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A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO SPICING UP YOUR GILROY GETAWAY



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WELCOME TO GILROY

Garlic put Gilroy on the map, and we are still proud to call ourselves the Garlic Capital of the World. Every summer on the last full weekend in July, thousands of visitors from around the globe come to the **Gilroy Garlic Festival** for three full days of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and family fun.

But there's a lot more going on in Gilroy all year long, and you'll soon discover that there's too much to do in just one day! **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park** is a local treasure for children and families, and **Gilroy Premium Outlets** is truly a shopper's paradise.

Add in outstanding wineries, a charming historic downtown area, award-winning golf courses, restaurants, budget-friendly lodging, and much more—and you've got yourself a great Gilroy getaway!



TOO MUCH TO DO IN JUST ONE DAY!

Choose your own adventure to spice up your Gilroy getaway.

Find more information and sample itineraries at www.visitgilroy.com.

FAMILY FUN

Day One: There really is such a thing as fun for the whole family, and you'll find it at the magical **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park**. Spend the day enjoying the rides, marveling at the amazing circus trees, and cooling off at the refreshing Water Oasis. Afterward, enjoy classic burgers and shakes at **Café 152** and go bowling at downtown's historic **Gilroy Bowl**.

Day Two: Have breakfast at the kid-friendly **Black Bear Diner** and then head out to **Casa de Fruta**, where you can ride on the carousel and miniature train, pan for gold in the miner's sluice, and shop for fresh produce, fine wines, and sweet treats. In the afternoon, take a hike through history at **Chitactac-Adams Heritage Park**, or find great deals for the whole family at **Gilroy Premium Outlets**.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Day One: If you love to shop, Gilroy is the place to go! **Gilroy Premium Outlets** is Northern California's largest outlet center, with extraordinary savings of 25-65% on more than 145 exceptional brands. Start your trip

at the **Gilroy Welcome Center** and pick up special discount coupons and fun Gilroy souvenirs. You can eat at the outlets, or head downtown for a coffee break at **Fifth Street Coffee** or authentic Mexican food for lunch.

Day Two: Plan to spend a leisurely morning strolling through historic downtown Gilroy, which has several outstanding **antique shops** as well as unique stores like **Amoretto Boutique**, the **Nimble Thimble**, and **Garlic City Mercantile**. If you're not shopped out, you can find more big-name stores like Barnes & Noble, Pier 1 Imports, Target, Kohl's and Best Buy out at the **Pacheco Pass Center** and **Gilroy Crossing** shopping centers.

FOLLOW THE WINE TRAIL

Day One: Use the Wine Trail map on page 34 to plan your own tasting adventure at 25 different Santa Clara Valley wineries in and around Gilroy. Pick up some deli sandwiches so you can enjoy a picnic lunch along the way. If you have just a few hours, we suggest heading out to Hecker Pass Highway for stops at **Solis Winery**, **Fortino Winery**, and **Sarah's Vineyard**. Have dinner downtown at **The Miliás Restaurant**, where gourmet entrées are expertly paired with local wines.

Day Two: So many wineries, so little time! Continue your wine tour with stops at some of the other local wineries. **Kirigin Cellars** has a very historic feel and also hosts cricket matches and dog races on their expansive grassy fields. **Clos La Chance** has drop-dead gorgeous views, while **Satori Cellars** has bocce courts and a fun, neighborhood feeling.

GARLIC, GARLIC, GARLIC

Day One: Of course, the ultimate garlic getaway requires you to be here for the **Gilroy Garlic Festival** in July. But if you're in town any other time of the year, go downtown and shop for unique garlic gifts at **Garlic City Mercantile**, and be sure to try the garlic soup (and garlic ice cream!) at **Garlic City Café**. Then head out to **Garlic World** and **Garlic Shoppe** to find garlic in every form plus other gourmet goodies. Have dinner at **Mama Mia's**,

which has Garlic Festival favorite dishes on the menu all year long. Just don't forget to bring your breath mints!

Day Two: If you happen to be in town on a Saturday morning from May through November, visit the **Gilroy Farmers Market** for fresh fruits and veggies—including 20 different varieties of rare and heirloom garlic. Or go to **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park**, where you can meet Gil and Roy, the park's garlic bulb mascots, and take a spin on the Garlic Twirl ride. (We recommend waiting to eat the delicious garlic fries until *after* the ride, however.) On your way out of town, drive by the **Olam Spices & Vegetables** garlic processing plant on Pacheco Pass Highway and get a whiff of that distinctive Gilroy aroma!

STROLL BACK IN TIME

Day One: Pick up a free map from the Welcome to Gilroy kiosk on the corner of Fifth Street and Monterey Road. Follow the self-guided walking tour of **Historic Downtown Gilroy**. Take your time browsing through the treasures of yesterday at the many **antique shops** along Monterey Street. Have lunch at **Old City Hall Restaurant**, and be sure to visit the restrooms while you're there—they're located in the old jail cells! Stop by the **Gilroy Historical Museum** (housed in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library building) and then have dinner at **The Miliás Restaurant**, which has been an anchor in downtown since 1922 and was a favorite stopping-place for celebrities like Clark Gable, John Wayne, and Frank Sinatra.

Day Two: Go even further back in time and explore **Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park**, which features a wealth of cultural artifacts left by the Ohlone Indians who built their homes along the beautiful Uvas Creek. Have lunch at **Casa de Fruta**, which started out over 100 years ago as a roadside fruit stand and is now a destination for more than 2 million visitors a year. If time permits, make a stop at the **Wings of History Museum** next to the San Martin Airport, and get close to full-size planes and replicas, like the Wright Flyer, 1928 American Eagle, and more.



ANNUAL EVENTS IN GILROY

For a complete listing of events going on in and around Gilroy, check the Events Calendar at www.visitgilroy.com.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Presidents' Day Sale at Gilroy Premium Outlets
- Barrel Tasting – Wineries of Santa Clara Valley

MARCH - APRIL

- Spring Passport Weekend – Wineries of Santa Clara Valley
- Gilroy Gardens Open

MAY - JUNE

- Downtown Gilroy Art & Wine Stroll
- Open House at Wings of History Museum

JULY - AUGUST

- Garlic City Fun Run and Car Show
- Gilroy Garlic Festival
(always the last full weekend in July)
- Fifth Street Live Music Series

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Northern California Renaissance Faire
- Halloween Scary Boo! and Spooky Zoo at Gilroy Gardens
- Downtown Gilroy Beer Crawl

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Fall Passport Weekend – Wineries of Santa Clara Valley
- After-Thanksgiving Weekend Sale at Gilroy Premium Outlets
- Downtown Parade and Tree Lighting



GARLIC FEST IS THE BEST

Food—glorious food—is the cornerstone for America’s most renowned small town chow-down

There is fire—huge 12-foot flames that lick the tin roof, erupting from the pan that cradles the fresh calamari. And there is ice—garlic ice cream, that quirky, intriguing, and ultimately irresistible frozen treat. The fire and the ice draw huge crowds.

