
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 going on 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!

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Stay Busy.
33 Things to Do in and Around Gilroy

1. See the Circus Trees at Gilroy Gardens
2. Save big on top designers at Gilroy Premium Outlets
3. Attend the Gilroy Garlic Festival
4. Shop for garlic gifts to take home to friends and relatives
5. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking the vineyards
6. Greet the ghosts at The Milias Restaurant
7. Find antique treasures in Downtown Gilroy
8. Make a pit stop at Casa de Fruta Orchard Resort
9. Try some garlic ice cream
10. Pedal a swan or duck boat across a lake at Gilroy Gardens
11. Bowl some bocce ball at Satori Cellars or Sarah’s Vineyard
12. Go to the restroom in an old jail cell at Old City Hall
13. Take a walking tour through downtown Gilroy
14. Check out the Gilroy Taco Trail
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 local vineyards
19. Catch a cricket match at Kirigin Cellars
20. Tee off like a champion at golf courses for all skill levels
21. Enjoy Festival favorites all year long at Mama Mia’s Ristorante Italiano
22. Wander through a redwood forest at Mt. Madonna County Park
23. Take a hike through history at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park
24. Tour Old Mission San Juan Bautista
25. Find farm-fresh fruits and veggies at the LJB Farms roadside stand
26. Order the “Kitchen Sink” at O.D.’s Kitchen in downtown Gilroy
27. Take a visit to the Gilroy Ostrich Farm
28. Splash down at the bigger, better Water Oasis at Gilroy Gardens
29. Stroll back in time along the Gilroy Historic Paseo
30. Let your imagination take flight at the Wings of History Air Museum
31. Take a coffee break at cozy, family-owned coffee houses
32. Get a photo at the garlic mural on Monterey Street
33. Stop by the California Welcome Center Gilroy for travel tips and great gifts from Gilroy and the Golden State

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/33-things-to-do-in-and-around-gilroy
Annual Events

JANUARY-FEBRUARY
• Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail Pass Day
• Presidents’ Day Sale at Gilroy Premium Outlets

MARCH-APRIL
• Gilroy Gardens Opens
• Gilroy Dream Wedding Expo
• Downtown Gilroy Art & Wine Stroll
• Poppy Jasper International Film Festival
MAY-JUNE
• Paws in the Park Pet Festival
• Downtown Live Music Series

JULY-AUGUST
• Gilroy Garlic Festival
• Downtown Live Music Series
• Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail Pass Day
• Garlic City Car Show
• Gilroy Rodeo

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER
• Northern California Renaissance Faire
• Halloween at Gilroy Gardens
• Downtown Gilroy Halloween Beer Crawl

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
• Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail Pass Day
• Holiday at Gilroy Gardens
• Black Friday and After-Thanksgiving Sale at Gilroy Premium Outlets
• Downtown Gilroy Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

For information about these and other events going on in and around Gilroy, check the Upcoming Events page at VisitGilroy.com
Stay Spicy.

Come to the Gilroy Garlic Festival

Founded in 1979, the Gilroy Garlic Festival is a treasured tradition that has raised over $12 million for local schools and non-profit groups. We are proud to welcome visitors from around the world to this annual celebration of garlic, family, and community.

Held every year on the last full weekend of July, the Gilroy Garlic Festival welcomes thousands of visitors from around the world to enjoy three full days of great garlicky food, live music, arts and crafts, cooking competitions, and family fun. And of course they consume lots and lots of garlic while they’re here—about 2 tons every year!

The heart of the Festival is Gourmet Alley, where the famous “Pyro Chefs” cook up sizzling scampi and calamari while thousands of other volunteers prepare longtime favorites like pepper steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, pasta con pesto, garlic bread, and garlic fries.

Since the Festival was founded in 1979, more than $12 million has been donated back to the community. No wonder folks here love their garlic!

