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A Visitor's Guide to Gilroy, CA

Tasty Adventures + Family Fun =
A Great Gilroy Getaway



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Wine + Dine + Shop + Play = *A Great Gilroy Getaway*

Gilroy, California is known across the globe as the “Garlic Capital of the World”—and makes a great place for a getaway any time of year. From gourmet garlic experiences to wine tasting, outlet shopping, family fun, and outdoor adventures, there is always something to enjoy in Gilroy.

This Visitor's Guide is packed with practical information and insider tips so you can make the most of your stay in Gilroy.

For even more information, including maps and suggested itineraries, go to [VisitGilroy.com](https://www.visitgilroy.com) or stop by the California Welcome Center Gilroy at Gilroy Premium Outlets. We'd love to welcome you!



California Welcome Center Gilroy

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33 THINGS TO DO

In and Around Gilroy

How many of these fun activities can you check off on your great Gilroy getaway?

- 1. See the world-famous Circus Trees at Gilroy Gardens
- 2. Save big on top designers at Gilroy Premium Outlets
- 3. Follow your nose along the Road to Garlic
- 4. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking a vineyard
- 5. Buckle up for the Gilroy Rodeo in August
- 6. Belly up to the historic horseshoe bar at The Milias Restaurant
- 7. Find antique treasures in Downtown Gilroy
- 8. Search for gold in the miner's sluice at Casa de Fruta
- 9. Try some genuine Gilroy garlic ice cream
- 10. Get authentic and affordable Mexican food on the Gilroy Taco Trail
- 11. Pedal a swan or duck boat across a lake at Gilroy Gardens
- 12. Bowl some bocce ball at Satori Cellars or Sarah's Vineyard

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- 13. Go to the restroom in an old jail cell at Old City Hall
- 14. Take a historical walking tour through Downtown Gilroy
- 15. Hike the Mummy Mountain Trail at Coyote Lake Park
- 16. Snap a selfie with Gil and Roy at Gilroy Gardens
- 17. Taste your way around the world at Hecker Pass Plaza
- 18. Enjoy live music in Downtown Gilroy and at local vineyards
- 19. View a full-size replica of the Wright Flyer at the Wings of History Museum
- 20. Ride a horse through the redwoods at Mt. Madonna County Park
- 21. Try the Vino de Mocca dessert wine at Kirigin Cellars
- 22. Tee off like a champion at golf courses for all skill levels
- 23. Enjoy Garlic Festival favorites all year long at Mama Mia's Ristorante Italiano
- 24. Take a hike through history at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park
- 25. Tour nearby Old Mission San Juan Bautista
- 26. Find farm-fresh fruits and veggies at the LJB Farms roadside stand
- 27. Order the "Kitchen Sink" at O.D.'s Kitchen
- 28. Chill out at Water Oasis at Gilroy Gardens
- 29. Stroll back in time along the Gilroy Historic Paseo
- 30. Fuel up with fresh-brewed coffee or boba tea
- 31. Get a photo at the garlic mural on Monterey Street
- 32. Discover exciting artists from around the world at Gallery 1202
- 33. Stop by the California Welcome Center Gilroy to make your own garlic pressed penny

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/33-things-to-do](https://www.VisitGilroy.com/33-things-to-do)



GILROY GARDENS FAMILY THEME PARK

*Towering Trees +
Just-Right Rides =
Fabulous Family Fun*



There isn't any other place quite like Gilroy Gardens. More than just an amusement park, it's a magical wonderland for all ages. Bring the whole family out to enjoy over 40 unique rides and attractions, all set amongst majestic gardens and over 10,000 trees—including the world-famous Circus Trees.

WHERE FUN GROWS ON TREES

Many of the rides throughout the park were inspired by the region's agricultural and historic past—from the Mushroom Swing and Garlic Twirl to

the Timber Twister and Quicksilver Express Mine Coaster. There are plenty of gentle rides too, like Bulgy the Goldfish and Apple and Worm, for the youngest kids to enjoy. Other favorites include the Illions Supreme Carousel, Bonfante Railroad, and South County Backroads. Pitch-n-Win features carnival-style games with fun prizes, while The Green Barn is a unique space where families can explore art and nature together.

THE CIRCUS TREES

The world-famous Circus Trees were originally grafted and shaped by Axel Erlandson in the 1920s, then rescued and replanted by park founder Michael Bonfante. Today, 19 of these incredible living sculptures—including the park's iconic Basket Tree as well as others like the Arch Tree and the Four-Legged Giant—can be found throughout the park. Visit California named the Circus Trees one of the state's "Hidden Gems."

Can You Find All the Circus Trees?

Scan the QR code to see a list of all 19 circus trees—and see if you can locate each of them in the park.



GORGEOUS GARDENS

Be sure to take a stroll through the park's six unique gardens, including the serene Claudia's Garden, the lush Camellia Garden, and the tropical Monarch Garden (housed inside a 60-foot-tall greenhouse).

Top 5 Don't Miss at Gilroy Gardens

1

Water Oasis

Enjoy super-sized splashy fun at the coolest place to play in Gilroy.

2

Bonfante Railroad

Take a relaxing ride around the park through redwood groves and a tropical rainforest.

3

South County Backroads

Let the kids take the wheel and explore country roads in vintage classic cars.

4

Basket Tree

Get up close with this living masterpiece made up of six sycamore trees "woven" together.

5

Duck and Swan Paddle Boats

Pedal a stately swan or darling duck across peaceful Coyote Lake.



Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park

3050 Hecker Pass Hwy | Gilroy, CA

GilroyGardens.org | 408.840.7100

Open March - December

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/gilroy-gardens



Purchase a "**Fast Lane**" pass to skip the lines on more than 20 rides!

WATER OASIS AT GILROY GARDENS

Splashy Slides + Comfy Cabanas = The Coolest Place to Play

Visit the Water Oasis play area at Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park and find super-splashy fun for everyone! The supersized splash zone includes four twisty slides, a giant tipping bucket, and over 90 water jets for wet and wild fun.

Meanwhile, the original Water Oasis on the east side of the attraction is perfect for the park's younger guests, with giant flowers that shower, frogs that squirt, and gentle slides that drop into a shallow lagoon.

Best of all, there are plenty of palm trees, shade umbrellas, and comfy Adirondack chairs for grownups to "chill out" while the kids splash and play.



Rent a colorful, comfortable **cabana** at Water Oasis as a "home base" for your family to relax and recharge.





