

VISIT VISALIA - GATEWAY TO FAMILY FUN

Have a vacation experience like no other. Here are some itinerary suggestions to help you discover that real adventure starts here.



ARTS & CULTURE:

The arts district in downtown Visalia offers lots to explore. From the gallery at Arts Visalia to the street art at The Old Lumberyard (where colorful spray can art is the medium) we celebrate the arts in all its forms. Join us on First Fridays for FREE food, fun, live music and Art. Come for our signature 'Taste the Arts' street festival, an annual celebration of the rich cultural heritage of the community. With food, music, performances and of course artists of every medium, this FREE event brings artists to the streets of Visalia to showcase their talents. But that is not all. Look for our painted murals, fire hydrants and even dumpster enclosures!

- Wake up with coffee at Tazz, on Main
- Tour all the Visalia murals and discover some of the painted fire hydrants along the way
- Catch a live performance at the Visalia Fox or the Ice House Theaters
- Plan to be here for the Taste The Arts Festival in October



WALK THROUGH HISTORY:

Let history come alive as you explore centuries-old buildings in downtown by following the Historic Walking Tour, see one of the largest Native American basket collections in California or the End of the Trail sculpture on display at the Mooney Grove Museum, or visit the Sequoia Legacy Tree and find out how it got its 'roots' in Visalia! (Follow the path around the tree that approximates the circumference of the General Sherman tree!)

- Historic Walking Tour of Downtown
- Sequoia Legacy Tree
- Mooney Grove Park and Museum (Get lunch to go from Picnic Sandwich Shop and have your own picnic in the park!)



FAMILY FUN:

Looking for fun and kid-friendly things to entertain the family? Here are some ideas that will help everyone unplug, have some real family face time, and ensure that even the pre-teens will enjoy #familytogetherness!

- Paint on the walls at Imagine U Children's Museum
- Play laser tag and ride the bumper boats at Adventure Park
- Dinner at Quesadilla Gorilla

Insider tip: Get homemade Orange Ice Cream at Panini Nut House



FARMS AND AGRICULTURE:

Wonder where your food is grown? It is likely that whatever you ate today came from our area. Home to more than 250 crops and the nation's leading dairy producer, Visalia and Tulare County are the place to learn about agriculture. Visit cheese-making facilities, drive past dozens of dairies, see acres of cotton, corn, apricots, nuts, oranges and more! And of course, end the day by dining at one of our many restaurants that will surely give you a 'taste' of the local flavor. Need a recommendation? Ask at the Visitors Bureau.

- Arrange for a tour at McKellar Family Farms Citrus Ranch
- Visit Naturally Nuts Farm Store
- Meet a local farmer at the year-round Farmers Market
- Stop at a seasonal fruit stand

Insider tip: Have a group? Ask the Visitors Bureau about a customized, guided ag tour



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health experts tell us that exercise, solitude, quiet and the beauty of the natural world can be incredibly calming and restorative. Whether you call it 'Forest Bathing' or just plain walking in the woods, the opportunities to reconnect with nature are boundless and the benefits are immeasurable. With yoga classes, miles of hiking trails, kayaking on Kaweah Lake, and Instagram worthy vistas, you will find your inner Zen and come back restored, invigorated, and with a boost of feel-good endorphins as you give your over-stimulated mind a chance to truly rest.



SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK:

The General Sherman Tree is the largest living thing on earth and is a must see. But this year-round destination also offers soaring mountains, flowing waterfalls, deep caves, breathtaking night skies and miles of nature trails. Experience adventure, tranquility and unmatched beauty in California's oldest national park: Sequoia National Park.

Our top 'must-see' sites

- Moro Rock
- Crescent Meadow and Tharp Log
- General Sherman Tree

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Explore the beauty of Sequoia National Park by riding the Sequoia Shuttle-no car needed! The Sequoia Shuttle operates seasonally from May to September and departs from most Visalia hotels as well as the Transit Center several times a day, seven days a week. Once inside the park, riders take advantage of unlimited shuttle service to the park's major attractions like General Sherman Tree, Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow. Reservations are required and round-trip tickets are only \$20. In-park shuttles are free, so simply hop on and off at any stop in the park.



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ANNUAL EVENTS

Whatever the season, this charming and vibrant city always has something to experience.

