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To all new students and their families,

Welcome to the National Test Pilot School, Mojave and the Antelope Valley area. This guidebook is intended to answer the most common questions that you may have when you arrive. The mission of Student Services & Student Affairs at NTPS is to welcome and assist you as you transition into this new environment and to be available for future assistance, as you may need it.

The entire NTPS staff hopes you enjoy your stay with us here in the surrounding Mojave and Antelope Valley area.

Sincerely,

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Emergency Numbers

Dial **911** for any major emergency where Police, Fire Department or Ambulance is needed.

Minor emergencies can be reported to Lancaster Sheriff Station at **661-948-8466**, Palmdale Sheriff Station at **661-272-2400**, or Tehachapi Police Station at **661-822-2222**.

Poison Control (800) 222-1222.

Life threatening, medical emergencies- go to Antelope Valley Hospital Emergency Room or Palmdale Regional Medical Center.

Tehachapi Adventist Health (661) 823-3000.

Non-life threatening or minor emergencies go to Urgent Care.

Medical

Hospitals:

Antelope Valley Hospital **661-949-5000**.

1600 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93534

Palmdale Regional Medical Center **661-382-5000**.

38600 Medical Center Dr., Palmdale CA 93551

Tehachapi Adventist Health Medical Center **661- 823-3000**

1100 Magellan Dr., Tehachapi CA 93561

Urgent Care:

****Always Verify Insurance is accepted or be prepared to pay cash.***

High Desert Medical Group **661-945-5984**.

43839 15th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534

Heritage Sierra Medical Group **661-945-9411**.

44469 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534

**Closed Sunday*

Sierra Medical Group **661-273-0100**.

38636 Medical Cntr Dr, Palmdale CA 93551

**Closed Sunday*

Quartz Hill Walk-in Medical Group **661-943-6455**.

42357 50th Street W. #107, Lancaster CA 93536

**Closed Sunday*

Summit Urgent Care- **661-273-7100**

38656 Medical Center Dr. C, Palmdale CA

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

Be Prepared

Earthquake Warning Signs:

You may possibly feel and/or hear an unusual sound just before a quake hits. It will sound or feel like a train is coming at you. Seconds later the ground will begin to move, either shaking, moving back and forth (like a boat), or rolling. The motion will last for seconds but rarely minutes. After the main quake you may feel frequent but lesser quakes (aftershocks). Aftershocks can occur minutes, hours or even days following a major quake and decrease with time.

What Should You Do?

- Drop down; take cover under a desk or table and hold on.
- Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you're sure it's safe for you to exit.
- Stay away from bookcases or furniture that is likely to fall.
- Stay away from windows. In a high-rise building, expect fire alarms and sprinkler systems to go off.
- If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, and power lines. Drop to the ground.
- If you are in a car, slow down and drive to a clear place. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.

What Should You Prepare?

- Locate a place in each room of the house that you can go to in case of an earthquake. It should be a spot where nothing is likely to fall on you.
- Keep a supply of canned food, an up-to-date first aid kit, 3 gallons (11.4 liters) of water per person, dust masks and goggles, and a working battery-operated radio and flashlights.
- Know how to turn off gas and water mains.

CAUTION!

DO NOT LIGHT A FLAME, MATCH OR LIGHTER UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. Other extensive damages can be caused by gas fires after an earthquake. Gas lines may be broken!

Communications: Cellular telephone networks may become over-tasked. In that case text using SMS to communicate with emergency services or family and friends.

Tip: to check your residence for a gas leak, locate your gas meter and check the dials on the front. If the dials are spinning, you have a gas leak. Call **911 immediately and vacate the premises.*

Banking Information

Bank of America (Savings/Checking Available)

Lancaster: 1028 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93534 – **661-948-8577**

Palmdale: 839 E Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale CA 93550 – **661-538-2000**

Both Location Hours:

9:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday

9:00AM-4:00PM Saturday

CLOSED SUNDAY

Wells Fargo Bank (Savings/Checking Available)

Lancaster: 802 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534 – **661-723-2300**

Palmdale: 1006 E Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale CA 93550 – **661-273-6371**

Both Location Hours:

9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

9:00AM-12:00PM Saturday

CLOSED SUNDAY

Mission Bank (Savings/Checking Available)

Lancaster: 43830 20th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534 – **661-949-9038**

Hours:

10:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday

CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Valley Strong Credit Union (Savings/Checking Available)

Tehachapi: 1002 W Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi CA 93561 – **800-221-3311**

Hours:

9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-6:00PM Friday, 9:00AM-1:00PM Saturday

CLOSED SUNDAY

*Note: Bank of America and Wells Fargo are located all over the US and allow for mobile banking. Mission bank is only local. Valley Strong serves San Joaquin Valley.

***Note: ATMS ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY.**

*Note: All will require (2) forms of ID. At least one (1) with photo-home country of international driver's license and credit card most common.

California Transportation

Department of Motor Vehicles

www.dmv.ca.gov

(800) 777-0133

Lancaster: 721 W Ave L-6, Lancaster CA 93534

Hours:

Monday- Tuesday, Thursday-Friday: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-5:00PM

CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

California Driver's License

To apply for a driver's license, you will need one of the following:

- Canadian Passport/Birth Certificate/ I-94
- NATO Passport/ Birth Certificate/ I-94
- Foreign Passport with I-94

We recommend you make an appointment online for all DMV services to avoid the long wait: **It is mandatory, however, to make an appointment for the driving test.** There are handbooks on the DMV website dmv.ca.gov and are available in various languages.

Obtaining a California Driver's License is strongly recommended. If you choose not to obtain one, you must have a valid license that will not expire during your stay from your home country.

You must always have your license, car registration and proof of insurance on you/ in your vehicle at all times.

*Car Insurance *REQUIRED BY LAW**

Liability Insurance covers damage and injury to other person(s) but not you or your vehicle. Collision & Liability covers damage and injury to other person(s), and damage and injury to you.

Some popular insurance agencies:

Freeway Insurance -- 661-728-1660

43458 10th St. W #102, Lancaster CA 93534

Hours: 9:00AM-7:00PM M-F, 9:00AM-5PM Sat

CLOSED SUNDAY

State Farm: Todd Main – 661-949-1500

650 Commerce Ave., B, Palmdale CA 93551

Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

*Lancaster too, & Tehachapi, other agents.

Allstate: Zac Cullen

Palmdale- 661-538-2100

1008 W. Ave. M 14 Ste D, Palmdale CA 93551
Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday
CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Tehachapi- 661-822-7570

21001 Santa Lucia St, Tehachapi CA 93561
Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Thursday
CLOSED FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY

Car Purchasing

For those wanting to purchase a car, first check our bulletin board in the lounges at NTPS. Students who are leaving often post their vehicles for sale.