SPECIAL EVENTS AT GILROY GARDENS

Halloween Fun + Holiday Wonder = *Magical Memories*

Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park is beautiful by day—and truly magical at night! On select evenings in the fall and winter season, enjoy incredible light displays and festive fun for all ages. During Halloween, discover spooky-but-not-too-scary adventures with tricks and treats throughout the park. During the holidays, celebrate the wonder of the season with twinkling light displays, ice skating under the stars, visits with Santa, a live musical show, and more!



THE ROAD TO GARLIC

*Gilroy's Signature Spice + Gourmet Goodies =
Great Garlic Adventures*



Gilroy offers plenty of great garlic experiences all year long! Stop by the California Welcome Center Gilroy and pick up the “Road to Garlic” map to find all the best garlic shops, restaurants, and more.

GARLIC WORLD

The ginormous Garlic World is packed floor to ceiling with gourmet goodies, including garlic in every form imaginable from Gilroy’s world-famous Christopher Ranch. You’ll also find farm-fresh produce, hot sauces, a gourmet olive tasting bar, and a wide selection of other delicious snacks.

THE GARLIC SHOPPE

You haven’t really lived until you’ve tried spicy pickled garlic! Other top sellers include garlic-stuffed olives (great for a Gilroy martini), garlic pepper jelly, and Garlic Dude Dust, a low-salt seasoning that goes with everything from skirt steak to summer squash.

GARLIC ICE CREAM

Love it or hate it, you’ve simply GOT to try it! Here are some of the best

places to sample this unique only-in-Gilroy treat:

- Garlic City Café
- Garlic Shoppe
- Garlic World
- LJB Farms
- Ice Factory

For a complete list of garlic shops and restaurants, go to VisitGilroy.com/garlic



Download a copy of the Road to Garlic Map and plan your Gilroy garlic tasting tour.



Insider
TIP

**Craving some genuine
Gilroy garlic fries?**

Find some of the very best at The Milias, Old City Hall, Black Bear Diner, Brew City Burgers, and Westside Grill.



Top 5 Don't Miss Garlic Restaurants

- 1** **Mama Mia's**
Serving up Garlic Festival favorites all year long
- 2** **Garlic City Café**
Yummy garlic soup—and ice cream too
- 3** **The Miliás Restaurant**
Delicious entrées and local wine pairings
- 4** **Old City Hall Restaurant**
Great garlic dishes inside a historic landmark building
- 5** **Café 152 Bread Co.**
Try the club sandwich on garlic rosemary sourdough

Where Does All the Garlic Come From?

For over 50 years, **Christopher Ranch** has taken great pride in providing the highest quality, most flavorful, and healthiest garlic available today.

off is the world's #1 source for dehydrated garlic and other spices. Drive by the processing plant on Highway 152 for a whiff of the distinctive aroma that lets you know you're in Gilroy!

GILROY TACO TRAIL

*Authentic Mexican Food + Affordable Prices =
¡Bien Delicioso!*

Though Gilroy may be best known for its garlic, the town is also home to over 25 tasty taquerias and family-owned Mexican restaurants that are extremely popular with local residents and visitors alike. If you're looking for authentic, affordable Mexican food, you've definitely come to the right place.

Download a copy of the Gilroy Taco Trail map and plan your Gilroy taco tasting tour—or just look for Gilroy Taco Trail decals in local shop windows to find Gilroy's very best tacos, burritos, enchiladas and other Mexican fare.



Like it spicy? Try the Camarones ala Diabla
(Devil's Shrimp) at Cielito Lindo
in Downtown Gilroy.





Gilroy Taco Trail

Learn more at
VisitGilroy.com/tacotrail

GILROY PREMIUM OUTLETS

Top Designer Brands + 25-65% Savings =

The Ultimate Shopping Spree

If you're looking to "shop 'til you drop," you've come to the right place. **Gilroy Premium Outlets** is one of Northern California's largest outlet centers—and a destination for serious shoppers from around the globe.

With over 145 stores spread out over more than 50 acres, you might feel a little overwhelmed at first. But we've got a simple strategy to help you make the most of your time here. Gilroy Premium Outlets is divided into four main sections: A, B, C, and D. Although you could walk between sections, you're probably going to be loaded down with shopping bags full of all the great deals you're going to find. So we recommend that you park your car at each section, shop until you (almost) drop, and then drive to the next area.

A IS FOR ALL-STARS

Start in Section A, which was the first section of stores to be built and remains the biggest, with over 50 stores. It is anchored by the huge (and very popular) **Nike Factory Store**, which is filled with a colorful range of athletic shoes and clothing for men, women, kids and teens—all at prices 25-65% below what you'd pay at the mall. You can also find great deals on jeans (**Levi's**, **Lucky Brand**, or **True Religion**) as well as jewelry (**Jared Vault**, **Zales**, or **Kay Jewelers**). Pick up stylish outfits for teens and tweens at **Aéropostale** and **Forever 21**. Section A is also home to the classic **Coach** outlet store as well as **Michael Kors** and **Steve Madden**.

You should budget at least 2-3 hours to do this section justice. Stop by the centrally-located **Starbucks** if you need a quick refueling stop—or sit down to enjoy some delicious sushi and seafood at **Culich's Urban Kitchen**.





Start your shopping journey at the **California Gilroy Welcome Center** (located in section A, near Forever 21), where our helpful staff can help you make the most of your day. We also have **digital coupons and a great selection of gifts** from Gilroy and the Golden State.

B IS FOR BABIES (AND BIG BOYS TOO)

Section B is THE place to go if you're shopping for babies or young kids. Within easy walking distance you can hit **Carter's**, **The Children's Place**, and **Osh Kosh B'Gosh**. If you've got bigger people on your shopping list, you'll want to check out the great selection and fantastic prices at **Tommy Hilfiger**, **Under Armour**, and **Polo Ralph Lauren**. You can also pick up gift baskets and sweet-smelling bath products at **Bath & Body Works**.

Is all that shopping making you hungry? Stop for a lunch break at **Erik's DeliCafe** or **Applebee's**.

C IS FOR COOL, CUTE AND CHIC

Section C is home to several top brand-name clothing stores,

including **lululemon**, **Abercrombie & Fitch**, **H&M**, **Timberland**, **Hugo Boss**, **Banana Republic**, **Vans**, and **Ann Taylor**.

Looking for a unique gift? Find cute earrings and accessories at **Claire's**, a new pair of stylish shades at **Sunglass Hut**, or fun toys for kids of all ages at **Toy World**.