WINTER:

Candy Cane Lane Parade - Monday after Thanksgiving along Main Street
Downtown Main Street Holiday Open House - Thursdays in December

SPRING:

First Friday Art Walks (Year-round event)
Year-round Farmers Market
Strawberry Stands open
Senior Games-Athletes 50+ and better compete over 2 weekends in many sports (March)
St Patrick's Day Irish Festival and Parade (March)
Wine and Cheese Walk-Welcome Spring with a stroll down Main St sipping and nibbling (April)
Great Western Gospel Music Fan Festival-3 days of uplifting Southern Gospel Music (May)

SUMMER:

Fourth of July Fireworks Show (Jul)
Boots, Brews and Bacon Festival-Come vote for the tastiest bacon treat while sipping a brew (July)
Dark Sky Festival (Aug)

FALL:

Tulare County Fair (Sep)
Vossler Farms Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze (Sep)
Walters Race (Sep)
Taste of Downtown (Oct)
Taste Makers Beer Festival (Oct)
Taste the Arts Festival (Oct)
Visalia Chamber's Oktoberfest (Oct)
For a complete list of our festivals, events and good times, please visit our website at www.VisitVisalia.com or follow us on social media for all the latest information.

WELCOME TO VISALIA

Gateway to Sequoia
& Kings Canyon National Parks



Visalia is 40 min. to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks and within 3 hrs of Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles

Air Transportation:
Fresno Yosemite Int'l Air Terminal (FAT) 559.621.4500
Bakersfield Municipal Airport (BFL) 661.326.3155

Rail Transportation:
Amtrak Hanford Station 800.872.7245

Ground Transportation:
V-Line Shuttle Service to / from Fresno Airport 877.404.6473
Greyhound Bus Line 800.231.2222
Sequoia Shuttle (Seasonal) 877.287.4453
Sequoia shuttle from Visalia to Sequoia National Park available Memorial Day - Labor Day.

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Imagine U Children's Museum:

Children of all ages explore and interact with exhibits like the U-Fix-It Auto Garage, the Grove Pick-and-Pack, and the Imagination Station, where it's OK to paint on the walls! Parents and children alike have fun exploring and learning.

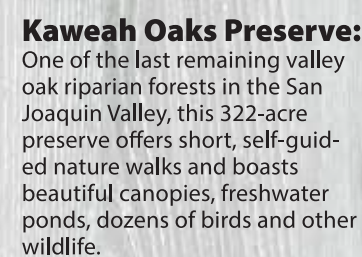
Tea it up!

Valley Oaks Golf Course offers 27 holes of memorable play and is just one of the many courses that golfers love to explore.



Adventure Park:

7 acres of food, fun and excitement for the whole family! Whether it's mini golf, laser tag, laser maze, batting cages or race track fun on the Go-Karts-there is something for everyone.



Kaweah Oaks Preserve:

One of the last remaining valley oak riparian forests in the San Joaquin Valley, this 322-acre preserve offers short, self-guided nature walks and boasts beautiful canopies, freshwater ponds, dozens of birds and other wildlife.



Explore! History and Art Walking Tours:

Follow the Historic Walking Tour of downtown and learn about the interesting buildings or take the Mural Tour to view beautiful concrete canvases. Along the way, see painted fire-hydrants and maybe even catch a glimpse of our wild trash enclosures! Learn about Visalia's role in the creation of Sequoia National Park and the National Park Service at the Sequoia Legacy Tree. Art and history come together in our friendly and historic downtown.



Farmers Market:

Gourmet cheeses, farm fresh fruits, nuts and veggies line our Farmers Market and highlight the agricultural bounty of our region. Sequoia Mall hosts year round while downtown boasts summer markets.



Rawhide Professional Baseball:

Come spend the afternoon (or evening) at the ball park and remember why you love baseball.

Fox Theater and the Sequoia Symphony

Home to the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra, many theater and concert events, this 1930s building gives a nod to a grander time in entertainment venues. From big names to the next big thing, the Fox vows patrons and history lovers alike.



