the owners agreed to let Adams open his distillery in a small 100-square-foot room. They would later alter the plans for the distillery to add a deck for the tasting room. Adams also has an off-site barrel room for aging.

Adams is a busy man, inspecting during the week and giving tastings every weekend. You may even find him running the still.

## The future of Foggy

Adams has big plans for the future of Foggy Bottom. He says he plans on retiring from the county building department in about 3 years, after which he will be able to devote more time to growing the business. He says he can have three locations with his current license, and if he adds a restaurant, he can have a full bar. “My little brother is working on having a location near his home in Roseville, California,” he says. He has big plans for the restaurant, he says, “but I don’t want to give up those secrets yet.”

Foggy Bottom is open for tastings on Saturdays from noon - 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon - 6 p.m. “If you come for a tasting, you will be entertained by my telling of the Foggy Bottom story,” says Adams. Drinks and entertainment? Sign me up!

*Foggy Bottom is located at 905 Los Osos Valley Rd., Suite B, in Los Osos. For more information about their spirits and tasting room location, visit [fbdistillery.com](http://fbdistillery.com) or call (805) 795-1727.*

—Skye Pratt

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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

### KFK Gallery & Studio

A must-visit gallery featuring fine art, 3D printed sculpture, unique gifts, and global fair trade items. Open daily except Tuesday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., downtown Morro Bay at 875 Main St., Suite A, [kfkdesigns.com/art](http://kfkdesigns.com/art), (805) 903-2174

## Attractions & Tours

### Art in the Park Morro Bay

This celebration of art, creativity, and community returns Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends at the Morro Bay Park. Hosted by the Morro Bay Art Association, this tradition is a fundraiser supporting a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that has championed artists since 1951, [artcentermorrobay.com](http://artcentermorrobay.com)

### Bay Cruisers

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### Lost Isle Adventures and Whale Watching

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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

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# From whale watching to a Tiki cruise, sail away with Lost Isle Adventures

*Every trip is born from a lifelong passion for the ocean*

Summer is here, and in recent years, humpback whales have been consistently present in the waters off Morro Bay from June through October. Rather than simply passing through, many of these whales are part of a transient feeding population that returns to the area year after year making late summer into fall the peak of the season. Lost Isle Adventures departs from Morro Bay daily at 9:30 a.m. for two- to -three-hour trips featuring whales, dolphins, sea lions, pelicans, cormorants, and other marine wildlife.

Owner and captain Dane Jacobs is a Central Coast local who grew up on the water. During his time at Cal Poly, he developed a strong interest in business, but it was his experience studying the world's oceans through the Semester at Sea program that helped shape his vision.

"Lost Isle Adventures was born out of a lifelong passion for the ocean, boating, and marine life," Jacobs says. "The goal is to showcase the beauty of Morro Bay while promoting education and conservation."

## Expect unique encounters

Whale watching tours operate aboard the Angler, a 50-foot U.S. Coast Guard-inspected vessel built for safe, rugged, oceangoing conditions. The vessel delivers a stable, comfortable ride and features a heated interior, onboard restroom, and cocktail service. Thus offering a balance of adventure and comfort on the water.

Morro Bay is a working harbor surrounded by a state marine reserve, providing consistent wildlife



Two to three-hour cruises feature whales, dolphins, sea lions, seabirds, and other marine wildlife.

viewing opportunities year-round. Guests often encounter sea otters, harbor seals, and a variety of seabirds before heading into open water. Offshore, humpback whales are frequently observed feeding and interacting near the vessel, while large pods of Pacific white-sided dolphins are known to ride the bow.

"Summer through fall is the peak season for humpback whales off Morro Bay," Jacobs says. "In recent years we have had a consistent feeding population returning to the area from June through October. Gray whales migrate through our waters from December to May, so there's always something to see depending on the time of year. On some trips we encounter a few whales; on exceptional days, there's been 20 to 30 around us at once. That variability is what makes every trip unique."

For those looking for a shorter, more relaxed experience, the 45-minute Tiki Cruise offers a smooth harbor tour through Morro Bay. Guests enjoy views of Morro Rock, the Three Stacks, and local marine life while cruising aboard a retro-inspired, covered tiki boat with a full cocktail bar.

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Summer is the busiest time of year, and tours fill quickly. Booking one to two weeks in advance is recommended, though the team will

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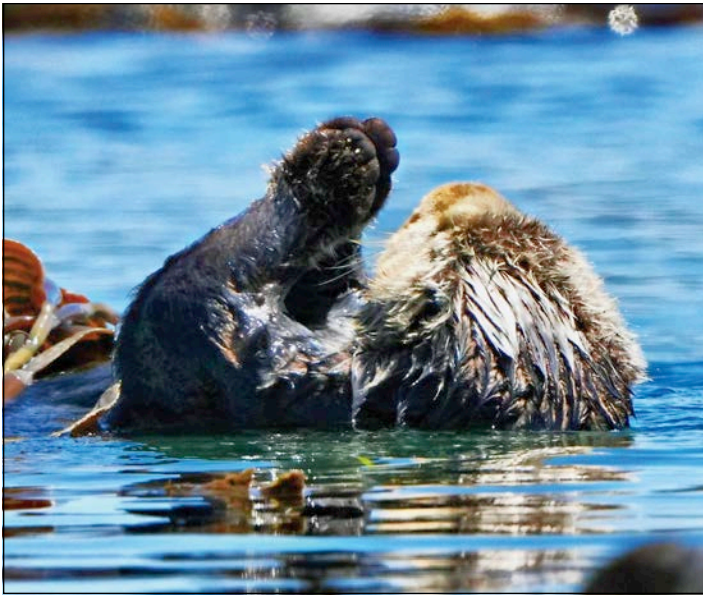
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With a deep connection to the Central Coast, Jacobs takes pride in sharing local knowledge and creating memorable experiences on the water. Each trip is designed to leave guests with a lasting apprecia-

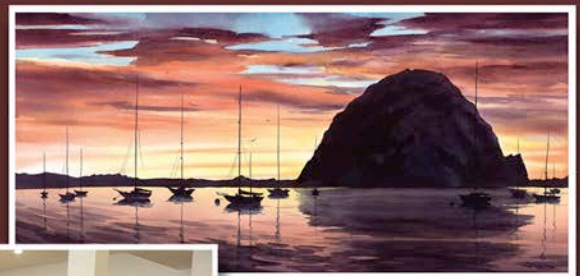
tion for Morro Bay and its unique marine environment.

*Lost Isle Adventures is located at 845 Embarcadero, Suite D, Morro Bay. For reservations or more information, visit [lostisleadventures.com](http://lostisleadventures.com), or call (805) 771-9337.*



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*‘There’s something special about being your own captain.’*

Pack a picnic and bring the family to Bay Cruisers in Morro Bay, where you can rent an electric boat and cruise the bay for up to two hours. Bring the family dog, too!

Located at 845 Embarcadero, Bay Cruisers is part of a family business that rents electric boats,



Choose your adventure, kayak the bay, captain your own boat, or learn to sail.

away to experience the bay like never before. No boating experience is needed. The electric boats are easy to operate, and better for the environment and sea life. Life jackets are included in the rental. You need a credit card for the security deposit, but you can pay with cash, debit, or credit card at checkout.

## Twenty-plus years of waterfront experiences

“Bay Cruisers has been around since 2002,” said Trujillo. “It started as a small locally-focused business. I started working with the business in 2009 while I was in college, helping out my friends who owned it at the time. I officially took over ownership in August 2015. It’s been incredibly rewarding to continue building on what they started and to grow it into what it is today.”

Electric boat rentals are the heart of Bay Cruisers. Over the years, they have grown to a fleet of more than eight boats and expanded to offering a full waterfront experience at a single location. Most recently, the company launched Central Coast Lift, offering sailboat lessons, sailboat rentals, and exciting eFoil (electric hydrofoil) demos.

From captaining your own boat for a few hours to kayaking around the bay, learning to sail, and brows-

kayaks, sailboats, gives sailing lessons, and is home to the unique Boat Yard Marketplace for gifts, snacks, beverages, including beer and wine, and other essentials for a great day on the water.

“We offer three packages for electric boat rentals,” says Bay Cruiser’s owner, Nicholas Trujillo. “Rent for an hour, an hour and a half, or two hours. There’s also a sunset option.” Rental boats accommodate up to eight adults, or 10 people if children are on board.

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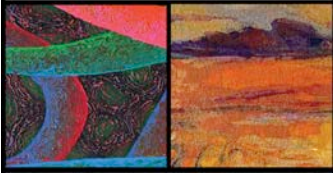
**Electric boat rental options are:**

- A 1-hour boat rental is ideal for sailing around the entire bay and watching the sea otters, sea lions, and other sea life.
- Rent for 1.5-hours for extra time for taking photos and observing sea life on the bay.
- The 2-hour rental is a popular option for groups looking to hang out on the water, enjoy picnics, and sip wine for a few hours.
- A sunset option is also available.


All sea-going adventures have protocols to follow, although those at Bay Cruisers are more relaxed than the Navy's, and more in the form of guidelines. The guidelines include a no-smoking rule, no



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fishing or swimming from the boat, the cancellation policy, and more. You'll be informed of all of the guidelines at the time of rental.

"Everything we do is centered around helping people enjoy and explore the bay in different ways," said Trujillo. "My biggest inspiration has always been being part of the community and creating opportunities for people to experience our beautiful bay and local sea life. There's something special about being your own captain for the day."

*Bay Cruisers is located at 845 Embarcadero in Morro Bay. For reservations, rates, gift certificates, and more information, visit baycruisers.com, or call (805) 771-9339.*

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Chablis Cruises offers public cruises and hosts private charters for all occasions. "You get to experience the beauty of Morro Bay from the water and enjoy fresh, made-from-scratch food and hand-crafted drinks," says owner Annie Clapp. Along with farm-fresh and locally sourced food, the Chablis features a full bar with craft beer, local wine, and mixed drinks. The signature Bloody Mary comes with locally sourced and pickled vegetables.



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The bottom level of the boat has a spacious dining room, and the open-air upper level

has a viewing deck, perfect for sightseeing or an al fresco dining experience.

## A family business delivering family fun

Chablis Cruises is a women and veteran-owned family business. Annie, her mother Patti, and sister Shasta operate the vessel, including captaining, catering, reservations, and other services.

Chablis is a unique, 50-foot, two-story flat-bottom riverboat that sails guests along the calm waters of the harbor. In 2007, Big Rock Charters LLC purchased the Chablis and sailed her from San Francisco to Morro Bay. A cruise on the Chablis is perfect for the whole family, a wonderful way to experience the natural beauty of the area and create lasting memories.

## Chablis Cruises aims to please.

Chablis Cruises is located at 1204 Embarcadero, in Morro Bay between the North and South T-pier, across from the Maritime Museum. To make reservations for a cruise, lunch, brunch, a private charter, or for more information, visit [chablisrcruises.com](http://chablisrcruises.com), or call (805) 772-2128.

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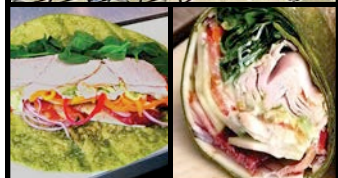
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Cayucos is the number one destination on the Central Coast for antique shoppers and a great place to just cool down and get away from the heat. It is the perfect beachside town for renting a beach house and enjoying a week of sand castles, sunsets 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, [cayucosausage.com](http://cayucosausage.com), (805) 900-5377

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# Cayucos, the crown of California's vintage surf towns

## *Small town soul with a world beat*

Considered by many to be one of the last California vintage surf towns, Cayucos is a surprising fusion of small-town soul with a world beat. Its village charm, vast stretches of spectacular California coastline, some of the best food and wine, family dining and shopping in the region make Cayucos a favorite for locals and visitors.

The name, Cayucos, is the Spanish word for the canoes used by the Chumash who originally inhabited the area. The town took its name from the original Mexican land grant, Rancho Moro y Cayucos.

### **Shopping, strolling, and surfing**

Surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, skin diving, swimming, and boating are certainly traditions rooted in the town's relationship with the ocean.