**INSIDER TIPS:**

- Come to the Festival on Friday, when you’ll find fewer crowds and a more relaxed local vibe.
- Buy tickets online at [GilroyGarlicFestival.com](http://GilroyGarlicFestival.com)—and save when you buy a Gourmet Alley Combo Plate with your admission!

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2020 Gilroy Garlic Festival – July 24, 25 & 26, 2020

2021 Gilroy Garlic Festival – July 23, 24 & 25, 2021

Learn more at [VisitGilroy.com/gilroy-garlic-festival](http://VisitGilroy.com/gilroy-garlic-festival)
Top 5 Don’t-Miss at the Gilroy Garlic Festival

• Garlic Ice Cream
  Get in line to try a FREE sample of this truly unique, only-in-Gilroy treat!

• Pyro Chef Flame-Ups
  “Ooh” and “ah” at the leaping flames in this dazzling pyrotechnic display.

• Open-Air Wine Garden
  Enjoy award-winning wines from local vintners.

• Cook-Off Stage
  Watch amateur and pro chefs do battle in live cooking competitions.

• The Burning Bulb
  Snap a selfie in front of the flame used to light the fires at Gourmet Alley.
Follow Your Nose on the Road to Garlic

Enjoy the city’s signature spice all year long

Even if you can’t make it to Gilroy for the Gilroy Garlic Festival in July, there are plenty of great garlic experiences to be had 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), “Mama Rap’s” garlic 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:

• Fifth Street Coffee Roasting Co.
• 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
Top 5 Don’t Miss Garlic Restaurants

• Mama Mia’s
  Serving up Garlic Festival favorites all year long

• Garlic City Café
  Yummy garlic soup—and ice cream too

• The Milias Restaurant
  Delicious entrées and local wine pairings

• Old City Hall Restaurant
  Great garlic dishes inside a historic landmark building

• 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.

• Olam Spices 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!
Stay Playful

Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park is a magical wonderland for all ages

There simply isn’t any other amusement park quite like Gilroy Gardens! Staying true to the vision of founder Michael Bonfante, the park features over 40 rides and attractions amongst majestic gardens and over 10,000 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 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.”

Gilroy Gardens is celebrating its 20th season in 2020 with the biggest and best birthday party EVER!
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

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

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

• South County Backroads
  Let the kids take the wheel and explore country roads in vintage classic cars.

• Basket Tree
  Get up close with this living masterpiece made up of six sycamore trees “woven” together.

• 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
Splashdown!

Water Oasis is the coolest place to play in Gilroy

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.

INSIDER TIP:
Rent a colorful, comfortable cabana at Water Oasis as a “home base” for your family to relax and recharge.
When the Sun Goes Down...

Gilroy Gardens comes to life!

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, enjoy 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!

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Stay Savvy.

Shop Gilroy Premium Outlets for
great deals on all your favorite brands

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. You should budget at least 2-3 hours to do this section justice. (Fortunately, there’s a centrally located Starbucks so you can rest and recharge along the way!)

Section A 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 Wilsons Leather.
INSIDER TIP:
Start your shopping journey at the California Gilroy Welcome Center (we’re located in section A, near Forever 21). We’ve got helpful maps and discount coupons...plus a great selection of Gilroy and California gifts!

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, Brooks Brothers, 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 Abercrombie & Fitch, H&M, Timberland, Hugo Boss, Banana Republic, Vans, and Ann Taylor.

Looking for unique gifts around the holidays? Stock up on great Disney deals at the Disney Store Outlet or pick out some cute earrings and accessories at Claire’s. You can also find sweet treats (and free samples!) at the Jelly Belly Factory Outlet. Section C is also home to the only Lululemon Athletica outlet store in Northern California!

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 stock up on dress shirts for men and women at Van Heusen. This collection of stores is also perfect for athletes and outdoor enthusiasts. Gear up for winter fun at The North Face and Columbia Sportswear. Find all kinds of athletic gear at Reebok.

Gilroy Premium Outlets
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Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm
Sunday 10am-7pm
Holiday hours may vary

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/shopping
Discover Downtown

There’s always something going on in Downtown Gilroy!