D IS FOR DISCOUNTS AND DEALS

Section D is the newest (and smallest) section, but it's definitely worth the extra trip. You can get great discounts on fashions for the whole family at the **Gap Outlet** and find the latest women's styles at **Chico's**. This collection of stores is also perfect for athletes and outdoor enthusiasts. Gear up for winter fun at **The North Face** and **Columbia Sportswear** and find shoes and all kinds of athletic gear at **Reebok**.

Learn more at

VisitGilroy.com/shopping





HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GILROY

*Charming Shops + Eclectic Restaurants =
A Downtown to Discover*

Gilroy's downtown district, located on Monterey Street between 3rd and 7th Streets, offers an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and other local businesses that artfully blend the old with the new. It's a great place to take a stroll, shop for unique gifts, or meet friends for dinner and drinks.

SHOP FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL

IVORI Boutique offers a wide range of stylish women's clothing, accessories, and home décor. If you need to find a unique gift or just want to treat yourself to something new and fun, this is the place to go!

SEARCH THROUGH ANTIQUE TREASURES

Gilroy is home to a number of charming (and well-stocked) antique shops, including **Ashford's Heirlooms** and **Garbo's Antique Mall**.

HAVE AN ARTS ENCOUNTER

Discover artwork from around the world on display at **Gallery 1202** and special exhibitions and art classes at **6th Street Studios & Art Center**, **Moya Art Gallery and Studio**, and **Gilroy Center for the Arts**. You can even join a "paint party" at **Paint'n with Friends** studio.

MAKE A BURRITOS & BEER RUN

Enjoy delicious authentic Mexican food at **Cielito Lindo**, **Carnitas Michoacan**, or **Los Pericos Taqueria** and sample craft brews at **Promised Land Brewing Co.** and **Bartenders Union**.



SAMPLE WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Housed in a lovingly restored 100+ year old building, **Bella Viva Ristorante** offers a warm, inviting space to sample hand-selected wines from California, Italy, France, Australia and more.

TAKE A COFFEE BREAK

Fifth Street Coffee Roasting Company roasts all their own beans in-house, and the coffee is superb. They also offer an assortment of yummy pastries.

Learn more at

VisitGilroy.com/downtown-gilroy



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TIP

If you're in town in the summer, be sure to check out the **FREE Downtown Gilroy Live Music series**.

And don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!





TAKE A STROLL BACK IN TIME

*Iconic Landmarks + Engaging Art =
History Come to Life*

Today Gilroy is celebrated as the Garlic Capital of the World, but did you know that back in the 1850s, the town was known as the Hay and Grain Capital...and later considered the Prune Capital? A lot has changed over the years, and Gilroy's fascinating history comes to life in many places around town.

THE “GRANDE DAME” OF DOWNTOWN

A landmark since 1905, Gilroy's iconic **Old City Hall** is a masterpiece of Flemish-style architecture and now home to a stylish restaurant with a full bar and stunning outdoor patio. Be sure to visit the restrooms—they're housed in the city's former jail cells!

HISTORIC DINING AT THE MILIAS

Once a popular stop for Hollywood stars like Clark Gable and John Wayne, **The Milias Restaurant** and its unique horseshoe-shaped bar have been restored to their original glory. You're sure to find some genuine Gilroy garlic on the menu!

A PATHWAY THROUGH THE PAST

The **Gilroy Historic Paseo** features historic murals covering different segments of Gilroy's history, from the Early Settlers and the roots of Agriculture through The Cowboy Era and the growth of Garlic. Plus it's a handy way to get from the shops and restaurants on Monterey Street to nearby free parking lots!

LARGER-THAN-LIFE MURALS

Be sure to snap a selfie in front of the iconic **Garlic Capital of the World** mural, which highlights the contributions of Gilroy's early garlic farming families. Nearby is another mural (painted by the same Italian artist) that celebrates the wineries of Santa Clara Valley. And across Monterey Street, the giant locomotive painted on the side of Fifth Street Coffee reflects the enormous impact of the railroad's arrival in 1869.

HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS

On the first Saturday of the month, volunteer docents with the Gilroy Museum and Historical Society lead free walking tours and share fascinating stories of Gilroy's past. Find details on the Events Calendar at VisitGilroy.com.

CHITACTAC-ADAMS HERITAGE COUNTY PARK

Take a self-guided interpretive walk to explore cultural artifacts including bedrock mortars and petroglyphs left by the Ohlone Indians who once lived here. You can also learn about the Adams schoolhouse, which was on this property from the 1850s until 1956.

WHERE HISTORY TAKES FLIGHT

At the Wings of History Museum, located next to the San Martin Airport, aviation buffs and children of all ages will enjoy getting up close to real airplanes, including a full-size replica of the Wright Flyer.

A HISTORICAL TREASURE TROVE

Housed in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library Building designed by architect William Weeks, the Gilroy Museum includes research facilities, photographs, and artifacts from the local Amah Mutsun tribe through the Spanish-Mexican period, all the way up to the "Garlic Renaissance" and recent city history.



Insider TIP

Take a picture with a statue of our city's namesake, **John Cameron Gilroy**, in front of the Old City Hall Restaurant (and look for other bronze statues along Monterey Street featuring other figures from Gilroy's past.)



Download Historic Downtown Gilroy Map or pick one up at the California Welcome Center Gilroy.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/discover-downtown

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WINE TRAIL

Award-Winning Wines + Scenic Vineyard Views =

The Perfect Blend

Gilroy is part of the historic Santa Clara Valley, one of California's oldest wine growing regions and home to more than 30 family-owned wineries and tasting rooms. Even though some of Gilroy's wineries have been around since the turn of the century, we are still one of California's best-kept secrets when it comes to wine tasting!

Just follow the wayfinding signs along the **Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail** to discover award-winning wines, stunning vineyard views, and a casual, relaxed atmosphere that makes wine tasting fun—not intimidating. Feel free to ask questions, as the friendly person pouring your wine may very well be the person who made the wine as well!

Along the Wine Trail, you'll find a wide range of tasting experiences, from the refined **Clos La Chance** (neighboring the exclusive CordeValle Resort) to family-owned boutique wineries like **Dorcich Family Vineyards**, **Satori Cellars**, and **Martin Ranch Winery** (to name just a few!).





