

## THE SONOMA COUNTY HISTORIC TRAIL

Sonoma County played a pivotal role in California's history. It was here, on the Pacific Coast, that the northern expansion of Spain met the southern expansion of Russia, effectively marking the limit of expansion for both countries. American settlers staged the famed Bear Flag revolt that led to California's statehood here, and California's world-renowned wine industry started in Sonoma County.

Our communities are filled with dynamic memorials to our state's vibrant history, while the larger cities have Visitor Centers – many also offer walking and driving tours – to help you discover, enjoy and experience the history that lives around every bend.

### About the Historic Trail

Sonoma County, its cities, towns and enclaves are rich in history. We offer this Historic Trail as a handy guide to our many visitor centers and museums, where you can find detailed information about the people, places and attractions that interest you.

### Where to Get Walking and Driving Tours

Our Visitor Centers offer information on historical walking and driving tours, as well as cycling tours and others, which can be combined with historical tours. In some cases, docent guided tours are available. Many of the museums also provide copies of local walking tours.

**NOTE:** For more information concerning your visit to Sonoma County, please call the Sonoma County Tourism Bureau at 707-522-5800 or visit their website at [www.SonomaCounty.com](http://www.SonomaCounty.com).



The Sonoma County Historic Trail was a collaborative effort involving the Sonoma County Economic Development Board, Sonoma County's Visitor Centers, the Sonoma County Tourism Bureau, Sonoma County Library, and the county's museums.

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**LEGEND**

- Hwy 101
- Illustrative Path
- Visitor Center

**On the Trail**

Please check the information on the other side for an introduction to each region of the Historic Trail, plus detailed listings for each site, including address, phone numbers and hours of operation.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH 200 YEARS OF HISTORY



Luther Burbank Home and Gardens, Santa Rosa



Fort Ross State Historic Park, Jenner

## 1 Sonoma Valley

Site of the northernmost mission in Spanish California, Sonoma played a major role in California’s journey to statehood. Home of the famed Bear Flag Revolt, some buildings and artifacts from that fabled era still stand strong.

### Visitor Centers

Historic Plaza  
453 First Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476  
866-966-1090  
Open 9am-5pm Mon – Sat, 10am-5pm Sun  
Cornerstone Sonoma  
23750 Arnold Drive (Hwy 121), Sonoma, CA 95476  
Open 10am-4pm Daily

### Historic Sites

Mission San Francisco de Solano & Sonoma Barracks  
114 E Spain St, Sonoma 95476  
707-938-9560 or 707-938-1519  
Open Daily 10am-5pm, \$3 adult \$2 child entry fee  
General Vallejo’s Home (Lachryma Montis)  
Third St W and W Spain St, Sonoma 95476  
707-938-9559 or 707-938-1519  
Open to the public 10am-5pm, \$3 adult \$2 child entry fee  
Bear Flag Monument  
Northeast quadrant of the Downtown Sonoma Plaza  
Historic Buena Vista Winery  
18000 Old Winery Rd, Sonoma 95476  
707-265-1472  
Open Daily 10am-5pm

### Walking Tours

Sonoma Walking Tour  
Sonoma League for Historic Preservation

### Museums

Depot Park Museum  
270 First St W, Sonoma 95476  
707-938-1762  
Open Wed-Sun 1pm–4:30pm  
Bartholomew Park Winery & Museum  
1000 Vineyard Ln, Sonoma 957476  
707-935-9511  
Open Daily 11am–4:30pm  
Jack London State Historic Park Wolf House Ruins & House of Happy Walls Museum  
2400 London Ranch Rd, Glen Ellen 95442  
707-938-5216  
Open Daily 10am-5pm, \$8 vehicle entry fee

## 2 Petaluma

The mysteries of geology spared Petaluma from earthquakes that have pounded the area. A large number of 19th Century homes and business buildings still stand; a reminder of a time when the city was the business and shipping center for the North Bay.