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.

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.
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!

BROWSE THROUGH ANTIQUE TREASURES
Gilroy is home to a number of charming (and well-stocked) antique shops, including Gilroy Antiques, Ashford’s Heirlooms, Garbo’s Antique Mall, and Collective Past.

HAVE AN ARTS ENCOUNTER
Discover innovative artworks from around the world on exhibit at Gallery 1202.

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 and ice cream.

FUN FOR FAMILIES TOO
Bring the kids along to bowl a few frames at Gilroy Bowl.

► INSIDER 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!

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/downtown-gilroy
Take a Stroll Back in Time

Experience Gilroy’s rich history

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!

FRIENDLY GHOSTS 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. Legend has it that some long-ago residents (including the former bartender, a chef, a little girl and a cowboy) still linger as friendly spirits who make occasional contact with owners, staff and patrons.

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!
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, sailplanes, and helicopters, 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 Ohlone Indians through the Spanish-Mexican period, all the way up to the “Garlic Renaissance” and recent city history.

READY TO STROLL?
Free maps for self-guided downtown walking tours are available at the Welcome to Gilroy kiosk on Monterey Street.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/discover-downtown
Stay Relaxed.

Taste your way along the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail

Gilroy is part of the historic Santa Clara Valley, one of California’s oldest wine growing regions and home to more than 35+ 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 (see map, pages 24-25) 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 person pouring your wine may very well be the vintner himself (or herself)!

What makes wine tasting in Gilroy different? “The tasting room experience is so down to earth,” says Vic Vanni, who owns Solis Winery with his brother Mike. “The owners and the winemakers are often around, so it’s a personable experience. And the wines just keep getting better!”
Along the Wine Trail, you'll find a wide range of tasting experiences, from the refined Clos La Chance (neighboring the exclusive Rosewood CordeValle Resort) to family-owned boutique wineries like Aver 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.

One of Gilroy’s newest and most exciting wine tasting destinations is The Stomping Ground, featuring multiple tasting rooms all housed under one roof in a former industrial building. The facility is also used by a number of different wineries to create, blend, bottle and store their wines. It’s a great place to meet up with friends and discover your new favorite wine!

See pages 24-25 for a Wine Trail Map to plan your tasting tour.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/wineries
Follow the Wine Trail signs throughout southern Santa Clara Valley and discover award-winning wines, friendly vintners, and gorgeous scenery at 33 different wineries, many of which have been owned by local families for generations.

1. Alara Cellars
2. Aver Family Vineyards
3. Calerrain Wine
4. Casa de Fruta Winery
5. Church Creek Cellars
6. Cinnabar Winery
7. Clos LaChance Winery
8. Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards
9. Creekview Vineyards
10. Dorcich Family Vineyards
11. Fernwood Cellars
12. Fortino Winery
13. Guglielmo Winery
14. Hecker Pass Winery
15. Heller Winery
16. J Winston
17. Jason-Stephens Winery / The Stomping Ground
18. Kirigin Cellars
19. La Vie Dansante Wines
20. Lightpost Winery
21. Lion Ranch Vineyards & Winery
22. Martin Ranch Winery
23. Miramar Vineyards
24. Morgan Hill Cellars
25. P & V Winery
26. Rapazzini Winery
27. Sarah’s Vineyard
28. Satori Cellars
29. Seeker Vineyards
30. Solis Winery
31. Stefania Wine
32. Tank House Winery
33. Verde Vineyards

For more information:
SantaClaraWines.com • VisitGilroy.com
Find gorgeous golf courses for all skill levels

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.

**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).

“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
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.

ROSEWOOD 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)
• San Juan Oaks (Hollister)
• Ridgemark Golf & Country Club (Hollister)

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/golf
Stay Adventurous.

Explore the great outdoors

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. 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 wild 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.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/outdoor-adventures
Celebrate the harvest in and around Gilroy

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. A vintage-inspired gift shop inside the barn includes locally-produced honey, colorful aprons, fresh-baked pies, and plenty of genuine Gilroy-grown garlic.