Foodies, families and festival adventurers come in droves to the annual Gilroy Garlic Festival, the darling of all American food celebrations. Unfolding every year on the last full weekend in July, it’s an iconic combination of entertainment, community volunteerism, and mouth-watering, gotta-have-that-recipe food, glorious food bathed in the mysterious power of the pungent bulb.

According to ancient lore, Gilroy’s precious bulb is an *apotropaic*—a substance that can ward off vampires. But what it can attract is even more astounding.

Stars like Food Network favorite chef Guy Fieri and Carla Hall from ABC-TV’s “The Chew” have graced the festival’s Cook-Off Stage. Bands like the chart-topping Rascal Flatts get the crowd jumping at the KRTY radio-sponsored country music stage.

But it’s food that takes center stage at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, and much of it is served up from the massive outdoor kitchen known as Gourmet Alley. To make the famous calamari, muscular guys (and gals) maneuver oversized skillets over hot fires and then douse the sizzling seafood in white wine. Flames shoot to the rafters and spectators cheer, unleashing the spirit of the Festival.

Bob Filice remembers the very first Garlic Festival back in 1979. The cooking crew was just Bob and his father, the late Val Filice, a festival co-founder and self-taught master chef known as the Garlic Festival Godfather. Together they churned out what would become two of the Festival’s signature dishes: scampi and calamari, using Val’s Gilroy-famous marinara sauce recipe. Other Alley favorites are the pasta con pesto, pepper steak sandwiches, and stuffed mushrooms. And don’t forget those world-famous Gilroy garlic fries!



“When people talk about Gilroy, they talk about the Garlic Festival. The volunteer effort is amazing. It’s about working together and taking pride in what you do.”

– Former Gilroy Mayor
Don Gage

The real stars of the Gilroy Garlic Festival are the fans who keep coming back—over 4.2 million and counting. That has translated into a tidy profit of more than \$10.9 million which has been plowed back into the community. Order some garlic bread and a glass of Santa Clara Valley Sauvignon Blanc, and you’re supporting the local swim club or high school band. The formula is simple: every year, more than 4,000 Gilroyans volunteer on behalf of a community group, doing everything from assembling sausage sandwiches to pulling beer taps. After the bills are paid, they earn an hourly wage that goes to their selected organization.

Jennifer Speno was crowned Garlic Festival Queen in 1987 and later served as president for the 2005 event. Spirit and success go hand in hand, she knows. “You see all the different groups there volunteering,” she says, “from the girls’ basketball team to the police officers’ wives’ association. Everyone is a part of it, coming together to host people coming to Gilroy. There’s a deep sense of community pride.”

Former Mayor Don Gage understands the festival’s secret sauce. “When people talk about Gilroy, they talk about the Garlic Festival,” he says. “The volunteer effort is amazing. So many non-profit organizations that struggle for funding receive a very high-level boost. It’s about working together and taking pride in what you do. We’re very thankful for the people that support the festival. It makes a huge positive impact on our community.”



2016 GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL JULY 29, 30 AND 31



Go to www.gilroygarlicfestival.com for discount tickets and additional info. Special ticket packages include admission and Gourmet Alley combo plate.

TOP 5 NOT-TO-MISS AT THE FESTIVAL



1 GARLIC ICE CREAM

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for garlic ice cream..." Well, the lines for free samples can be long, but the experience is unique. Some come back for more; others run for a wine cooler.

2 ROTARY CLUB WINE TENT

Under the shade of the big top, it's a very happy and relaxed circus with 20-plus local vintners from the oldest wine-producing region in California. Lively chatter is encouraged.

3 COOK-OFF STAGE

Take a break, find a seat in the bleachers, and marvel at the elaborately crafted stage, complete with jumbo screens, a premium sound system, and kitchen stations where amateur and pro chefs do battle in live cooking competitions all three days.

4 PYRO CHEF FLAME-UPS

Follow the crowds and sniff the air. Follow your nose to the edge of Gourmet Alley and you'll find them—the chefs wrapped in extra clothing, wiping their brows, and getting ready for the next pyrotechnic garlic display. Get your camera ready to catch the leaping flames. Post your photo to Instagram—and then grab yourself a combo plate.

5 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

With live performers on three stages, there's a little something for everyone...from rock 'n roll, country, and jazz to blues, reggae, swing, and more.

TOP 5 DON'T-MISS GARLIC RESTAURANTS

Garlic is always on the menu here in Gilroy!

1. MAMA MIA'S

Serving up Garlic Festival favorites all year long

2. GARLIC CITY CAFÉ

Delicious garlic soup—and garlic ice cream, too

3. THE MILIAS RESTAURANT

Delicious entrées and local wine pairings

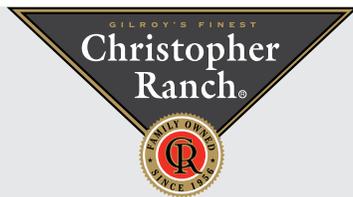
4. OLD CITY HALL RESTAURANT

Great garlic fries and more inside the historic landmark building

5. CAFE 152 BURGER CO.

The Big Roy Burger with Gilroy's finest roasted garlic

See the **Dining Directory** (pages 24-25) for a complete listing of Gilroy restaurants.



For over 50 years, the Christopher Family has taken great pride in providing the highest quality, most flavorful, and healthiest garlic available today. We invite you to enjoy Christopher Ranch brand garlic wherever California garlic products are sold.

www.christopherranch.com

GOTTA GET SOME GARLIC

Can't make it to Gilroy in July for the Garlic Festival? Don't despair. There are plenty of places to find garlic here all year long!

GARLIC WORLD

4800 Monterey Highway
(just off northbound side of US 101)

www.garlicworld.com

800.537.6122

Inside the ginormous Garlic World, there are rows and rows of long, full shelves stuffed with gourmet goodies. One is strewn with photo-perfect fresh garlic bulbs and braids, along with cute cardboard containers for shipping or carrying home. Another 20-foot bank is stocked with products of all shapes and sizes from Gilroy's world-famous Christopher Ranch: fresh roasted garlic, organic chopped ginger, minced or chopped garlic in oil, pesto, peeled specialty onions, and dozens more items.

You'll also find farm-fresh produce, hot sauces, a gourmet olive tasting bar, dried sliced garlic, salad dressings, and a wide selection of wines, nuts and sweet snack treats. While foodies will happily freak out over the product cornucopia, there are also plenty of other gift items, like cuddly handmade quilts for children, kitchen gadgets, and knick-knacks.

As you drive up, you can't miss the delicious smoky aroma from R Legacy BBQ, serving up tri-tip, St. Louis-style ribs, sausage, and chicken all made with unique homemade rubs and sauces—and plenty of garlic, of course!



THE GARLIC SHOPPE

4350 Monterey Highway
www.garlicdude.com
888.328.4275

You haven't really lived until you've tried spicy pickled garlic. According to The Garlic Shoppe co-owner Charlie Larson, that's the store's very best seller. After that? Garlic-stuffed olives—fabulous for a Gilroy martini—and Garlic Dude Dust, a low-salt seasoning that can sprinkle flavor into anything from skirt steak to butternut squash.