To purchase a car, check out:

www.carmax.com

Lancaster Auto Mall
Motor Lane (off of 10th St West and Ave K-6)

Palmdale Auto Mall
Auto Vista Dr. (Palmdale Blvd. to 5th St. West, turn right)

Tehachapi Ashmore Motors
20917 South St. Tehachapi

Before Making a purchase:

- Check car value by checking www.kellybluebook.com (Free) or www.carfax.com for a small cost. This will give information about previous car accidents, etc.
- Consider having a basic free pre-purchase inspection done by a mechanic. NTPS can help you locate an automotive shop that will offer this service.

NTPS Cars: Students driving NTPS vehicles must have a valid driver's license (preferably CA). This includes spouses. Check with the school before any family members drive NTPS Vehicles. The car mileage needs to be reported EVERY Monday to Ops and/or the front office.

Car Registration

- If you buy a car from a dealership, registration should be included in your purchase.
- If you buy from a private party, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) allows ten (10) days to transfer ownership, as the buyer.
- DMV allows five (5) days to report the transfer of a car sale.
- Complete the title transfer with assistance from www.dmv.ca.gov or by visiting the DMV in Lancaster. Make an appointment, your wait will be shorter!
- You can visit the Bureau of Automotive Repair for the State of California to find an official SMOG station near you:
<https://www.bar.ca.gov/pubwebquery/ststion/stationlist>
- The following steps are listed in the event the DMV requires you to obtain a SMOG certificate:

AV Smog Center: **661-726-1176**

43607 Sierra Hwy. Lancaster, CA 93534.

(Coupons Available at www.smogcenterav.com)

Econo Lube N' Tune & Brakes: **661-949-0977**

2101 W Ave. J, Lancaster CA 93536

Note: Ensure before inspection they will do a re-test at no extra charge, if necessary. The cost of smog check should include inspection and certification.

Prices vary per vehicle.

A useful company to join is Auto Club of California www.calif.aaa.com. Membership with them includes discounts on travel, hotels, amusement parks and restaurants. They offer help in semi-emergency situations, for instance; getting up to 4 tows per year (if your car breaks down, flat tire, etc), battery jumps, will open your car if the keys get locked inside and much more. Call the local office at **661-948-7661** located at 1234 Commerce Center Drive, Lancaster CA.

Car Rentals

Enterprise Rent-A-Car – **661-945-4611**

8111 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93534

Hours: 8:00AM-6:00PM Monday- Friday

9:00AM-2:00PM Saturday

9:00AM-1:00PM Sunday

Hertz Rent A Car – **661-726-2060**

43440 10th St. W STE, 101, Lancaster CA 93534

Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

9:00AM-12:00PM Saturday

CLOSED SUNDAY

Avis Car Rental – **661-945-3483**

221 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93534

Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

9:00AM-2:00PM Saturday

CLOSED SUNDAY

Car Repairs/Tires

The Tire Store **Rosamond** – **661-256-8473**
1816 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond CA 93560

Hours for all locations:
8:00AM-5:00PM Mon-Friday
8:00AM-2:00PM Saturday
CLOSED SUNDAY

The Tire Store **Tehachapi** – **661-823-9037**
21011 Santa Barbara Dr., Tehachapi CA 93561

The Tire Store **Lancaster**- **661-945-1833**
43923 Sierra Hwy, Lancaster CA 93534

Freeway Smog & Auto Repair LLC – **661-472-7154** Hours: 8:00AM-5:30PM Monday-Friday
16158 K St., Mojave CA 93501 CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

AV Muffler & Auto Repair- **661-940-3580** Hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Saturday
2003 W Ave. I, Lancaster CA 93536 CLOSED SUNDAY

Car Safety Laws

Child Car Seats

Children under the age of 8 or under 4’9” must be secured in the rear seat of a vehicle in an appropriate car seat or booster seat. Children must remain rear facing until they weigh 40 pounds or more or are at least 40 inches tall.

General Seat Belt Laws

With a few exceptions, everyone riding in a car must be contained by an approved safety-restraint system (seat belts and/or safety seats). Some passengers may be exempt from this requirement due to medical issues if they have a letter from their doctor excusing them from the seat belt law.

Passengers who are at least 16 years of age can be cited for failing to comply with the law. Drivers are responsible for their own conduct along with their passenger’s behavior and can be cited for any seat belt violation that occurs within their vehicle.

Cell Phones

AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, and T-Mobile are located throughout Lancaster, Palmdale, and Tehachapi. Check online for locations.

Be sure to read ALL paperwork when buying cell phones. Watch for any 2-year contract terms as most cell phone agreements require a 2-year minimum. A pay-as-you-go phone may be the best option. Wal-Mart and Best Buy are great to check for these and they also have all carriers.

Cell Phone Laws

Drivers are required to use hands-free equipment while talking on their cellular telephones. You can stay in compliance by purchasing a hands-free kit.

Texting and driving also falls under this law.

If you do not have a hands-free device, it's best to stay off your phone while driving.

Driving Tips

1. **ATTENTION:** Many stop lights have cameras. If you drive through a red light, do not make a “complete stop” or if you stop in the crosswalk before a right turn, you may get a traffic ticket in the mail.
2. Pedestrians and bicycles ALWAYS have the right of way, let them go first.
3. ALWAYS use “Directional Signals” for right or left turns or pulling away from a curb. Signal in advance of your turn.
4. **MERGE:** into oncoming traffic at a constant but safe rate of speed and as soon as moving traffic will allow, safely enter the lane. **DO NOT STOP IN A MERGE LANE!**
5. **SCAN:** for other traffic at all times while you are driving or while you are waiting at a traffic signal or preparing to make a turn. Always check your mirror and be a cautious driver.
6. **STOP SIGNS and RED LIGHTS:** No left turns on red lights, right turns must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians! Your car must come to a full and complete stop behind the crosswalk lines.
7. **CHANGING LANES:** To change from one driving lane to another you **MUST** turn on the directional signal in advance. Look in the rear-view mirror and side mirrors for traffic that is behind or beside you. Also, look over your shoulder, as cars may be in your blind spot.
8. **TURNING WHEN YOU HAVE A GREEN LIGHT:** Right Turns- Turn on the signal, scan intersections and sidewalks before you begin your turn. **NEVER COME TO A COMPLETE STOP AT A GREEN LIGHT—UNLESS THERE IS TRAFFIC OR A PEDESTRIAN IN YOUR TURN LANE.** Left Turns- Turn on signal, make sure road is clear, and double check for traffic or pedestrians.
9. **TURNING ONTO ANOTHER STREET WITHOUT A TRAFFIC LIGHT:** When you make turns without a traffic light, you do **NOT** have the right of way, oncoming traffic does.
10. **DRIVING SPEED:** Always look for the speed limit signs in your driving area. School zones, school crosswalks and housing areas are 25 mph. Blind intersections, alleys and railroads are 15 mph. Business districts and residential areas are 25 mph. Most city streets are 35-40 mph, check signs. Highways and Freeways are usually 60-70 mph, check signs. Drive at the same rate of speed as other vehicles. The right lane is reserved for slower traffic, left lane for passing.
11. **TURNING AT A BUSY INTERSECTION:** You can move your car to the center of the intersection and prepare to “turn left” as soon as other traffic stops. **NEVER STOP IN THE CENTER OF THE INTERSECTION SO THAT YOU BLOCK OTHER TRAFFIC FROM MOVING.**
12. **BIKE LANE:** Look for the designated bike lanes. Do not drive into the bike lane. If the bike lane turns a corner, make sure that when you turn the corner you do not cross over the bike lane. Enter the bike lane only when the white line is “broken”. The only time you may enter a bike lane is when making a right hand turn, use signal and merge just before making the turn, after you check for people using the bike lane.

