

# Celebrate

## WELCOME TO STOCKTON CALIFORNIA.

We are located in San Joaquin County in California's great Central Valley. Stockton has grown from a community of rich agricultural roots to an urban destination blooming with arts, culture, fine dining, shopping, sports, recreation, fine agricultural products and family activities.

Whether you are here for business or pleasure, visiting friends or family, or just passing through, we encourage you to discover the many wonders of Stockton. Be sure to visit our Downtown Stockton Waterfront where you'll find our new Stockton Marina, the Stockton Events Center, City Centre Cinema and Weber Point Event Center. Not far from there you can bask in the splendor of the Bob Hope Theatre, a historic Fox California Theatre. Great shopping and rich dining experiences await you throughout the city.



Ann Johnston, Mayor  
City of Stockton  
[www.stocktongov.com](http://www.stocktongov.com)

Travel safely, enjoy your stay and be sure to **Celebrate!**

## WHAT'S NEW!

### SMARTPHONE FRIENDLY QR CODES

Look for QR Codes throughout this guide that will link you to the most current content on our website, CelebrateStockton.com. To download a QR Reader, visit the app store for your smartphone! A great tool to use while you are on the road, this QR Code links you directly to our website!

### FIND US ON THE GO!

You can now find Stockton information and events in the palm of your hand via our mobile website or the NorCal Guide mobile app. If you're an iPhone or Android user, you can also find Stockton on the "Northern California Travel Guide" app, available on the App Store.



# 2012 *fairs and festivals*

## JANUARY

Delicato Vineyards  
Annual Arts Show  
209.824.3503  
delicato.com

St. John's Chamber  
Orchestra Festival  
209.466.6916  
stjohnsstockton.org

## FEBRUARY

Bob McMillen Memorial  
Fishing Tournament  
1st Saturday of February  
209.331.2050  
mgzoo.com

Wine & Chocolate  
Weekend  
February 11-12  
209.367.4727  
lodiwine.com

Chinese New Year  
Celebration of Stockton  
February 26  
209.473.3499  
stocktonchinese.org

Ripon Almond  
Blossom Festival  
February 24-26  
209.599.7519  
riponchamber.org

Robert T. McKee Student  
Art Exhibition  
209.940.6315  
hagginmuseum.org

## MARCH

Lodi Spring Wine Show  
March 30 & 31  
209.369.2771  
grapefestival.com

St. Patrick's Day Pub  
Crawl & 5K Fun Run  
209.464.5246  
downtownstockton.org

The Brubeck Festival,  
University of the Pacific  
209.946.3196  
pacific.edu/brubeck-Institute.html

