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VISITORS' GUIDE to Gilroy, California



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 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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19 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 glass of wine and picnic lunch overlooking the vineyards
- 5. Buckle up for the Gilroy Rodeo in August
- 6. Sample craft beers in downtown on the Gilroy Ale Trail
- 7. Find antique treasures in Downtown Gilroy
- 8. Search for gold in the miner's sluice at Casa de Fruta
- 9. Take a hike through history at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park
- 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
- 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. Find farm-fresh fruits and veggies at the LJB Farms roadside stand
- 17. Enjoy Garlic Festival favorites all year long at Mama Mia's Ristorante Italiano
- 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



[Browse our list for more!](#)





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 a theme 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."

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 CIRCUS TREES**
Walk around the park and you'll find 19 world-famous circus trees.
- 5 DUCK AND SWAN PADDLE BOATS**
Pedal a stately swan or darling duck across peaceful Coyote Lake.

Learn more at

VisitGilroy.com/gilroy-gardens



Speed to the front of the line on more than 20 rides by purchasing a "Fast Lane" pass!

WATER OASIS AT GILROY GARDENS

**Splashy Slides + Comfy Cabanas =
*The Coolest Place to Play***

Generally open Mother's Day through Labor Day, 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, interactive learning features, 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.

SIGNATURE EVENTS AT GILROY GARDENS

**Big-Top Dreams + Halloween Fun + Holiday Wonder =
*Magical Memories***

Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park is beautiful by day—and truly magical at night! On select evenings in late summer, fall and winter, enjoy incredible displays and festive fun for all ages. Carnival Nights from late July through September brings dazzling circus acts to the park after dark. 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!



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





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



Craving some genuine Gilroy garlic fries?

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

Top 4 Don't Miss Garlic Stops

- 1 MAMA MIA'S**
Serving up Garlic Festival favorites all year long
- 2 GARLIC CITY CAFÉ**
Yummy garlic soup
- 3 OLD CITY HALL RESTAURANT**
Great garlic dishes inside a historic landmark building
- 4 CORNOLOGY**
Try the custom Gilroy Garlic Pop

Where Does All the Garlic Come From?



Founded in 1956, **Christopher Ranch** grows and processes California heirloom garlic in Gilroy. As a family-owned company, they've built a legacy of quality, sustainability, and authentic local flavor.

ofi 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!



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

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 complete with Gilroy's very best tacos, burritos, enchiladas and other Mexican fare.

**INSIDER
TIP**

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



Learn more at
VisitGilroy.com/tacotrail





SHOPPING IN GILROY

Shop 'til you drop, then shop some more!

Whether you're searching for high-end fashion, great deals on name brands, or the perfect California souvenir, Gilroy is a shopper's paradise.

GILROY PREMIUM OUTLETS

Home to one of the largest collections of designer and brand-name outlet stores in Northern California, Gilroy Premium Outlets offers incredible savings of 25% to 65% every day. With more than 110 stores, including favorites like Ariat, lululemon, Marc Jacobs, adidas, kate spade new york, Under Armour, Nike Factory Store, and Coach, you're sure to find something for everyone.

Happy shopping. From garlic gifts to fashion finds, Gilroy has it all.



Before you hit the shops, make your first stop at the California Welcome Center Gilroy, located in Building A of the Gilroy Premium Outlets. Pick up local tips, maps, and fun gifts that showcase Gilroy and the Golden State.





HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GILROY

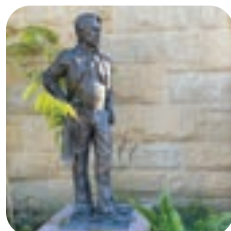
Charming. Walkable. Full of Flavor.

Take a stroll down Monterey Street and discover a slice of California history with a personality all its own. Gilroy's downtown district isn't just another spot on the map — it's a lively, walkable destination where vintage vibes, quirky charm and local flavor come together in the most delightful way.

Lined with century-old architecture and colorful murals, downtown Gilroy offers a blend of old and new you won't find in most Bay Area cities.



