

# WILD, WACKY & WONDERFUL CALIFORNIA

## List of Attractions

### Hauntings

- Queen Mary • 1126 Queen's Highway, Long Beach 90802 • 800.437.2934 • [www.queenmary.com](http://www.queenmary.com)  
Hollywood Sign • Hollywood Sign Trust, P.O. Box 48361 Los Angeles 90048 • 323.258.4338 • [www.hollywoodsigntrust.org](http://www.hollywoodsigntrust.org)  
Roosevelt Hotel • 7000 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood 90028 • 323.466.7000 • [www.hollywoodroosevelt.com](http://www.hollywoodroosevelt.com)  
Nob Hill Ghost • California Street in Nob Hill, between Powell & Jones, San Francisco  
Screaming Tree • Willow Road off Hwy 67 in Lakeside  
La Mujer • Hwy 111 between Calexico & Heber  
Crocker Art Museum • 216 O Street, Sacramento 95814 • 916.808.7000 • [www.crockerartmuseum.org](http://www.crockerartmuseum.org)  
Toys 'R' Us • 130 E El Camino Real, Sunnyvale 94087 • 408.732.0331 • [www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com)

### Creatures

- Big Foot • sightings all over state, for map of reported sightings, visit: [www.nabigfootsearch.com](http://www.nabigfootsearch.com)  
Lemurians • sightings in Mt. Shasta area  
Magic Dwarves • sightings in Mt. Shasta area  
Lizard People • sightings both at Mt. Shasta & Downtown Los Angeles  
Tahoe Tessie • sightings in the Lake Tahoe area  
Lompoc Giant • sighting at excavation in Lompoc Rancho  
Dark Watchers • sightings in the Santa Lucias area, between Monterey & San Luis Obispo

### Large Landmarks

- Raisin Box • Sun-Maid Growers of California, 13525 S. Bethel Ave, Kingsburg 93631  
Tortoise • Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, 6470 Veterans Way, Joshua Tree 92252 • 760.366.3723  
George's Orange • Mr. Taco, 6134 W A St Dixon, CA 95620 • 707.678.9067  
Thermometer • Interstate 15, Baker 92309  
Big Shoe Repair • 931 Chester Ave, Bakersfield • 661.864.1002  
Tail o' the Pup • DEFUNCT  
Olive • 390 N. Hwy 65, Lindsay 93247  
Giant Artichoke Restaurant • 11261 Merritt St, Castroville 95012 • 831.633.3501  
Can of Fruit Cocktail • 444 California St, Sunnyvale  
Paper Cup • Former Lily Tulip Paper Cup Factory, Iowa St (just north of Palmyrita) Riverside  
Pismo Clam • off Hwy 101 & Hwy 1 at Visitor's Center, Pismo Beach  
Chess Game • Morro Bay Recreation Department 595 Harbor St Morro Bay 93442 • 805.772.6200  
Swedish Coffeepot Water Tower • near Historic Downtown Kingsburg  
Randy's Donut Shop • 210 N Market St, Inglewood 90301 • 310.673.1515  
Cabazon Dinosaurs • 50770 Seminole Dr, Cabazon 92230 • 951.922.0076 • [www.cabazondinosaurs.com](http://www.cabazondinosaurs.com)

### Roadside Attractions

- Wave Organ • Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St, San Francisco 94123 • 415.561.0399 • [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu)  
Wigwam Motel • 2728 W. Foothill Blvd, Rialto, CA 92376 • 909.875.3005 • [www.wigwammotel.com](http://www.wigwammotel.com)  
Circus Trees • 3050 Hecker Pass Hwy (Hwy 152), Gilroy 95020 • 408.840.7100 • [www.gilroygardens.org/circus.html](http://www.gilroygardens.org/circus.html)  
Trees of Mystery • 15500 Highway 101 N, Klamath 95548 • 800.638.3389 • [www.treesofmystery.net](http://www.treesofmystery.net)  
Madonna Inn • 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo 93405 • 805.543.3000 • [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com)