The buildings are an eclectic collection of architecture that house local businesses, including antique shops, gift shops, candy and ice cream shops, surf shops, fine dining, and an old-world tavern. The Cayucos Pier, originally built by town founder, Captain James Cass in 1867, is a popular location for fishing, strolls, and watching surfers, dolphins, sea lions, and otters. The annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip is held in full view of the pier.



**Bring your surfboard and take a break in Cayucos.**

Hundreds of people show up each year to take the icy plunge and cheer on the swimmers.

Sea glass collectors and beach walkers enjoy miles of shoreline. Serious beach walkers can hike the beach from Cayucos to Morro Bay, except at high tide. Leashed dogs are welcome along most of the beach, and there is a small section along the way known as Dog Beach, one of the few where dogs are allowed off-leash.

### **Kites, wind, and waves**

It's not unusual to see a few kites, or more, dancing in the breezy beach sky. The breeze makes the beach a perfect place to see how high your kite can go and how many tricks you can make it do. The wind and waves create perfection for some

brisk windsurfing, and the waves are known to give surfers some challenging rides.

### **Always something to do**

Just off Highway 1, and about 30 minutes from Hearst Castle, Cayucos is a great place for a travel break or to spend a few to several days. There are a variety of hotels and accommodations, many with beachfront views, and lots of things to do and see for the entire family.

The town is also famous for many different street fairs and festivals throughout the year. Discover all there is to see and do in Cayucos by checking out the Cayucos Chamber of Commerce event calendar at [cayucoschamber.com](http://cayucoschamber.com).

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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 over-

looks, 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.

## Attractions & Tours

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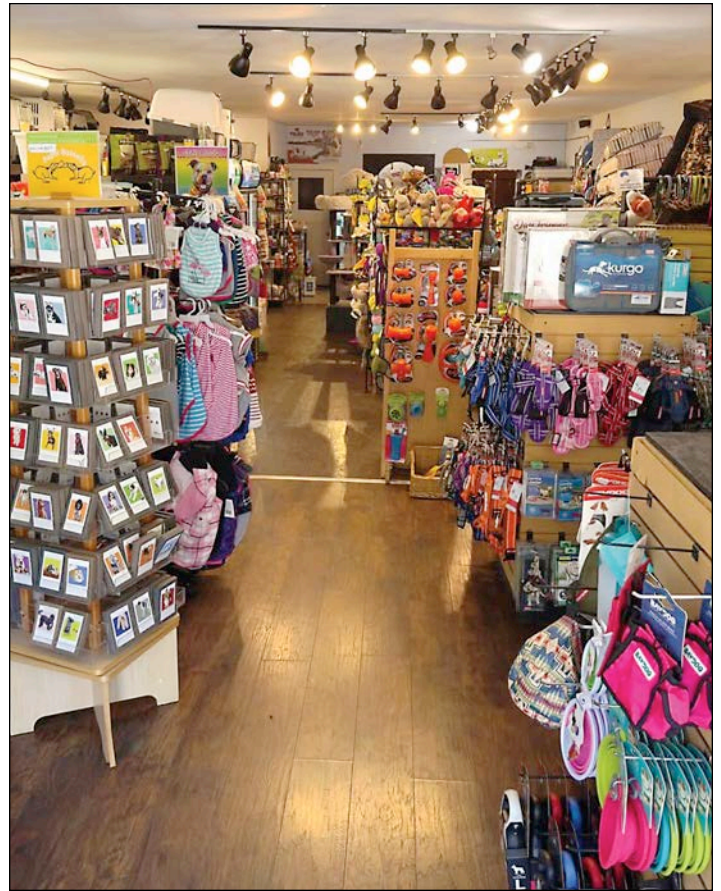
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In 2009, the Carroll family lived in Seattle with their beloved Old English Sheepdogs, Maddie Mae and Duke. The Central Coast was a favorite vacation destination, which they both saw as their future home. Christie said, "We love the beauty and weather of

the Central Coast and wanted to be a part of the community, where you know people and their animals by name." Maddie Mae's Pet Pantry has three additional locations in Templeton, Pismo Beach, and in San Luis Obispo.

All of the stores have been great successes with many repeat and regular happy customers. "We care deeply for animals and are committed to providing education and information to help our customers ensure the optimal health and well-being of their furry family members," said Christie. "We are very involved in our community by supporting and donating regularly to



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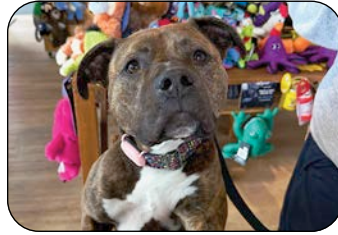
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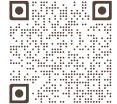
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### Attractions

#### Atascadero Lake Park

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

#### 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.

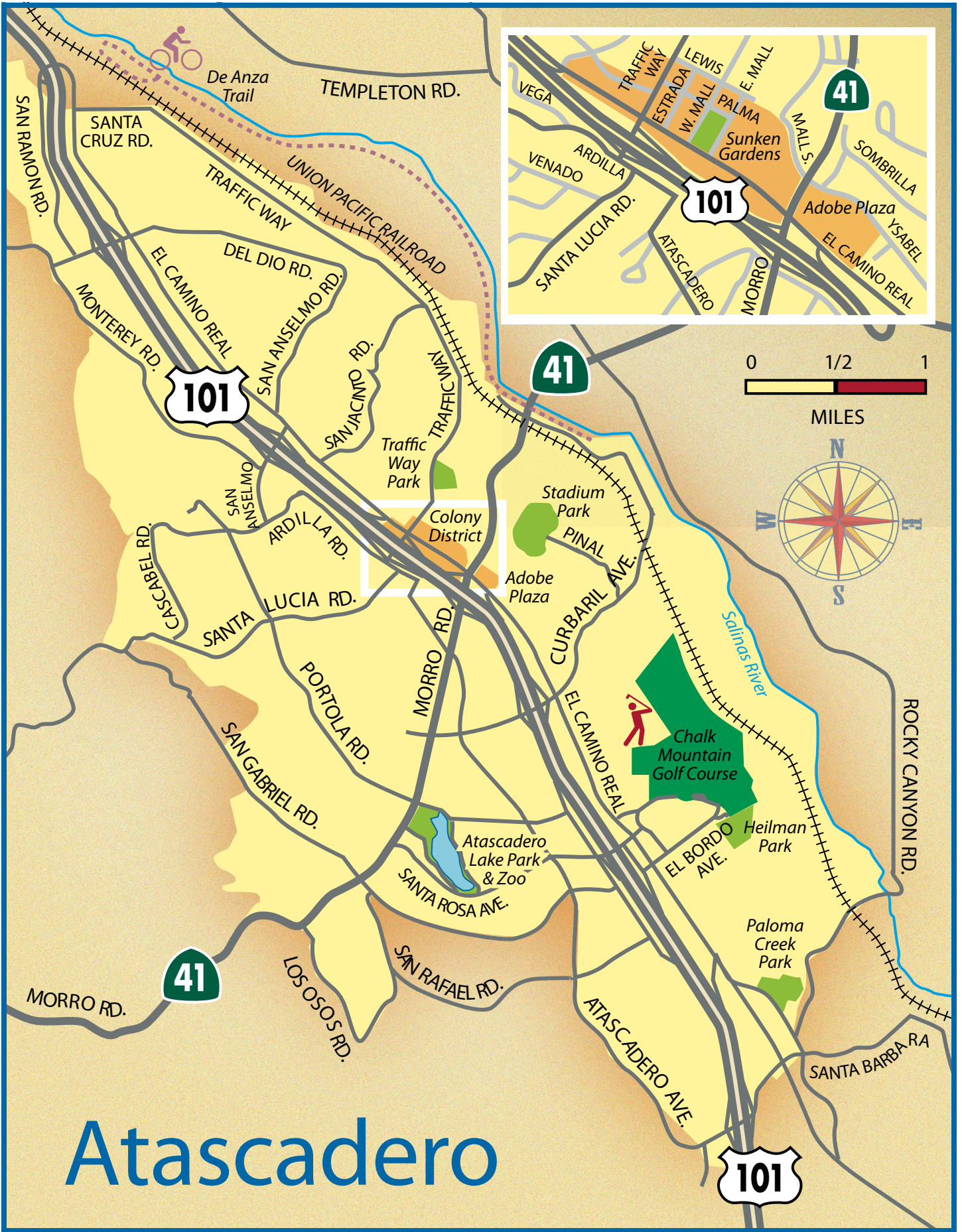
### Beer & Cocktails

#### 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., 5950 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA, (805) 466-9974. Follow on Facebook.

#### Wild Fields Brewhouse

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"The thing I love is that we're a local hangout, and everyone feels like family," said owner Daniel Green. Along with the local vibe, jukebox, and two pool tables, there is the classic old-fashioned cocktail,



served up from your choice of over 200 whiskeys.

Lively conversations among patrons are pretty usual. "It can be

self-governing at times," said Green. "There's always something fun going on!"

Anytime is a good time to drop by. The liveliest times are happy hour from 2 to 7 p.m., and then later, when the younger crowd energizes things between 9 p.m. and closing at 2 a.m.

Bring your own food or order delivery from your favorite Atascadero eatery. Free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for everyone are a tradition. Patrons rave about the special holiday eggnog, too!

Whiskey & June is at 5950 El Camino Real in Atascadero. Opens 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, closing at 2 a.m. daily. Call (805) 466-9974, but your best bet is to just drop in!

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The annual concert series takes place every Thursday at the Atascadero Lake Park Bandstand from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and includes a total of eight concerts to enjoy throughout the summer, except July 4 and 18.

Bring the family, a blanket, a low-backed chair, and your wallet for the food truck! The lineup features:

- **June 20**—Garden Party (classic soft rock)
- **June 27**—The Rockin' Bs Band (rock, country, and more)
- **July 11**—Ghost Monster (feel-good rock from all eras)
- **July 25**—PUSH (Rock-infused dance music from the 70s to today)
- **August 1**—Josh Rosenblum Band (pop/rock blues)
- **August 8**—Lady and The Tramps (rock, R&B/soul, blues)
- **August 15**—The Electric Lavender Train (classic rock'n'roll covers)
- **August 29**—The Cinders Blues Band (blues you can dance to)

Come early and enjoy the Atascadero Lake Park, playground, paddleboats, or fishing on the lake!

*Concerts are outdoors at the Atascadero Lake Park Bandstand, at 9305 Pismo Avenue.*

## 4th of July Music Festival

The City of Atascadero teams up with the Atascadero Printery Foundation and Tiny Porch Concerts to present the 4th of July Music Festival.



The event is from 4-8 p.m. at Atascadero Lake Park, and opens with the Scouts Flag Ceremony. Along with a lineup of live music, featured activities include the kids' playground, paddle boats, and boards, merchandise, food, and drink vendors.

The preliminary band lineup includes The Coffis Brothers, B and The Hive, Shane Alexander, and more to be announced.

Tickets are \$30. Proceeds benefit the Atascadero Printery Foundation to restore the historic printery as a multi-purpose community center.

*Atascadero Lake Park is located at 9305 Pismo Ave. For more information and tickets, visit [atascadero4thofjuly.org](http://atascadero4thofjuly.org).*

## Add cruising and dancing to your summer things to do list

The Friday night 2026 Hot El

Camino Cruise Nite, with a Saturday car show and the annual Dancing in the Streets celebration, is the perfect way to wind down summer.

The Cruisin'

Weekend kicks off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 21, when over 350 vintage vehicles cruise El Camino Real until 8:30 p.m. These beautifully restored vehicles

arrive from across California to participate in this annually anticipated Central Coast weekend. Registration for Hot El Camino Cruise Nite opens in June.

The next day, Saturday, vintage and antique cars are on display at the Mid State Cruisers Car Show in Atascadero Lake Park. In its 35th year, this car show is an opportunity to get up close views of special and rare vehicles and talk with owners. The vehicles are on display from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and there's still time to register your car for this show. For more information on the Mid-State Cruisers Car Show, visit [midstatecruisers.org](http://midstatecruisers.org).