13. Driving during Holidays: Major roads and highways will be very crowded during and around the holidays. Use caution and add extra hours into your driving time.
14. Driving on wet roads: Is very dangerous, reduce speeds! Roads become slippery when wet, especially within the first few hours of the storm.
15. Driving on wet roads in cold weather: Very dangerous. A transparent coating of ice can form on the road, called black ice. Be very cautious and go very slowly.
16. Parking: Do not park your car on a street when your car is facing in the opposite direction of traffic. You will be fined!

You can access the DMV Drivers Handbook by visiting this link:

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/hdbk/driving_in

What if You get Pulled Over?

What to Do When You Get Pulled Over by the Police

1. Acknowledge the officer by turning on flashers.
 2. Pull over to a safe area.
 3. Stay in the car.
 4. Turn off the engine, roll down window, and turn on your dome lights.
 5. Stay calm.
 6. Stay still and keep your hands on the steering wheel.
 7. If you plan on fighting your ticket, keep answers short and don't directly admit wrongdoing.
 8. Sometimes, saying "I'm sorry" works.
 9. Wait for the officer to ask for your documents.
 10. Move deliberately.
 11. If you're carrying a gun, let the officer know.
 12. Return hands to the steering wheel.
 13. Be civil.
 14. You don't have to consent to a search.
 15. Don't argue.
 16. Sign the citation.
 17. Be safe when merging back into traffic.
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1. **Acknowledge the officer by turning on flashers.** To let the officer know that you've seen his lights and that you plan on pulling over, turn on your emergency flashers. This is a good idea if you think you'll need to drive a distance before you can find a safe place to pull over.
 2. **Pull over to a safe area.** Typically, you want to pull over to the right side of the road. When looking for a spot to pull over to, think "safety first" for both you and the officer. Look for an area with a wide shoulder so passing traffic isn't a hazard. If it's dark outside, look for a place that's well-lit if possible. That will help put the officer at ease. Parking lots and well-lit side streets are other safe places to pull over to.

If you need to travel a short distance to pull over, do so at a slower pace than you normally drive. You don't want the officer to think you're trying to make a getaway. Also, if you need to cross multiple lanes to pull over to the right-hand side of the road, do so safely.

3. **Stay in the car.** If you get out of the car as soon as you stop, it may give the impression to the officer that you're going to be aggressive, or you have something to hide in the car. It is best to stay seated until instructed otherwise.
4. **Turn off the engine, roll down window, and turn on your dome lights.** As soon as you come to a stop, turn off your engine and roll down your window. If it's dark out, turn on your dome light so the officer can see what's going on inside the vehicle as he approaches.
5. **Stay calm.** It's common to get amped up whenever you get pulled over. Take some deep breaths and relax. If it helps, it's good to remind yourself that the officer is probably nervous too.
6. **Stay still and keep your hands on the steering wheel.** Keep your hands resting on the wheel and remain still as the officer approaches your vehicle. You don't want to give the officer any reason to believe you're a threat.
7. **If you plan on fighting your ticket, keep answers short and don't directly admit wrongdoing.** Everything you say to an officer is admissible in court, so if you plan on fighting your ticket, do not say anything that indicates you are guilty. Officers will typically ask questions to get some sort of admission out of you when they first walk up to your window. For example, "Do you know why I pulled you over?" Don't say, "I was speeding, sir." Simply say, "No" or, "I don't know."
8. **Sometimes, saying "I'm sorry" works.** If clearly in violation (speeding, failing to stop at a red light, etc.), apologize to the officer, "My apologies officer, I'll try to pay more attention in the future."
9. **Wait for the officer to ask for your documents.** Don't try to expedite the process by getting your license and registration ready while the officer approaches your car. The officer may think you are reaching for a gun or trying to hide some sort of incriminating evidence. Wait until the officer approaches the window and asks for your documents.
10. **Move deliberately.** When you do reach to get your license and registration, do so deliberately. A quick reach into the glove compartment for your insurance paperwork looks the same as a quick reach into your glove compartment for a weapon. If your wallet is in a bag in your backseat, let the officer know before you turn around and look for it. Quick Tip: Try to keep your glove compartment relatively organized, and your documents together, so that when you pull the box open, you don't have to frantically sort through 20-year-old maps and wads of receipts to find your registration.
11. **If you're carrying a gun, let the officer know.** Some states have laws that require concealed carry owners to inform officers that they're carrying a gun anytime they get pulled over. These are called "must inform" states. Officers are allowed to ask for and hold the weapon for the duration of the stop.

Even if you don't live in a "must inform" state, as a courtesy to the officer, you might want to disclose the fact that you're carrying. Nothing puts an officer on red alert like seeing an outline of a gun through a motorist's clothes.