Other longtime local favorites include **Fortino Winery**, **Hecker Pass Winery**, and **Sarah's Vineyard**, which hosts live music under the stars every Friday night during the summer. Historic **Kirigin Cellars** was founded in 1916 and today includes a spacious tasting room, Tuscan-style clubhouse, and expansive lawns used for everything from car shows to cricket matches.

Download the Wine Trail Map or pick one up at the California Welcome Center Gilroy.



Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/wineries](https://www.VisitGilroy.com/wineries)

GOLFING

Championship Courses + Beginner-Friendly Greens =
Great Golf for Everyone

Whether you're an experienced golfer or new to the game, you'll find a wide range of courses in and around Gilroy. And with our mild Mediterranean climate, you can plan a golf getaway any time of year!

GILROY GOLF COURSE

Dubbed “the best 11-hole course in the United States,” this is a perfect place for beginners to learn or duffers to sharpen their iron play. On the signature 8th hole, the tee box is pitched 100 feet above the green, yielding stunning vistas of the valley below. In 2021, the course was reconfigured with new, paved cart paths and the original 1923 par 3 hole #4.

GAVILAN GOLF COURSE

Located on the Gavilan College campus, this course features budget-friendly green fees—as well as fun variations like FootGolf (played with a soccer ball to holes cut off the regular greens).

EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

One of South County's premier public golf courses, Eagle Ridge offers a challenging course that travels through Gilroy's golden oak-studded foothills across tree-lined fairways, dramatic bunkers, and diverse water features.



CORDEVALLE GOLF CLUB AND RESORT

Declared by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. to be his “finest creation,” this championship-level golf course hosted the 2016 U.S. Women’s Open and offers excitement and enjoyment for both passionate and novice golfers.

OTHER LOCAL GOLF COURSES

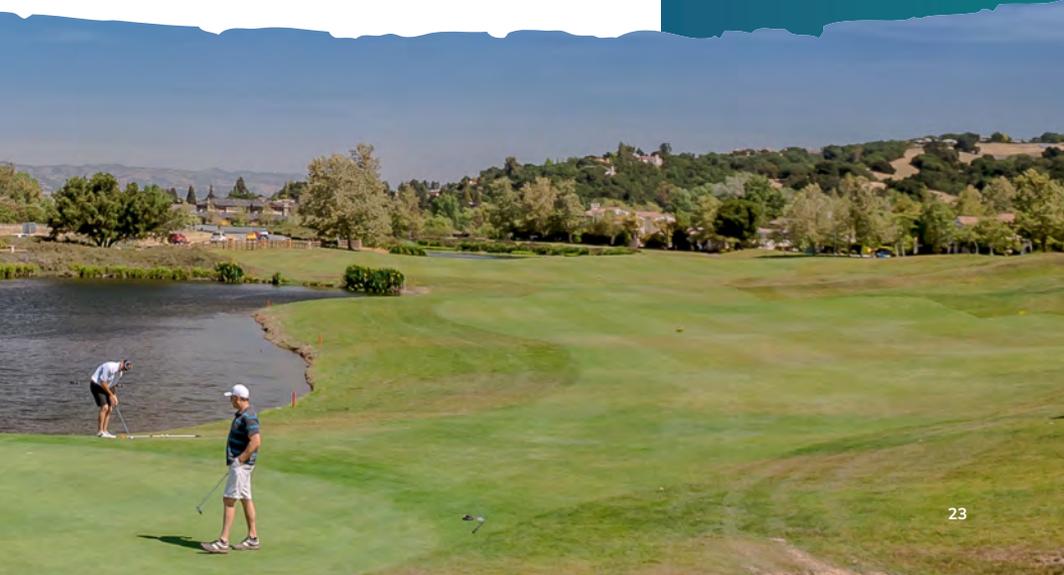
- Coyote Creek Golf Club (Morgan Hill)
- Ridgemark Golf & Country Club (Hollister)

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/golf



“This is a wonderful area because there are courses for all skill levels, and at very affordable rates.”

Don DeLorenzo
Manager, Gilroy Golf Course and Gavilan Golf Course



EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

*Rolling Hills + Valley Vistas =
Year-Round Adventures*

With mild year-round weather and an ideal location close to many of California's best-loved parks, Gilroy is the perfect place to explore and enjoy the outdoors. Whether you're interested in hiking, biking, boating, birding, camping, horseback riding, fishing, or running... Gilroy's got it!

COYOTE LAKE – HARVEY BEAR RANCH COUNTY PARK

Nestled in the eastern foothills, this park offers a myriad of experiences. Hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers can explore over 33 miles of trails, while boaters and water skiers enjoy the three-mile-long Coyote Lake. There are over 70 campsites and RV spaces available, with ranger-led campfire programs and nature walks. Favorite trails include the 3+ mile **Mummy Mountain Trail**, which loops through old oaks and scenic vistas, and the paved, mostly flat 2-mile loop at the **Harvey Bear** entrance, which is quite popular with joggers and dog-walkers.

MT. MADONNA COUNTY PARK

Just a few minutes west of Gilroy, Mt. Madonna County Park features majestic redwood trees, a herd of rare white fallow deer, and scenic vistas looking east to the valley and west to the Pacific Ocean. The park is popular with campers and even offers comfortable yurts for those who prefer not to "rough it." The **Sprig Lake Loop** is a challenging but rewarding 4+ mile hike. Bring along a picnic and stop for lunch under the ancient oak tree near the top of the trail.





CHITACTAC-ADAMS HERITAGE COUNTY PARK

Get some history along with your hike at this hidden gem on the west side of Gilroy. Follow the self-guided interpretative walk and discover bedrock mortars, petroglyphs, and tule structures that recreate village life of the Ohlone natives who once made their homes here.

HENRY W. COE STATE PARK

Northern California's largest state park offers over 87,000 acres of wide open spaces for backpackers, campers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders to explore. The terrain of the park is rugged, varied, and beautiful, with lofty ridges and steep canyons.

PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK

Just an hour's drive from Gilroy, Pinnacles National Park is a wonderland of massive monoliths, rock spires, sheer-walled canyons, and fascinating talus caves. The park is also home to California condors, fourteen species of bats, and a gorgeous display of wildflowers in the spring.

WHEELCHAIR-FRIENDLY TRAILS IN GILROY

- Uvas Creek Levee Trail
- Martin Murphy Loop
at Harvey Bear

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/
outdoor-adventures](https://www.visitgilroy.com/outdoor-adventures)



BICYCLING

Wide Open Spaces + Bike-Friendly Trails =
Two-Wheeled Adventures

If cycling is your passion, you'll find many great roads and trails to explore in Gilroy!