Following the car show, the 10th Annual Dancing in the Streets jump-starts the evening with performances from local bands around the Sunken Gardens from 5-10 p.m. Enjoy your favorite bands, community entertainment, bounce houses, food trucks, beer, wine/cider, and





distillery vendors who are ready to celebrate a fun evening of music and dancing. In addition, the downtown merchants and restaurants are open, providing your favorite food, drink, and shopping.

*Admission for Cruisin' Weekend is free. Atascadero Lake Park is located at 9305 Pismo Ave. Sunken Gardens is located at 6505 El Camino Real. To register your car for Hot El Camino Cruise Nite, or apply to be a vendor for Dancing in the Streets, visit [visitatascadero.com/events](http://visitatascadero.com/events).*

**August movie night**

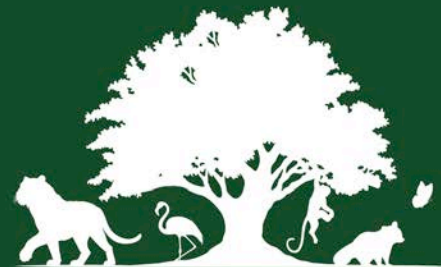
August 29 is movie night, featuring fun, games, and movies under the stars. Beginning at 7 p.m., participate in fun activities including soccer, chalk art, and hula hooping contests. The movie

starts shortly after sunset, and food is available for purchase.

*Movie night is held at Colony Park Softball Field #2 at 5599 Traffic Way in Atascadero.*



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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

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Acclaimed by beginners and escape room enthusiasts alike, ESCAPE! at Margarita Adventures is renowned as one of the nation's most innovative escape room experiences—and as one of the top-rated things to do on the Central Coast.

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Margarita Adventures offers awe-inspiring nature tours and scenic horseback trail rides.

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Margarita Adventures partners with Central Coast Trailrides to offer horseback riding on the ranch. Three distinct trail ride options are available, ranging from a gentle one-hour introduction to a two-hour golden adventure along the ridgeline. There's nothing like taking a trail ride into the ranch's natural wonders and wild west roots.

## Wine tasting, too

At some point in wine country, all roads lead to wine, and Margarita Adventures is no exception.

They offer a Zip 'n Sip package with their affiliated Ancient Peaks Winery. It's an opportunity to taste wines from the vineyard you just zipped over. Tastings are held at the Ancient Peaks Tasting Room and Café just across the street from the tour office in Santa Margarita.

Ancient Peaks specializes in Margarita Vineyards estate-grown chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, zinfandel, and other wines. The winery is owned by the same three longtime local winegrowing and ranching families who operate Margarita Adventures.

## Holidays, weddings, and private events

If you are coming to San Luis Obispo County to say, “I do,” or for another special occasion, you will want to check out the Asistencia, the quaint historic event venue at the center of Santa Margarita Ranch. With its 250-year-old stone and mortar walls, vaulted ceilings, and lush surrounding gardens, the Asistencia is the perfect place to



host your ultimate private event, and is regarded as one of the Central Coast's most picturesque wedding venues.

Weekends in late November through December are filled with Christmas at the Ranch, a series of

festive weekend celebrations at the ranch headquarters. This holiday extravaganza features classic steam trains, twinkling lights, tasty provisions, magical sights, and old-fashioned holiday cheer. Christmas at the Ranch is ranked in the top

three nationwide "Best Christmas Train Ride 2026" by Newsweek's annual Readers' Choice Awards.

For reservations and more information, visit [margarita-adventures.com](http://margarita-adventures.com), or call (805) 438-3120. The tour office is located at 22719 El Camino

*Real, in Santa Margarita, across the street from the Ancient Peaks Tasting Room and Café. For more information about Christmas at the Ranch, visit [christmasatthemargarita.com](http://christmasatthemargarita.com).*

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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 handmade 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 [chuloscafeandcantina.com](http://chuloscafeandcantina.com), (805) 434-3044

### McPhee's Grill

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### Pig Iron

A new restaurant serving high-end California comfort food, award winning cocktails, and a brunch most would die for. Open for lunch and dinner, come find out what all the talk

is about! Follow on Instagram: [@pigirontempleton](https://www.instagram.com/pigirontempleton). 508 S. Main St., [pigirontempleton.com](http://pigirontempleton.com), (805) 400-4542

### Templeton Market & Deli

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

## Health Care

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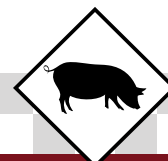


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# Pig Iron at the Templeton Mercantile— the hottest spot in town

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

Featuring a family-friendly California comfort food menu, Pig Iron has something for kids and adults. Choices like the one-third pound Classic Burger, crave-worthy seasoned French fries, and the savory Tri-Tip Torta are favorite offerings. The dedicated kids' menu includes choices such as mini corn dogs and chicken nuggets.

Brunch-exclusive dishes and drinks such as the Chicken & Waffle Sandwich, breakfast burrito, and Bloody Mary are available Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m. and noon.



Craft cocktails & cold beer are on the menu at Pig Iron.

## Club Car Bar

Templeton's only full bar, the Club Car Bar, features regular live music from an eclectic lineup of talented musicians while serving up fine-crafted cocktails, wine, and beer. Ranging from boot-scootin' classic country artists to acclaimed singer-songwriters, there is something for everyone on the event schedule.

Original Western murals by late local artist Hugh Slayden frame out the Club Car, with hand-cut wood floors complementing the curved marble-topped custom bar. Familiar spirits such as Crown Royal and Jameson are stacked alongside specialty bottles, appealing to cocktail aficionados. House-produced karaoke nights, trivia nights, and weekly line dancing featuring a live DJ pepper the brimming event calendar.

## Make a date and go

Whether you're planning a date night, evening out, grabbing lunch with the family, brunch with friends, needing your morning java, or a special event, Templeton Mercantile is the local go-to spot for all things food, drink, and music.

*All this fun is located under one roof at 508 S. Main Street, Templeton. Pig Iron is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., with weekend brunch from 8 a.m.-noon. Club Car Bar is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Coffee Shop is open Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For upcoming concert calendars, menus, and more information, visit templetonmercantile.com or call (805) 400-4542.*

Abundant indoor seating is available in Pig Iron's brightly lit dining room or cozy bar, nicknamed The Engine Room, a nod to Templeton's rich railroad history. The spacious outdoor patio provides ample space for groups, with heaters and a fire pit for comfort. Arcade games keep the whole family engaged while enjoying a meal together.

Right next to Pig Iron is the Club Car Bar, a western lounge and live music venue that has quickly become a favorite in the community for weekly concerts and events. Recently voted "Best North County Bar" by the New Times "Best Of SLO" contest, Club Car continues to gain traction in all arenas.

Pig Iron and the Club Car Bar have become the Templeton hot spot for dining, cocktails, live music, and wallet-friendly prices.

The Coffee Shop is the newest addition to the Mercantile. Open daily, the shop features locally-roasted Spearhead espresso and coffee, tea, and fresh pastries delivered daily from Backporch Bakery. Made-to-order lattes, matcha, and seasonal beverages add to the wide variety of experiences offered at this downtown staple.



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# Paso Robles

## Shopping, Fine Dining & Wine Tasting



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

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

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

### Antique Shops

#### Park Street Antiques

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### Reminisce Antiques

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### Attractions & Tours

#### Franklin Hot Springs

A local favorite since the 1950s, known for soothing warmth, healing benefits, and a serene, relaxing year-round retreat. Pure, chemical-free mineral pools and tubs (98-100°F). Open daily 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Affordable admission. 3015 Creston Rd, Paso Robles, (805) 712-5372

#### Redwings Horse Sanctuary

This sanctuary rescues horses that have been abandoned, neglected or abused. Its mission is to eliminate the causes of equine suffering through education and community outreach programs. Located at 6875 Union Rd. Paso Robles. The sanctuary is open for visitors from Tuesday- Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., (805) 237-3751

#### The Ravine Waterpark

Celebrating 20 years of fun. Enjoy summer with thrilling slides, a relaxing lazy river, a wave pool, all- new Splash Lagoon, elevated dining, and premium cabanas. Opens Memorial Day Weekend, 10:30 a.m.- 4:45 p.m., 2301 Airport Rd., Paso Robles. Schedule and reservations at [ravinewaterpark.com](http://ravinewaterpark.com), (805) 237-8500

### Dining & Drinks

#### Black Sheep Sourdough Micro-Bakery

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#### Brown Butter Cookie Company

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#### Cane Tiki Room

Cane Tiki Room gives a tropical exotic escape to their guests, right in the heart of Paso Robles. Featuring Polynesian small bites and delicious tiki cocktails, Cane Tiki Room is a must visit! 1240 Park St. Paso Robles, [canetikeroom.com](http://canetikeroom.com), (805) 227-7113

#### Eleven Twenty Two Speakeasy & Cocktail Lounge

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#### Firestone Walker Brewing Company

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#### Pappy McGregor's Gastro Pub

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### Paso Terra Bistro

Enjoy Paso Terra's affordable global menu and tasty entrées, including seafood, steak, pasta, sandwiches, appetizers and more. Open Wednesday-Saturday 4:30-9 p.m. Happy hour 4:30-6 p.m. 1032 Pine St., pasoterrabistro.com, (805) 286-4002

### Primal House

Blending heritage, craftsmanship and diverse local flavors into a distinctive experience. Their offerings include an old-world-style butcher shop, in-house brewery featuring seasonal craft beers, farm-to-table comfort food and a local produce market. 3330 Ramada Dr., Paso Robles, PrimalHousePaso.com, (805) 202-4700

### Red Scooter Deli

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Great breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, and amazing golf course views. Also check out Spirit of San Luis in SLO, for great food and runway views! Open daily. 700 Clubhouse Drive, Paso Robles, or 925 Airport Dr., SLO. Spiritofpaso.com, (805) 257-8003

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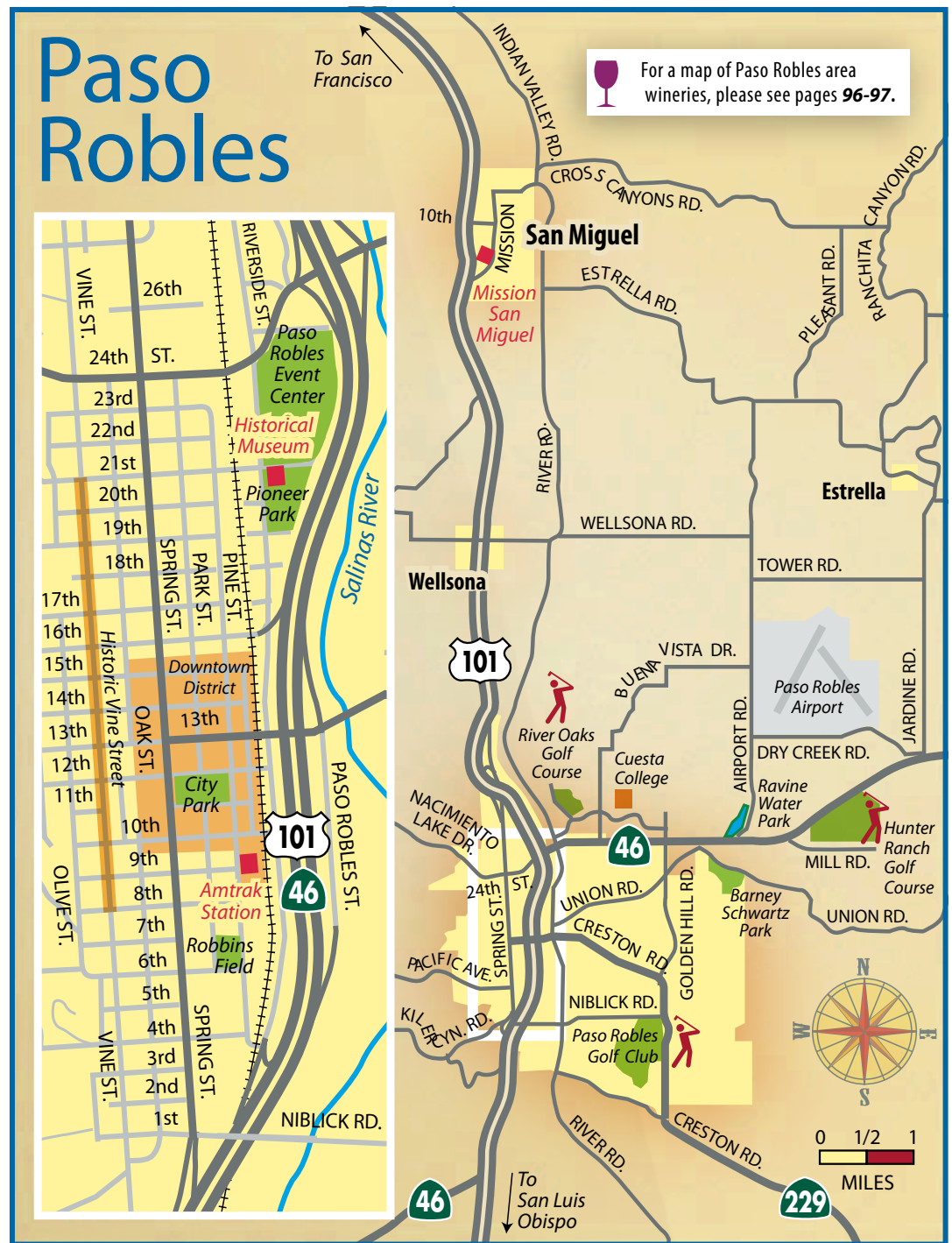
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## Indoor Activities