"Dude Dust is all about the customers. Literally. We set up a tasting store, tried out the recipe, and listened to what the customers had to say," relates Charlie.

Originally, Dude Dust contained a lot more salt, but after many blends and tastings, they settled on 7% salt and a slam-dunk combination of garlic, onion and "state secret" spices. Dude Dust doesn't collect any on the shelves—it just keeps flying off into customers' hands.

Another longtime favorite is "Mama Rap's" garlic jelly, which can be served over cream cheese, used as a glaze on chicken or ham, or enjoyed as a delicious dip for egg rolls or wontons.

For foodies and garlic lovers, The Garlic Shoppe is a bonanza.

GARLIC CITY MERCANTILE

7550 Monterey St. in Historic Downtown Gilroy
www.garliccitymercantile.com
408.767.2434

Dave Peoples giggles garlic. There's just too much fun stuff for him to contain himself. The longtime Gilroy merchant opened (and recently expanded!) Garlic City Mercantile to keep the garlic mojo alive in the city's historic downtown district.

On every shelf there are intriguing, unique, only-in-Gilroy gifts for young and old. Cute-as-a-button baby booties sewn from a garlic bulb pattern. Garlic bulb wine stoppers, garlic-stamped trivets, and garlic keepers. "Look—chickens that lay garlic," says Dave with a chuckle, pointing up to the colorful decorative kitchen roosters with garlic bobbles strewn at their feet. He's on a roll. The tour continues.

Unique aprons with chili peppers and garlic images galore. Locally-made gourmet products like Andy's Rub and Kam's Chili Sauce and HazMat Hot Sauce, a delectable fire-breathing blend that starts with apricots and includes garlic, bell peppers, carrots and lemon.

The list goes on—and that keeps the customers coming back for more!

MAGICAL GILROY GARDENS

Lush gardens, soothing waterfalls, rides and water fun make this an oasis for youngsters and families

The water is clear, the landscape is soothing, and the joy is palpable at founder Michael Bonfante's magical creation, **Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park**. You can see it in the children's faces as they skip across the heavy timber bridge into 26 lush acres sprinkled with family fun.

Whether it's the **Mushroom Swing**, which briskly twirls high above the grounds for the older children, the low-and-slow **Bulgy the Goldfish** adventure for toddlers, or the endless happy splish-splashing in the new **Water Oasis** feature, it's clear that Michael's intent—to create a place for families to come together for a delightful experience—has come to fruition.

There are more than 40 rides and attractions, but Gilroy Gardens is so much more than that. Gurgling water features and manicured gardens soothe the soul while guests move

from one attraction to the next. It's a walk in the park—figuratively and literally. More than 10,000 trees, including redwoods, oaks, sycamores, and the amazing **Circus Trees**, stand as gentle sentinels, majestic reminders of nature's beauty.

A 30-year-old mother of three children under 5 years old summed it up best. When asked what she thinks is special about Gilroy Gardens, she replied, "What's not special about Gilroy Gardens?"

THE CIRCUS TREES

The Circus Trees are sculpted testaments to the patience and imagination of Axel Erlandson, who began to shape the trees in California's Central Valley in 1928. Axel opened the "Tree Circus" in Scotts Valley near Santa Cruz in 1946, but the fame eventually faded, and neglect settled in. Tree-loving Michael Bonfante, the founder of Gilroy Gardens, came to the rescue in 1984, carefully moving and transplanting the remaining trees at his new theme park.

Now 19 of these incredible trees – including the park's iconic "Basket Tree" as well as others like "Double Hearts," "Zig-Zag," and the "Four-Legged Giant" – can be found throughout the park and enjoyed by all.

For details on season passes, single-day admission, special holiday-themed events, park hours and more information, visit www.gilroygardens.org.

TOP 5 DON'T-MISS AT GILROY GARDENS



1

WATER OASIS

Splash and play with giant flowers that shower, frogs that squirt, and water, water everywhere

2

BONFANTE RAILROAD

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

3

SOUTH COUNTY BACKROADS

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

4

PINNACLES ROCK MAZE

Make your way through the twists and turns of the ever-changing labyrinth

5

DUCK AND SWAN PADDLE BOATS

Pedal a stately swan or darling duck across a peaceful lake



www.gilroygardens.org

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Lumination

Chinese Culture Celebrated in a Whole New Light

Lumination is a spectacular festival of light celebrating 2,000 years of Chinese culture and tradition with over 30 light sculptures and displays. Each colossal display is composed of hundreds or even thousands of individual pieces, from traditional hand-crafted silk lanterns to tiny glass bottles filled with colored water. These intricate light sculptures are absolutely breathtaking at night.

Lumination includes gigantic reproductions of historic landmarks like the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, and Terra Cotta Warriors, as well as playful pandas, Chinese unicorns (*Qilin*), and a huge dragon constructed entirely of porcelain plates and bowls all carefully tied together by hand. The cultural festival also includes a bustling artisan marketplace and live performers from China.

As visitors stroll through Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park at night, they will witness the splendor and mystic beauty of these dazzling light displays, all handcrafted by master artisans from Zigong, China.

**Coming to
Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park
July – November 2016**



GILROY: A SHOPPING MECCA

With everyday savings of 25-65%,
Gilroy Premium Outlets are a destination
for shoppers from around the world

Travel toward Gilroy any weekend day around 10 a.m. and you'll see the flood of eager shoppers buzzing toward the Gilroy Premium Outlets, all of them ready to score their favorite bargains.

It can be a bit daunting, but not if you approach the outlets with a plan, great friends, and a good pair of walking shoes. As one of Northern California's largest outlet centers with 145 designer and brand name stores, the Gilroy Premium Outlets draw bus tours, holiday shopping reunions, and friends looking for bargain shopping and a relaxing lunch.

Start your day with a latte from Starbucks, and then plan to shop a few hours before lunch. You can start just down the sidewalk at one of the longest-running success stories, the accessories-loaded Coach store, which is in the same shopping neighborhood as newcomer Kate Spade New York and the ever-popular Oakley Vault.

After that, head to the iconic Abercrombie & Fitch, featuring an impressive and packed back-of-the-store bargain area. Their signature soft knits and sweats, along with a large display space and pumping music, make for a popular shopping stop.

The outlets are a great place to shop for gifts – for someone else or yourself. Check out Crabtree & Evelyn or Bath & Body Works for nourishing soaps, lotions and more. Find great deals on watches at Fossil, Movado, and Time Factory. Or stop by the Le Creuset store for fantastic prices on its signature cast iron cookware.

Famished by now? Stop in for lunch at Applebee's or Erik's DeliCafé. If you're looking for a quick snack, Auntie Anne's soft pretzels or delicious fruit from All Natural will hit the spot. And don't miss out on the free samples at the Jelly Belly outlet store.

After lunch, head to one of a dozen children's wear shops. Carters and Osh Kosh B'Gosh cater to the younger set, while Justice and Brothers aim for pleasing middle-school aged kids with cool graphic T's and the newest accessories.