**Solvang** • 1639 Copenhagen Dr, Solvang 93463 • 805.688.6144 • [www.solvangusa.com](http://www.solvangusa.com)  
Elverhøj Museum of History & Art, 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang 93463 • 805.686.1211 • [www.elverhoj.org](http://www.elverhoj.org)  
**Bubblegum Alley** • Higuera St, San Luis Obispo 93401  
**Confusion Hill** • 75001 N. Hwy. 10, Piercy 95587 • 707.925.6456 • [www.confusionhill.com](http://www.confusionhill.com)

## Parades & Events

**Saw Players Picnic & Music Festival** • Roaring Camp & Big Trees, Felton 95018 • 415.459.7722 • [www.sawplayers.org](http://www.sawplayers.org)  
**Santa Cruz Fungus Fair** • Louden Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St, Santa Cruz 95060 • 831.420.6177 • [www.fungusfed.org](http://www.fungusfed.org)  
**Isleton Spam Festival** • Isleton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 758, Isleton 95641 • 916.777.5880 • [www.isletoncoc.org/spam.htm](http://www.isletoncoc.org/spam.htm)  
**Huck Finn Festival** • Mojave Narrows Regional Park, 18000 Yates Road, Victorville 92392 • 951.780.8810 • [www.huckfinn.com](http://www.huckfinn.com)  
**Internationally-Acclaimed Independence Fruitcake Festival** • 760.878.2053 • [www.inyocounty.info](http://www.inyocounty.info)  
**Pageant of the Masters** • 650 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach 92651 • 949.494.1145 • [www.foapom.com](http://www.foapom.com)  
**Big Foot Jamboree** • Happy Camp Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1188, Happy Camp 96039 • 760.715.2137 • [www.happycampchamber.com](http://www.happycampchamber.com)  
**29 Palms Weed Show** • 29 Palms Historical Society, 6760 National Park Drive, 29 Palms 92277 • 760.367.2366 • [www.29palmshistorical.com](http://www.29palmshistorical.com)  
**Trucker's Christmas Convoy** • Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris Street, Eureka 95503 • 707.442.5744 • [www.keka101.com](http://www.keka101.com)  
**Doo Dah Parade** • 626.590.1134 • [www.pasadenadoodahparade.info](http://www.pasadenadoodahparade.info)  
**Rose Parade** • 391 South Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena 91184 • 626.449.4100 • [www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com)  
**Newport Beach Christmas Parade** • Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, 1470 Jamboree Rd, Newport Beach 92660 • 949.729.4400  
[www.christmasboatparade.com](http://www.christmasboatparade.com)  
**Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade** • Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, 72559 Hwy 111, Palm Desert 92260 • 760.346.6111  
[www.golfcartparade.com](http://www.golfcartparade.com)  
**Art Car Fest** • [www.artcarfest.com](http://www.artcarfest.com)  
**Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest** • La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 92037 • 858.752.2868  
**Peg Leg Smith's Liars Contest** • Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce, 786 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs 92004 • 760.767.5555  
[www.borregospringschamber.com](http://www.borregospringschamber.com)  
**Mooning Amtrak** • Mugs Away Saloon, 27324 Camino Capistrano #102, Laguna Niguel 92677 • 949.582.9716 • [www.moonamtrak.org](http://www.moonamtrak.org)  
**Doo Dah Surf Day** • Sunset Beach, Pacific Palisades • [www.doodahsurf.com](http://www.doodahsurf.com)  
**ING Bay to Breakers 12K** • 600 Townsend Street, Ste 410, San Francisco 94103 • 415.486.3235 • [www.baytobreakers.com](http://www.baytobreakers.com)