### Crimson Cue Sports & Billiard Club

The Crimson Cue is the all-age fun location for pool, shuffleboard, and darts. Serving a variety of beers and seltzers. Open daily from 1 p.m. with late hours on Friday and Saturday. 1319 Spring St., Paso Robles, (805) 674-4664

## Museums

### Estrella Warbird Museum

An aviation museum dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military

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

### Paso Robles Children's Museum

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

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*Celebrating 80 years of nonstop entertainment, incredible food, and high-energy fun*

Get ready! It's almost fair time! This year the California Mid-State Fair is celebrating its 80th year of age, family fun from July 15-26. Recently nominated for the 2026 Academy of Country Music Awards Best Fair/Rodeo, the California Mid-State Fair continues to earn national recognition for its standout entertainment and overall guest experience.

From the moment the gates open to the final encore each night, the Fair is designed to be a full-day experience, giving visitors every reason to arrive early, stay late, and soak it all in.

Each year, the California Mid-State Fair brings a new theme to life across the entire experience—from immersive décor and photo-worthy moments to community exhibits and interactive activities. In 2026, the fair goes “Back to the 80s,” with throwback energy, bold visuals, nostalgic fun around every corner, and a few surprise interactive 80s-inspired elements for guests to discover throughout their visit.

## Top-tier entertainment, all day and all night

The 2026 Chumash Grandstand Arena lineup delivers major star power across genres, including: Chris Stapleton, Lainey Wilson, Eric Church, Old Dominion, Treaty Oak Revival, MEGADETH, plus Howard Jones: Things Can Only Get Better Tour and An Evening of Music & Wine with Three Dog Night, Ambrosia, and John Ford Coley.

From high-energy concerts to edge-of-your-seat action, guests



Every day offers new experiences at the 2026 California Mid-State Fair.

can experience the Country Rodeo Finals, Tractor Pull, and the fast-growing, crowd-favorite Farm Olympics, showcasing the exciting side of agriculture through competition, horsepower, and can't-miss moments for spectators.

Guests can also enjoy six free stages featuring national, regional, and local acts.

## Explore, taste, and experience it all

Stroll through award-winning community exhibits, explore livestock barns filled with animals, and enjoy hands-on agricultural experiences perfect for kids and families.

Discover unique shopping throughout the grounds, from local goods and specialty vendors to one-of-a-kind finds inside Mission Market Place, a curated collection of local and artisan vendors—and the perfect place to find a truly unique souvenir.

Keep an eye out for roving entertainers popping up throughout the day, bringing surprise moments of music, comedy, and crowd interaction across the fairgrounds.

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To keep guests comfortable all day long, the fair also offers cooling zones, free hydration stations for water refills, and refreshing misters along the midway.

### Get there early for the new, daily happy hour

The new Fair Happy Hour features discounted food and beverage specials available throughout the fair daily from Monday–Thursday 4–5 p.m. and Friday–Sunday Noon–2 p.m.

With so much included—from free live entertainment and exhibits to family-friendly attractions—the California Mid-State Fair offers exceptional value and just might be the most affordable fun you'll have on your California vacation.

### Make the most of every hour

With something happening all day and night, the California Mid-State Fair isn't just a stop—it's the destination.

Don't just visit—immerse yourself in the California Mid-State Fair.



*The California Mid-State Fair runs from July 15-26 and is located at the Paso Robles Event Cen-*

*ter, 2198 Riverside, Ave. in Paso Robles. For tickets through the official ticketing partner, Ticketmaster,*

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# The Ravine Water Park is the place to be this summer

*Celebrating 20 Years of fun for the entire family*

Families and friends have been creating summer traditions at The Ravine Waterpark for 20 years. Whether local or visiting, this Central Coast destination is an essential part of many summer plans. Located just off Highway 46 East on Airport Road, it's the perfect place to spend an afternoon.

To celebrate the park's 20th anniversary in 2026, The Ravine is offering a variety of special events, fan photo features, and more throughout the summer. The fun officially kicked off on May 23, Memorial Day weekend, and continues through Labor Day weekend in early September.

"Fun is our main attraction, and we want everyone to feel welcome and happy at The Ravine Waterpark," said Brett Butterfield, the one remaining original partner of the park. In recent years, he has joined with Damien Mavis and Pat Arnold of CoVelop to bring new attention to this local attraction that he started two decades ago.

Bright and colorful, the park features vivid splashes of blue, pink, and yellow. A fun vibe flows throughout the park, from the vibrant colors of the slides to the blue water streaming down and around each attraction. The park team is all about safety, with everyone from the concession staff to the lifeguards undergoing special training. General Manager Stephen Gifford oversees the daily operations and ensures all lifeguards are CPR-certified and complete a rigorous training program.



Ravine Water Park celebrates its 20th anniversary with special events, fan photo features, and more.

## Slides, mini golf, and activities for everyone

Famous for a variety of water slides, The Ravine Waterpark features adventures ranging from thrilling to adrenaline-fueled. Vertigo is a 35-foot enclosed tube, while the Kamikaze is nearly five stories tall. Choose a lane on the Quadzilla and challenge your family and friends, or dare a family raft adventure with Thunder Run. The 325-foot Anaconda and Yellow Viper slides provide exciting journeys, and the Sidewinder promises heart-pounding twists and turns.

Splash Lagoon features interactive elements, including tipping buckets and new slides. If you're into catching waves, check out the Callypso Bay Wave Pool before lounging on the sandy beach or sundeck. Kickback Kreek is the ideal spot to relax in an inner tube as you wind along paths and under bridges.

The newest attraction is The Cove, a splash-less pool area with premium cabanas and high-end food offerings. Set aside from the other park areas, it's designed to be quiet and secluded – perfect for those wanting a more relaxed visit.

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**Day and season passes, cabana, private celebrations, and more**

It's never been easier to purchase tickets for a day's worth of fun. Senior and military discounts are available, and guests under the age of two are admitted for free with the purchase of an adult pass. Single-use day passes are ideal for one visit to The Ravine Waterpark. Season passes allow entry to the park any day during the 2026 season and include a 10% discount on purchases at the park's Bongo's Beach Shop.

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free scoop of ice cream, and 20% off purchases at Bongo's.

New this season is the Stay in Paso promotion. Available at participating hotels in Paso Robles and the surrounding areas, this option gives guests the chance to purchase

a day pass and enjoy a second day at the park for half price. "It's a great value for people traveling to Paso Robles who want to make a two-day trip to The Ravine," said Heather Muran, CoVelop Director of Marketing.

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The Ravine Waterpark hosts all types of celebrations, from family or class reunions to birthday parties and corporate retreats. Groups of 15 or more may enjoy discounted rates on daily passes; check the website for more information.

**Gift shop, food, drink, and special events**

At the recently renovated Bongo's Beach Shop, guests will find towels, goggles, sunglasses, sunscreen, swimsuits, and more.

An assortment of food and drink is available at The Ravine Waterpark, including gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan options. Find salads, pizza, and more, including "the best burger in town" at the Tiki Bar & Grill. The Sandbar features a variety of grill items, and kids of all ages may satisfy their sweet tooth at the Sidewinder Ice Cream Booth.

The 2026 season calendar includes special events such as the Summer Sing-Off, a local karaoke contest, and a Murder Mystery Dinner. "We do something special for the Fourth of July, and we plan to have a lot of extra fun offerings this summer," Butterfield said.

Lockers are available to rent, parking is free, and there are on-site showers and changing rooms. For the enjoyment and safety of all guests, please check the website for general policies, including attire and dress code, and code of conduct.

The Ravine Waterpark is located at 2301 Airport Road in Paso Robles, just off Hwy. 46 East; open 10:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m. daily. For reservations, season passes, or more information, visit [ravinewaterpark.com](http://ravinewaterpark.com), or call 805-237-8500. Follow on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.

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# Savor local food and wine at The Anderson Paso

*Seasonal flavors, handcrafted cocktails, and regional wines top the menu in a castle-inspired eatery and event space*

Thanks to the vision of Damien Mavis and Pat Arnold, a castle-inspired property with roots in the Paso Robles community has been transformed into a majestic restaurant and event space called The Anderson Paso. Situated among the rolling hills of Paso Robles, it's easy to find because it's well-known for being "the first castle on the right" on Highway 46 West from Highway 101.

Mavis and Arnold are the founders of CoVelop, Inc., a real estate development firm based in the San Luis Obispo and Santa



## Central Coast Cuisine with a Southern twist

The menu at The Anderson Paso is as unique as Chef Logan Ring's culinary journey. His roots in the South, blended with skills gained in Korean and Caribbean kitchens, match well with the seasonal harvest of the Central Coast. Approachable yet memorable, the menu boasts a wide selection of lunch, dinner, and dessert options.

Shared plate options include the coconut katsu shrimp with pickled red cabbage, Fresno chili, cilantro, and a vibrant peanut vinaigrette. Entrees such as the steak frites – a grilled 8-ounce flat iron steak with shoestring fries, fine herbs, and red miso peppercorn sauce – or the pork porterhouse with gochujang molasses-glaze and gamja potato salad, are sure to satisfy every appetite.

The Anderson burger and the shrimp po boy boast savory flavors, and the salad selection is a great reflection of the seasonal offerings of the Central Coast. Be sure to save room for dessert! Enjoy the white chocolate bread pudding, the exquisite pina colada cheesecake, or a scoop of vanilla bean artisan gelato and other tempting delights.

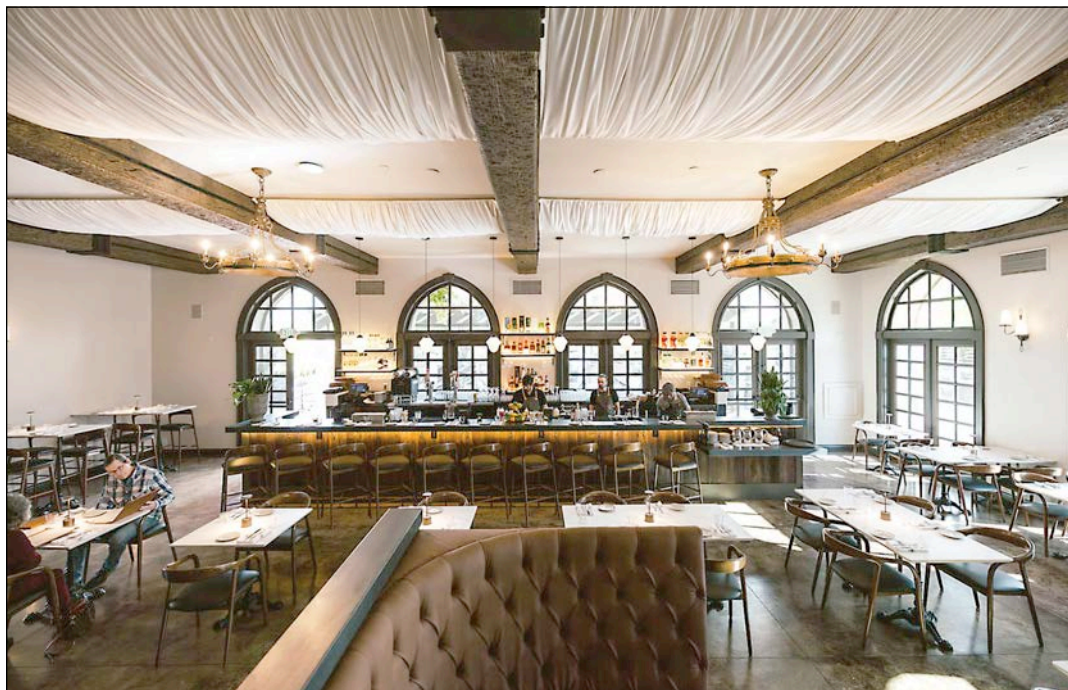
Barbara communities that oversees residential and commercial projects from acquisition through construction. The team takes pride in their commitment to providing meaningful economic and social impact with each project, and The Anderson Paso is no exception.