12. **Return hands to the steering wheel.** After you've handed the officer your paperwork, return your hands to the steering wheel. You always want to keep your hands visible to the officer.
13. **Be civil.** Be polite and respectful in your communications with the officer. Although you may not be happy to get a ticket, calling the officer names, threatening, and being rude won't get you anywhere. In fact, it could make things worse.
14. **You don't have to consent to a search.** In order to search your vehicle without your consent, an officer needs probable cause. If the officer doesn't have probable cause but wants to search your car anyway, they'll need your consent and may ask you something like, "You don't mind me taking a look in your car, do you?" Even if you haven't done anything illegal, it's usually a good idea to decline the search. While you may believe you have nothing to hide, you never know with certainty what has fallen under seats. Politely decline the search by saying, "I don't consent to a search, officer."
15. **Don't argue.** The side of the road is not the place to argue for a ticket. If you want to contest the ticket, you can do so in court and in front of a judge.
16. **Sign the citation.** If the officer decides to issue a citation, he'll ask you to sign it. Sign it. *It's not an admission of guilt*, it's just recognition that you've received the citation and that you promise to either 1) pay the fine or 2) show up to court on the designated date. If you refuse to sign the ticket, the officer can take you to jail.
17. **Be safe when merging back into traffic.** Take your time to store your belongings before you re-enter traffic. If you're upset, collect yourself before driving away. When you're ready, turn on your signal and merge back into traffic.

Child Care and Schools

Private Schools

KinderCare- **661-948-3570**
43536 22nd St. W, Lancaster CA 93536
Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

Grace Lutheran School- **661-948-1018**
856 W. Newgrove St., Lancaster CA 93534

Joyful Junction- **661-822-8140**
20110 Park Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561
Ages: 0 months -- school-age

Desert Montessori Academy- **661-262-6066**
1030 W Ave L8, Lancaster CA 93534

iLEAD Antelope Valley- **661-494-7442**
2110 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93536
Ages: 2 years – 8th grade

Paraclete High School- **661-943-3255**
42145 30th St. W, Lancaster CA 93536
*Catholic School

Public Schools

Schools are assigned by address; where you live dictates where your children will go to school.

Some elementary schools have preschools, and some have after school programs.

Physicals are required and you must have an immunization record for each child.

AV Adult School- **661-942-3042**
45110 E 3rd St., Lancaster, CA 93535
www.avadulted.org
(English as a second language)

Housing

Apartments

West Park Villas- **855-245-1371**
1800 W Ave J12, Lancaster CA 93534
www.westparklanaster.com

Westwood Park Apartments- **661-942-2220**
2060 Westwood Ct., Lancaster CA 93536
www.westwoodapts.net

The Arches At Regional Center West- **661-273-1984**
570 Knollview Ct., Palmdale CA 93551
www.rentarchesrcw.com

Sierra Ridge Apartments- **661-822-3174**
110 Sutter St., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.sierraridgeapts.net

Online Websites:

www.apartments.com
www.realtor.com (rentals or purchase)

Crossings at Rosamond- **661-256-4006**
3080 Sedona Ave., Rosamond CA 93560
www.crossingsrosamond.com

Chaparral Apartments- **661-273-2677**
38441 5th St. W., Palmdale CA 93551
<https://www.palmchaparralapts.com/>

Indian Creek Villas- **661-822-1533**
851 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Houses

Sam Alshear – Realtor- **661-466-3685**
**Found homes for many NTPS

PMI Antelope Valley- **661-945-1175**
42306 10th St. W Ste. B, Lancaster CA 93534
www.lancasterpropertymanagementinc.com

Hartwig Property Management- **661-945-2601**
1833 W. Ave. J, Lancaster CA 93534
www.avpropertyrental.com

Real Property Management Traditions- Palmdale- **661-266-1400**
1113 W Ave. M4 Ste. D, Palmdale CA 93551
www.rpmantelopevalley.com

Ashley Granger – Realtor- **661-233-6493**
**Found homes for many NTPS; track record of success
with foreigners without US background/established credit

Coldwell Banker Best Realty- **661-822-5553**
765 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.tehachapicoldwellbanker.com

**See page 30 for furniture shopping, purchase, and rentals.*

Utilities

Cable TV/Internet- Spectrum- **1-888-406-7063**

1104 West Ave. K Suites A&B, Lancaster CA 93534

www.spectrum.com

*If previous renters had Spectrum, they will provide equipment for you to install, no technician needed.

DirecTV/Satellite TV- **1-833-325-1406**

www.directv.com

*watch for 2 year contract

Dish Network Satellite TV- **1-855-900-2338**

www.dish.com

Electricity- Southern California Edison- **1-800-655-4555**

www.sce.com

Gas- Southern California Gas Company- **1-909-307-7070**

www.socalgas.com

Trash- Waste Management- **1-800-423-9986**

www.wm.com

***Note: If you are looking at a rental agreement, please talk with rental company/apartment for what utilities are provided and or acceptable.**

General Information

Barber Shops

Barber Shop III- **661-718-2418**
2723 W. Ave L, Lancaster CA 93536

Exclusive Barber Studio LLC- **661-917-2229**
1214 W Ave K, Lancaster CA 93534

Supercuts- **661-945-0711**
2054 W. Ave. J, Lancaster CA 93535
Walk-ins Welcome

Lucky's Barber Shop- **661-823-5426**
301 S Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561

Beauty Salons

Panache' The Salon of Evolving Energy- **661-942-8737**
747 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534

Markos D1 Salon- **661-771-7007**
113 S Green St, Tehachapi CA 93561

Monticello Salon & Spa- **661-974-8288**
1825 W. Ave J #119, Lancaster CA 93534
www.monticellosalon.com

Elevate Beauty Center- **661-475-5767**
20424 W Valley Blvd. Unit E
Tehachapi CA 93561

Car Washes

Westside Car Wash & Quick Lube- **661-951-8501**
1752 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93534

Eastside Car Wash & Quick Lube- **661-949-6883**
802 E. Ave J, Lancaster CA 93535

Sail Thru Express Car Wash- **661-822-6311**
532 Tucker Rd, Tehachapi CA 93561

Churches

Lancaster Baptist Church- **661-946-4663**
4020 E. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93535
www.lancasterbaptist.org

Grace Chapel- **661-948-0855**
44648 15th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.gclancaster.com

Sacred Heart Catholic Church- **661-942-7122**
565 W Kettering St., Lancaster CA 93534
www.sacredheartlanaster.org

Tehachapi Vineyard Church- **661-822-9313**
502 E. Pinon St., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.tehachapivineyard.org

Desert Vineyard Christian Fellowship- **661-945-2777**
1011 E Ave I, Lancaster CA 93535
www.desertvineyard.org

Beth Knesset Bamidbar- **661-942-4415**
1611 E Ave. J, Lancaster CA 93535
www.bkbav.org

Tehachapi Nazarene Church- **661-822-4426**
19016 Highline Rd., Tehachapi VA 93561
www.tnaz.org

Fitness/Gyms

Planet Fitness- **661-941-3333***
44600 Valley Central Way, Lancaster CA 93536

Ladies First Fitness & Spa- **661-942-6496**
42015 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
<https://ladiesfirstrocks.com/>

Tehachapi Strength- **661-821-9400***
20681 W Valley Blvd #8840, Tehachapi CA 93561

In-Shape Health Club- **661-449-2409**
39331 10th St. W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.inshape.com

Sculpt 365 Health Club- **661-823-8205***
20936 Sage Ln., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.sculpt365.com

Mojave Fitness Center- **661-749-0956***
1247 Poole St., Mojave CA 93501
<https://www.mojavefitness.com/>

*Open 24 Hours

(1/2 mi. from NTPS – great for location, lunch breaks, etc.)