GETTING AROUND TOWN

Gilroy is a bicycle-friendly city, with dedicated bike lanes and seven multi-use bike paths that connect across town. Download the Bicycle Map to plan your route.



Download the
Gilroy Bicycle Map



BIKING IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GILROY

Historic Downtown Gilroy has over 100 front row bike parking spots and a public bike-repair station, so it's easy to stop almost anywhere to browse the shops and antique stores or stop for a bite at one of many fantastic restaurants.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BIKING ON THE UVAS CREEK LEVEE TRAIL

For a fun family-friendly option, bike along the paved **Uvas Creek Levee Trail**. You can begin at Gilroy Sports Park (on the south end of town) and enjoy scenic views as you head along Uvas Creek toward the Gabilan Mountains. The 11.5 mile path goes all the way to Hecker Pass/Highway 152, where it circles back in a loop as you approach Gilroy Gardens. Bring a picnic lunch and stop for a break at **Christmas Hill Park**.

COYOTE LAKE-HARVEY BEAR COUNTY PARK

Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear County Park provides over 30 miles of biking trails for different skill levels. For a simpler, paved path, try the 2.2-mile **Martin Murphy Loop**, where you will ride past peaceful herds of cows in the adjacent fields. More experienced mountain bikers will enjoy the 14-mile intermediate **Harvey Bear Loop**, which combines several trails to make a longer path with scenic views of the valley and wildlife.

HENRY W. COE STATE PARK

In the vast area around **Henry W. Coe State Park**, you can explore nearly 300 miles of mountain bike trails. There are two bike trails that are considered easier, and the rest range from moderate to extremely difficult. You can even take in a Class 1 e-bike. Be sure to read the rules and recommendations before visiting.

HUNTING HOLLOW TRAIL

The **Hunting Hollow Trail** is a mountain bike trail that's popular with locals. Technically a part of Henry W. Coe State Park, the trail is located off Gilroy Hot Springs Road. Park in the Hunting Hollow parking lot and then ride two miles to the trailhead. This trail is open year-round.



The **Tierra Bella Bicycle Tour** is an annual ride held each spring, with different route options ranging from an easy flat 33 miles to a very hilly 100K to the full 100-mile century ride through the hills in and around Gilroy. All rides begin at Gavilan College. For more details, check the Events Calendar at VisitGilroy.com.

FARMSTANDS & MARKETS

Fresh-Picked Fruits + Vibrant Veggies = *A Bountiful Harvest*



CASA de FRUTA

This family-owned business began as a roadside cherry stand—and has blossomed into one of California’s top tourist attractions, drawing more than 2 million visitors each year.

While the main attraction is still the incredible selection of farm-fresh produce, dried fruits, nuts, and gourmet goodies, the 80-acre resort also includes a variety of other attractions, including wine tasting, a 24-hour restaurant, a deli, an RV park and motel, and Tesla charging stations. Kids of all ages love riding on the Casa de Choo Choo train ride and carousel, panning for “gold” in the miner’s sluice, and visiting the Casa de Sweets candy shop. Popular annual events include the Northern California Renaissance Faire, Pumpkin Junction, and a stay-over New Year’s Eve Party.



“Casa de Fruta is a landmark for people traveling in the area,” says Gene Zanger, who grew up working in the family business and now greets thousands of visitors a year who remember stopping there as children. “It’s just magic.”



LJB FARMS

The busy LJB Farms roadside stand off Fitzgerald Avenue is truly a local treasure. From April through Christmas Eve, you can find bins full of fresh-picked corn, juicy beefsteak tomatoes, colorful peppers, sweet strawberries, and more—most of it grown on the Bonino family's nearby 600-acre ranch. In fall, you can find a vast array of pumpkins and some fun photo ops with your kids. A vintage-inspired gift shop inside the barn includes locally-produced honey, colorful aprons, fresh-baked pies, and plenty of genuine Gilroy-grown garlic.

GARLIC WORLD

You'll find more than just garlic at this unique combination of fruit stand, gourmet food store, and gift shop.

Learn more at

VisitGilroy.com/farmstands-markets



Insider
TIP

Try the delicious
**hand-pressed apple
juice** at LJB Farms...
grownups love it as
much as kids do!



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Global Galleries + Thriving Theaters = A Lively Arts Scene

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

The arts are alive and well in Gilroy! From art galleries and studios to craft fairs, boutiques, and paint parties, you're sure to find something to spark your interest.

- **Gallery 1202** features the work of global, minority and marginalized artists, along with those who use alternative forms of art and subject matter.
- **6th Street Studios & Art Center** provides an affordable space for local artists and also hosts a variety of art exhibits, receptions, boutiques, and special events along with art classes and paint parties.
- **Moya Art Gallery and Studio** features the paintings of renowned local artist Nacho Moya, who highlights his Mexican heritage in much of

his artwork. He also holds art classes and paint parties.

- **Gilroy Center for the Arts** hosts local and rotating art exhibits, art classes, and art boutiques, with items for sale at the Artisans' Corner. The Center also hosts other activities such as open mic nights, outdoor movies, and theater events with Limelight Actors Theater.
- **Paint'n With Friends** is a bright, open studio that specializes in private personalized paint parties for groups of all ages and sizes.



Join the **Downtown Gilroy Art Walk** on the third Friday of each month from 5-8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

- **Limelight Actors Theater**

Since 2011, Limelight Actors Theater has presented a dynamic range of performances, including comedy, drama, musicals, and more. Each show is a “Bring Your Own Dinner & Wine” experience; guests are invited to pack their own food or can order in from The Milias Restaurant.

- **Pintello Comedy Theater**

There’s definitely something funny going on here! The Pintello family has been making audiences giggle and guffaw since 2003, with hilarious shows featuring talented local actors. Their performances are held at the historic Gilroy Grange Hall on Swanston Lane.

- **Cinelux Gilroy Café & Lounge**

Enjoy the latest films on the big screen at Gilroy’s recently renovated theatre, which features comfortable reclining seats and tasty treats.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/arts-entertainment



DOWNTOWN GILROY EVENTS

Check the Calendar at VisitGilroy.com for dates and detailed information.