## Animals

**Tarantula Festival** • 35300 Hwy 41 Coarsegold 93614 • 559.683.3900 • [www.coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com](http://www.coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com)  
**Chicken Festival** • Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District, 4150 Temescal St, Fair Oaks 95628 • 916.966.1036 • [www.fairoakspark.org](http://www.fairoakspark.org)  
**Museum of the Chicken** • 10239 Winding Way, Fair Oaks 95628 • 916.966.1960 • [www.chickenmuseum.com](http://www.chickenmuseum.com)  
**Bulldog Beauty Contest** • 5225 E Paoli Way, Long Beach 90803 • [www.bulldogbeauty.com](http://www.bulldogbeauty.com)  
**Loews Surf Dog Competition** • Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Rd, Coronado 92118 • 619-424-4416  
[www.loewssurfdog.blogspot.com](http://www.loewssurfdog.blogspot.com)  
**Tyson the Skateboarding Dog** • [www.skateboardingbulldog.com](http://www.skateboardingbulldog.com)  
**World's Ugliest Dog Contest** • Sonoma-Marin Fair, 175 Fairgrounds Dr, Petaluma 94952  
[www.sonoma-marinfair.org/uglydogcontest.shtml](http://www.sonoma-marinfair.org/uglydogcontest.shtml)  
**Ugly Dog Contest** • Paul Bunyan Days Association, 234 E. Redwood Ave, Fort Bragg 95437 • 707.964.9446 • [www.paulbunyandays.com](http://www.paulbunyandays.com)  
**Pacific Grove Monarchs** • Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove 93950 • 831.648.5716  
[www.pgmuseum.org/Monarchs.htm](http://www.pgmuseum.org/Monarchs.htm)  
**Davis Frog Tunnel & Toad Hollow** • 2020 5th St, Davis 95616 • [www.toadsofdavis.com](http://www.toadsofdavis.com)  
**San Juan Capistrano Swallows** • 26801 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano 92675 • [www.missionsjc.com/index.html](http://www.missionsjc.com/index.html)  
**Jumping Frog Jubilee** • Calaveras County Fair, 101 Frogtown Rd, Angels Camp 95222 • [www.frogtown.org](http://www.frogtown.org)  
**Great Sacramento Duck Race** • 916.375.1930 • [duckrace.kintera.org](http://duckrace.kintera.org)  
**Dachshund Races** • California State Fair, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento 95815 • 916.263.FAIR • [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)  
**Worm Races** • Lake County Chamber of Commerce, 875 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport 95453 • 707.994.3600 • [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com)  
**Gibson – Tallest Dog** • [www.gibsondog.com](http://www.gibsondog.com)

## Art

**Haute Trash** • Haute Trash Artists Collaborative, PO Box 622, Nevada City 95959 • [www.hautetrash.org](http://www.hautetrash.org)  
**Grandma Prisbrey's Bottle Village** • 1213 El Monte Dr, Simi Valley 93065 • 805.583.1627 • [www.bottlevillage.com](http://www.bottlevillage.com)  
**Elmer Long's Bottle Trees** • Route 66, Oro Grande • [www.bottletreeman.blogspot.com](http://www.bottletreeman.blogspot.com)  
**Kinetic Sculpture Race** • Hobart Galleries / Kinetic Sculpture Race Museum, 393 Main Street, Ferndale 95536  
[www.kineticgrandchampionship.com](http://www.kineticgrandchampionship.com)  
**Amargosa Opera House** • PO Box 8, Death Valley Junction 92328 • 760.852.4441 • [www.amargosa-opera-house.com](http://www.amargosa-opera-house.com)  
**Salvation Mountain** • PO Box 298, Niland 92257 • [www.salvationmountain.us](http://www.salvationmountain.us)  
**Watts Towers** • 1761-1765 East 107th St, Los Angeles 90002 • 213.847.4646 • [www.wattstowers.us](http://www.wattstowers.us)  
**Clayton Bailey Robots** • [www.claytonbailey.com](http://www.claytonbailey.com)