"We like to think of it as the gathering spot where our friends, local neighbors, visitors, and wine industry professionals can come together, enjoy a great meal, a good drink, and each other's company," said Mavis.

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Whether it's a cocktail, mocktail, wine, beer, or a soft drink you desire, the Anderson Paso features a wide variety of beverage options, including The Anderson Negroni. One of several original cocktail offerings, it's milk-clarified and crafted with gin, clarified Campari, rose syrup, orange oil, and winemaker Jeremy Leffert's Croma Vera Vermouth Del Sol. The sweet and spicy trial by fire, made with a house habanero tequila, Anchos Reyes Chili Liqueur, blood orange, pineapple, lime, agave syrup, and Tajin Classico Seasoning, is a must-try.

Traditional and local bottled beers are available, including non-alcoholic brews, and mocktails such as the bright and balanced Hughie Jr. with cucumber-lime cordial, pineapple juice, club soda, and lime are sure to quench your thirst.

As part of a truly unique tasting experience, Fortress Flights rotates wine selections from Central Coast winemakers to bring multiple

"The Anderson Paso is the perfect spot for local folks and visitors who may be out experiencing our local wine country," said Heather Muran, CoVelop

Director of Marketing. "Everyone who drives 46 West sees the castle. We're the only spot along the highway in Paso Robles where you can enjoy a nice lunch or

dinner, and cocktails. We're lining up special events for the summer with live music, industry nights, and brunch specials on Sundays."

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small-batch producers together in a collaborative setting. This concept was developed in partnership with The Anderson Paso's sister company, Fortress Custom Crush. With these curated flights, house manager Robin Wolf and her team share the background of featured winemakers while also guiding and educating guests on each wine's style and region.

**Stunning views, outdoor terraces, and event spaces**

More than just a restaurant, The Anderson Paso is part of a truly stunning hospitality destination. The castle overlooking the hills of Paso Robles boasts a full suite of inviting event spaces, outdoor terraces, and rooftop settings, making it the ideal location for weddings, private dining experiences, and corporate gatherings.

“With the castle and lots of great outdoor and indoor spaces, there are so many opportunities for stunning photos for our bridal parties and events,” Muran said.

Whether sitting outside to enjoy lunch on a sunny day or by the fire for an elegant dinner, The Anderson Paso has quickly become a welcoming and memorable space for locals and visitors alike. It's a place to slow down, connect, and savor the best of the Central Coast.

*The Anderson Paso is located at 3090 Anderson Road in Paso Robles, “the first castle on the right” just off Hwy 46 West; open Thursday through Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. with last seating at 8:30 p.m. For reservations and more information, visit [theandersonpaso.com](http://theandersonpaso.com), or call (805) 226-5060.*

—Meagan Friberg

# Yes Cocktail Co., where world-class cocktails meet the Paso Robles wine scene

*Paso Robles tasting room is a one-of-a-kind experience*

Paso Robles might be known for wine, but Yes Cocktail Co. is bringing cocktails to the party. Lauren and Brandon Alpert were theater people who spent years traveling the world directing musicals and teaching improv. When they weren't in rehearsals, they were in bars obsessing over the local drink culture. They had bourbon in Kentucky, aquavit in Denmark, and mezcal in Mexico. Brandon Alpert says, "It became this shared passion we couldn't shake."



Yes Cocktail Co. named 'Best Craft Mixer' brand in America by USA Today.

When they settled down on the Central Coast, they wanted to recreate all of those special drinks, but

quickly realized the mixers on the store shelves weren't cutting it. "Everything was artificial, overly sweet,

full of stuff we didn't want. So, we started making our own using local produce and the flavors we'd fallen in love with on the road."

They set up a booth at the Cayucos Farmers Market in 2015, and it grew from there. Yes Cocktail Co. is now one of the most recognized craft mixer brands in the country. USA Today named them the Best Craft Mixer brand in America. They were also recognized by Oprah Daily and Martha Stewart. They're sold around the world in more than 3,000 stores.

The mixers are still made locally in Paso Robles. Alpert explains, "We follow what's growing. Living on the Central Coast makes that pretty easy. The produce here is extraordinary." Following the seasons keeps them creative and their offerings fresh and exciting. For ex-

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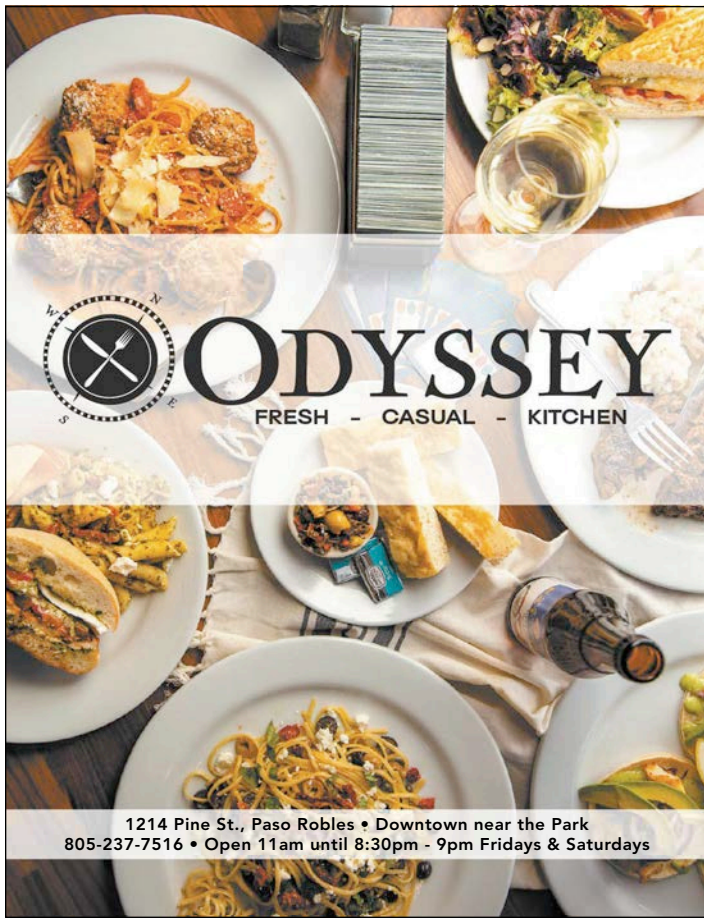
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They also offer mixology classes, guiding guests to craft their own cocktails and mocktails. Classes such as the Hands-On Mixology Lab, Seasonal Sips, Tiki Time, and Margarita Lab use artisan mixers, fresh citrus, bitters, and premium spirits. They also offer private mixology parties, bachelorette mixology parties, and wedding consultations for couples who want a special wedding cocktail.

Of course, you can also visit the tasting room and simply sit on the patio with something beautiful in your glass. Everything is available with or without alcohol.

Local favorites include Yes Cocktail Co's branded Cucumber Jalapeño mixer and Charred Oak and Maple syrup. They were honored as national winners by the Good Food Awards in 2024.

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No matter what you choose when you're there, you're guaranteed to have a seasonally delicious time.

*Yes Cocktail Co. is located at 2915 Union Road in Paso Robles. Open Monday-Thursday from noon-4 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 2-5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For reservations or more information, visit [yescocktailco.com](http://yescocktailco.com) or call (805) 591-4735.*

—Karen Lycan



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Downtown Paso Robles

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#### 9th, 16th & 30th Concerts in The Park

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#### California Mid-State Fair

July 15th to July 27th

#### 23rd • Free Pancake Breakfast

Thurs. 7/23: 7:30AM-10:30AM, City Park (Free Admission)

### AUGUST

#### 6th, 13th & 20th Concerts in The Park

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#### Sat. 22nd • Let's Make A Deal, Paso! (Trading Day) & Kids' Flea Market

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# Primal House, a unique ranch-to-table experience

*Paso Robles' best-kept secret offers a butcher shop, dining, and a brewery*

Primal House is a family business run by Alyssa Leal and Bud Cole, and Alyssa's parents, Teresa and Jimmy Leal. Opening in 2025, the idea was a dream for them for a long time. Alyssa always wanted to open a market, and Bud is a 4th



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generation cattle rancher. They blended their skills, and Primal House was born.

"We started with the idea of just a butcher shop and market," Alyssa Leal explains, "and then added the restaurant and brewery. We wanted to create a destination where you could eat the steaks that were being cut in our butcher shop and enjoy a great beer as well."

Primal House is a great example of the farm-to-table movement, which the team rebrands as ranch-to-table. As a cattle rancher, Bud Cole has his own herd and connections to local ranchers. Leal explains, "We aim to bring the small ranchers and farmers back to

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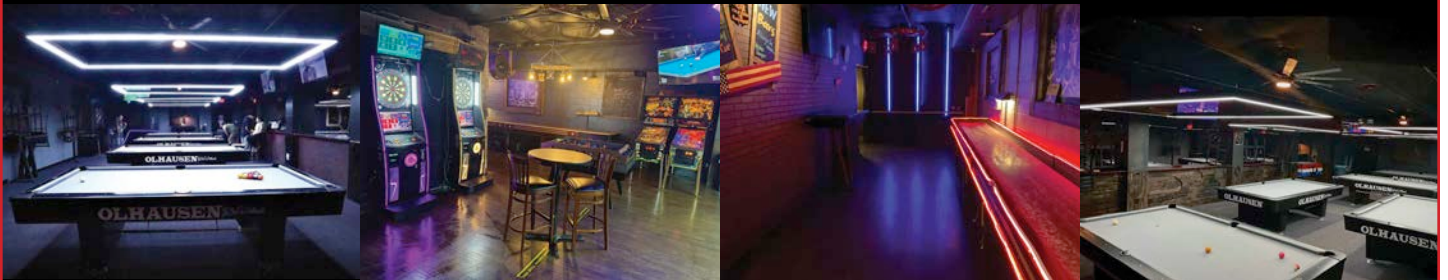


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the local markets.” A visit to Primal House is quite literally a taste of Paso Robles.

Primal House is an open concept with the butcher shop front and center. Guests can choose their favorite cut of meat, traditional sausages, or more exotic choices such as the savory duck and peach combo or elote corn pork sausage. They are committed to top-quality meats that are raised locally and cut fresh.

A quick glance through the market, and it’s clear that they

choose their items carefully. Every item is top quality. There are three different dining areas. There’s a casual eatery next to the market and butcher shop, the taproom, and a fine dining room open in the evenings. The kitchen is open so guests can see their food being made, and just behind it is the large brewery and taproom where they craft their specialty beers. It wouldn’t be complete without the bar, which elevates the brewery experience into something unique and special.

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### Brewery flights, Mahjong, and make your own sourdough

Of course, the eatery and restaurant serve the meats from the butcher shop as well as several items from the market. It's a one-stop shop for people who like good food. They focus on cozy comfort classics. The traditional menu offers a sausage sampler with sausages from the butcher, and hamburgers with regular or gluten-free buns, farmer's stew, pasta, and, of course, steaks. Primal House is a protein-lover's dream.

