

A Brief History of Arroyo Grande

The earliest inhabitants of the Arroyo Grande valley were the Chumash Indians. The first Europeans to see the area were the crew of Portuguese explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo. In 1862 the township of Arroyo Grande was established, and a railroad depot was later built in 1882. The city was incorporated in 1911 on July 10. Arroyo Grande was struck in 1914 by flash floods which destroyed much of the town.



Location and Driving

Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).

From San Francisco International Airport merge onto US 101 heading south it takes roughly 4 hours till you arrive in Arroyo Grande. From Los Angeles International Airport head North on Sepulveda Blvd then merge onto I-405-N until you reach US 101 and head north on US 101

Who was President when this town was founded?
And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

William Howard Taft was the president at the time America was in a time of peace with America's intervention in Nicaragua which left many Nicaraguans feeling threatened by America with fears of a hostile takeover by American forces since America had been intervening in Nicaraguan banks, railroads and the politics in Nicaragua (but never lead to any actual war or conflict.. While back in



the states America suffered a great tragedy with the Triangle Shirtwaist fires which killed 146 American workers

Largest Business today.

Lightning Joes Guitar Heaven is one of the nation's largest guitar stores featuring over 1,700 Guitars Basses and other stringed instruments. Lightning Joe has been in business since 1983.



City Government

Arroyo Grande is run by the city council and mayor who serves on the city council. The City Council consists of five members elected at-large, on a nonpartisan basis. Residents elect the mayor and four council members, making each accountable to the entire citizenry. Council members serve four-year overlapping terms. The mayor is directly elected and serves a two-year term. The City Council establishes city policies, approves ordinances and resolutions, makes land use decisions, approves agreements and contracts, and hears appeals on decisions made by city staff or advisory committees.

Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

Strawberry Festival

"The Premiere Festival of the Central Coast" during Memorial Day Weekend since 1983! The Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival named the place to be on Memorial Weekend by Sunset Magazine!



Harvest Festival & Parade

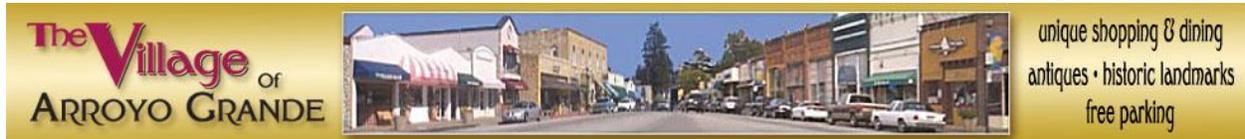
Arroyo Grande takes pride in the old-fashioned family fun that abounds at local festivals and the Harvest Festival is a prime example of this time-honored tradition. Held the last full weekend in September, the Harvest Festival serves as a tribute to agriculture, the area's leading industry. Among the many attractions features is a parade, toe-tapping entertainment, agricultural exhibits, and an array of food, game, and arts and crafts booths. This festival is focuses on the local non-profit organizations that serve the community.

Monarch Butterfly Grove

Learn about the unique migration of the Monarch and view thousands of butterflies in the grove. Located at the south end of Pismo Beach, the interpretive trail and docent-led walks are available during the winter months.

Explore the Historic Village of Arroyo Grande

the Central Coast's unique turn-of-the-century downtown village. You'll find an array of antique and specialty shops plus fine dining nestled within the scenic atmosphere of historic buildings and natural beauty. The Village is a true picture of Americana on the Central Coast of California.



Where can we stay if we visit Arroyo Grande?

The Best western Casa Grande

Stay at this Mediterranean villa style hotel in Arroyo Grande to enjoy year around sun, sea and solace on California's Central Coast.



Why would I want to visit Arroyo Grande?

Arroyo Grande is very close to the shore of the Pacific ocean with its calm beaches and warm weather is one of the most fun places to visit. The Comedic stylings of the Great American Vaudeville are very appealing or The Clark Center For Performing Arts for those with more Dramatic tastes. Personally I enjoy Lightning Joes Guitar Heaven For a Guitarist and Music Lover like myself this place truly is Heaven. And learning of the Historic El Camino Real trail this historic 600-mile California Mission Trail, connecting the former Alta California's 21 missions (along with a number of sub-missions), 4 presidios, and 3 pueblos, stretching from Mission San Diego de Alcalá in San Diego in the south to Mission San Francisco Solano in Sonoma in the north.



Links you may wish to visit.

<http://www.arroyograndevillage.org/index.shtml>

<http://www.arroyogrande.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWltE2w3UoI> the 2008 strawberry festival

<http://www.americanmelodrama.com/>

<http://clarkcenter.org/>