### Visitor Center

Petaluma Visitors Program  
Historic Railroad Depot Building, E. Washington & Lakeville, 94952  
707-769-0429  
Open daily - call for hours as they are subject to change

### Historic Sites

Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park  
3325 Adobe Road, Petaluma, 94954  
707-762-4871  
Open Daily 10am-5pm, \$3 adult \$2 child entry fee  
Historic Downtown Petaluma & Historic Buildings

### Walking/Driving Tours

Historic Downtown  
“A” Street Victorian Homes  
23-mile Driving Tour

### Museums

Petaluma Historical Library & Museum  
20 Fourth Street, Petaluma, 94952  
707-778-4398  
Open Thursday through Saturday 10am-4pm; Sunday 12pm-3pm and by app’t.

Petaluma Public Library History Room  
100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma 94952  
707-763-9801 ext. 5  
Hours subject to change. Generally open Tuesday & Thursday 1pm-4pm; Wednesday 6pm-8:30pm; and the 4th Saturday of each month 12pm-4pm

## 3 Rohnert Park/Cotati

Rohnert Park has the distinction of being created from a single seed farm property in the early 1960s. Cotati retains the small town character it enjoyed as a Mexican land grant rancho site a century ago, and features a unique hexagonal plaza.

### Visitor Centers

Cotati Chamber of Commerce  
216 E. School St, Cotati, 94931  
707-795-5508  
Open Monday - Friday 10am-4pm; Closed 12pm-1pm  
Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce  
101 Golf Course Drive C-7, Rohnert Park, CA 94927  
707-584-1415  
Open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

### Historic Sites

Washoe House Roadhouse Bar & Grill  
Stony Point & Roblar roads, Petaluma 94952  
707-795-4544  
Open daily 11am-9:30pm

### Walking Tours

Historic Cotati Walking Tour Brochure

## 4 Santa Rosa

With origins as a dusty Mexican rancho, Santa Rosa became the county seat and a thriving business center for the Redwood Empire. Home to such notables as Luther Burbank, Peanuts creator Charles Schulz, and Ripley of Believe it or Not fame Santa Rosa is the largest city in Sonoma County.

### Visitor Center

California Welcome Center  
Railroad Square, 4th and Wilson Streets, Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
707-577-8674  
Open Monday through Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

### Historic Sites

Historic Railroad Square  
Fourth and Wilson Streets, Santa Rosa, 95401  
707-578-8478  
Luther Burbank Home and Gardens  
Sonoma and Santa Rosa Avenues, Santa Rosa, 95401  
707-524-5445  
Gardens open daily 8am to dusk. Home open April through October,  
Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am-4pm

### Walking Tours

St. Rose Walking Tour  
Cherry Street Walking Tour  
Railroad Square Walking Tour  
Civic Art Walk

### Museums

Sonoma County Museum  
425 7th St., Santa Rosa, 95401  
707-579-1500  
Open Tuesday through Sunday 11am-5pm  
Charles Schulz Museum  
2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa, 95403  
707-579-4452  
Open Monday-Friday 11am- 5pm; Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm  
Pacific Coast Air Museum  
2230 Becker Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
707-575-7900  
Open Tuesday & Thursday 10am-4pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am-4pm  
Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library  
Third and E St, Santa Rosa 95404  
707-545-0831 ext.562  
Wednesday-Saturday 10-6pm

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## 5 Sebastopol

In the 1850s the Sebastopol area served as the breadbasket for San Francisco’s growing population, fueled by the need to feed the ever increasing number of hungry 49ers.

### Visitor Center

Sebastopol Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center  
265 So. Main St., Sebastopol 95472  
707-823-3032  
Open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. Closed 12pm-1pm

### Walking Tours

Sebastopol Walks

### Museums

West County Museum  
261 South Main Street, Sebastopol, 95472  
707-829-6711  
Open Thursday-Sunday 1pm-4pm  
Gold Ridge: Luther Burbank’s Experiment Farm  
7781 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, 95472  
707-829-6711  
Open year round for self-guided tours. Guided tours by appointment April-October.