Brewmaster Bret Stitzmen's brewing style is classic German brewing. With names like Back to Bako Lager, Livin' the Dream Cream Ale, and Cherry Chocolate Dunkel, it's hard to choose just one beer to try. Fortunately, guests can sample a taproom flight of any four beers. The bartender even tells you which order to drink them in for the best experience.

The team has focused on making Primal House a fun place to hang out. There's live music Thursday through Sunday. They also host

classes such as Mahjong and sourdough bread making. Wine events and private events are regularly hosted. Check out the website for upcoming events.

If you're looking for ranch-to-table dining and a fun new place to hang out, try Primal House.

*Primal House is located at 3330 Ramada Drive in Paso Robles. Open Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. To view the menu and for more information, visit [primalhousepaso.com](http://primalhousepaso.com).*

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## Look for three qualities

Tasters should look for these three positive attributes:

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

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

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

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

Next, slurp in about a quarter of a tea-spoon 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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Paso Robles is known for world-class wine, but many visitors enjoy adding something new to the visit. Olivas de Oro Olive Company offers a refreshing change of pace—an inviting stop centered around California-grown olive oils, artisan vinegars, and thoughtfully crafted pantry favorites designed to make every day cooking more flavorful and enjoyable.

### **Taste as much or as little as you like**

Some guests love asking questions and sampling pairings, while others simply enjoy browsing the tasting room filled with flavorful discoveries. There's no rush and no pressure—just a warm welcome and the freedom to enjoy the tasting room however you like.

For those who want to explore, the friendly team is always happy to share ideas, suggest pairings, and offer simple ways to use products at home to fit their guests' style of cooking. Discover how a bright citrus olive oil can elevate grilled seafood, how a rich balsamic can transform roasted vegetables, or



**Olivas de Oro Olive Company is rooted in hands-on farming and production.**

how a finishing salt can bring new life to a simple avocado toast or steak dinner.

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### **Growers, producers, and family-owned since 1999**

That passion for helping others enjoy good food has guided owners Frank and Marti Menacho since 1999. What began as a love for quality olive oil grew into a lifelong pursuit of excellence, education, and craftsmanship.



Unlike shops that simply source products, Olivas de Oro Olive Company is rooted in hands-on farming and production. The family grows olives, oversees harvest timing, and crafts their own olive oils with the experience that comes from decades in the industry.

Over the years, the family has earned international recognition as olive oil sommeliers and producers, receiving more than a thousand competition medals along the way.

Frank has also served on respected tasting panels and as a competition judge, helping shape standards within California's olive oil industry.

Yet despite those credentials, the atmosphere remains welcoming, relaxed, and fun. Guests never need to be experts to enjoy the experience.

### **More than olive oil**

Over time, Olivas de Oro Olive Company has grown beyond olive oil to include a collection of small-batch artisan pantry products that reflect the same commitment to quality ingredients and great taste.

Browse fruit balsamic vinegars, savory spreads, sea salts, rubs, mustards, grilling sauces, tapenades, and seasonal specialties—the kinds of products that make easy entertaining more special and weeknight meals more exciting.

Everything is chosen with home cooks in mind: simple ingredients, big flavor, and easy ways to create memorable meals.

### Relax and enjoy Tin City

Stop by the tasting room, slow down and enjoy the moment. Set within the creative energy of Tin City, it's an ideal stop between wineries, breweries, and local makers.

Browse gifts for food lovers, gather ideas for your next dinner party, or relax on the patio with local wine or beer and a few small bites while taking in the welcoming atmosphere.

### You'll want to come back!

Guests return year after year bring their friends and family, making Olivas de Oro Olive Company part of their Paso Robles tradition. Some come for favorite flavors, others for gifts, and many simply for the friendly experience they know awaits them.

Whether you're planning a weekend getaway, exploring Tin City for the afternoon, or searching for a unique stop beyond the tasting room trail, Olivas de Oro Olive Company offers something memorable: a warm welcome, wonderful flavors, and inspiration to enjoy long after your visit ends.



Visit the Olivas de Oro tasting room at 2989 B Limestone Way in Tin City. For hours and more in-

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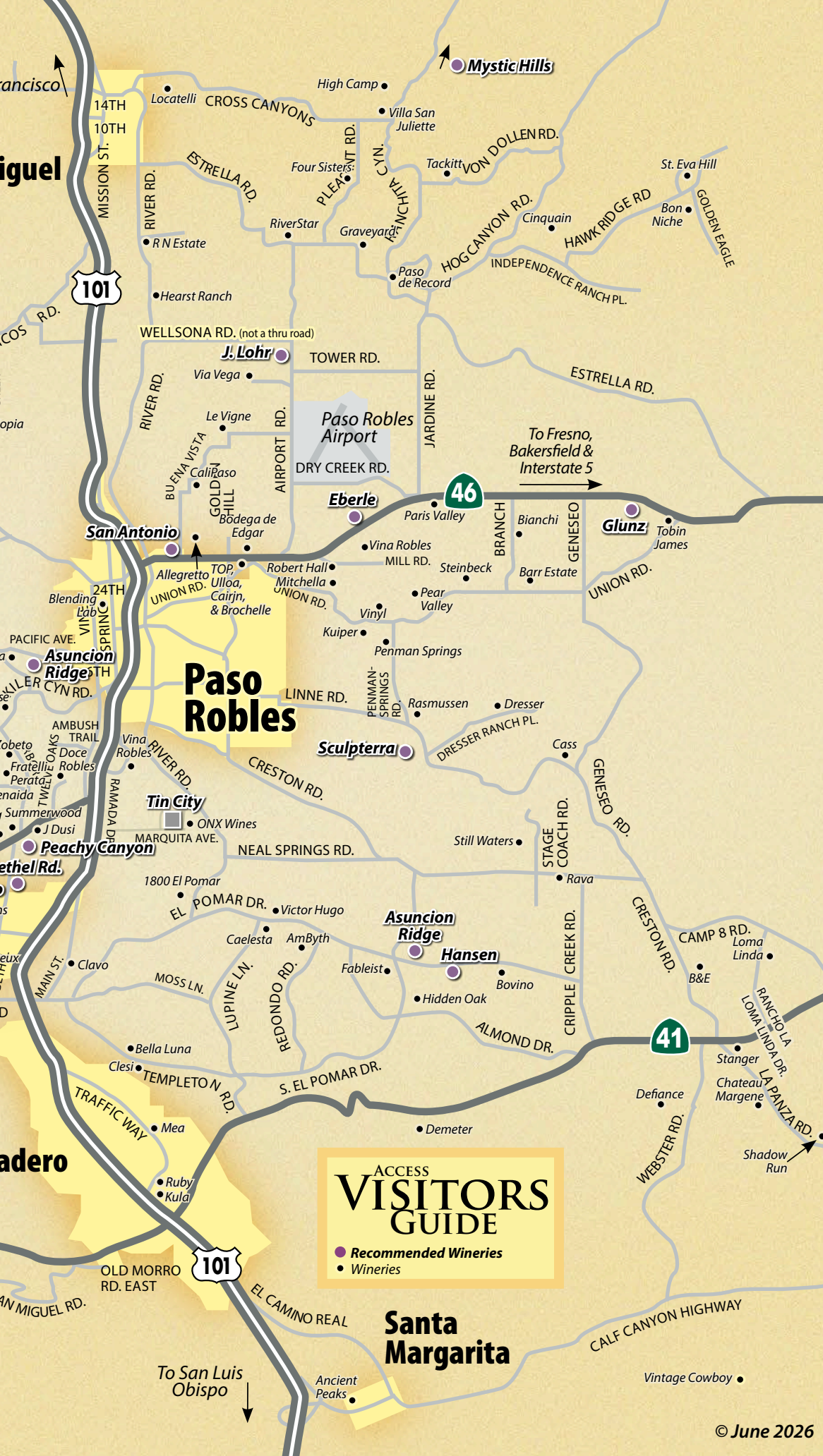
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# Experience local history in every glass at Derby Wine Estates

*From almonds to wine, 100 years of local history*

In the early 1920s, Paso Robles was the heart of a thriving almond industry, and the historic Farmers' Alliance Building, constructed in 1922 served as the hub for the California Almond Growers Exchange. As the almond business declined, the building became a grain brokerage for nearly four decades until it closed and remained vacant from 1975 to 1985. In 2010, Ray and Pam



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Derby purchased the building and spent four years carefully restoring it, and it became Derby Wine Estates in 2014.

Once again, this symbol of Paso Robles' agricultural heritage is overlooking the entire town, representing the area's commercial center. Instead of almonds or grains, it now celebrates wine. What took a few months to build a century ago took four years to restore. Today, it is a place where you can enjoy Derby wine, tour the tower, and take in the views of Paso Robles, the town, hills, and vineyards that surround the area.

### Three estate vineyards yield 25 different varietals

Derby wines are an enticing mix of varietals and terroir from three estate vineyards, each growing grapes that reflect the different terroirs:

- Derbyshire Vineyard, on the San Simeon Coast, reflects the cool coastal terroir and is mainly planted with pinot noir and pinot gris.
- Derby Vineyard in the Templeton Gap mainly grows Rhone Varietals,

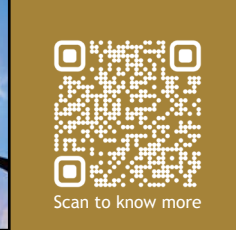
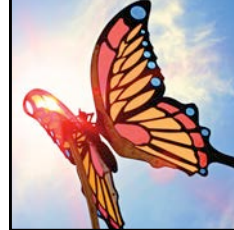
as this area experiences large temperature swings that are ideal for growing a range of grapes. Usually, there is about a 50°F difference between the day's high and low.

- Laura's Vineyard, on the 46 East, grows predominantly warmer-weather varietals, focusing on Bordeaux varietals, especially cabernet sauvignon.

Because of the three vineyards, located in different terroirs, micro-climates, and weather patterns, Derby has the advantage of growing about 25 different varietals. Due to the skill of winemaker Sean Geoghegan, tasting at Derby Wine Estates is the opportunity to enjoy your favorite varietals and be introduced to less familiar, but enjoyable, wines.

### Tasting experiences

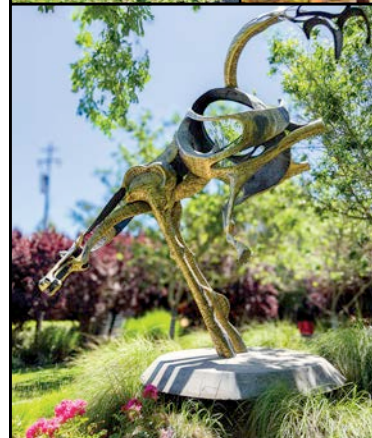
Derby wine tasting experiences rotate regularly, ensuring there's always something new to try. Tastings usually include five different wines selected from each vineyard. Expect to enjoy wines from the Rhone, Burgundy, Bordeaux, and other notable regions.



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Add some sweetness to your tasting by pairing it with chocolates from Mama Ganache Artisan Chocolates in San Luis Obispo.

For a truly Elevated Experience, reserve your spot for a premier tasting at the top of the tower. Here, in a cozy library with an aerial view of Paso Robles, sip and observe from the highest point in the area. During your tasting, paired with cheese and small bites, learn more about winemaking, Derby Estates, and the role the building holds in local agriculture. One could say, you will literally be sipping 100 years of history, from almonds to grains to wine.



**Historical tour and special events**

Be certain to ask for a tour of the facility. The story of the building, including original photographs and documents, is fascinating. It is literally a trip back in time.

Summertime brings lively gatherings for the Friday Night Music Series. Along with Derby wines, vendors offer a variety of foods, including barbecue, Mexican, pizza, and more. And, of course, there is music by local bands. No reservations necessary!

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## Wine Tasting

the Month offers a 15% discount, and if you are a Derby Wine Club Member, this is an additional 15% off the club price.

### The passion of Derby

When the Derbys purchased the property, their intent extended beyond building a winery. Ray, an engineer, had a vision for restoring this historic, towering building while retaining its original feel and atmosphere. He intended to create a unique space where people could gather and enjoy Derby wines, tended by friendly and knowledgeable staff.