If you're looking for men's bargains, make your style choice at Hugo Boss or Johnston & Murphy for beautifully-cut shirts, suits and shoes. Nike, Adidas and Famous Footwear also attract a male crowd, as does Under Armour, where colorful sweats are the perfect gift for a teen. There are stacks of premium denim at True Religion Brand Jeans and Levi's, and stylish boots to finish the look at Timberland.

Don't forget to stop by the Gilroy Welcome Center (located in Building A, near Forever 21) for information about great local wineries, downtown dining, and places to stay the night.

And as a last stop, don't miss the DeBrito Chocolate Factory store. This local confectioner produces chocolate-covered potato chips, apricots and, most decadent of all, their outrageous gourmet caramel dipped and decorated apples—the perfect ending to a sweet day of bargains in Gilroy.

Gilroy Premium Outlets

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www.premiumoutlets.com

Monday-Saturday 10am–9pm
Sunday 10am–7pm
Holiday hours may vary





TOP 5 TIPS FOR SHOPPING SUCCESS AT GILROY PREMIUM OUTLETS

- 1 START AT THE GILROY WELCOME CENTER**
Pick up a map and money-saving coupons—and ask about any special sales going on. We're located in Building A, near Forever 21.
- 2 MAKE A PLAN**
If you know what you're looking for, you won't be swayed by a half-price item you don't really need. Focus, focus, focus.
- 3 BRING A FRIEND**
Bargain hunting is always more fun with your favorite shopping buddy!
- 4 JOIN THE MAILING LIST**
Be the first to know about sales when you join individual stores' mailing lists.
- 5 GO TO THE BACK OF THE STORE FIRST**
Sales associates will tell you—the best deals are at the back of the store. Take your time, and you will find some gems.

FULL OF SURPRISES

Historic downtown is an eclectic mix punctuated by Gilroy's 'First Lady' and her towering clock

Have a walkabout. To truly discover downtown Gilroy, you have to park the car and take a leisurely stroll, ducking into the unique shops and restaurants that line old Monterey Road. And there's no better place to start your downtown walkabout than Old City Hall.

OLD CITY HALL

She's hard to miss. The grande dame of downtown, a formidable survivor of two major earthquakes and a distinguished Flemish-style architectural beauty, was designed by Samuel Cather Newsom. She's the glorious centerpiece of the historic district at the corner of Sixth and Monterey streets. Formerly the bastion for all city business including the town jail, **Old City Hall** is now a stylish restaurant with a stunning outdoor patio, a full bar, and menus that cover breakfast, lunch and dinner. Owners Fran and Bobby Beaudet welcome customers to enjoy the architecture inside and out.

HISTORY IN BRONZE

Step outside Old City Hall and you'll find a bronze sculpture, one of three public art sculptures were commissioned by the Gilroy Public Art Committee. The first depicts the city's beloved and friendly namesake, John Cameron Gilroy. You'll see two other sculptures on your journey: the "The Handshake" (at Martin and Monterey streets) and "Ready to Roll" (just outside the Pinnacle Bank Plaza), which pays homage to an early station master, James A. Houck, who tended to the horses of early travellers.

THE GARLIC MURAL

Cross Monterey from the coffee shop, head south a few steps, and find the expansive and colorful mural proclaiming Gilroy the Garlic Capital of the World. The names on the garlic bins represent the families that first farmed garlic in the area. Look closely and see if you can spot the vampire in the corner being warded off by the stinking rose, the date of the first Garlic Festival (1979), and the train whistling by in the rural background.

ANTIQUES

Wander, duck in and browse. That's exactly what Barbra Streisand did. She popped into Gracie Garcia's **Gilroy Antiques** shop one day, found treasures for her Malibu homes, and came back a few times—once with her decorator. Downtown's half-dozen antique stores are well-organized and well-curated. Linda Ashford at **Ashford's Heirlooms** says that customers trying to replicate creative items on Pinterest have been a boost to business. At **Garbo's Antique Mall**, there are rows of vinyl records, a hot collectable item these days, and hundreds of figurines, tidily displayed in glass cabinets.

COFFEE AND A BOUTIQUE

After Sandra Castaneda opened her chic **Amoretto Boutique** downtown, she talked her sister, Yolanda, into taking the reins at **Fifth Street Coffee**. Sister Hilda is in on the fun, too. Jewelry, fabulous scarves and tasteful home décor are on the menu at the Amoretto Boutique. At Fifth

Street Coffee, Yolanda will serve up a steaming cappuccino or a scoop of locally made Polar Bear ice cream.

RESTAURANTS

After shopping and strolling, it's time for a meal. Options abound. **Carnitas Michoacan** is famous for the slow-roasted pork. There's fine dining with creative flair and a mighty fine horseshoe bar at the historic **Milias Restaurant**. There's **Garlic City Café** with creamy garlic soup and inventive cuisine. Or peruse the eclectic menu at **Scotty's Restaurant** inside Gilroy Bowl where you can order tempura udon, menudo or a good old-fashioned shake. **Cielito Lindo** features classic Mexican dishes.

WINE BAR

Bella Viva is a wonderful stop, before or after dining, and a fine place to end the walkabout. The outdoor patio faces the city's main street, so it's good for people watching, but the cozy fireplace and framing make the space feel tucked away. A cellar full of local wine selections is offered along with wines from around the globe. Add a bountiful beer selection and an attentive staff and **Bella Viva** lives up to its name... beautiful living.

Ready to stroll?

Free maps for self-guided downtown walking tours are available at the Welcome to Gilroy kiosk on Monterey St. See pages 32-33 for Gilroy Visitors Map.



SPIRITED DINING

Behind the historic horseshoe-shaped bar at the Milias Restaurant, there are plentiful premium spirits, like the prized Pappy Van Winkle reserve bourbon. But it's Gaspar, the friendly ghost, who occasionally takes center stage as the leading spirit in the building.

"He'll tap you on the shoulder," says owner Adam Sanchez, who owns the restaurant with Ann Zyburra. Gaspar was the Milias' bartender for 45 years—and he's not the only spirit who has stuck around.

"There are a number of them," explains Ann, launching into tales of the spirit world. "So when I come into the building for work every morning, I say hello to Mr. Milias," the famed Gilroy businessman and civic leader who built the then-lavish restaurant/hotel in 1922, and whose portrait hangs on the wall. Then she visits the kitchen to greet the resident chef spirit. There's also a little girl, a cowboy, and a young man who roam the building and make occasional contact with owners, staff and patrons.

A local medium reassured the somewhat anxious owners that the ghosts are "all very happy. They're content with what you're doing."

Whether it's a bowl of Spicy Roasted Mussels, a plate of Braised Beef Short Ribs, or Adam's famous Manhattan cocktail, the aim is always to keep the customer's spirits happy. Apparently, Adam and Ann are doing an out-of-this-world job.



Read more about the Milias ghosts at the VisitGilroy blog:
www.visitgilroy.com/blog

FIVE SIMPLE TIPS FOR BEGINNING WINE TASTERS

If you've never gone wine tasting before, Gilroy's friendly, family-owned vineyards are a great place to learn in a casual and relaxed environment. Satori Cellars owner Tom Moller encourages first-time tasters to "Relax, enjoy...and don't be afraid to ask questions!"