## Houses

**Forestiere Underground Gardens** • 5021 W. Shaw Ave, Fresno 93722 • 559.271.0734 • [www.undergroundgardens.info](http://www.undergroundgardens.info)  
**Winchester Mystery House** • 525 Winchester Blvd, San Jose 95128 • 408.247.2000 • [www.winchestermysteryhouse.com](http://www.winchestermysteryhouse.com)  
**Hearst Castle** • 750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon 93452 • 805.927.2020 • [www.hearst-castle.org](http://www.hearst-castle.org)  
**Scotty's Castle** • Death Valley National Park, PO Box 579, Death Valley 92328 • 760.786.3200 • [www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva)  
**Vikingsholm** • Emerald Bay State Park, South Lake Tahoe 96150 • 530.541.6498 • [www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=506](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=506)  
**Carson Mansion** • Eureka Heritage Society, PO Box 1354, Eureka 95502 • 707.444.3314 • [www.eurekaheritage.org](http://www.eurekaheritage.org)  
**Tsui House** • 2747 Matthews St., Berkeley • [www.tdrinc.com/tsuihs.html](http://www.tdrinc.com/tsuihs.html)  
**Nitt Witt Ridge** • 881 Hillcrest Dr, Cambria 93428 • 805.927.2690  
**Sausalito House Boats** • Gallilee Harbor and Waldo Point in Sausalito  
**One-Log Tree House** • 705 US Hwy 101, Garberville • 707.247.3717

## Natural Wonders

**Lassen Volcanic National Park** • PO Box 100, Mineral 96063 • 530.595.4480 • [www.nps.gov/lavo](http://www.nps.gov/lavo)  
**Moaning Caverns** • 5350 Moaning Cave Rd, Vallecito 95251 • 866.762.2837 • [www.cavernstours.com](http://www.cavernstours.com)  
**Devils' Postpile National Monument** • PO Box 3999, Mammoth Lakes 93546 • 760.934.2289 • [www.nps.gov/depo](http://www.nps.gov/depo)  
**Old Faithful Geyser** • 1299 Tubbs Lane, Calistoga 94515 • 707.942.6463 • [www.oldfaithfulgeyser.com](http://www.oldfaithfulgeyser.com)  
**Petrified Forest** • 4100 Petrified Forest Rd, Calistoga 94515 • 707.942.6667 • [www.petrifiedforest.org](http://www.petrifiedforest.org)  
**Sutter Buttes** (Smallest Mountain Range) • Middle Mountain Foundation, PO Box 3359, Yuba City 95992 • 530.755.3568 • [www.middlemountain.org](http://www.middlemountain.org)  
**Death Valley** (Lowest elevation) • Death Valley National Park, PO Box 579, Death Valley 92328 • 760.786.3200 • [www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva)  
**Yosemite Falls** (Highest waterfall) • PO Box 577, Yosemite National Park 95389 • 209.372.0200 • [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)  
**Methuselah Tree** (Oldest tree) • Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Lane, Ste 200, Bishop 93514 • 760.873.2400  
[www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/)  
**General Sherman Tree** (Largest tree) • Sequoia & Kings Canyon, 47050 Generals Hwy, Three Rivers 93271 • 559.565.3341 • [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)  
**General Grant Tree** (Tallest tree) • Sequoia & Kings Canyon, 47050 Generals Hwy, Three Rivers 93271 • 559.565.3341 • [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)  
**Old Woman Meteorite** (Largest in CA) • Desert Discovery Center, 831 Barstow Rd, Barstow 92311 • 760.252.6060  
[www.discoverytrails.org/oldwoman.html](http://www.discoverytrails.org/oldwoman.html)  
**Tulare Lake** • Tulare Historical Museum, PO Box 248, Tulare 93275 • 559.686.2074 • [www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org)  
**Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve** • 760-647-6331 • [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=514](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=514)