Step back in history, but look forward to the future, when you sit and sip at Derby, whether down in the tasting area or in the tower, with a 360-degree view of Paso Robles and the serene hills and vineyards.

### Cheers! Come visit, you'll be back!

*Derby Wine Estates is located at 526 Riverside Ave. in Paso Robles. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m.*



*Tastings \$20 until 4 p.m. Elevated Experience \$70 from noon-3 p.m. For reservations and more infor-*

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*—Don Sonderling*

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# Discover the legacy of wine at the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery

*Generations of excellence and timeless hospitality at the Paso Robles tasting room, bistro, and gift shop*

It's always a great time to visit Paso Robles and the surrounding areas, but there's just something about summer that makes this time of year even more special. And there's no better destination to visit than the beautiful and conveniently located bistro at the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery.

Family-owned, with the third and fourth generations currently overseeing the everyday operations, it's one of the most highly awarded wineries in California. And the Paso Robles tasting room? With outdoor patio seating, an indoor bistro, and the gift shop, this is the place to be! The décor is stunning, timeless, and elegant, and yet the ambiance throughout is warm, approachable, and inviting.

"We've always specialized in the consumer, and our approach is very comfortable yet educational. We want people to learn," fourth-generation winemaker Anthony Riboli said. "We want everyone to feel welcomed, and that's why we offer many styles and types of wines, from a big, bold cabernet to a light sparkling semi-sweet wine. Our selection, our ability to cater to anyone and please all of the different palates, sets us apart. The bottom line is, we want our guests to feel comfortable and have a great time. That's our philosophy – it's been our philosophy for 108 years, and it will continue to be our philosophy."



Pairing wine, family, and friends at San Antonio Winery.

Invested in the Paso Robles area for more than three decades, the community is important to the Riboli Family. Over the years, they have had many accomplishments with their vineyards and winery, including attaining both organic vineyard certifications for their Jada Winery and Vineyard, and sustainable vineyard and winery certifications through the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance.

"We are all about being good neighbors, using water wisely, and being part of the Paso Robles community, Riboli said. "This is our second home, and the longer we've been involved in the area, the more we've invested not only in resources but our time."

This sense of community was established by Santo Cambianica when he first started San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles more than 108 years ago. His nephew Stefano Riboli and his bride, Maddalena, later owned the winery and passed the family work ethic on to their three children – Santo, Cathy, and Steve. Today, the fourth generation includes Anthony Riboli (head winemaker), Chris Riboli, Dante Riboli Colombatti, Jennifer Riboli

Converse, Blake Anderson, and David Riboli, who hold various positions within the company. Stefano and Maddalena have both passed on, leaving a legacy that will endure for several more generations.

"Stefano was our family patriarch, and we raise a toast to his 97 years of a great life," Riboli said. "We all miss him, but we are honored to carry on his incredible legacy." Maddalena passed away shortly after her 102nd birthday.

## The science and art of winemaking

As a winemaker, Anthony Riboli puts a lot of heart and history into every batch of wine he produces.



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“What I’ve always loved about winemaking is the combination of science and art,” he said. “That combination is what got me hooked. Every winemaker has a different approach, just like a painter or sculptor, and I find that to be truly amazing.”

Riboli, a former pre-med student, works alongside winemaker Marty Spate.. The Riboli Family estate vineyards in Paso Robles include Maddalena, Stefano, Stefano II, and Pretty Penny vineyards in the El Pomar District

AVA, Creston Highlands and Riboli Creston vineyards in the Creston District AVA, and newly acquired Jada Vineyards and Winery and Riboli Willow Creek vineyard(AL in the Willow Creek District AVA. They also have four

vineyard properties in the Arroyo Seco and Santa Lucia Highlands AVAs of Monterey and the Ruthenford appellation of Napa Valley. “What I like most about having our own vineyards is learning about the individual vineyards each year,”



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he said. “I can have a better experiential factor in the winemaking, which I believe is important. The longer we work with these vineyards, the more we know them, and that’s really exciting.”

### Wine pairings

Riboli shared some tips on pairing his family wines with a variety of popular food items.

“My go-to wine is our San Simeon Pinot Noir. Whether served with turkey, ham, prime rib, or salmon, it’s just so versatile,” Riboli said. “For people who want a bigger, bolder red wine with prime rib, the San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon is fantastic. The Opaque Darkness, our red blend, is so smooth on the palate.”

Lighter foods and appetizers pair with the San Simeon Sauvignon Blanc, according to Riboli, so be sure to pick up a few bottles of this bright, refreshing wine.

“Rosé is very popular right now, and there’s a lot of flexibility to pair these wines with many

different foods,” Riboli said. “Our Maddalena Rosé is a nice blend, and our San Simeon Grenache Rosé is quite popular. Both of these wines go well with shrimp and other appetizers, and lighter entrees, including salmon and turkey. Our La Quinta Syrah Port is just fantastic with a flourless chocolate cake,” he said. “The sparkling red, semi-sweet Stella Rosa Rosso Lux, from our Italian import label, is a blend of barbera and brachetto, and just an incredible dessert wine. If your palate likes a sweeter style of wine, it also pairs well with turkey, ham, and lighter dishes.”

*Visit the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery tasting room in Paso Robles at 2610 Buena Vista Drive, at the intersection with Highway 46 East; open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more bistro hours and information, visit [sanantoniowinery.com](http://sanantoniowinery.com) or call (805) 226-2600.*

—Meagan Friberg



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# Exploring the sustainable, eco-friendly charm of Shale Oak Winery

*Discover Shale Oak Winery's innovative practices and a unique approach to wine*

On an unassuming road just off Highway 46 lies Shale Oak Winery. With its multicolored stained-glass windows and slanted roof, it looks like a church. However, instead of serving up sermons, they serve up high-quality wine in their SIP-certified tasting room.

At Shale Oak Winery, they've taken sustainability in practice a step further by designing their entire facility to be Gold LEED Certified. LEED stands for Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design. According to LEED, "The LEED plaque on a building is a mark of quality and achievement in green building."

Owner Al Good dreamed of a vineyard, winery, and tasting room with very little impact on the environment. His dream became a reality. Everyone at Shale Oak is committed to the vision of sustainability. Lead Winemaker, Curtis Hascall, has been with the winery from the beginning and is equally committed to Good's vision. "From the beginning, one of our goals was to get that Gold Certification, so we worked with Studio 2G Architecture down in San Luis Obispo. They helped guide us in that direction. We opened the production facility and did our first harvest in 2010,



Shale Oak Winery awarded 'Winery of the Year' at the 2026 San Diego International Wine & Spirits Challenge.



and then the tasting room opened in 2011." Despite the luminous stained glass, the tasting room was never meant to evoke a church. Its design is rooted in something far more elemental: water. Both the tasting room and the production facility are crowned with precisely pitched roofs that guide rainwater along their slopes, where it travels down sculptural drip chains and filters through beds of stone. From there, it collects in a serene reclamation pond just outside the tasting room before flowing through a pipe into a catch basin. The basin, in turn, pumps the water into five 100,000-gallon storage tanks. Even the region's dense fog is put to use—the roofs are calibrated so meticulously that moisture condenses and beads along their surfaces, becoming part of the harvest.

"My favorite part is the water collection," one team member explains. "It's such a big issue around here, and capturing that clean water benefits both our vineyards and the landscape. It's actually cleaner than the local well water. It's not the cheapest system to build—it's not even the most economical—but it matters."

That philosophy extends across the entire property. The land itself is contoured so that every drop of rain naturally finds its way toward the catch basin. Materials have been chosen with equal care: the wood framing the entrance was reclaimed from a train trestle at Vandenberg Space Force

Base; countertops are formed from recycled crushed glass; cabinetry is crafted from bamboo. Even the faint sulfur scent in the restrooms speaks to intention, a byproduct of using reclaimed groundwater.

The buildings are fully solar-powered and quietly intelligent.

Motorized windows respond to shifting temperatures, opening automatically when the outside air cools and drawing it indoors with the help of fans. Sensors ensure that energy isn't wasted, shutting off heat

when rooms are unoccupied. In the tasting room, a fireplace fueled by denatured alcohol emits nothing more than water vapor.

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***"My favorite part is the water collection because that's such a big issue around here, and to capture all that clean water is beneficial for our vineyards and for our landscape."***

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***– Curtis Hascall***



Here, sustainability is not a feature—it is the foundation. Their guiding principle, “sustainability to the forefront,” is not just a motto, but a lived reality woven into every detail of the property.

The same attention to detail they put into the buildings has gone into the winemaking. According to Hascall, “Our varietals are the best of Paso. We have Rhône. We have Bordeaux. We have zinfandel. Our 2024 Albariño is the perfect Paso Robles summertime wine, crisp, refreshing, and full of flavor. We have a good mix of everything that I feel grows well in the area. Everything is from Paso Robles. Everything is done in small lots. Nothing is more than a couple of hundred cases produced. So, we’re able to pay a lot of attention to detail and focus on the wine quality.”

Shale Oak Winery is celebrating a standout year, recently earning four Gold medals, one Platinum, and the prestigious “Winery of the Year” title at the 2026 San Diego International Wine & Spirits Challenge. Building on that momentum, the winery is inviting the commu-

nity to enjoy its popular Summer Concert Series, featuring free live music every Saturday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. through October, with a rotating lineup of talented local musicians and bands. The festivities continue as Shale Oak marks its 15th anniversary in business with a special 21+ celebration on September 5 from 5–8 p.m., complete with catering by Jeffrey’s Wine Country BBQ, an energetic dueling piano show, captivating fire dancer performances, and interactive axe throwing hosted by Chop Shop.

There’s nothing pretentious at Shale Oak Winery. The vibe is cool and funky and family and dog-friendly. Hascall states, “We want people to relax and enjoy the wine because that’s what it’s all about. Enjoying the wine.”

*Shale Oak Winery is located just off Highway 46 at 3235 Oakdale Road, Paso Robles. The tasting room is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations or more information, visit [shaleoakwinery.com](http://shaleoakwinery.com) or call (805) 239-4800*



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# From villainess to vintner, how Carol Hoyt became an accidental winemaker

*Where wine pairs best with friends'*

When Carol and Stephen Hoyt were just married, a stay at a working vineyard inspired them to have a vineyard of their own. At the time, Carol was a working model and actress, best known for her popular character, the Villainous Divatox, in the Power Rangers series. Upon starting a family, Carol took a break from performing, and she and Stephen moved to Malibu. There they planted their first vineyard –



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in their backyard! Having no idea of what they were getting themselves into, Carol soon discovered they would have a lot of fruit, and quickly learned to make her first wine in their kitchen.

Long gone are the days of making wine at home. Carol now makes wine and grows all her grapes in the heart of Paso Robles. Nestled in the renowned Willow Creek District, Hoyt Family Vineyards is a gem among local wineries.

Hoyt Family Vineyards Ranch is a unique experience. “We are in the heart of some of the best wineries, just a hop, skip, and a jump from nearby vineyards and tasting rooms. You can have the experience of going downtown to their tasting room

or book a vineyard tour right there on the ranch,” said Carol, who is the owner and winemaker of Hoyt Family Vineyards.

The vineyard tour is like Mr. Toad’s wild ride! Join the host, and Co-pilot Riley, the winery dog, on an ATV tour around the 130 acres, learning about viticulture and what it takes to grow grapes. You never know what wildlife you will encounter, from quail, hawks, turkey vultures, owls even bobcats! Along with feeding goats and picking farm-fresh eggs, it’s a one-of-a-kind experience!

“The views around Paso are pretty spectacular, and we feel lucky to have some that rival the best! Truly amazing,” said Carol.





**The wines, the awards, and the experience**

The downtown Paso Robles tasting room offers a beachy, laid-back feel for guests. Chillax, enjoy its cool vibe and sip impressive wines by the flight, the glass, or the bottle.

Make sure to try all their award-winning wines, including their most recent Gold Medal winners. Recent Gold Medal winners from the 2025 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition include the 2022 Zinfandel and the 2022 Gr-enache. If you favor chardonnay, check out the 2021 and 2022 Hoyt Vineyard Chardonnays, both taking Gold Medals at the 2024 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Most recently Hoyt Family Vineyards earned several awards, including “Best of Winemakers Dinner,” at the 2026 Best of Central Coast Awards.