## APRIL

Asparagus Dine out  
April 1-15  
209.938.1555  
DineOutStockton.com

Stockton Asparagus  
Festival  
April 27-29  
209.644.3740  
asparagusfest.com

Cambodian New Year  
visitstockton.org

Earth Day Festival  
209.937.8389  
livegreensanjoaquin.org

## MAY

Cinco De Mayo  
209.644.7900,  
elconciio.org

Lodi Street Faire  
First Sunday in May  
209.367.7840  
lodichamber.com

Linden Cherry Festival  
209.547.3046  
lindenchamber.net

Zinfest Wine Festival, Lodi  
May 19  
209.365.0621  
zinfest.com

## JUNE

Jewish Food Fair  
June 3  
209.477.9306  
stockton.urj.net

Juneteenth, Stockton  
209.468.4168  
visitstockton.org

## JULY

### Taste of the Delta

916.777.4041  
tasteofthedelta.com

### Stockton Family 4th of July

visitstockton.org

### Stockton Obon Bazaar

209.466.6701  
stocktonbuddhisttemple.org

## AUGUST

### Taste of San Joaquin

August 11  
209.464.5426  
tasteofsanjoaquin.com

### Filipino Barrio Fiesta

filipinoplaza.org

### Reggae on the Delta

breadfruittree.com

## SEPTEMBER

### Stockton Restaurant Week

September 14-23  
StocktonRestaurantWeek.com

### Family Day at the Park

209.957.7277  
familydayatthepark.com

### Greek Festival, Stockton

209.478.7564  
gosaintbasil.org

### Tracy Dry Bean Festival

209.835.2131  
tracybeanfestival.com

### Black Family Day

Event information on Facebook

### Lodi Grape Festival and Harvest Fair

September 13-16  
209.369.2771  
grapefestival.com

### San Joaquin County Fair, Stockton & Horse Racing

September 20-30  
209.466.5041  
sanjoaquinfair.com

## OCTOBER

### Lodi Street Faire

First Sunday in October.  
209.367.7840  
lodichamber.com

### Manteca Pumpkin Fair

209.824.9555  
manteca.org

### Stocktoberfest

October 6  
209.464.5246  
downtownstockton.org



Dell' Osso Farms Annual  
Pumpkin Maze

pumpkinmaze.com

Costume Pub Crawl

209.464.5246  
downtownstockton.org

Pioneer Farmfest

209.331.2055  
sanjoaquinhistory.org

NOVEMBER

Sandhill Crane Festival,  
Lodi

800.581.6150  
cranefestival.com

First Sip: Lodi Wine

209.367.4727  
lodiwine.com

Fine Arts Festival

sanjoaquinpottersguild.org

Thanksgiving Run And  
Walk Against Hunger

209.464.7369  
runagainsthunger.org

Trout Bout

209.331.2010  
mgzoo.com

Diwali Celebration

iasjc.org

San Joaquin Kennel Club  
Dog Show

sanjoaquinkc.org

DECEMBER

Stockton's "A Starlight  
Night" and Annual Lighted  
Boat Parade

VisitStockton.org

Holidays on the Farm  
November - January

holidaysonthefarm.com

Festival of Trees

209.953.3460  
sanjoaquinhistory.org



FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS IN  
THE STOCKTON REGION VISIT  
[\*\*WWW.VISITSTOCKTON.ORG/\*\*](http://WWW.VISITSTOCKTON.ORG/)  
**EVENTS-CALENDAR**

# Stockton Asparagus Festival

APRIL 27-29

Celebrating its 27th year! Enjoy over 100 arts and craft vendors and 100 more specialty food and product vendors. Home to the world famous Deep Fried Asparagus Eating Championship, it's the largest food festival in the Central Valley and California's largest charitable festival! Get into the spear-it of spring at this Sunset Magazine "Best of the West" Food Fest.

209.644.3740  
asparagusfest.com

# neighbors and *Regions*

How far is it from  
**Downtown  
Stockton** to...

**Manteca** 14 miles

**Lodi** 15 mi.

**Jackson** 46 mi.

**Sacramento** 48 mi.

**San Francisco** 83 mi.

**Yosemite** 122 mi.

**Monterey** 146 mi.

**Lake Tahoe** 147 mi.

**Redding** 209 mi.

**Bakersfield** 234 mi.

**Los Angeles** 337 mi.



## LODI

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

Lodi Wine Country - 80 Wineries, One Incredible Experience! Located just 12 miles north of Stockton on Hwy 99 or Interstate 5, Lodi is California's hottest new wine country! With over 80 wineries to choose from, visitors can pass the afternoon sipping wine with a local winemaker. Whether you are new to the grape or a wine connoisseur, Lodi's premium wines will surprise and delight.

## MANTECA

[www.visitmanteca.org](http://www.visitmanteca.org)

Manteca, "Hook, Wine & Sneakers" - Just one hour from San Francisco, Sacramento, Napa Valley and 120 minutes from Yosemite National Park, Manteca is the perfect location for your Northern California holiday.