Groceries

Albertsons- **661-940-4747**
43543 20th St W, Lancaster CA 93534

Vons- **661-265-9285**
3027 Rancho Vista Blvd. Palmdale CA 93551

Stater Bros. Markets- **661-943-2545**
2845 E Ave. L, Lancaster CA 93536
*Also, in Mojave CA

WinCo Foods- **661-945-2022**
740 West K4 Ave., Lancaster CA 93534

Albertsons- **661-823-7090**
775 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93534

Trader Joe's- **661-947-2890**
39507 10th St W, Palmdale 93551

House Cleaning

Molly Maid- **661-369-8293**
1747 E Ave. Q #A-4, Palmdale CA 93550
www.mollymaid.com

Jolley Home Helper- **661-556-7617**
Tehachapi, CA

Libraries

Lancaster Library- **661-948-5029**
601 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534

Palmdale City Library- **661-267-5600**
700 E Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale CA 93550

Quartz Hill Library- **661-943-2454**
5040 W Ave. M2, Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Kern County Library Tehachapi- **661-822-4938**
212 S. Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561

Movie Theaters

Cinemark IMAX- **661-940-7086**
2600 W Ave. I, Lancaster CA 93536

Hitching Post Theater- **661-823-7469**
201 S. Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561

Regency Cinemas- **661-726-1537**
742 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534

Cinemark AV Mall- **661-274-4300**
1475 W Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA 93551

Playhouses (Theater)

Palmdale Playhouse- **661-267-5684**
38334 10th St E, Palmdale, CA 93550
www.palmdaleplayhouse.com

Historic BeeKay Theatre-
110 S. Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.tctonstage.com

Post Offices/Package Shipments

www.usps.com

www.fedex.com

www.theupsstorelocal.com

US Post Office Locations:

800-275-8777*

43824 20th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534*
(between K and J-8)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5:30PM
Saturday 9:00AM-3:00PM, CLOSED SUNDAY

567 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534*

Hours: Monday- Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM
CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY

42103 50th St W, Quartz Hill/Lancaster CA 93536*

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM
Saturday 9:30AM-3:00PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

2220 E. Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale CA 93550*

2053 Belshaw St., Mojave CA 93501*

Hours: CLOSED SUNDAY
Monday-Friday 9:00AM-1:00PM & 2:00PM-4:00PM

1950 W Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond CA 93560*

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30AM-5:00PM
Saturday 11:00AM-1:00PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

1085 Voyager Dr., Tehachapi CA 93561
661-822-0279

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday 10:00AM-2:00PM, CLOSED SUNDAY

The UPS Store-
2010 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93536
661-726-9135

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:30PM
Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

*Also, a Tehachapi Location

FEDEX Office Print & Ship Center-
1113 W Ave. P, Palmdale CA 93551
661-947-3927

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00AM-10:00PM
Saturday 8:00AM-8:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM-8:00PM

Restaurants in Antelope Valley:

American

Black Angus Steakhouse- **661-942-5225**
44690 Valley Central Way, Lancaster CA 93534
www.blackangus.com

Greenhouse Café- **661-723-3522**
1169 Commerce Center Dr., Lancaster CA 93534
www.greenhousecafes.com

Foxy's Landing & Restaurant- **661-949-2284**
4725 William J Barnes Ave., Lancaster CA 93536

I-HOP- **661-273-7777**
39176 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.lhop.com

Schooner's Patio Grille- **661-943-0800**
2797 W Ave. L, Lancaster CA 93536
www.schoonerslanaster.com

Sub Machine- **661-945-5030**
2064 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93536
www.submachinelanaster.net

The Lemon Leaf Café- **661-942-6500**
39800 Country Club Dr, Palmdale CA 93551
www.lemonleaf.com

Applebee's- **661-266-9100**
39720 N, 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.applebees.com

BJ's Restaurant & Brew house- **661-538-9040**
1325 Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA 93551
www.bjsrestaurants.com

Chili's- **661-945-1502**
43510 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.chilis.com

Panera Bread- **661-974-8366**
43458 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534

Coach's Sports Bar & Grill- **661-942-8919**
43451 Gadsen Ave, Lancaster CA 93534

Coach's Sports Bar & Grill- **661-256-7563**
4417 W. Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond CA

Jersey Mikes Subs- **661-945-8855**
1006-A Commerce Center Dr., Lancaster CA
www.jerseymikes.com

Submarina California Subs- **661-949-8683**
830 W Ave. L, Lancaster CA 93534
www.submarina.com

York Shore House- **661-945-3370**
43629 15th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534

Buffalo Wild Wings- **661-947-0900**
40155 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.buffalowildwings.com

Chelly's Café- **661-267-1700**
40008 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
<https://chellys-cafe.cafes-usa.com/>

Claim Jumper- **661-274-0900**
1247 W Ave P, Palmdale CA 93551
www.claimjumper.com

Outback Steakhouse- **661-274-9607**
1061 W Ave P, Palmdale CA 93551

Red Robin- **661-274-1773**
1233 W Ave P Ste 301, Palmdale CA 93551
www.redrobin.com

Vincent Hill Station- **661-388-2422**
553 Sierra Hwy, Acton CA 93510
www.dinevincenthill.com

Chinese

The Great Wall Restaurant- **661-942-3048**
2001 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93536
www.greatwalllancaster.com

Little Szechwan Restaurant- **661-942-2700**
668 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534

Hong Kong Express- **661-940-3511**
1017 W Ave I, Lancaster CA 93534
www.cahongkongexpress.com

Italian

Domino's Pizza- **661-948-0991**
885 W Ave K, Lancaster CA 93534
www.dominos.com

Gino's Ristorante- **661-942-1300**
44960 Valley Central Way, Lancaster CA 93536
www.ginoslancastermenu.com

Round Table Pizza- **661-945-6677**
44204 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.roundtablepizza.com

Fire Island Grill- **661-272-1402**
40117 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.fireislandgrill.com

Red Lobster- **661-538-9707**
1041 W Ave P, Palmdale CA 93551

Sizzler- **661-273-4411**
853 W Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale CA 93551
www.sizzler.com