Sam B Pena Planetarium:

Explore the wonders of the universe in this exciting and stimulating planetarium. Visitors will take imaginary, but realistic, trips through our solar system, as well as explore a variety of other astronomy-related topics. The Planetarium features a 30-foot Spitz dome screen and a new full-dome, high definition, digital projection system. Arrive early. Shows take place on the first and third Fridays of each month. Tickets are sold on day of shows only.

Mooney Grove:

Established in 1909, and rich with towering Valley Oak trees, Mooney Grove is the oldest County Park in California. With its paddle boat house, duck pond, and beautifully restored arbors with picnic tables, it is a great place to visit. It is also home to a wonderful museum that illustrates Visalia's growth from a Wild West outpost to the present day 'Jewel of the Valley' thriving city. Pioneer era historical artifacts are on display including agriculture equipment, restored buildings, and many other treasures that tell the history of Tulare County development. The largest Native American basket collection in California is also housed here. The newest park addition is the History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum, where each cultural group that settled Visalia and their contributions to farm labor and agriculture is featured.



McKellar Family Farms

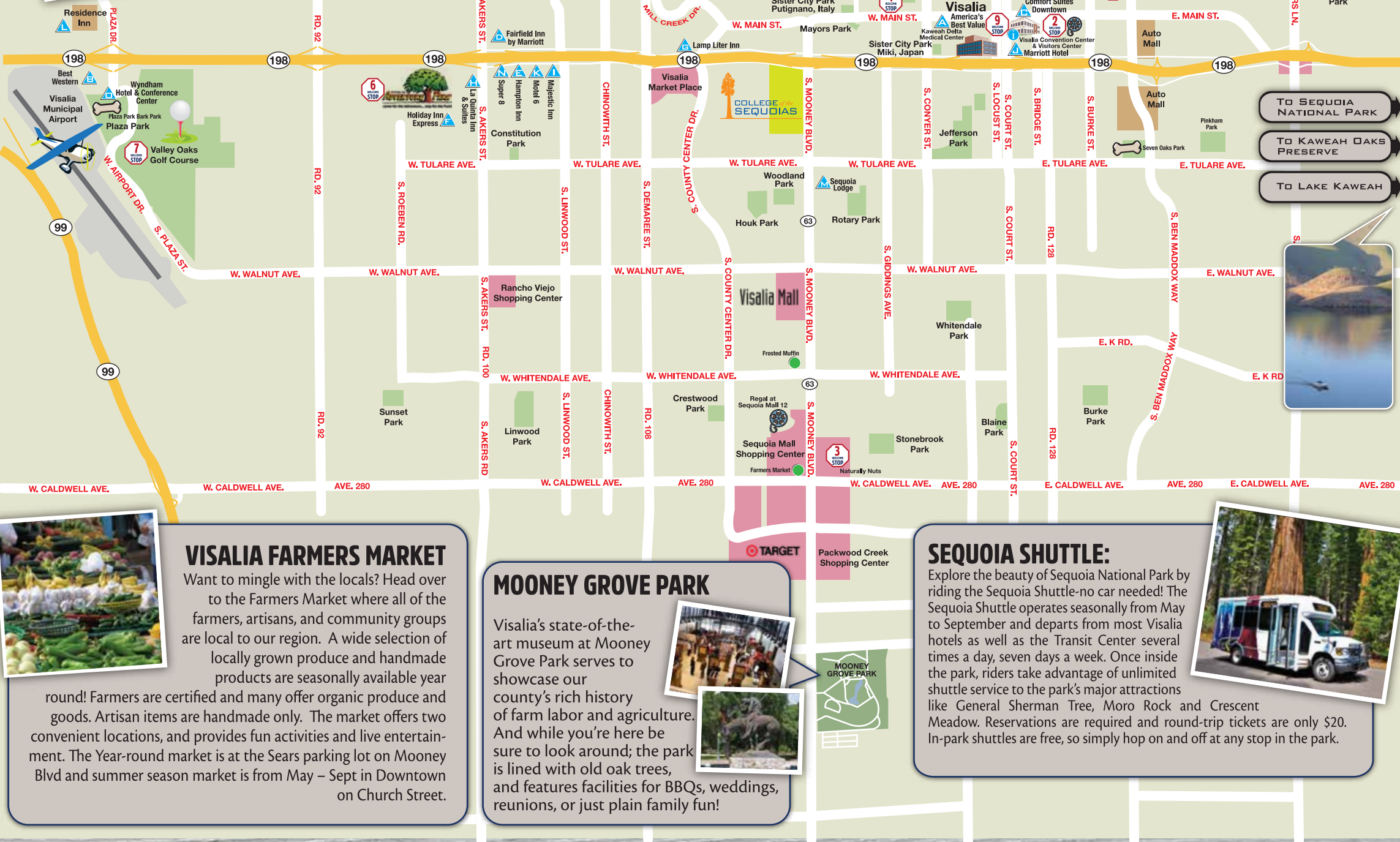
McKellar Family Farms provides visitors with an interactive wagon ride experience on their 182-acre citrus farm. See, touch, taste, and smell some of California's juiciest gems. Tours available by appointment: (559) 731-7925