To get started, just remember the five "S's" of wine tasting:

1. SEE

Hold your glass up to the light and look closely at the wine's clarity and color...deep burgundy or bright ruby-red? Pale green-yellow or deep gold? The color provides clues to the varietal (type of grape), age, and intensity of the wine.

2. SWIRL

This isn't something you do just to be pretentious. Tilting your glass and swirling gently allows the wine to "breathe" and helps enhance its flavor and natural aroma.

3. SNIFF

Raise the glass to your nose and take a quick whiff. Then sniff deeply and close your eyes to really focus on your sense of smell. See if you can detect any specific aromas—they can range from fruity or flowery to spicy, woody, or earthy.

4. SIP

At last, you get to the tasting part of wine tasting! Take a small sip and let the wine roll around your tongue. Then take a small breath to allow the oxygen to mix with the wine in your mouth. Does it taste smooth and creamy or light and crisp? Fruity and sweet or dry and heavy?

5. SAVOR

After the initial impression, swirl the wine around in your mouth to let the flavors fully develop on your palate. Pay attention to the "evolution" phase, when you might pick up on other, more subtle flavors due to the particular blend of grapes used in the wine.

Hopefully these tips will inspire you to hit the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail and give wine tasting a try!

FOLLOW THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WINE TRAIL

Wine tasting in Santa Clara Valley is one of California's best-kept secrets—but it might not stay that way for long!

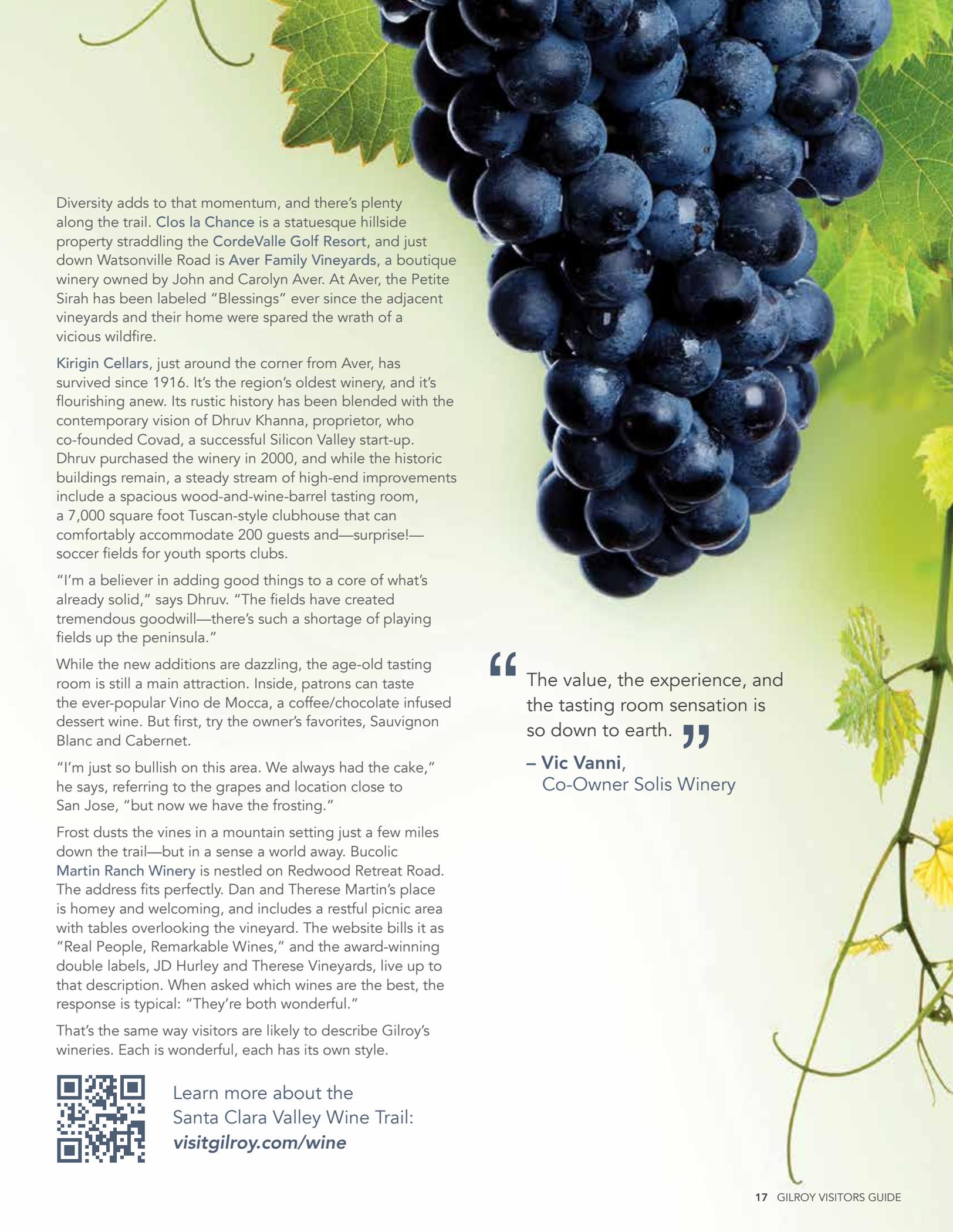
"Up, up, up," says Vic Vanni, owner and grower at charming Solis Winery on scenic Hecker Pass, when asked about the future of the wine industry in Gilroy. From his office window, spectacular vineyard views wend toward the hills. Sarah's Vineyard, Fortino Winery and Hecker Pass Winery are just west down the road.

Vic's optimism has strong roots.

Gilroy's wineries, family-owned and friendly since the turn of the century, have taken off in the last decade. Awards pile up like grapes in a harvest bin—dozens and dozens in the most prestigious competitions like the San Francisco Chronicle's annual event, the largest competition for American wines in the world. Twice-a-year Passport Weekends, when wineries open the floodgates with food, entertainment, and barrel tastings, attract thousands of wine lovers every spring and fall. Wedding and event venues with serene, stunning views boast fabulous commercial kitchens and eye-catching event halls.

Now add the new Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail, which opened in 2014 with more than 70 wayfinding signs leading motorists through the countryside on a journey to the next stop where a unique tasting experience awaits.

"The value, the experience, and the tasting room sensation is so down to earth," says Vic, highlighting what makes the wineries so attractive. "Traffic isn't an issue here. The owners and the winemakers are often around, so it's a personable experience. And the wines just keep getting better. We all really feel that positive momentum."



Diversity adds to that momentum, and there's plenty along the trail. Clos la Chance is a statuesque hillside property straddling the CordeValle Golf Resort, and just down Watsonville Road is Aver Family Vineyards, a boutique winery owned by John and Carolyn Aver. At Aver, the Petite Sirah has been labeled "Blessings" ever since the adjacent vineyards and their home were spared the wrath of a vicious wildfire.