Yard House- **661-274-9271**
1247 Rancho Vista Blvd. Ste. 1230, Palmdale
www.yardhouse.com

Sakura Buffet- **661-951-8338**
44840 Valley Central Way #109, Lancaster
www.sakurabuffetlancaster.com

Asian #1- **661-274-8983**
38745 Tierra Subida Ave, Palmdale

Hibachi Grill Buffet
1215 W Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA

Pizza Hut- **661-723-3313**
2071 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93536

PizzaRev- **661-265-0277**
748 W Rancho Vista Blvd Ste E, Palmdale CA
www.pizzarev.com

Olive Garden- **661-266-7927**
1051 W Rancho Vista Blvd, Palmdale
www.olivegarden.com

Vince's Pasta & Pizza- **661-943-2424**
2833 W Ave. L, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
www.vincespasta.com

Japanese

Big Tuna Japanese Restaurant- **661-942-6699**
43530 10th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.bigtunamenu.com

Tokyo Steak- **661-940-5641**
1024 E Ave K, Lancaster CA 93535

Goldfish Japanese- **661-273-1112**
3135 Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA
www.eatgoldfish.com

Mediterranean & Indian

A1 Kabob- **661-951-1555**
44407 Valley Central Way, Lancaster CA 93536

Fresco II- **661-947-6677**
1311 W Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA 93551
www.fresco2restaurant.com

Mexican

Chipotle Mexican Grille- **661-206-3535**
855 W Ave. K Ste. 101, Lancaster CA 93534
www.chipotle.com *Multiple locations

El Toreo- **661-722-9309**
4061 W Ave. L, Lancaster CA 93536

Medrano's Mexican- **661-948-4247**
44276 10th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.medranosmexicanfood.com

Miso Sushi- **661-940-6369**
44230 10th St W, Lancaster CA 93534

Red Salmon Japanese- **661-945-6565**
2010 W Ave. J8 #113, Lancaster CA 93536
www.eatredsalmon.com

Love Ramen- **661-722-5516**
2787 W Ave L, Lancaster CA 93536
www.loveramenca.com

Olive's Mediterranean Café- **661-945-4500**
518 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534
www.olivescafe.com

Malhi's Indian- **661-947-2277**
39438 Trade Center Dr, Palmdale CA 93551

Don Cuco Mexican- **661-945-1048**
1106 W Ave. K, Lancaster CA 93534

Rubio's- **661-945-1546**
43530 10th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.rubios.com

**Various Locations*
661-224-1145- AV MALL // 661-718-1305- Quartz Hill

Cuban

Baracoa Lounge- **661-347-2570**
853 Auto Center Dr. Ste. F, Palmdale
www.baracoacubanrestaurant.com

Thai

The Thai Restaurant- **661-948-6464**
44759 Sierra Hwy, Lancaster CA 93534
www.thethaiav.com

Thai Chinese II- **661-949-2231**
43649 15th St W, Lancaster CA 93534

Spicy Thai- **661-723-0906**
43757 15th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.spicythailancaster.com

Thai Café- **661-942-6599**
1052 W Ave K, Lancaster CA 93534

Bakeries

Maribel's Bakery- **661-942-4969**
44205 20th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
<https://maribelscafe.business.site/>

One Stop Bakery- **661-494-8048**
4079 W Ave. L, Lancaster CA 93536

Coffee

Starbucks- **661-723-5708**
1845 W Ave I, Lancaster CA 93534
www.starbucks.com
*Multiple locations

It's A Grind Coffee House- **661-723-9606**
44421 20th St. E #104, Lancaster CA

Liquid Bean- **661-942-7591**
1711 W Ave K, Lancaster CA 93534

Farley's Artisan Gelato & Coffee Roasters
2025 W Ave K, Lancaster CA 93536
www.farleyscafe.com
661-339-0373

Dunkin' Donuts- **661-726-0073**
43615 10th St. W, Lancaster CA

Micro Breweries

Lucky Luke Brewing Pub- **661-522-3775**
735 W Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster CA 93534
(food available)

Lucky Luke Brewing- **661-270-5588**
610 W Ave O #104, Palmdale CA 93551
(no food, can bring in)

Transplants- **661-266-7911**
40242 La Quinta Ln, Unt 101, Palmdale CA 93551
(no food)

Bravery Brewing Co.- **661-951-4677**
42705 8th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534
(no food, can bring in)

Restaurants in Tehachapi

American

Big Papa's Steakhouse- **661-822-7272**
1001 W Tehachapi Blvd. C-200, Tehachapi CA

Red House BBQ- **661-822-0772**
426 E Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi CA 93561
www.redhousebbqca.com

P-Dub's Brew Pub & Mountain Bowling-
20800 Santa Lucia St, Tehachapi CA 93561
www.pdubs.pub **661-823-4766**

Jakes Steakhouse- **661-822-6015**
213 S Curry St, Tehachapi CA 93561
www.jakessteakhouse.net

One Fine Day- **661-825-4823**
117 E. F St., Tehachapi CA 93561

4 Seasons Café- **661-999-3663**
160 W. Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi CA
www.4seasons.cafe

Steampunk- **661-823-4469**
20324 W Valley Blvd., Tehachapi CA

Henry's Café- **661-822-0732**
550 Tucker Rd. D, Tehachapi CA 93561

Chinese/Japanese/Thai

The Great Wall- **661-822-9137**
807 Tucker Rd F, Tehachapi CA
www.greatwalltehadapi.com

Thai Hachapi- **661-823-4891**
117 E F St., Tehachapi CA 93561
www.thaihachapi.com

King of Siam Thai- **661-823-9977**
760 Tucker Rd. #B, Tehachapi CA

Ichiban- **661-822-9888**
675 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Kasagiri Restaurant- **661-822-7533**
128 E F St., Tehachapi CA 93561

Midori Sushi- **661-822-1216**
498 W Tehachapi Blvd #456, Tehachapi CA

Mexican

Don Perico- **661-822-5366**
840 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Domingo's Bar & Grill- **661-822-7611**
20416 W Valley Blvd., Tehachapi CA

Bean Me Up Xpresso- **661-670-9050**
20001 W Valley Blvd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Gracian Grill- **661-822-4016**
860 E Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Italian

Perfetto's Italian Bistro- **661-822-1711**
209 S Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561

TK Pizza & Pasta- **661-822-8366**
640 W Tehachapi Blvd. B, Tehachapi CA

Mediterranean & Indian

Petra Mediterranean Restaurant- **661-822-1900**
200 S Green St., Tehachapi CA 93561