WELCOME TO VISALIA



TAKE A WALKING TOUR

Murals, antiques, history, restaurants and more await you on a stroll through one of California's most charming downtown districts. Visit us online at VisitVisalia.com to download our self-guided tours and uncover the amazing art, history, culture and taste of Visalia at your own pace.



VISALIA FARMERS MARKET

Want to mingle with the locals? Head over to the Farmers Market where all of the farmers, artisans, and community groups are local to our region. A wide selection of locally grown produce and handmade products are seasonally available year round! Farmers are certified and many offer organic produce and goods. Artisan items are handmade only. The market offers two convenient locations, and provides fun activities and live entertainment. The Year-round market is at the Sears parking lot on Mooney Blvd and summer season market is from May - Sept in Downtown on Church Street.

MOONEY GROVE PARK

Visalia's state-of-the-art museum at Mooney Grove Park serves to showcase our county's rich history of farm labor and agriculture. And while you're here be sure to look around; the park is lined with old oak trees, and features facilities for BBQs, weddings, reunions, or just plain family fun!

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KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Many people go to Kings Canyon National Park to see the General Grant Tree. While not as big or as old as the General Sherman, it has the lofty title of being the Nation's Christmas tree and is definitely worthy of a visit. But there is a lot more to explore all year long. From its canyon deeper than the Grand Canyon, to the thundering Kings River, to beautiful Zumwalt Meadow, Kings Canyon National Park has vistas, hikes, and trees beyond compare.



SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

At 275' tall and 102' in circumference, the General Sherman Tree is the largest living tree on earth and is a must see. Meander through the grove of giants and stand in awe of these mammoth trees. The view from Moro Rock of the Great Western Divide or a hike to Tokopah Falls which starts just beyond the Marble Fork Bridge in Lodgepole Campground should also be on the to-do list.



- 1 VISIT VISALIA - DESTINATION EXPERTS**
112 E Main Street Visalia CA 93291 (559) 334-0141
- 2 CONVENTION CENTER - GENERAL INFORMATION AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS**
303 E Acequia Ave Visalia CA 93291 (559) 713-4000
- 3 NATURALLY NUTS - LOCAL HONEY TASTINGS**
1830 W Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277 • (559) 735-9121
- 4 RAWHIDE BASEBALL - AMERICA'S LARGEST COWBELL**
300 N Giddings St, Visalia, CA 93291 • (559) 732-4433
- 5 IMAGINE U CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - USE YOUR CREATIVITY**
210 N Tipton St, Visalia, CA 93292 • (559) 733-5975
- 6 ADVENTURE PARK - PLAY ALL DAY**
5600 W Cypress Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277 • (559) 635-7275
- 7 VALLEY OAKS GOLF - ENJOY A GAME AND THE VIEW**
1800 South Plaza St, Visalia, CA 93277 • (559) 651-1441
- 8 MCKELLAR FAMILY FARMS - FARM TOURS & WAGON RIDES**
32988 Road 164, Ivanhoe, CA 93235 • (559) 731-7925
- 9 PANINI NUT HOUSE - FRESH SQUEEZED ORANGE ICE CREAM**
209 W Main St, Visalia, CA 93291 • (559) 624-1233