Kirigin Cellars, just around the corner from Aver, has survived since 1916. It's the region's oldest winery, and it's flourishing anew. Its rustic history has been blended with the contemporary vision of Dhruv Khanna, proprietor, who co-founded Covad, a successful Silicon Valley start-up. Dhruv purchased the winery in 2000, and while the historic buildings remain, a steady stream of high-end improvements include a spacious wood-and-wine-barrel tasting room, a 7,000 square foot Tuscan-style clubhouse that can comfortably accommodate 200 guests and—surprise!—soccer fields for youth sports clubs.

"I'm a believer in adding good things to a core of what's already solid," says Dhruv. "The fields have created tremendous goodwill—there's such a shortage of playing fields up the peninsula."

While the new additions are dazzling, the age-old tasting room is still a main attraction. Inside, patrons can taste the ever-popular Vino de Mocca, a coffee/chocolate infused dessert wine. But first, try the owner's favorites, Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet.

"I'm just so bullish on this area. We always had the cake," he says, referring to the grapes and location close to San Jose, "but now we have the frosting."

Frost dusts the vines in a mountain setting just a few miles down the trail—but in a sense a world away. Bucolic Martin Ranch Winery is nestled on Redwood Retreat Road. The address fits perfectly. Dan and Therese Martin's place is homey and welcoming, and includes a restful picnic area with tables overlooking the vineyard. The website bills it as "Real People, Remarkable Wines," and the award-winning double labels, JD Hurley and Therese Vineyards, live up to that description. When asked which wines are the best, the response is typical: "They're both wonderful."

That's the same way visitors are likely to describe Gilroy's wineries. Each is wonderful, each has its own style.



Learn more about the
Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail:
visitgilroy.com/wine

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– Vic Vanni,
Co-Owner Solis Winery

GOLF IN THE GILROY KINGDOM

Plenty of variety at affordable rates

Golf in the Gilroy kingdom is loaded with options. There's Gilroy Golf Course, the "best 11-hole course in the United States"; Gavilan College Golf Course, a very walkable par-3 track; and Eagle Ridge, a sprawling, championship 18-hole layout designed by Johnny Miller with enough barrancas and forced carries to test any golfer's skills.

"Golfers can play a wide range of golf in a very close proximity," says PGA professional Don DeLorenzo. He manages both the Gilroy and Gavilan courses and has been the pro at the city-owned Gilroy course since 1985.

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

– Don DeLorenzo

Gilroy Golf Course, a 6,000-yard (give or take a few yards) municipal course built in 1923, is the oldest course in Santa Clara County. Any potential visitor has to wonder how you get 11 holes out of a 9-hole course.

"It's a little tough to explain," DeLorenzo says. "We basically tell people you play seven of the same holes plus two different holes. When we explain it, they have this bewildered look on their face. After they play they say, 'Oh, that's wasn't so hard to understand.'"

Playing 11 holes is a unique experience, as is the signature, 245-yard, par-3, 8th hole. The tee box is perched 100 feet above the green, yielding stunning vistas of the valley.

And the cost? About \$30 for 18 holes with cart.

Just a few miles north at **Gavilan Golf Course**, golf gets even more affordable at a course situated on the Gavilan College campus. Green fees max out at \$12 per round, making it the perfect place for beginners to learn or duffers to sharpen their iron play.





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Gavilan also hosts the latest incarnation of the game, FootGolf, played with a soccer ball to holes cut off the regular greens. You can bring your own soccer ball—DeLorenzo says that's called BYOB—or rent one.

Right in between the Gilroy and Gavilan courses is a premier public course, **Eagle Ridge Golf Club**. It measures 6,655 yards from the blue tees (one of seven tee stations) and travels through Gilroy's oak-studded foothills. Tree-lined, swelling fairways lead to multi-tiered greens that are protected by dramatic bunkering, a scattering of rocks, and diverse water features. The layout is sprinkled with 92 bunkers, three lakes, and creeks on seven holes and remains a fair-minded test to a variety of challengers.

Within a 30-minute drive from Gilroy are a handful of other championship courses, including the acclaimed **CordeValle Golf Club and Resort** (which will host the 2016 U.S. Women's Open) and **San Juan Oaks**, a Fred Couples Signature Design course.



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FUN TRAILS

1. MUMMY MOUNTAIN TRAIL

at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park

Enter at the Mendoza Ranch entrance at the south end of the park. Enjoy old oaks and scenic vistas along a 3+ mile loop with a couple of choices at a fork in the trail. Hikers only.

2. SPRIG LAKE LOOP

at Mt. Madonna County Park

Begin at the Sprig Lake entrance off Hecker Pass Highway (Hwy. 152). The 4+ mile loop is uphill to the top of the grassland and chaparral-covered hills, then loops downhill. Find the picnic table under an ancient oak near the top for a wonderful lunch stop.

3. UVAS CREEK LEVEE TRAIL

in City of Gilroy Uvas Park Preserve

Park at the Gilroy Sports Park on the city's southern end. This popular 2+ mile urban trail is entirely paved and suitable for moms with strollers. A simple escape for loading up steps on the Fitbit and refreshing the mind.

4. WATERFALL LOOP

at Uvas Canyon County Park

Northwest of Gilroy, find the entrance at the end of Croy Road. Best enjoyed in the spring when Swanson Creek is running and the falls are gushing. Follow the self-guided nature trail for the lushly wooded 1-mile loop to the main waterfall.

5. COYOTE RIDGE TRAIL

in Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park

Start from the Coyote Lake campground, then take the Valley Oak Trail through rare blue oak woodlands up to the ridge. Enjoy marvelous views of the lake and surrounding foothills, then head back down the Campground Trail to complete the 3-mile journey.

EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Open spaces and recreational choices abound

Whether it's walking, cycling, backpacking, boating, birding, camping, horseback riding, golfing, fishing, running, or just taking the kids to a fun park playground, enjoying the great outdoors in Gilroy is a cinch.

Take Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch, for example. The looping Martin Murphy Trail at the east end of San Martin Avenue off U.S. 101 is perfect for a mostly level 2-mile walk or run at your own pace, and you can even leash up "Rover" and take your best friend with you. If you're up for a more serious trek, veer off and head for one of the many trails that hike over the hill to Coyote Lake, a playground for fisherman, campers, water skiers, and boaters.

Back in town there's the ever-popular Uvas Creek Levee Trail, an urban oasis that winds with the contours of the creek through the city for about two miles. Joggers, roller blade skaters, bike riders, and walkers make it the most popular recreational spot in town. The levee trail is part of the Uvas Park Preserve, a 125-acre greenbelt operated by the city of Gilroy. It's a great place for bird watching and wandering.

Heading just a few miles west from town up scenic Hecker Pass Highway, there are hiking and horseback riding options galore at Mt. Madonna County Park, one of the most popular camping destinations in Santa Clara County. There's a turnout at Sprig Lake where hikers and horseback riders can begin an upward climb into the vast 3,688-acre park, which features towering redwoods, three major campgrounds, and scenic vistas both east to the valley and west to the ocean.