Prime Bar & Grill- **661-771-7874**
480 E Steuber Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Coffee

Starbucks- **661-822-0573**
300 Tucker Rd., Tehachapi CA 93561

Kamenz Kafe- **661-823-4270**
120 S. Mill St., Tehachapi CA 93651

*Multiple locations

Micro Breweries

Westlane Brewing- **661-527-0779**
207 E. H St., Tehachapi CA 93561
(sometimes food vendors)

Local Craft Beer- **661-822-2337**
365 Enterprise Way G, Tehachapi CA 93561
(no food, can bring in; occasional vendors)

Restaurants in Mojave

American

The Voyager- **661-824-2048**
1434 Flight Line, Mojave CA 93501

The Workz- **661-232-5035**
16862 CA-14, Mojave CA 93501

Thai & Korean

Mojave Thai Cuisine- **661-824-2919**
16870 CA-14, Mojave CA 93501

Flame Broiler- **661-584-9111**
15964 Sierra Hwy, Mojave CA 93501

Coffee

Starbucks- **661-627-0005**
15652 Sierra Hwy, Mojave CA 93501

Shopping

Automotive Supplies

O'Reilly Auto Parts- **661-945-3414**

2033 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93536

www.oreillyauto.com

*Multiple locations, including Tehachapi

Pep Boys Auto Parts- **661-945-9408**

44229 20th St. W, Lancaster CA 93534

www.pepboys.com

Lancaster Auto Electric- **661-940-8771**

525 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93534

www.lancasterautoelectric.com

Autozone Auto Parts- **661-945-1863**

865 W Ave I, Lancaster CA 93534

www.autozone.com

*Multiple locations, including Tehachapi

Books

Barnes and Noble- **661-272-9958**

39228 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551

www.barnesandnoble.com

Clothing, Shoes, Accessories

Shopping Mall: The Antelope Valley Mall- **661-266-9150**

1233 Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA 93551

www.av-mall.com

Kohl's- **661-265-7885**

39850 10th St W, Palmdale, CA 93551

Kohls.com

Craft Materials

Michaels- **661-224-1618**

39626 10th St W Ste. B, Palmdale CA 93551

www.michaels.com

JOANN Fabrics and Crafts- **661-266-1710**

39818 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551

Furniture

Paradise Furniture- **661-265-0000**
1233 Rancho Vista Blvd #840, Palmdale CA 93551
www.paradisefurniture.com

Rent-A-Center- **661-273-8580**
1773 E Palmdale Blvd Ste K, Palmdale Ca 93550
www.locations.rentacenter.com

Ashley Home Store- **661-225-9410**
39626 10th St. W, Palmdale, CA
www.ashleyfurniture.com

Cort (Furniture Rental)- **1-888-360-2678**
LA Showroom- M-F, 9-6 PM- **310-652-2678**
Email: beverlyhills@cort.com
<http://www.cort.com/students>

General Items (House, Home, Personal)

Target- **661-265-0906**
39440 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.target.com

Walmart Supercenter- **661-267-6496**
40130 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.walmart.com

Home Goods- **661-225-9770**
39180 10th St W, Palmdale CA 93551
www.homegoods.com

Office Supplies

Staples- **661-723-1277**
44620 Valley Central Way, Lancaster
www.staples.com

Malls

Lancaster Marketplace-
44960 Valley Central Way, Lancaster CA 93536

The Outlets at Barstow- **760-253-4813**
2796 Tanger Way, Barstow CA 92311
www.theoutletsatbarstow.com

Westfield Valencia Town Center- **669-800-6707**
24201 West Valencia Blvd., Valencia CA 91355

The Antelope Valley Mall- **661-266-9150**
1233 Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale CA
www.av-mall.com

Sports Equipment

Big 5 Sporting Goods- **661-948-4551**
43521 13th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.big5sportinggoods.com

Dick's Sporting Goods- **661-225-8019**
1301 W Rancho Vista Blvd, Palmdale CA 93550
Stores.dickssportinggoods.com

Niky's Sports- **661-947-1188**
830 W Ave L #105, Lancaster CA
www.nikys-sports.com

City Events

See www.cityofpalmdale.org and www.cityoflanasterca.org and www.liveuptehachapi.com for more info.

Lancaster Farmers Market is held on Thursdays on Lancaster Blvd. Hours vary by season, check website.

AV Winery holds a Farmer's Market on Saturdays 9:00AM-12:00PM, May-October. Located on the corner of Ave M and 20th St West.

Tehachapi Farmers Market held Thursdays on Green St. 4:00PM-7PM, seasonally (approx. June-August, check website).

Local Activities and Day Trips

Antelope Valley Winery- **661-722-0145**
42041 20th St W, Lancaster CA 93534
www.avwinery.com

Underground Bowling Lounge-
706 W Lancaster Blvd #111, Lancaster CA

Shambala Preserve- **661-268-0380**
6867 Soledad Canyon Rd, Acton CA 93510
www.shambala.org

Mountain High Resort- **888-754-7878**
24510 CA-2, Wrightwood CA 92397
www.mthigh.com

DryTown Water Park- **661-267-6161**
3850-B E Ave S, Palmdale CA 93550
www.drytownwaterpark.com

LA Dodgers- **866-363-4377**
1000 Vin Scully Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012
www.mlb.com/dodgers/ballpark

California Living Museum (CALM)- **661-872-2256**
10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy, Bakersfield CA 93306
www.calmzoo.org

Angels Stadium- **714-940-2000**
2000 W Gene Autry Way, Anaheim CA
92806

Condors Pro Hockey- **661-324-7825** (*located in the Mechanics Bank Arena*)
1001 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield CA 93301
www.bakersfieldcondors.com

Prime Desert Woodland Preserve- **661-723-5928**
43201 35th St W, Lancaster CA 93536
www.cityoflanasterca.org

For all outdoor recreation in the Lancaster/Palmdale area including: Parks, children's sports, swimming, YMCA, etc. see www.cityoflanasterca.org and www.cityofpalmdale.org

For all hiking/fishing activities and locations in the Lancaster/Palmdale area see www.destinationlanasterca.org

Mountain Parking, to park on any mountain road in L.A County, you must purchase a permit called a "Wilderness Permit": available at Big 5 Sporting Goods.

Fishing/Hunting Licenses are available at Big 5 Sporting Goods, Wal Mart or online at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com.