Take a picture with a statue of our city's namesake, John Cameron Gilroy, in front of the Old City Hall.



STEP INTO THE PAST

Gilroy has a rich, storied history that stretches back to the early 1800s. In 1868, it became the first incorporated city in Santa Clara County, and it's still proudly rooted in its agricultural beginnings.

Visit the iconic **Old City Hall**, built in 1905, which now serves up locally inspired cuisine and cocktails. Inside, you'll find high ceilings, Flemish-style architecture, and the city's old jail cells-turned-bathrooms (yes, really).

Along the **Gilroy Historic Paseo**, a collection of outdoor murals paints a picture of the community's journey, from its early settlers and cowboy days to its garlic glory.

Want to dig deeper? The **Gilroy Historical Society offers free docent-led walking tours** the first Saturday of every month. You'll get stories, context, and maybe even a few ghost tales.

WALKABLE & SHOPPABLE

Downtown Gilroy is a haven for antique lovers and anyone seeking something special. Find vintage glassware, retro signs, furniture and rare finds at shops like Ashford's Heirlooms, Garbo's Antique Mall, and Saddles and Treasures. For something newer, stop by local boutiques offering stylish clothing, accessories and home décor.



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

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

BOUTIQUES & SPECIALTY SHOPS

**Unique Finds + Local Flair =
*One-of-a-Kind Treasures***

Gilroy shines with an eclectic mix of locally owned shops where every corner reveals something unexpected. Whether you're searching for stylish clothing, handcrafted goods, or quirky keepsakes, you'll find plenty of places to browse, linger, and discover your next favorite piece.

Step into **Ivori**, a chic women's boutique known for its modern fashion and warm service, or wander through **The Cannery Marketplace**, a renovated historic space filled with unique shops and artisan makers.

Pop into **Apothecary Vintage** to find your style, or explore **The Clove Art Complex**, where local artists and makers bring creativity to life. For handmade Mexican imports and folk art, **Artemex** is a can't-miss stop brimming with color and culture.

Treasure hunters will delight in **Ashford's Antiques** and

Garbo's Antiques, each filled with character, charm, and a touch of nostalgia. Collectors and hobbyists can also dive into specialty spots like **Saddles & Treasures**, **BuB's Comics & Cards**, or **Celestial Trading**, which stocks unique crystals and metaphysical gifts.

From fashion and antiques to wellness and whimsy, Gilroy's boutique shopping scene is all about personality. Take a stroll, support local merchants, and see what surprises you uncover.

INSIDER TIP

Many boutiques are located right in Downtown Gilroy, making it easy to pair your shopping with a stop at a café, brewery, or mural walk.



THE GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL

**Garlic + Community + Celebration =
*An Icon Returns***

For more than four decades, the Gilroy Garlic Festival has been our city's signature summer event, drawing visitors from around the world to celebrate Gilroy's most famous crop. From sizzling garlic fries, scampi and the coveted pepper-steak sandwiches to live entertainment and family fun, it's a feast for all the senses.

After a brief hiatus, the festival has returned in new ways, bringing the community back together to share the flavors and spirit that make Gilroy unique. While the format and location may continue to evolve, the heart of the festival remains the same: great food, lively entertainment, and a warm welcome to everyone who comes to join the celebration.

INSIDER TIP

Follow the latest festival updates at [VisitGilroy.com/gilroy-garlic-festival](https://www.visitgilroy.com/gilroy-garlic-festival).





EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music + Festivals + Local Flavor = *A Full Calendar*

In Gilroy, there's always something happening. From lively trivia nights and open mic comedy shows to hundreds of winery events each year, the community buzzes with energy. Check the Events Calendar at VisitGilroy.com for the latest updates and plan your visit around unforgettable experiences.

INSIDER TIP

Follow our social media to stay up to date on event details throughout the year!

SIGNATURE EVENTS IN GILROY

POPPY JASPER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (APRIL)

Independent films from around the world, with screenings, panels, and special events that celebrate diverse storytelling.

HEART OF GILROY ART & WINE STROLL (MAY)

Sip wines from Santa Clara Valley wineries while exploring downtown galleries, shops, and live music.