## Museums

**Triangle Tattoo & Museum** • 356 B North Main St, Fort Bragg 95437 • 707.964.8814 • [www.triangletattoo.com](http://www.triangletattoo.com)  
**Computer History Museum** • 1401 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View 94043 • 650.810.1010 • [www.computerhistory.org](http://www.computerhistory.org)  
**Museum of Death** • 6031 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles 90028 • 323.466.8011 • [www.museumofdeath.net](http://www.museumofdeath.net)

Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History • 5380 Elvas Ave #100, Sacramento 95819 • 916.452.2671  
[www.ssvms.org/museum.asp](http://www.ssvms.org/museum.asp)

Museum of History in Granite • One Center of the World Plaza, Felicity 92283 • 760.572.0100 • [www.felicityusa.com](http://www.felicityusa.com)

Asphalt Museum • CSUS, RVR-5040, 6000 J St, Sacramento 95819 • 916.278.7946 • [www.ecs.csus.edu/~gordonvs/asphalt/asphalt.html](http://www.ecs.csus.edu/~gordonvs/asphalt/asphalt.html)

California Route 66 Museum • 16825 D St, Victorville 92393 • 760.951.0436 • [www.califrt66museum.org](http://www.califrt66museum.org)

Cartoon Art Museum • 655 Mission St, San Francisco 94105 • 415.CAR.TOON • [www.cartoonart.org](http://www.cartoonart.org)

Charles M. Schultz Museum • 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa 95403 • 707.579.4452 • [www.schulzmuseum.org](http://www.schulzmuseum.org)

Folsom History Museum • 823 Sutter Street, Folsom 95630 • 916.985.2707 • [www.folsomhistorymuseum.org](http://www.folsomhistorymuseum.org)

Musee Mechanique • Pier 45, Shed A, Taylor St, Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco 94133 • [www.museemecaniquesf.com](http://www.museemecaniquesf.com)

Mini Cake Museum • 573 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles • 323.263.6195

International Banana Club & Museum • 16367 Main St, Hesperia 92345 • 626.321.6262 • [www.bananaclub.com](http://www.bananaclub.com)

Reiff's Gas Station House • 52 Jefferson St, Woodland 95695 • 530.666.1758

Museum of Neon Art • 136 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Los Angeles 90013 • 213.489.9918 • [www.neonmona.org](http://www.neonmona.org)

## For more information:

### Books

*Weird California* by Greg Bishop, Joe Oesterle & Mike Marinacci • ISBN 978-1-4027-3384-0

*Ramble California* by Eric Peterson • ISBN 978-1-933108-20-9

*Eccentric California* by Jan Friedman • ISBN 1-184162-126-9

*Northern California Curiosities* by Saul Rubin • ISBN 0-7627-2889-X

*Southern California Curiosities* by Saul Rubin • ISBN 0-7627-2724-1

*Offbeat Overnights* by Lucy Poshek • ISBN 1-55853-390-7

*Large Art in Small Places* by Kevin Bruce • ISBN 978-1-588008-880-0

*To Dance on Sands* by Marta Becket • ISBN 9781-932173-819

*Art Cars* by Harrod Blank • ISBN 978-0-933621-92-3

*COE: The Good Dragon at the Center of the World* by JAI • ISBN 0-934003-00-9

### DVDs

*Living History: The Ancient Bristlecone Pines* • available at: [www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/maps/bookstore.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/maps/bookstore.shtml)

*Visions of Paradise* • available at: [www.lightsarafilms.com](http://www.lightsarafilms.com)

*Amargosa* • available at: [www.amargosafilm.com](http://www.amargosafilm.com)

*Automorphosis* • available at: [www.harrodblank.com](http://www.harrodblank.com)

### Websites

[www.roadsideamerica.com](http://www.roadsideamerica.com)

[www.weirdca.com](http://www.weirdca.com)