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

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/farmstands-markets
Stay Artsy.

Discover cultural gems that honor Gilroy’s past, present and future

MEET THE ORIGINAL MR. GILROY
Bronze sculptures throughout downtown Gilroy celebrate figures from the city’s historic past, including its friendly namesake (John Cameron Gilroy), early landowners striking a business deal, and the stagecoach stationmaster tending to the horses of early travelers.

LARGER-TAN-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 that the railroad (which came through in 1869) had on Gilroy’s growth.

THE CENTER OF GILROY’S ARTS SCENE
The Gilroy Center for the Arts houses a gallery featuring rotating exhibits of local and visiting artists, an intimate stage that’s home to Limelight Actors Theater, art workshops for kids, community events, and the Artisans’ Corner gift shop featuring unique handmade gifts and archival prints.
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.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/arts-entertainment
Add a little spice to your wedding or other special celebration

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.
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 fun Gilroy gifts at the California Welcome Center Gilroy, Garlic World, and 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
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:**

- Of course, the ultimate garlic getaway requires you to be here for the [Gilroy Garlic Festival](#) in late July. But if you’re in town any other time of the year, you can still get your fill of the town’s signature herb!
- 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!
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 sample garlic-stuffed olives, “Garlic Dude Dust” seasoning, and Mama Rapazzini’s famous garlic jelly.

- On your way out of town, be sure to drive by Olam Spices 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 Ristorante and 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!
DAY TWO

- Continue your wine tour at Kirigin Cellars, which has been producing wines for over 100 years. Be sure to check out the sweeping views of the 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.
- Stop by The Stomping Ground, which features multiple tasting rooms all housed under one roof in a former industrial building.
- 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!

See pages 24-25 for a map of the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/wineries
**Great Gilroy Getaway:**

*Shop Tíl 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 you can pick up a map and money-saving coupons—and ask about any special sales going on. 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 Hugo Boss or Polo Ralph Lauren. 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 or Erik’s Delicafé—or just grab a latté at Starbucks, a pretzel at Auntie Anne’s, or a boba tea at Happy Lemon.
- After lunch, head to any of a dozen children’s wear shops, including Carters, Osh Kosh B’Gosh, and Justice.
- Teens can find the latest fashions for less at Forever 21, Charlotte Russe, PacSun, and Vans outlet stores.
• Enjoy a relaxing and delicious dinner at Westside Grill. Shopping does make you hungry!
• 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 Gilroy Antiques, Ashford’s Heirlooms, Garbo’s Antique Mall, and Collective Past.
• Take a coffee break (or treat yourself to an ice cream cone!) at Fifth Street Coffee.
• Find unique gifts at IVORI Boutique (for glamorous accessories and home furnishings), and Nimble Thimble (for an astounding assortment of fabric, notions, and handmade gifts).
• 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, Pier 1 Imports, Target, Kohl’s, and Best Buy out at the Pacheco Pass Center and Gilroy Crossing shopping centers.

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/shopping
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.
- For dinner, grab some all-American burgers, gourmet fresh-cut fries and onion rings, and hand-made milkshakes at the Café 152 Burger Company.
- 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—and treat yourself to ice cream cones from Fifth Street Coffee!

• 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, Tommy Hilfiger, and Justice. And be sure to stop by the Jelly Belly outlet store for free samples of their newest flavors!

Learn more at VisitGilroy.com/family-fun
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!

For a complete listing of restaurants in Gilroy, go to VisitGilroy.com/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 on business or for 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.

For complete listings, go to VisitGilroy.com/hotels and VisitGilroy.com/rv-parks-and-campgrounds
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 618 Leavesley Rd. (includes Tesla supercharger stations)
• Hecker Pass Plaza 1300 S. First St.
• Gilroy Nissan-Hyundai 400 Stutz Wy.
• Casa de Fruta 10021 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister
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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