DOWNTOWN LIVE! MUSIC SERIES (SUMMER)

Free Thursday-night concerts all summer long, bringing bands and community together.

GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL (JULY)

Our legendary 3-day food festival welcomes garlic-lovers from around the world to enjoy delicious garlic food and family fun.

GILROY RODEO (AUGUST)

This community rodeo features bull riding, barrel racing, roping events, and family fun with a Western flair.

TAMAL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW (SEPTEMBER)

A flavorful celebration of culture, with dozens of tamal vendors, entertainment, car shows, and family fun.

DOWNTOWN GILROY BEER CRAWL (OCTOBER)

Sample craft brews and tasty bites while strolling through lively downtown streets.

LA OFRENDA FESTIVAL—DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (NOVEMBER)

A colorful community gathering and wellness event with altars, art, and performances honoring loved ones.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & PARADE (DECEMBER)

A beloved tradition with festive lights, parade floats, and plenty of holiday cheer.

GOURMET ALLEY POP-UPS (YEAR-ROUND)

Tasty nods to Gilroy's garlic heritage, bringing back fan-favorite flavors throughout the year.



EXPLORE THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WINE TRAIL

The Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail goes south of San Jose through Morgan Hill, San Martin and our own Gilroy vintners.

Around 30 wineries fall along its signposted route, offering scenic vineyard drives, tasting rooms, live music, picnic-friendly patios, and hundreds of events each year.

The Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail offers a fantastic Wine Trail Pass with discounted tastings at participating locations.

Learn more at santaclarawines.com.



SIP & SAMPLE WITHIN GILROY

Of the 35 wineries in the Santa Clara Valley, 16 are found right here in Gilroy. Alongside beautiful views of the Santa Cruz Mountains, Gilroy sits at the southern end of the Santa Clara Valley, one of California's oldest wine-growing regions, with a history dating back 250 years.

Despite its historic legacy, the character of Gilroy vineyards remains much the same as the rest of our community: welcoming, approachable and unpretentious. Visiting our century-old wineries feels comfortable and familiar, and not only because many of them are a multigenerational family affair.



[Download the Wine Trail Map](#)

or pick one up at the California Welcome Center Gilroy.



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, an executive course, and full driving range.

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](https://www.visitgilroy.com/golf)



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

John Torres
Manager, Gilroy Golf Course and Gavilan Golf Course



EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

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

Mild year-round weather makes Gilroy an ideal place to explore and enjoy the outdoors for nature lovers of all skill levels. Traverse dozens of trails and bike paths in diverse landscapes, from towering redwoods to rolling hills to rocky escarpments.

COYOTE LAKE – HARVEY BEAR RANCH COUNTY PARK

Nestled in the eastern foothills, this park offers a myriad of experiences. Hikers and mountain bikers can explore over 33 miles of trails, while 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 and petroglyphs. Wheelchair-friendly trails, parking and other features available.

HENRY W. COE STATE PARK

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

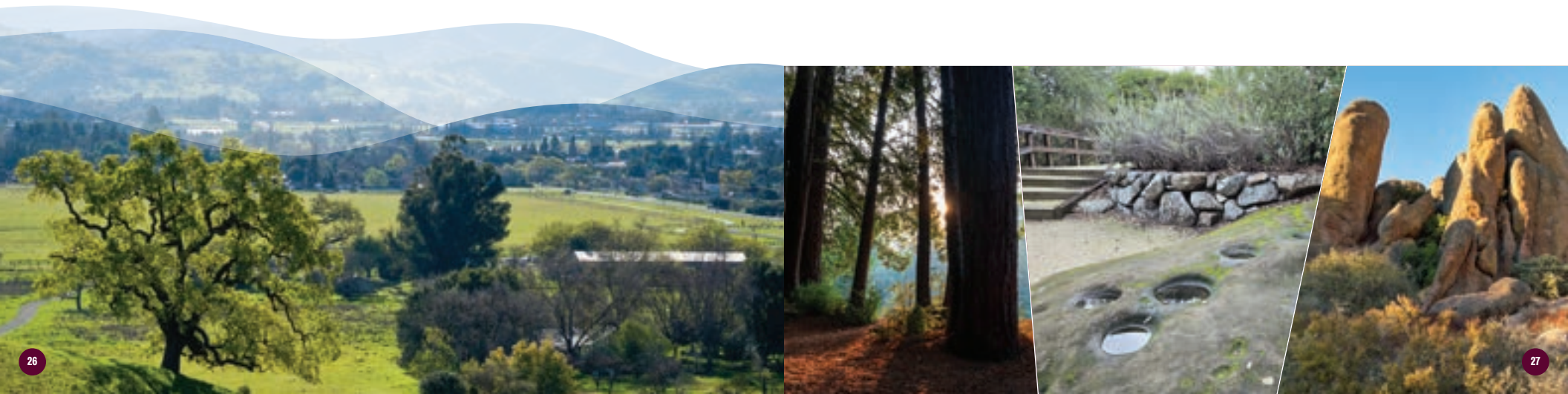
PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK

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
- Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

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

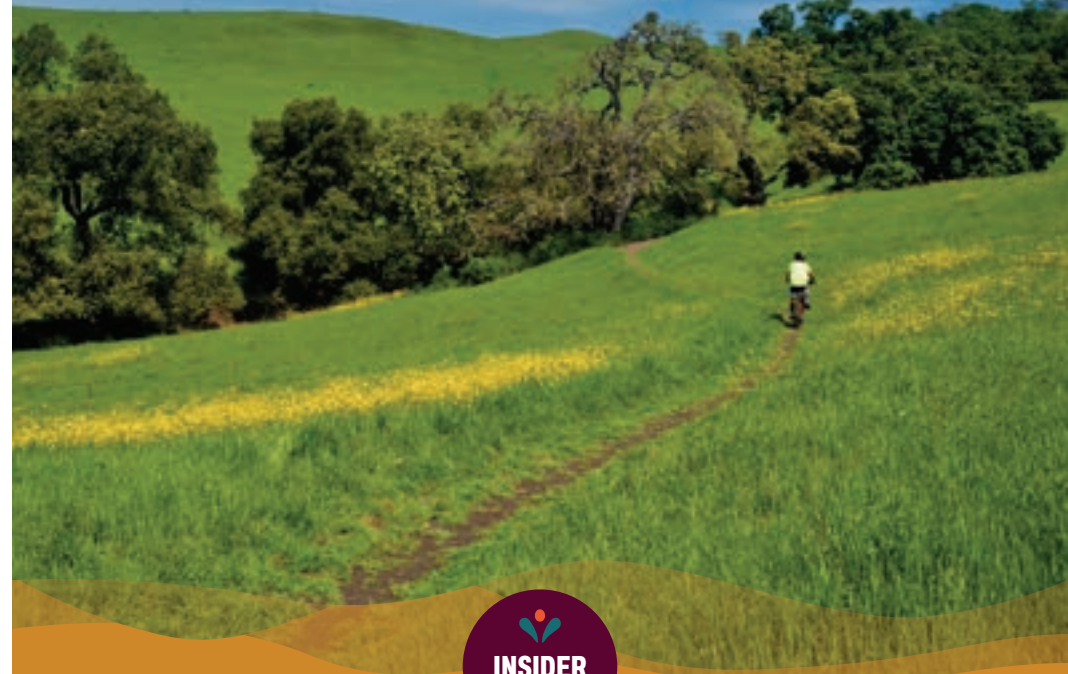
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear County Park provides over 30 miles of biking trails for different skill levels. For a simpler, paved path, try the 2.2-mile **Martin Murphy Loop**, where you will ride past peaceful herds of cows in the adjacent fields. More experienced mountain bikers will enjoy the 14-mile intermediate **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. 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. Or take a ride on Casa de Fruta’s double-decker merry-go-round, a unique Italian carousel with detailed horses and bright lights. Popular annual events include the Northern California Renaissance Faire, Pumpkin Junction, and a stay-over New Year’s Eve Party.