## GOLD COUNTRY

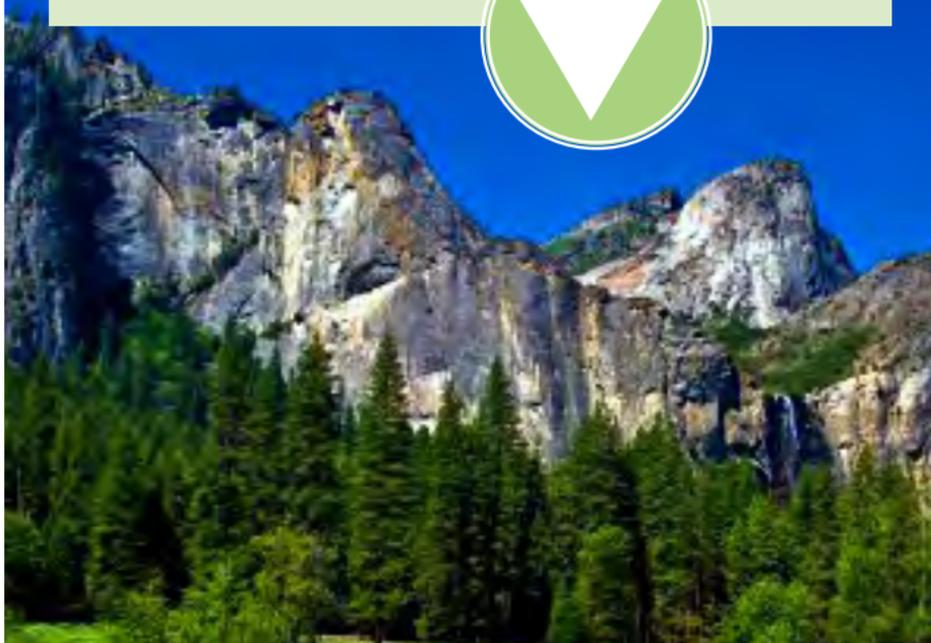
[www.calgold.org](http://www.calgold.org)

Enjoy the Gold Rush communities of Jackson, Sutter Creek, Sonora,

# Yosemite National Park

[WWW.YOSEMITETHISYEAR.COM](http://WWW.YOSEMITETHISYEAR.COM)

One of the oldest national parks in the United States, 120 miles southeast of Stockton, Yosemite is one of the natural wonders of the world. Its stunning mountain peaks and amazing waterfalls are a treasure for all to see. The park features 700 miles of hiking trails and bridle trails. Guided tours are available for both groups and individual travelers.



Columbia, Jamestown, Angels Camp, and more. Historic Old West towns offer unique shopping experiences and family fun. Unique caverns and friendly casinos may also be of interest.

## CALAVERAS COUNTY

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

Home of the California Gold Rush and Celebrated Jumping Frog, Mark Twain made Calaveras County in northern California famous, worldwide, when he wrote of the "Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" in 1865.

## AMADOR COUNTY

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

A host of activities await you in Amador County. The rolling foothills are dotted with quaint communities offering shopping, antiquing, and cultural events... answering the call of those looking for a slower-paced experience.

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY

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

The proximity to Yosemite makes this a perfect destination, with plenty to offer including hiking, biking, fishing, river rafting, camping, gold panning, skiing, and sightseeing. The towns of Sonora, Columbia, Jamestown, Twain Harte, and Groveland have much to offer in the ways of arts, festivals, theater, shopping, and entertainment.

## CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY

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

The Greatest Garden in the World... Food and wine is abundant in this region filled with orchards, vineyards and farms. Home to many of California's finest museums and galleries, the valley offers a wide variety of live entertainment, events and attractions welcoming visitors year-round. This 400 mile long region stretches from North of Sacramento to past Bakersfield.

# get Out

## STOCKTON YACHT CHARTERS

The 149 passenger yacht, Island Girl, is located at the Downtown Stockton Marina. Charters, special events, weddings, dinner cruises & themed cruises on the beautiful rivers of the San Joaquin Delta.  
445 W. Weber Avenue  
Stockton, 209.639.4808  
stocktonyachtcharters.com

## OAK GROVE REGIONAL PARK AND NATURE CENTER

80-acre park situated in a beautiful oak-forest with 10-acre stocked lake. Picnic area. Frisbee golf course.  
4520 West Eight Mile Rd.  
Stockton, 209.953.8814  
mgzoo.com/parks/oak-grove-park

## PIXIE WOODS AMUSEMENT PARK

(April thru October)  
Visit Stockton's own fairyland for the 'young in age and the young at heart.' Take a ride on the merry-go-round, or board the Pixie Express Train traveling through Indian Territory—but be on the lookout for pirates! Beautiful park-like setting is sure to please visitors of all ages.  
3121 Monte Diable Avenue  
209.937.8206,  
www.stocktongov.com/pixiewoods