“We like to say ‘Our Wines Pair Best With Friends’ and we look forward to when people come visit us at the tasting room or the ranch. We want them to feel like family,” Carol said.

**“You’re really in the heart of the vineyard experience in one of the most beautiful spots in Paso Robles.”**

**– Carol Hoyt**

Hoyt Family Vineyard Downtown Tasting Room is located at 1322 Park St. in Paso Robles. Open Thurs-Sat, from noon- 8 p.m., Sun noon- 5 p.m. Hoyt Family Vineyards Ranch is located at 1015 Township Rd. in Paso Robles. For more information, visit [hoytfamilyvineyards.com](http://hoytfamilyvineyards.com) or call (805) 369-1092.

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# From Welsh caves to Paso Robles— Brecon Estate’s rise to award winning wines

*Cave-exploring background influenced the owner’s winemaking*

When they first toured the location, Damian and Amanda Grindley recognized something special about the vineyards that would eventually become Brecon Estate. Originally established in 1971 by wine pioneer Art Norman, the vineyard is now regarded as a visionary planting and was certified as "Historic" by the Historic Vineyard Society (HVS) in 2025. This exclusive designation for preserving California's oldest vines includes



Brecon Estates vineyards is one of California's historic vineyards.

here. Plus, I have cool British blood, so we were trying to get as close to the ocean as possible for that cooling influence of the fog with our roots in a south-facing slope in calcareous soil. Some of the best regions in the world are planted on calcareous soil. If you like wines from calcareous soil, the minerality, the great acids, and the aging ability, Paso is ground zero.”

With the help of friends, Simon and Anna Hackett of Australia, the Grindleys started Brecon Estate in 2012.

## Brecon wines take top honors

Brecon Estate captured top honors at the 2025 Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, taking home Best of Show, Best White Wine, and Best Red Wine.

“The trick,” said Grindley, “is having everything you make be good across the board, and that’s harder than making one great wine. It’s also about not growing too quickly, and keeping those small, interesting parcels.”

For that reason, guests will likely find a different lineup of wines at each tasting room visit. Grindley makes 12-14 small parcel wines per year. “We always have new releases,” he said. “The tasting lineup changes at least once a month.”

Visit Brecon Estate and experience Brecon’s exclusive, small-batch wines, available only from their website or winery. Enjoy the tasting experience with the knowledgeable and friendly staff. Relax on the patio and enjoy views of the old vines and oak trees.

The Brecon Estate Wine Club offers three wine shipments yearly, discounts on purchases, complimentary tastings, and invitations to exclusive Brecon Estate events.

*The Brecon Estate tasting room is located at 7450 Vineyard Drive in Paso Robles. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; reservations preferred. For more information, visit breconestate.com or call (805) 239-2200.*

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vineyards such as Chalone, Dusi, HMR, and Pesenti, along with Macdonald, Ridge, and Monte Bello in the northern part of the state.

Established in 2011, HVS works to preserve California’s historic vineyards. Brecon Estate is proud to be the steward of one of the few historic vineyards in Paso Robles.

Grindley brought over 25 years of experience from winemaking regions in Australia, Europe, and the United States to Brecon Estate. When it came to naming the winery, he and his wife, Amanda, chose to venerate the Brecon Beacons in Grindley’s native Wales. “Before I got into the wine industry, I explored, mapped, and discovered quite a few caves in the wild, wind-swept Brecon Beacons National Park, which is underlain by a big band of limestone.” Caving is how Damian and Amanda met.

Before settling in the area, the Grindleys looked long and hard for their ideal property. “Being a cave explorer, I couldn’t buy a winery that wasn’t on calcareous soil,” Grindley said. “When I return to the caves of my youth, I literally get a tingling down my neck from the limestone. I get the same feeling

# 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

Creekside 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

Kaleidoscope 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 slovisitorsguide.com

## Saturdays in the Park Atascadero Summer Concert Series

Every Saturday, June 20-Aug 29. 6:30-8:30 p.m.—Bring blankets, low-backed chairs. A food truck is available. Free admission. Atascadero Lake Park, 9305 Pismo Ave, Atascadero. Details at [visitatascadero.com/events](http://visitatascadero.com/events).

## Concerts in the Park, Paso Robles

Thursdays from June 11-Aug 20, 6-8 p.m.—Food and music at Downtown City Park, Paso Robles. Free. Details at [prcity.com/concertsinthepark](http://prcity.com/concertsinthepark).

## Concerts in the Plaza, San Luis Obispo

Fridays from June 19-Sept 4, 5-8 p.m.—Free concerts, Mission Plaza downtown San Luis Obispo. Details at [reachus@downtownslo.com](http://reachus@downtownslo.com).

## Orange Crush Art Exhibit

Through June 22—Celebrating all things with the intensity, warmth, and fun of orange. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free admission. Details and more exhibits at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).

## Call of the Wild

June 25-Aug 3, reception June 28, 2-4 p.m.—Exhibit expressing the wildness of mind, spirit, and the world around us. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free admission. Details and more exhibits at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).

## Fourth of July Celebrations

**Atascadero Fourth of July Music Festival**—July 4, 2-8 p.m. Free Atascadero Lake Park, 9100 Morro Road, Atascadero. Details at [atascadero4thofjuly.org](http://atascadero4thofjuly.org).

**Cayucos**—July 4, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. The sand sculpture contest starts at 4 a.m., street fair, BBQ, fireworks at the pier, and more. Details at [cayucoschamber.com](http://cayucoschamber.com).

**Paso Robles**—July 4, 2-10 p.m. Children's activities, live music, food trucks, fireworks. Free. Barney Schwartz Park, 2970 Union Road, Paso Robles. Details at [prcity.com](http://prcity.com).

**Pismo Beach**—July 4, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Music, activities, vendors, fireworks. Pismo Pier. Details at [experiencepismo.com](http://experiencepismo.com)

**Templeton**—July 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Parade at 9:30 a.m., followed by live music, food trucks, and activities at Templeton Park until 3 p.m. Details at [templetonrotaryclub.com](http://templetonrotaryclub.com).

## Arroyo Grande Summer Concert Series

Sundays, July 5-Sept 20, times vary—Free. Historic Heritage Square Park, Arroyo Grande. Details, lineup, and showtimes at [visitarroyogrande.org](http://visitarroyogrande.org).

## Morro Bay Art in the Park

July 3-5 and Sept 5-7—Hundreds of art and craft vendors, food, and more. Morro Bay Park, on the corner of Morro Bay Blvd and Harbor Drive. Details at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).

## Grover Beach Summer Concert Series

Every Sunday from June 28-Aug 23, 2-6 p.m.—Great music, food trucks, beer, and wine. Ramona Garden Park, Grover Beach. Free admission. Details at [groverbeach.org](http://groverbeach.org).

## California Mid-State Fair

July 15-26—4-H and FFA exhibitors, rodeo, horse shows, carnival rides, exhibits, food, shopping, and live music. Headliners include Chris Stapleton, Lainey Wilson, Megadeth, and more. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles. Details and tickets at [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com).

## Festival Mozaic

July 15-Aug 1—This San Luis Obispo Music and Arts Festival is a dynamic 10-day celebration blending chamber music, orchestral works, and diverse genres. World-class artists, innovative, immersive experiences at various venues. Schedule and tickets at [festivalmozaic.org](http://festivalmozaic.org)

## Free California Mid-State Fair Pancake Breakfast

July 23, starts at 7:30 a.m.—Downtown City Park, Paso Robles. Details at [midstatefair.com](http://midstatefair.com).

## 40th Annual Central Coast Renaissance Festival

July 18-19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.—History comes alive with thrilling battles, lively performances, and vibrant marketplaces. Laguna Lake Park, 504 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Details and tickets at [ccrenfaire.com](http://ccrenfaire.com).

## In the Shadows + Central Coast Printmakers

Aug 6-Sept 14, reception Aug 9, 2-4 p.m.—Artwork featuring members of the Central Coast Printmakers. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free admission. Details at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.org).

## Paso Robles Rotary Winemakers' Cookoff

Aug 8, 6-9 p.m.—Enjoy local wine and excellent food, music, and a great time. Supports local youth scholarships. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles. Details and tickets at [winemakerscookoff.com](http://winemakerscookoff.com).

## Atascadero Cruisin' Weekend and Dancing in the Streets

Sat, Aug 21-22, Fri 6:30 p.m.—Sat Mid-State Cruiser Car Show is at The Mid-State Cruisers Car Show is at Atascadero Lake Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., followed by Dancing in the Streets. Free. Details at [visitatascadero.com](http://visitatascadero.com).

## Let's Make a Deal—Trading Day

Sat, Aug 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.—Arts, crafts, collectibles, kids' flea market. Free. Downtown City Park, Paso Robles. Details at [pasoroblesdowntown.org](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org).

## Movie Night in Atascadero

Sat, August 29, 7 p.m.—Fun, games, and movies under the stars. The movie starts at sunset. Food available for purchase. Colony Park Softball Field #2 at 5599 Traffic Way. Details at [visitatascadero.com](http://visitatascadero.com).

## Stone Soup Music Festival

Sat & Sun, Aug 29-30, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.—Music, food, and vendors at this free event. Ramona and 9th, Grover Beach. Details and hours at [clarkcenter.org](http://clarkcenter.org).

## Brew at the Zoo

Sat, Sept 12, 5-8 p.m.—21+ Party with a Purpose fundraising event to support wildlife conservation. Live entertainment, food available for purchase. Supports Central Coast Zoo. Details and tickets at [centralcoastzoo.org](http://centralcoastzoo.org).

## Love of Nature

Sept 17-Nov 2, reception Sept 20, 2-4 p.m.—A wide range of expressions balancing realism, abstraction, and emotion exhibiting love of nature. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free admission. Details at [artcentermorrobay.org](http://artcentermorrobay.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. at Atascadero Sunken Gardens at East Mall Ave.

**Avila Beach**—Fridays, May-August, 4-8 p.m. at the Avila Promenade and Front St. 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., or 5 p.m. Oct-April, at 1000 Main St.

**Cayucos**—Fridays, Memorial Day-Labor Day, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ocean Ave. and D St. Market.

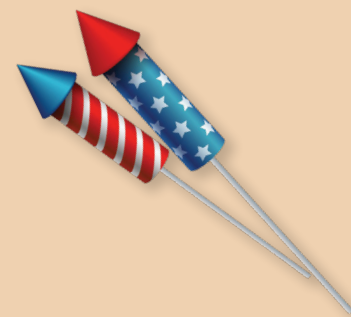
**Morro Bay**—Two weekly markets on Thursdays, 2-4:30 p.m. at 2650 Main St. and Saturdays, 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Main St. and Morro Bay Blvd.

**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.

**Pismo Beach**—Wednesdays 4-7 p.m. on the Pismo Pier Promenade.

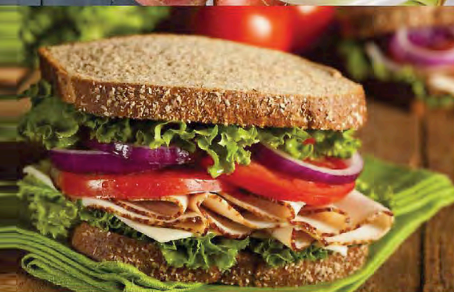
**San Luis Obispo**—Two weekly markets on Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., Downtown San Luis Obispo, and Saturdays, 8-10:45 a.m. at 325 Madonna Road, the World Market and Embassy Suites parking lot.

**Templeton**—Saturdays 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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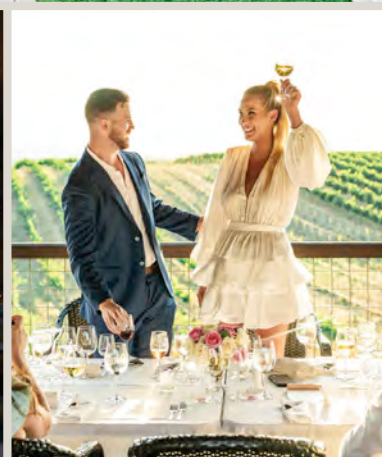
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