LJB FARMS

The busy LJB Farms roadside stand off Fitzgerald Avenue is truly a local treasure. Open year-round, 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. Not only can you try garlic ice cream, garlic chocolate chip cookies, and a variety of pickled garlic, but you’ll also find lots of fresh produce and other flavorful seasonings to take home. We also encourage you to admire the world’s longest garlic braid!



INSIDER TIP

There are approximately 10 roadside stands in between the Gilroy Premium Outlets and Casa de Fruta.

“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.”*

INSIDER TIP

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



[Learn More!](#)

THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN GILROY

Creative. Colorful. Unexpected.

From murals and makers to galleries and studios, Gilroy's art scene is vibrant, welcoming and full of surprises. Whether you're strolling through Downtown or catching a local art walk, there's creativity around every corner.

THE NEON EXCHANGE

More than just a co-working space, The Neon Exchange is a cultural hub. With rotating art shows, workshops and events, it's where creative minds meet and inspiration flows under glowing lights.

SIXTH STREET STUDIOS AND ART CENTER

A creative hub offering different art classes, workshops and youth camps. Plan your visit for the Third Friday Downtown Gilroy Art Walk to meet artists and enjoy open studios.

GILROY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Discover rotating art exhibits and gallery receptions at this local arts center. They also host classes, workshops and youth programs for all ages.



NACHO MOYA & MOYA ART GALLERY

A Gilroy native with a national following, artist Nacho Moya brings bold color and cultural storytelling to life in every piece. Check out Moya Art Gallery & Studio by appointment to view his latest work. Also offers paint parties and group event rentals.

THE CLOVE ART COMPLEX

A permanent gallery with rotating displays, this complex includes 1202 Contemporary, showcasing modern fine art.

OTHER ARTSY STOPS

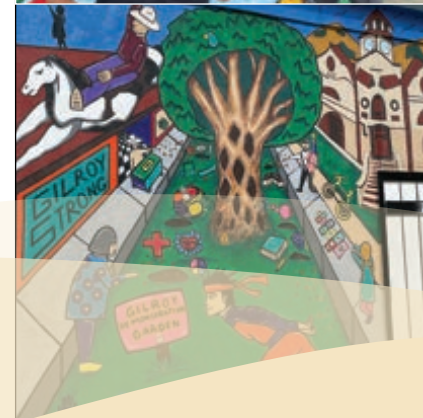
- **CMAF:** Media production team with an art gallery
- **Leedo Art & Framing:** Custom framing and local art
- **Pintello Comedy Theater:** Local troupe with several performances each year



MURALS & PUBLIC ART

Colorful Walls + Local Stories = A Walking Canvas

Downtown Gilroy is alive with color. Stroll the **Mural Trail** to find walls turned into vibrant works of art. From garlic fields and vintage scenes to bold modern designs, these murals create a free outdoor gallery that's fun to explore and perfect for photos.



INSIDER TIP

Time your visit with the Downtown Gilroy Art Walk (third Friday each month) for open studios, artist meet-ups and great community vibes.

INSIDER TIP

Head to
[VisitGilroy.com/trails/murals](https://www.VisitGilroy.com/trails/murals)
to discover every stop.

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 over 300. Gilroy is also home to Wedgewood Weddings, a premier event company offering elegant, all-inclusive wedding packages and exceptional service.

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.

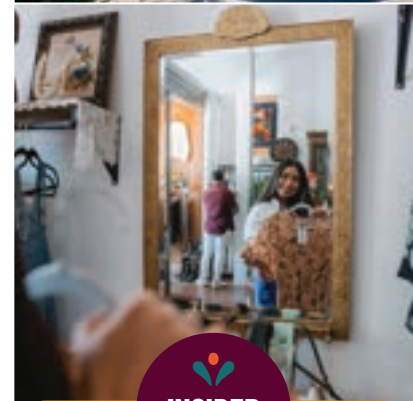
CENTRAL LOCATION Nestled against the Santa Cruz Mountains, Gilroy is just 30 minutes from San Jose International Airport and a short drive from San Francisco, Monterey/Carmel, or Santa Cruz.