For a little variety and a history lesson, head for Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park. Follow the self-guided interpretive walk and discover bedrock mortars and petroglyphs left by the Ohlone Indians. The natural beauty alongside Uvas Creek makes it abundantly clear why they made it their home.

For even grander adventures, there's California's largest state park, 87,000-acre Henry Coe State Park, an oasis for mountain bikers, backpackers, campers, hikers, fisherman and horseback riders. And America's newest national park, Pinnacles National Park, is just an hour's drive from Gilroy, with incredible massive monoliths, sheer-walled canyons, and talus caves.

Whatever outdoor experience you're seeking, Gilroy's got it.



YURT FOR YOU

Glamping, or camping in glamorous comfort, is just what you'll experience when you make a yurt your temporary home at Mt. Madonna County Park. Enjoy s'mores by the fire and the crisp smell of the fresh redwood forest—and then retire to a spacious, circular, domed tent-like structure with lockable doors and a bed.

Yurts range in price from \$34 to \$90 per night. The largest yurt can accommodate 10 people. For reservations and more information, go to www.parkhere.org or call 408.842.2341.



CELEBRATE THE HARVEST

Good things are growing in and around Gilroy

LJB FARMS

At the busy LJB Farms corner store at Masten Avenue and Santa Teresa Boulevard, customers hover over three-foot deep wooden bins filled with fresh-plucked corn from adjacent fields.

“Picked that day,” Judy Bonino says of the corn. “That’s what we pride ourselves on.”

It’s been 41 years since Judy and Louie Bonino put down roots on Masten Avenue, and nearly 100 years since Louie’s grandfather, Luigi, purchased the 600-acre ranch northeast of town that is still part of the family’s agricultural operation. Gone are the days when miles of fruit orchards dominated the landscape. Those have given way to diverse field crops and the bustling roadside marketplace brimming with fresh produce. Sustained by local farm-to-table devotees, the LJB Farms roadside stand is thriving; in fact, it has become the lifeblood for the family farm.

“If it wasn’t for the fruit stand, we’d be out of business,” says patriarch Louie, using his rough, farm-worn hands to emphasize his point about the viability of family farming. “It just amazes me sometimes to see how many people we have in here,” Louie says, chuckling and smiling while he shakes his head.

Juicy Italian and beefsteak tomatoes, fresh off the vines, beckon those who crave true tomato taste rather than the bland “manufactured” varieties on the chain-store shelves. Colorful peppers, squash, cherries, grapes, and berries dot the aisles. A vintage-inspired gift shop in the barn includes locally-produced honey, colorful aprons, garlic braids, soup mixes and dish towels.

Opening day each year coincides with the first ripening in the strawberry fields—usually the end of March—and runs through the gift-giving season. The Boninos close the barn doors on Christmas Eve day. After dropping off a few loads of firewood, they take a collective breath and give thanks for the land and their rich family heritage.

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CASA DE FRUTA

This family-owned business began as a roadside cherry stand and has blossomed into one of California's leading tourist attractions.

Partner Gene Zanger grew up doing everything at Casa de Fruta from laying bricks to busing tables at the restaurant, and he says many of his fondest family memories were created there. Thanks to a fabulous location and the Zanger family's stewardship, Casa de Fruta now attracts a stunning 2 million-plus visitors each year.

"What you see here now is a 50-year evolution," says Zanger. Evolution—and plenty of expansion. Nestled in the 80-acre resort are myriad attractions, including a train ride with a nostalgic "choo-choo" whistle, a deli, a 24-hour restaurant, an expansive playground, an RV park, motel, 16,000 square feet of retail space, and a wine tasting room. Annual events add to the draw, such as the Northern California Renaissance Faire, a stay-over New Year's Eve party, Reunion Dance, and Pumpkin Junction.

"It's a landmark for people travelling in the area," says Zanger, who gets thousands of visitors every year who remember stopping there as children.

"It's just magic."

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VISITOR ESSENTIALS

GETTING HERE

Gilroy is centrally located at the southern gateway to Silicon Valley, 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 miles
- Monterey/Carmel: 40 miles
- Santa Cruz: 40 miles
- Pinnacles National Park: 45 miles
- San Francisco: 80 miles
- Napa Valley: 110 miles
- Yosemite National Park: 150 miles
- Los Angeles: 300 miles

AIRPORTS

Mineta San José International Airport – SJC

408.392.3600

www.flysanjose.com

30 miles from Gilroy

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800.435.9736 or 650.821.8211

www.flysfo.com

60 miles from Gilroy

San Martin Airport

408.918.7700

www.countyairports.org

5 miles from Gilroy

Monterey Regional Airport

831.648.7000

www.montereyairport.com

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.

CalTrain

800.660.4287

www.caltrain.com

Valley Transit Authority (VTA)

408.321.2300

www.vta.org

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CLIMATE

Gilroy enjoys mild year-round weather with an average daytime temperature of 74 degrees.

Monthly Average Temperatures (°F)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	60	64	69	73	79	84	88	88	85	79	68	60
Low	38	41	43	45	49	53	55	55	53	49	42	37



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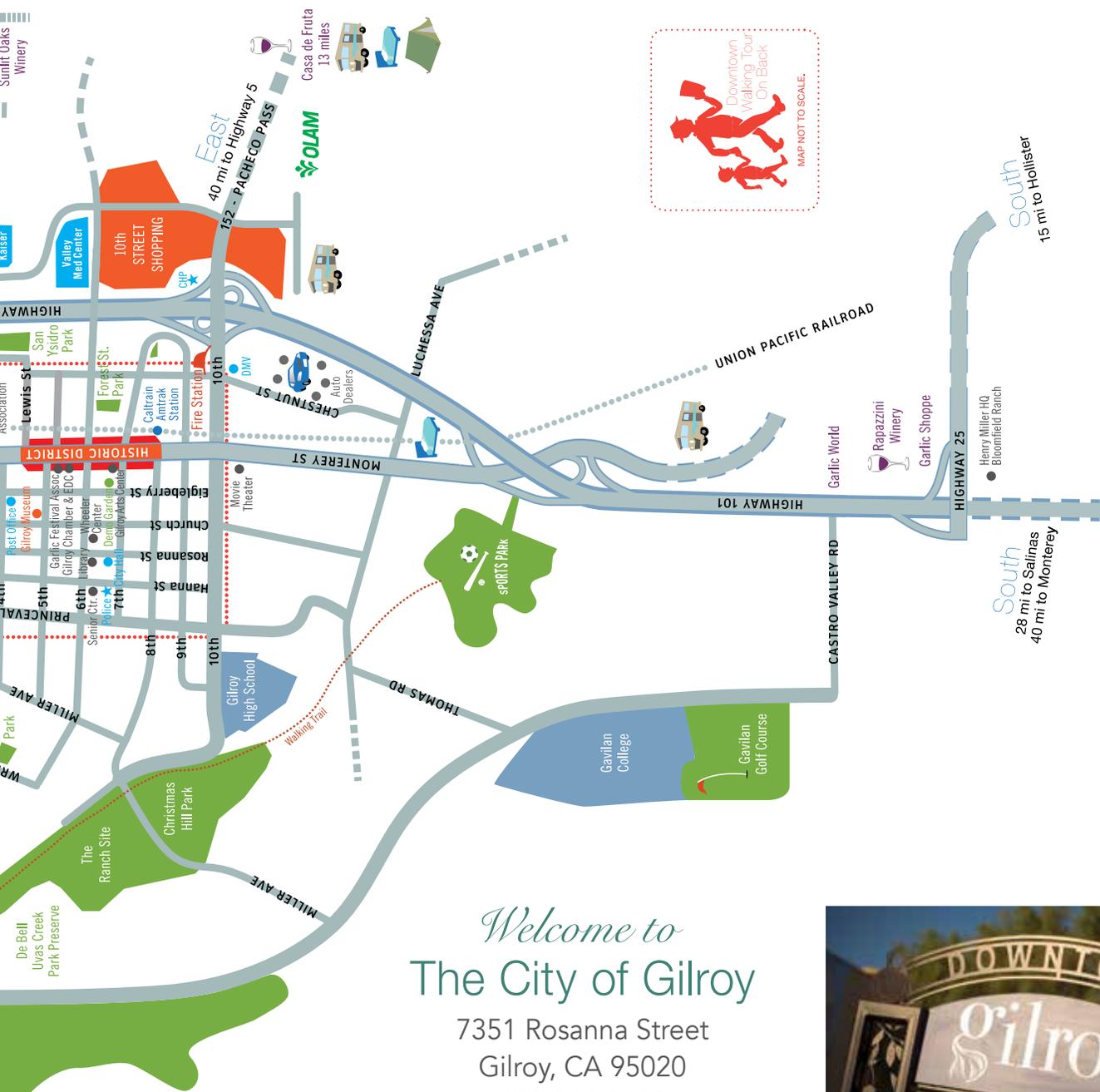
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The Gilroy Welcome Center has lots of fun Gilroy gifts. Our top-selling items include:

1. Reusable Gilroy shopping bags
2. Gilroy postcards
3. Garlic Pistachios from Casa de Fruta
4. Plush "Gil" and "Roy" dolls from Gilroy Gardens
5. Garlic olive oil from the Gilroy Garlic Festival





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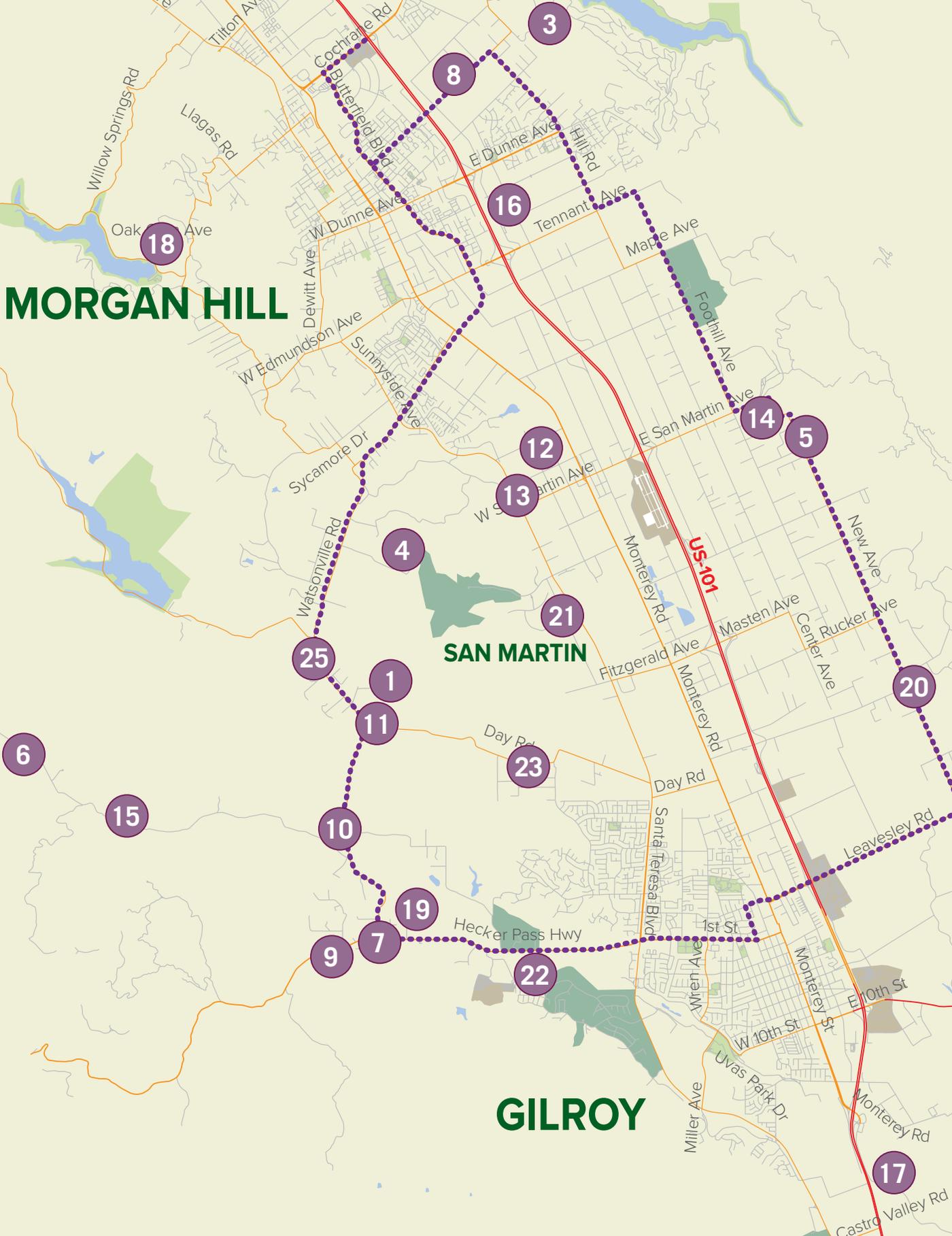
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SANTA CLARA VALLEY WINE TRAIL MAP

Follow the Wine Trail signs throughout southern Santa Clara Valley and discover award-winning wines, friendly vintners, and gorgeous scenery at 25 different wineries, many of which have been owned by local families for generations.

1. Aver Family Vineyards
2. Casa de Fruta Winery
3. Castillo's Hillside Shire Winery
4. Clos LaChance Winery
5. Creekview Vineyards
6. Fernwood Cellars
7. Fortino Winery
8. Guglielmo Winery
9. Hecker Pass Winery
10. Jason-Stephens Winery
11. Kirigin Cellars
12. Lighthouse Cellars
13. Lion Ranch Vineyards
14. Miramar Vineyards
15. Martin Ranch Winery
16. Morgan Hill Cellars
17. Rapazzini Winery
18. Ross Vineyards & Winery
19. Sarah's Vineyard
20. Satori Cellars
21. Seeker Vineyards
22. Solis Winery
23. Stefania Winery
24. Sunlit Oaks Winery
25. Sycamore Creek Vineyards



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www.SantaClaraWines.com

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