- Downtown Gilroy Wine Stroll (Spring)
- Poppy Jasper International Film Festival (April)
- Downtown Gilroy Craft and Vendor Fairs (May & September)
- Downtown Live! Music Series (Free Thursday night concerts in Summer)
- Porchfest Live Music (September)
- Día de Los Muertos Celebration (October)
- Downtown Gilroy Beer Crawl (Fall)
- Gourmet Alley Pop-Up Events (Year-Round)

WEDDINGS & GROUP EVENTS

Gorgeous Venues + Affordable Lodging =

A Celebration Destination



Gilroy is an ideal location for weddings, corporate events, family reunions, birthday parties, and other special occasions. You'll find numerous scenic venues for any size gathering, plus budget-friendly lodging options—and plenty for your guests to see and do while they're in town!

EVENT VENUES Choose from a range of gorgeous venues with first-class indoor and outdoor facilities for your wedding or other special celebration. Smaller venues are ideal for up to 50 or 75 guests. Other locations have facilities to accommodate as many as 300.

AFFORDABLE LODGING Conveniently located at the southern gateway to Silicon Valley, Gilroy offers plenty of budget-friendly lodging options for your out-of-town guests.

CENTRAL LOCATION Nestled against the Santa Cruz Mountains, Gilroy is just 30 minutes from San Jose International Airport and a short drive from San Francisco, Monterey/Carmel, or Santa Cruz.

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE Gilroy's Mediterranean climate means plenty of sunshine and wonderful weather all year long, with an average daytime temperature of 74 degrees. Many event venues offer both outdoor and indoor facilities.



Gilroy is a great place to say "I Do!" To plan your special day, plan to attend the Gilroy Dream Wedding Expo (typically held in Spring and/or Fall).

WEDDING WEEKEND ITINERARY

Encourage your guests to stay and play while they're in town for your wedding!

- Go wine tasting at any of the 30+ wineries located along the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail
- Shop and save 25-65% on over 145 top brands at Gilroy Premium Outlets
- Find great Gilroy gifts at the California Welcome Center Gilroy, Garlic World, and The Garlic Shoppe
- Take the kids out for some family fun at Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park
- Visit Downtown Gilroy to sample craft brews and enjoy authentic Mexican food
- Hit the links at the award-winning Eagle Ridge Golf Club or Gilroy Golf Course
- Browse for unique treasures at the charming antique stores and boutiques in Downtown Gilroy
- Enjoy historic dining at The Milias Restaurant or Old City Hall in Downtown Gilroy
- Pamper yourself at one of Gilroy's beauty salons

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/celebrate](https://www.visitgilroy.com/celebrate)



GREAT GILROY GETAWAY:

Garlic, Garlic, Garlic!

People around the globe recognize Gilroy, California as “The Garlic Capital of the World” – and you’ll find garlic everywhere here! Here’s a two-day itinerary to give yourself the complete Gilroy garlic experience.

DAY ONE:

- Start your garlic adventure at the **California Welcome Center Gilroy** and pick up a Road to Garlic map so you can plan your journey.
- Stop for lunch at the popular **Garlic City Café** and be sure to try the garlic soup (and garlic ice cream!).
- Stop to snap a selfie in front of the **Garlic Mural** on Monterey Street and share with #VisitGilroy to prove that you made it to the Garlic Capital of the World!
- Take a stroll down the **Gilroy Historic Paseo** to learn more about the city’s long love affair with the “stinking rose.”
- Make a pilgrimage to the ginormous **Garlic World**, stuffed to the rafters with gourmet goodies like garlic braids, Christopher Ranch garlic products, and a wide selection of wines, snacks, and sweet treats.
- Have dinner at **Mama Mia’s Ristorante Italiano**, which features Garlic Festival favorites on their menu all year long. Just don’t forget to bring your breath mints!
- Get a good night’s sleep at a budget-friendly hotel and rest up for another day of garlic adventures!



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Visit the California Welcome Center Gilroy to snap a picture in our **giant garlic bulb** and pick up a **garlic pressed penny!**



DAY TWO:

- Pay a visit to Gil and Roy, the garlic bulb mascots at **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park**. Take a spin on the Garlic Twirl ride and then get some genuine Gilroy Garlic Fries to enjoy as you stroll through the park's majestic gardens.
- Head back downtown for lunch at **The Milias Restaurant**. Owner/Chef Adam Sanchez launched his culinary career when he won the 2001 Great Garlic Cook-Off and continues to highlight garlic in delicious and inventive entrees.
- Then head out to **The Garlic Shoppe**, where you can pick up garlic-stuffed olives, garlic pepper jelly, and "Garlic Dude Dust" seasoning.
- On your way out of town, be sure to drive by the **ofi** garlic processing plant on Pacheco Pass Highway. If you're lucky, you'll get a whiff of that distinctive Gilroy aroma!

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/garlic





GREAT GILROY GETAWAY: *Wine Tasting Weekend*

Get a group of wine-loving friends together and discover award-winning wines, scenic vineyards, and a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere at over 30 wineries and tasting rooms along the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail.

DAY ONE

- Start your journey at the **California Welcome Center Gilroy**, where you can pick up coupons for free wine tasting at selected wineries.
- While you're there, shop for souvenir Gilroy wine glasses or a reusable Gilroy shopping bag so you can carry home bottles of your favorite finds.
- Head out to Hecker Pass Highway to sample wines at **Solis Winery**, **Fortino Winery**, **Sarah's Vineyard**, and **Hecker Pass Winery**, all conveniently located within a mile of each other.
- Have dinner downtown at **The Milias Restaurant**, where gourmet entrees are expertly paired with local wines.
- Enjoy a nightcap at downtown's **Bella Viva Wine Bar**, which features flights of fine wines and craft beers from around the world.
- Unwind in a comfortable hotel room so you can continue your tasting tour in the morning.



Download the Wine Trail Map
and plan your tasting tour.

DAY TWO

- Continue your wine tour at **Kirigin Cellars**, which has been producing wines for over 100 years. Be sure to check out the expansive grassy fields outside the historic tasting room.
- Stop by **Clos La Chance** to enjoy the grand, gorgeous views—and groove to live music in the grove.
- Head to the east side of town for a visit to **Satori Cellars**, which has bocce courts and a casual, low-key neighborhood vibe.
- So many wineries, so little time! With over 30 wineries located in and around Gilroy, you probably can't visit them all in one trip. Plan to come back another time to revisit your favorites and discover some new ones as well!

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/wineries





GREAT GILROY GETAWAY: *Shop Til You Drop*

Gilroy truly is a shopper's paradise—with over 145 brand-name outlet stores, plus a collection of charming boutiques and antique shops. Bring your favorite shopping buddy along to double the fun.