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.

Suggested Things to Do

- 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% at 110 stores 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
- Check out our Ale Trail and Taco Trail to find Gilroy's best craft brews and 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 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)



Gilroy has many fun things to do for wedding guests!



THE GILROY ALE TRAIL

15 Spots. Endless Flavor. One Tasty Adventure.

Hop your way through Gilroy's vibrant craft beer scene on the Gilroy Ale Trail, featuring 15 local breweries, taprooms and beer-loving eateries. Whether you're a seasoned hophead or just here for the vibes, this trail is your ticket to discovering bold flavors, friendly faces and the best brews in town.



[Check out all the craft beer places on our Ale Trail!](#)

ALE TRAIL STOPS

1. **Alehouse & Bistro:** 707 First St.
2. **BBQ 152:** 8295 Monterey Rd.
3. **Brew City Burgers:**
1425 First St., Suite 101
4. **Covale Taproom:**
7534 Gourmet Alley
5. **High and Mighty Pizza Joint:**
7661 Monterey Rd.
6. **Lonely Oak Brewing**
Company: 7373 Monterey Rd.
7. **Overflow Taps & Grill:**
7529 Monterey Rd.
8. **Pop's Public House:**
1300 First St.
9. **Pour Me Taproom:**
7499 Monterey Rd.
10. **Promised Land Brewing**
Company: 7419 Monterey Rd.
11. **Settle Down Brewery &**
Taproom: 7515 Monterey Rd.
12. **Vines and Pints:**
7511 Monterey Rd.
13. **Westside Grill:**
8080 Santa Teresa Blvd.

INSIDER TIP

Bring a friend, take it slow, and let flavor lead the way. Many spots are walkable, and several offer food trucks or allow outside bites. Enjoy responsibly!





DINING

Gilroy offers a wide range of dining options, from casual family fare to great ethnic restaurants to authentic Mexican food. And, of course, you can always find garlic on the menu here in Gilroy!



Learn more at

[VisitGilroy.com/food-drink/restaurants](https://www.visitgilroy.com/food-drink/restaurants)



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.

Gilroy's central location makes it an ideal hub for exploring Northern California. Situated close to Silicon Valley, San Francisco, and the Central Coast, Gilroy offers convenient access to a wide range of regional attractions. Use Gilroy as your home base to enjoy nearby destinations like Monterey Bay, Carmel, Santa Cruz, and the vibrant tech and cultural scene of the Bay Area. Then come back to relax in Gilroy's welcoming community.



[Browse our list of budget-friendly hotels in Gilroy](#)





GILROY: STAY HERE, GO ANYWHERE

Affordable. Welcoming. Close to Everything.

Tucked between golden hills and towering redwoods, Gilroy is your ideal hub for exploring the best of Northern and Central California. From coastal escapes and redwood hikes to wine tasting and national parks, Gilroy puts it all within reach without breaking the bank.

Whether you're chasing waves in Santa Cruz, strolling Cannery Row in Monterey, sipping wine in Napa or hiking at Pinnacles National Park, Gilroy is just a short drive away. And when the day winds down, come home to budget-friendly hotels, free parking and a walkable downtown.

CLOSE TO CALIFORNIA'S GREATEST HITS

- **San Jose** – 30 miles
- **Santa Cruz** – 40 miles
- **Monterey & Carmel** – 40 miles
- **San Francisco** – 80 miles
- **Pinnacles National Park** – 45 miles
- **Napa Valley** – 120 miles
- **Sacramento** – 150 miles

INSIDER TIP

Skip the high hotel prices of the coast and stay in Gilroy instead. With all the essentials nearby (plus garlic fries!), it's the smart traveler's home base.



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.

AIRPORTS

- Mineta San José International Airport—SJC (30 miles from Gilroy)
- San Francisco International Airport—SFO (60 miles from Gilroy)
- Oakland San Francisco Bay Airport—OAK (66 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

- Downtown Gilroy
- *Gilroy Premium Outlets, Sections A & C

*Includes Tesla supercharger stations



[Visit our website for the full list!](#)

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!



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