## MICKE GROVE REGIONAL PARK AND ZOO

258-acre oak tree park features Micke Grove Zoo, the Japanese Garden, a favorite wedding spot with Cherry Blossom trees, Tea Pavilion and Koi pond; rental facilities with outdoor picnic shelters and indoor facilities for receptions, family reunions and corporate events; Fun Town at Micke Grove Amusement Park, offering fun-filled rides, delicious treats and party packages; the San Joaquin Historical Museum; softball fields and children's playgrounds.  
11793 N. Micke Grove Road  
Lodi, 209.953.8800  
www.mgzoo.com

## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF STOCKTON

An educational experience from the moment young visitors step through the door, the museum features hands-on, play-based exhibits that will enhance a child's understanding of how the world works.  
402 W. Weber Avenue  
Stockton, 209.465.4386  
www.childrensmuseumstockton.org

## OAK PARK ICE ARENA

The arena's ice surface is 85 x 200 feet and offers public skating daily.  
3545 Alvarado Avenue, Stockton  
(in Oak Park) 209.937.7432  
www.oakparkicearena.com



## WEBER POINT EVENTS CENTER

Enjoy the facility's interactive water feature, colorful children's play area or simply stroll the promenade and enjoy the panoramic Delta view. Near DeCarli Waterfront Square, McLeod Lake Park, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.

Center Street at Miner Avenue, Stockton Open Daily 6am to 10pm.

## BIRD WATCHING AT THE STOCKTON CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS

Audubon Society recorded over 7,300 birds representing 55 species. Public is welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, this is a secure facility and visitors call first.

Requires a minimum of one week advance notice, Call (209) 937-8852 to schedule a visit

## STOCKTON MARINA & PROMENADE

Over 1,300 linear feet of guest docks and 60 permanent berths. Located within walking distance to the Stockton Arena and Ballpark, Cinemalex, Bob Hope Theatre, Dining and more.

445 W. Weber Avenue, Stockton, 209.462.4200  
MarinaDowntownStockton.com

## REGIONAL FUN!!

### PUMPKIN MAZE AT DELL'OSSO FARMS

Open Each October

501 S. Manthey Road, Lathrop (9 Miles south of Stockton)  
209.982.0833 pumpkinmaze.com

### DELTA CHAMBER & VISITORS BUREAU

Maps, guides and Delta info.  
916.777.4041, californiadelta.org

## HOLIDAY ON THE FARM AT DELL'OSSO FARMS

November to January  
Santa Claus and his reindeer, snow mountain, holiday train and more.

501 S. Manthey Road, Lathrop (9 Miles south of Stockton),  
209.982.0833  
www.holidaysonthefarm.com

## GREAT VALLEY SERPENTARIUM

Over 50 different breeds of snakes and other reptiles. The Serpentarium has exotic reptiles, including bearded dragons, geckos, chameleons, mantella and horned frogs, emperor scorpions, and tarantulas.

2379 Maggio Circle Unit C Lodi, 209.369.7737  
www.snakemuseum.com

## SKYDIVING AT THE PARACHUTE CENTER IN ACAMPO

The Parachute Center offers a full choice of training programs for the first timer as well as advanced training and team training for your continuing Skydiving needs and activities.

23597 N. Hwy. 99, Acampo (18 miles north of Stockton)  
209.369.1128  
www.parachutecenter.com

## WORLD OF WONDER SCIENCE MUSEUM

A hands-on science museum located in Downtown Lodi. If you've ever been to the San Francisco Exploratorium, then you know exactly what the World of Wonders is going to be...

2 North Sacramento Street Lodi, 209.368.096  
www.wowsciencemuseum.org

## Stockton 99 Speedway

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series. Race fans will enjoy these divisions: Western Late Model, Grand American Modifieds, Street Stocks, Bombers, American Limited Stock Cars and Mini-Stocks.

4105 N. Wilson Way, Stockton  
209.466.9999

www.stockton99.com