## 6 Bodega Bay/Sonoma Coast

Located near the first European settlement in the county, a group of Russians created a permanent community to support their work in the coastal fur trade. To the north, a restored Russian fur trading post can be found in Fort Ross State Park.

### Visitor Centers

Sonoma Coast Visitor Center  
850 Hwy One, Bodega Bay, 94923  
707-875-3866  
Open daily 9am-5pm  
Redwood Coast Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 199, Gualala, 95445  
800-778-5252  
Thursday - Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 11am-2pm

### Historic Sites

Lighthouse in Point Arena & Museum  
45500 Lighthouse Road, Point Arena, 95468  
1-877-725-4448  
Open daily 10am-3:30pm  
Fort Ross State Historic Park  
19005 Coast Highway 1, Jenner, 95450  
707-847-3286  
Open a half hour before sunrise and after sunset. Visitor Center and bookstore open Friday-Sunday 10am-4:30pm

## 7 The Russian River Towns

Home of magnificent redwood groves, this area originally consisted of logging communities furnishing lumber to San Francisco shipyards. Later it became a sought-after summer vacation site for Bay Area families.

### Visitor Centers

Railroad Station at Korbel Champagne Cellars  
13250 River Rd, Guerneville, 95446  
707-869-4096  
Open 9:45am-3:45pm  
Russian River Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center  
16209 First St, Guerneville 95446  
707-869-9000  
Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-3pm

### Historic Sites

Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve  
17000 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville 95446  
707-869-2015  
Open 8am to one hour after sunset

## 8 Windsor

Once an unincorporated agricultural community, today Sonoma County’s newest city is surrounded by world-class wineries. Its modern downtown features smart growth buildings inspired by the architecture of the late 1880s.

### Visitor Center

Windsor Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center  
9001 Windsor Road, Windsor, 95492  
707-838-7285  
Open Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

### Museums

Hembree House Cultural Center  
9225 Foxwood Dr, Windsor, 95492  
707-838-4613  
Open Friday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm

## 9 Healdsburg

Founded as a way stop for travelers heading to and from the northern counties, Healdsburg became a major trade area for one of the world’s finest wine regions. Its historic downtown plaza is a beautiful testament to simpler times.

### Visitor Center

Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau  
217 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg 95448  
707-433-6935  
Open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 10am-2pm

### Historic Sites

Hop Kiln Winery  
6050 Westside Road, Healdsburg, 95448  
707-433-6491  
Open daily 10am-5pm  
Historic Downtown Healdsburg

### Walking Tours

Historic Homes Walking Tour  
Healdsburg Walking Tours

### Museums

Healdsburg Museum  
221 Matheson Street, Healdsburg, 95448  
707-431-3325  
Open Wednesday - Sunday 11am-4pm  
The Hand Fan Museum  
327 A Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg, 95448  
707-431-2500  
Open Tuesday - Sunday 11am-4pm  
Sonoma County Wine Library  
Piper St & Center St, Healdsburg, 95448  
707-433-3772  
Open Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-9pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm

## 10 Cloverdale

At the northern end of Sonoma County, Cloverdale is known as the place where the vineyards meet the redwoods. The fastest growing city in the county, Cloverdale’s small town charm is still very much intact.

### Visitor Center

Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center  
105 N Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale, 95425  
707-894-0125 or 707-894-4470  
Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Weekends 10am-4pm

### Historic Sites

Asti Winery- (Now Cellar No. 8 tasting room)  
26150 Asti Rd, Cloverdale, 95425  
1-866-557-4970  
Open daily 10am-5pm  
Historic Town of Preston

### Museums

Cloverdale Historical Society and Museum  
215 North Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale, 95425  
707-894-2067  
Open Thursday-Monday 11am-3pm