LODGING

- A America's Best Value Inn**
623 W Main St
(559) 636-3171
- B Best Western Visalia**
9300 W Airport Dr
(559) 651-3700
- C Comfort Suites**
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(559) 636-7600
- E Hampton Inn Visalia**
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(559) 732-3900
- F Holiday Inn Express Visalia**
5625 W Cypress Ave
(559) 627-0600
- G Lamp Lite Inn**
3300 W Mineral King Ave (559) 732-4511
- H La Quinta Inn & Suites Visalia**
5438 W Cypress Ave
(559) 739-9800
- I Majestic Inn**
4545 W Noble Ave
(559) 732-4591
- J Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center**
300 S Court St
(559) 636-1111
- K Motel 6 Visalia**
4645 W Noble Ave
(559) 732-5611
- L Residence Inn Visalia**
(opening 2019)
205 N. Plaza Dr
- M Sequoia Lodge**
1400 S Mooney Blvd
(559) 732-6641
- N Super 8 by Wyndham Visalia**
4801 W Noble Ave
(559) 627-2885
- O Wyndham Visalia**
9000 W Airport Dr
(559) 651-5000



Start with these irresistible dining options and stop by Visit Visalia to request a Restaurant Guide for a true taste of Visalia!

DOWNTOWN VISALIA RESTAURANTS

Alejandra's Mexican Food 314 W Main St (559) 636-3215	Double LL Steakhouse & Saloon 401 E Center St (559) 627-1126	Little Italy 303 W Main St (559) 734-2906	Southern Pacific Depot 207 E Oak Ave (559) 732-8611
Bistro di Bufala / Public House Downstairs 208 W Main St (559) 636-1618	Fugazzis Bistro 127 W Main St (559) 625-0496	Left of Center 699 W Center St (559) 733-2582	Tommy's Restaurant 130 N Encina St (559) 627-6077
Blend Wine Room 115 E Main St (559) 747-2124	Henry Salazar's 123 W Main St (559) 741-7060	The Planing Mill 778 E Center Ave (559) 713-0818	Valhalla Restaurant 314 W Center Ave (559) 627-2113
Cafe India 211 W Main St (559) 739-1039	Jack & Charlie's 204 E Oak Ave (559) 738-5752	Quesadilla Gorilla 302 W Main St (559) 636-6375	Vintage Press 216 N Willis St (559) 733-3033
Crawdaddy's Restaurant 333 E Main St (559) 625-5300	Pita Kabob Mediterranean Gastropub 227 N Court St (559) 627-2337	Rookies 215 E Main St (559) 732-1200	Watson's Veggie Garden 615 W Main St (559) 635-7355
		The SmokeHouse 400 N Willis (559) 738-9190	

MOONEY BLVD RESTAURANTS

Applebee's 3400 S Mooney Bl (559) 734-2332	Corner Bakery Cafe 4021 S Mooney Bl (559) 740-0203	Outback Steakhouse 4004 S Mooney Bl (559) 334-3842	Round Table Pizza 4035 S Mooney Bl (559) 625-5030
Black Bear Diner 900 S Mooney Bl (559) 635-1260	Gozen Japanese Restaurant 1115 W Caldwell Ave (559) 622-8988	Panera Bread 4103 S Mooney Bl (559) 734-6200	Ryan's Place 3103 S Mooney Bl (559) 734-8394
Blaze Pizza 2005 S Mooney Bl (559) 460-4010	IHOP 1627 S Mooney Bl (559) 741-0908	Que Pasa Mexican Cafe 2908 S Mooney Bl (559) 622-9600	Strings Italian Cafe 1971 W Caldwell Ave (559) 739-7113
Buffalo Wild Wings 4125 S Mooney Bl (559) 635-0785	Marie Callender's 350 S Mooney Bl (559) 738-1442	Red Lobster 1545 S Mooney Bl (559) 738-8527	Tahoe Joe's 4015 W Caldwell Ave (559) 429-6638
Chili's Grill & Bar 4015 S Mooney Bl (559) 749-0213	Olive Garden 4110 S Mooney Bl (559) 738-9734	Red Robin 2015 S Mooney Bl (559) 740-4060	Tokyo Gardens 3320 S Fairway St (559) 625-0638

DOWNTOWN BREWERIES

BarrelHouse Brewing 521 E Main St (559) 713-6690	Brewbakers 219 E. Main St (559) 627-2739	Sequoia Brewing Co. 124 W Main St (559) 627-2537	Visalia Brewing Co. 112 W Main St (559) 734-2739
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