

San Luis Obispo County: Agricultural Adventures



HOW TO HAVE AN AG ADVENTURE

Every expedition starts with a map and you're in luck—*Ag Adventures of the Central Coast* has prepared a county map to help you prepare your adventure. The map locates over sixty-five farms, ranches and agricultural businesses that invite you to visit, experience and enjoy.

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Agricultural adventures in San Luis Obispo County are as varied as the crops and animals raised here; from petting zoos to cattle drives, from small gardens to vast greenhouses, it's all here for you to explore. You will meet people who make their living from the land and want to share their heritage and farm products with you. Here are some adventures that await you, down the back roads.

Farm Stays and Guest Ranches

- A "Farm Stay" is similar to a Bed and Breakfast on a ranch. Your host is the farmer and you spend the night in accommodations (a cottage, a house, a bunkhouse) on their property and you enjoy your meals around their table. You might go out to the hen house to select your eggs for breakfast. Guest Ranches can accommodate a few more people and dining arrangements can vary from family-style meals to cook-outs.

Roadside Stands and U-Pick Farms

- Visit the farmers you see at Farmers' markets and see where they grow their crops. Discover varieties of fruits and vegetables that are full of freshness and flavor; that you won't find in your supermarket. Some stands and farms are only open when their crop is in season. U-Pick farms let you have the fun of harvesting your own food—that is as fresh as you can get.

Educational Experiences and Farm Tours

- Many members of the *Ag Adventures of the Central Coast* offer tours of their operation on a scheduled or by appointment basis. You can visit a "school house" in a vineyard to learn how the land is prepared and wine grapes are planted, pruned and harvested. Some tours can be customized for a group's interest in a specific crop or aspect of agriculture.

Trail Rides and Cattle Drives

- The west is alive in San Luis Obispo County where cattle and horses are big business. You can get out on the open range on horseback for a two-hour riding tour or test your true grit by joining a four-day cattle drive (real cows, real horses, real dust).

Farmers' Markets

- You can find a Farmers' Market every day of the week, where local farmers and producers bring their products direct to the consumer. The *Ag Adventures* map has a harvest calendar showing what is in season. Check the Calendar of Events for dates and times.

Map Your Adventure

- To get your map to the *Ag Adventures of the Central Coast* visit www.agadventures.org.