DAY ONE

- Ready to score some serious bargains? Head straight to **Gilroy Premium Outlets**, one of Northern California's largest outlet centers, and plan to make a day of it!
- Begin your journey at the **California Welcome Center Gilroy**, where we can help you find store locations and become a Simon VIP member to access digital coupons for fantastic deals. We're located at the Outlets in Building A, near **Forever 21**.
- Start your shopping at one of the center's longest-running success stories, the accessories-loaded **Coach**. Nearby you'll find **Kate Spade** and **Oakley**. After that, head to the iconic **Abercrombie & Fitch**.
- Stock up on shoes for the whole family at **Nike Factory Store**, **Adidas**, and **Famous Footwear**.
- Ladies, you'll find 25-65% everyday savings on all your favorite designers, including **Ann Taylor**, **Calvin Klein**, **Gap**, **Lucky Brand**, **lululemon**, **Michael Kors**, and **Zumiez**.
- Looking for men's bargains? Make your style choice at **Tommy Hilfiger**, **Polo Ralph Lauren**, or **American Eagle**. Find athletic wear at **Under Armour**, premium denim at **True Religion** and **Levi's**, and stylish boots to finish the look at **Timberland**.



- Recharge over lunch at **Applebee's**, **Erik's Delicafé**, or **Culichi's Urban Kitchen**—or just grab a latté at **Starbucks**, some sweet treats at **Ice Factory**, or a boba tea at **Happy Lemon**.
- After lunch, head to fun children's wear shops, including **Carter's**, **Osh Kosh B'Gosh**, **Nautica Kids**, and **The Children's Place**.
- Teens can find the latest fashions for less at **Forever 21**, **Charlotte Russe**, **PacSun**, and **Vans** outlet stores.
- All that shopping has probably made you hungry! Head over to the west side of town to enjoy a relaxing and delicious dinner at **Westside Grill**.
- Relax your tired feet at your hotel and rest up for more shopping tomorrow.

DAY TWO

- Plan to spend a leisurely morning strolling through **Historic Downtown Gilroy**.
- Browse for treasures of yesteryear at **Ashford's Heirlooms** and **Garbo's Antique Mall**.
- Take a coffee break and treat yourself to a tasty scone at **Fifth Street Coffee**.
- Find unique gifts, glamorous accessories, and home furnishings at **IVORI Boutique**.
- How about burritos and beer for lunch? Get some authentic Mexican food at **Carnitas Michoacan**, **Cielito Lindo**, or **Los Pericos** and sample craft beers at **Promised Land Brewing Company & Grill** or **Bartenders Union**.
- If you're still not shopped out, you'll find more big-name stores like Barnes & Noble, Target, Kohl's, and Best Buy out at the **Pacheco Pass Center** and **Gilroy Crossing** shopping centers.

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/shopping](https://www.visitgilroy.com/shopping)

GREAT GILROY GETAWAY:

Family Fun

There really is such a thing as fun for the whole family—and you'll find it here in Gilroy!

DAY ONE

- Spend a magical day at **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park**, where you'll find over 40 exciting rides and attractions, majestic gardens, and the world-famous Circus Trees. The park's refreshing Water Oasis has twisty slides and a giant tipping bucket for bigger kids, gentler water play areas for little ones, and plenty of comfy cabanas and lounge chairs for relaxing nearby.
- On your way back into town, stop at **Brew City Burger** to fill up on delicious burgers, chicken sandwiches, and garlic fries. Top it all off with craft brews on tap and a boysenberry milkshake!
- If the kids still have energy to spare, take them out to the **Rockin' Jump** indoor trampoline park.
- Cool off in the pool at your hotel and then get a good night's sleep!





DAY TWO

- Have a hearty breakfast at your hotel or at the kid-friendly **Black Bear Diner**.
- Then head out to **Casa de Fruta**, the iconic roadside resort where you can ride on the carousel and miniature “Casa de Choo Choo” train, pan for gold in the miner’s sluice, and shop for fresh produce, fine wines, and sweet treats.
- Come back into Downtown Gilroy for lunch at **Garlic City Café**—where you can sample some only-in-Gilroy garlic ice cream!
- That afternoon, take a hike through history at **Chitactac-Adams Heritage Park** and imagine what life was like for the Ohlone Indians who once made their homes there along the banks of Uvas Creek.
- Find great deals for the whole family at **Gilroy Premium Outlets**, where you can save 25-65% on top brands like **Levi’s**, **Nike**, **Carter’s**, **Osh Kosh B’Gosh**, and **The Children’s Store**. Be sure to stop by the **California Welcome Center Gilroy** (in Section A near **Forever 21**) for some fun souvenirs from your trip to Gilroy and the Golden State!

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/family-fun](https://www.VisitGilroy.com/family-fun)

GREAT GILROY GETAWAY:

Dog-Friendly Adventures

Gilroy is a great place to visit with your four-legged friends. You'll find plenty of dog-friendly lodging, restaurants, wineries, and parks that you can explore together.

DAY ONE

- Stop for breakfast at a local downtown favorite, **OD's Kitchen**, or just grab a quick jolt of java from **Fifth Street Coffee** and enjoy eating outside with your dog. Take some time to stroll through downtown, view the colorful murals and historical buildings, and learn about Gilroy's past along the **Gilroy Historic Paseo**.
- Drive to **Christmas Hill Park**, where you can walk around the scenic park with your dog or hop on the paved Uvas Creek/Levee Path and walk a couple of miles.
- For lunch, head to **Brew City Burgers** on First Street and sit outside while enjoying a beer on tap or a handspun milkshake, some garlic fries, and a burger (or veggie burger or salad).
- After lunch, drive just a couple of miles on Hecker Pass (Highway 152) to one of our dog-friendly wineries. Nearby **Solis Winery** is open daily and offers award-winning wines you can enjoy while sitting outside with your dog (and/or kids).



