



Visalia Blossom Trail

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Visalia Blossom and Orchard Trail

More than 120 crops grow in and around Visalia and the orange, plum, almond, peach, and apricot trees burst with vibrant pinks and snowy white blossoms each springtime. See groves of oranges and orchards of fruit and nut trees, as well as small farms and big dairies for a deeper look into this region that feeds the world.

Stop along the way to take a tour, visit a petting zoo, or taste olive oil. Visit a farm store, the farmer's market or a corner fruit stand. Dine in a restaurant where local chefs make the freshest ingredients shine. Immerse yourself in a region where "farm to fork" is not just a tag line, it's a way of life.

BLOSSOM TRAIL ROUTE

Start anywhere along the trail, spend as much time as you like exploring, and view the beautiful blooms along the way. If you are headed to the parks for a visit, take a brief side trip to enjoy the spring blossoms.

Sequoia National Park

Follow Route 216 through Woodlake and connect with Highway 198 toward the park entrance. Plums, almonds, oranges, and pomegranates grow here as well as other crops that may not be in bloom. Stop at farm stands along the way and see what's in season. The **Main Squeeze Market**, along Highway 198 is a great place to stop.

Kings Canyon National Park

For a quick detour and bloom viewing, take Road 120 which parallels Highway 63 to the west. This will take you through orange groves, stone fruit (like peaches, apricots and nectarines) and even olives!

MCAULIFF ROAD AND ROAD 156

As soon as you cross over the St. John's River on McAuliff Road, the blossoms begin. On the east side of McAuliff Road, you will see kiwis growing on trellises like grapes. You may also see walnuts and almonds.

Along Road 156, there is lots of citrus – oranges, lemons, tangerines. There also are pistachios and olives, kiwi, plums, walnuts, almonds, minneolas, and oranges.

Side Trips

Book a tour at **Farmer Bob's World** at McKellar Farms, a citrus ranch that has been family owned for nearly 100 years. They have wagon tours of the groves as well as educational exhibits to learn more about the process to get the oranges from the field to your table.

ALONG AVENUE 384

Blueberries grow on short little bushes which grow on the south side of the road. Pomegranates grow along the northside on small, bush-like trees. Heading west on Ave 384 you will see stone fruit like peaches, nectarines, and cherries.

Side Trips

Heading towards Kings Canyon National Park take Road 120 just west of Hwy 63 for a beautiful drive through the groves.

Stop in at **Naylor's Organic Farm** and U-Pick. In Summer, pick peaches and other stone fruit ripe from the trees.

ROAD 80/ PLAZA DRIVE

As you head south on Road 80 (also known as Plaza Drive) to return to Visalia you will see walnut orchards and dairies. Milk is Tulare County's #1 crop and you will understand why as you drive along this route. Many large dairy operations are along here. To support the dairy operations, alfalfa, hay and feed are grown here.

Side Trips

At Avenue 368, turn west (right) toward Traver to see **Bravo Farms**. This road side attraction along Highway 99 has a petting zoo, a super fun 7-story tree house, gift shop and wine and cheese tasting. You may even get to see cheese being made. The view from the overpass at Merritt Drive looking west is spectacular when the trees are in bloom, looking like a carpet of pinks and whites.

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