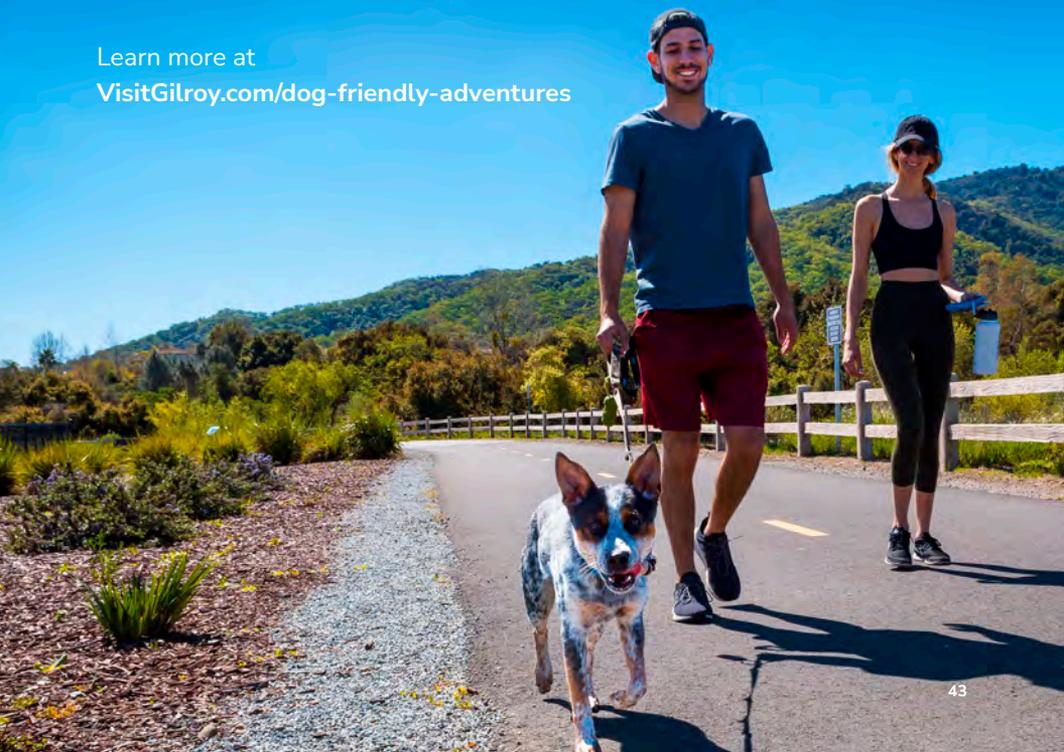
To **avoid the weekend crowds**, visit local wineries that are open on weekdays, including Solis Winery, Sarah's Vineyard, Fortino Winery, and more.

- When you and your dog are ready to stretch your legs again, stop by the nearby **Hecker Pass Dog Park** on Third Street. If you've got kids with you, they can play at the adjacent playground.
- At the end of the day, stop in for a good night's rest at the **Best Western Plus Forest Park Inn**. Be sure to call in advance to reserve a pet-friendly room, as they are limited.

DAY TWO

- Eat breakfast at your hotel in the morning, then pack some snacks or pick up lunch before you head out for a hike. You can choose from over 35 miles of trails that are dog-friendly at Gilroy's **Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear County Park**.
- After you get back from your hike, stop back at your room for some rest, and then head downtown for dinner. Your dog can dine *al fresco* with you as you enjoy delicious Mexican food at **Los Pericos Taquiera** or fine dining at **The Miliias Restaurant**.
- To extend your evening, stroll around downtown with your dog and catch an after-dinner drink nearby at **Bartenders' Union** or **Promised Land Brewing Company** or enjoy some wine flights at **Bella Viva Wine Bar**.
- Head home happy that your dog could enjoy your visit to Gilroy with you!

Learn more at
[VisitGilroy.com/dog-friendly-adventures](https://www.visitgilroy.com/dog-friendly-adventures)





Dining

Gilroy offers a wide range of dining options, from casual family fare to great ethnic restaurants to gourmet cuisine prepared by award-winning chefs. And, of course, you can always find garlic on the menu here in Gilroy!



Download the **Gilroy Restaurant Map** and our **Quick Bites & Sweet Treats Guide**



Explore the **Gilroy Taco Trail** to find authentic and affordable Mexican Food



Follow your nose on the **Road to Garlic** for the very best garlic restaurants in town





Lodging

There's too much to do in Gilroy in just one day—so you'd better plan to stay awhile! Whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, check into one of Gilroy's hotels for a clean, comfortable room at a price to fit any budget. There are also several well-appointed RV parks and campgrounds in the area.

Since Gilroy is centrally located close to Silicon Valley, San Francisco, and the Central Coast, we make a great "home base" to explore other Northern California attractions.



**Browse our list
of budget-friendly
hotels in Gilroy**



**Reserve a spot
at an RV park or
campground in Gilroy**

VISITOR ESSENTIALS

GETTING HERE

Gilroy is centrally located about 30 miles south of San Jose, with easy freeway access to the San Francisco Bay Area, Central Coast, and Central Valley.

- From San Jose or San Francisco: Take Highway 101 South to Gilroy.
- From Monterey Bay/Central Coast: Take Highway 1 North to 156 East to 101 North to Gilroy.
- From the Central Valley: Take Highway 152 (Pacheco Pass) West to Gilroy.
- From Southern California: Take Highway 101 North to Gilroy.

DRIVING DISTANCES

- San Jose: 30 mi.
- Santa Clara: 40 mi.
- Monterey/Carmel: 40 mi.
- Santa Cruz: 40 mi.
- Pinnacles National Park: 45 mi.
- San Francisco: 60 mi.
- Napa Valley: 110 mi.
- Yosemite National Park: 150 mi.
- Los Angeles: 300 mi.

AIRPORTS

- Mineta San José International Airport – SJC (30 miles from Gilroy)
- San Francisco International Airport – SFO (60 miles from Gilroy)
- San Martin Airport (5 miles from Gilroy)
- Monterey Regional Airport (40 miles from Gilroy)

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Gilroy Transit Center is located in Downtown Gilroy (7150 Monterey St.) and is the central station for CalTrain service to San Francisco (Monday through Friday) and VTA bus routes throughout South County and Silicon Valley.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

- *Gilroy Premium Outlets, Section C
- South County Nissan Hyundai
- *Target in Gilroy Crossing
- Valley Health Center
- Walmart in Pacheco Pass Shopping Center
- Casa de Fruta (Hollister)

*Includes Tesla supercharger stations

CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER GILROY

Whether you're just visiting Gilroy for the day or plan to stay awhile, make the California Welcome Center Gilroy your first stop in town. Our staff can provide helpful maps, guides and coupons to help you make the most of your time in Gilroy. It's also a great place to shop for souvenirs of your trip to Gilroy and the Golden State!

California Welcome Center Gilroy

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