Semi-Local Activities and Day Trips

Amusement Parks:

1. **Disneyland and Disney California Adventure Park.**

<https://disneyland.disney.go.com/destinations/disney-california-adventure> Disneyland is Walt Disney's original vision for "the happiest place on earth," and more than 60 years later it remains just that. Begin with a walk down Main Street and end with the fireworks-filled parade and laser light shows that happen every evening. In between, take in all the big rides -- the Matterhorn Bobsleds, Space Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Splash Mountain, Indiana Jones, and the Haunted House -- and make sure to meet Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, and all their friends, too. Don't miss Mr. Toad's Wild Ride and spend another day next door at Disney's California Adventure Park, where Pixar characters rule. And as of May 2019, the Force will be with the Mouse, as the much-anticipated Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge section of Disneyland opens. For a behind-the-scenes look at both the parks, book an Adventures by Disney trip and you'll get lots of insider experiences.

2. **Knott's Berry Farm:** www.knotts.com Knott's Berry Farm is a world-renowned theme park built from the humblest of beginnings. What started as a small berry farm soon began to grow into a family theme park destination thanks to famous fried chicken dinners, boysenberries, and an Old West Ghost Town. Knott's Berry Farm now bursts with attractions and entertainment for all ages, including first-class roller coasters, stage shows, interactive experiences, delicious food creations and family-friendly fun

featuring Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang. The once small family farm has grown into today's family fun destination; home to the Knott's Berry Farm theme park, Knott's Soak City Waterpark and Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

3. **Legoland California:** www.legoland.com/california Come play your part at LEGOLAND® California Resort, located just 30 minutes north of San Diego and one hour south of Anaheim. With more than 60 rides, shows and attractions, it's an interactive, hands-on theme park experience for families with children 2 - 12. The Resort is also home to SEA LIFE® Aquarium and the world's first LEGOLAND® Water Park. And if you've ever dreamed of spending the night at LEGOLAND, LEGOLAND Hotel and LEGOLAND Castle Hotel at the Resort are open and less than 2 miles from the nearest beach!
4. **Santa Monica Pier:** www.santamonicapier.org Santa Monica Pier, the place that first comes to most people's minds when they think of Santa Monica. It's a long, wide pier that is packed with fun things to do. A roller coaster, Ferris wheel and other rides await, colorfully curling against the skyline and providing a lit-up atmosphere at night. Carnival-style games also line the pier along with carnival foods and other eateries. There are plenty of souvenir shops, too, at this great family spot. And be sure to bring bathing suits, towels, and sand toys as well, since the beach and ocean beckon right below the famous pier. Spend the whole day here and we guarantee that your kids will sleep like babies by the time you arrive back home.
5. **Six Flags Magic Mountain:** www.sixflags.com/magic Roller-coaster lovers know that Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia is one of the world's best amusement parks, boasting more hair-raising rides than any other on the planet. Fearless adventurers will find record-breaking rides like the Lex Luthor: Drop of Doom, the X2, Viper, Tatsu, Goliath and the Riddler's Revenge, the fastest stand-up coaster in the world. Plus, there are family and kids' rides, too; nighttime shows featuring laser lights and live music; and the Looney Tunes characters can be found throughout the park. But anyone with motion sickness might prefer hitting Hurricane Harbor, the 22-acre water park that is right next door. It's much easier on the stomach. www.sixflags.com/hurricaneharborla
6. **Universal Studios.** www.universalstudioshollywood.com Universal Studios is the real thing, a working movie studio that also happens to have a theme park attached to it. Which means visitors get the chance to go right onto the lot to see where some of their favorite movies and television shows are made -- think the "Psycho" house, the "Desperate Housewives" neighborhood, the "Back to the Future" town square and much more. Take the Studio Tour for unique insights into how Hollywood really works. Stay for the rest of the rides there too, including the Fast and Furious Supercharged, Transformers The Ride 3D, WaterWorld, Despicable Me Minion Mayhem, and be sure to

allow lots of time to see everything The Wizarding World of Harry Potter has to offer, too. Some of the newer additions are Jurassic World: The Ride, for dinosaur lovers of all ages, and Mario Kart: Bowser's Challenger, to experience the racing game in real life!

Beaches: There are many beaches for a day trip from the Antelope Valley. Whether you want the relatively quiet beaches of Ventura, or the more famous and crowded beaches of Long Beach, Malibu, Manhattan, and Venice Beach there are many options.

Hikes: There are many fun hikes in the local area and within a day trip. They range from easy to strenuous. Whether you want to hike through the windmills above Mojave or see the city from the HOLLYWOOD sign there are many options. Talk to the Instructors and Student Services & Affairs, and they can point you in the right direction.

Lakes: There are many lakes to go fishing, boating, and camping within the local area.

1. **Lake Arrowhead:** www.lakearrowhead.com Nestled in the majestic mountains of the San Bernardino National Forest, widely known as "The Alps of Southern California," is the best kept secret on the West Coast - Lake Arrowhead. A stunningly beautiful, cozy, and quaint mountain resort paradise, Lake Arrowhead features countless outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, backpacking, bicycling, water and snow skiing, fishing, and much more. With the stunning scenery and wildlife comes a natural peacefulness that has lured people to these mountains for centuries.
2. **Big Bear:** www.bigbear.com Big Bear Lake is Southern California's four-season mountain lake escape. Located in the heart of Southern California - and close to Phoenix and Las Vegas - Big Bear Lake is the jewel of the San Bernardino National Forest and known for excellent fishing, snowboarding & skiing, hiking, mountain biking and so much more.
3. **Castaic Lake:** www.castaiclake.com Several State, National and [World record fish](#) were caught a Castaic Lake. Castaic Lake is the largest state water project reservoir in Southern California, and contains over 11,200 total acres of parkland and open space habitat. Castaic Lake has two bodies of water. Lower lake is for non-power boating and canoeing. Swimming season on lower lake runs from mid-May to mid-September. Upper lake is for sailing, power boating, water and jet skiing, and fishing. The lake is stocked with bass, trout, and catfish. Boat rentals and a tackle bait shop are available.
4. **Lake Piru:** www.californiasgreatestlakes.com/piru/lake_piru.html Lake Piru is a picturesque lake with bold mountains rising from its shores and colorful wildflowers in the spring. A number of deep, inviting coves wind off from the main body of water. The lake is home to largemouth bass, rainbow trout, bluegill, channel catfish, and crappie.

Anglers like the quieter waters of Lake Piru compared to other regional lakes even if Piru doesn't have a reputation for record fish. Fishing boats can be rented at the marina.

5. **Pyramid Lake:** <https://water.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Recreation/Pyramid-Lake-Recreation>
Pyramid Lake, located in the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests, is a reservoir formed by Pyramid Dam on Piru Creek, near Castaic, California. It is a hot spot for outdoor recreation and attracts thousands of visitors each year who soak up the sun and take in the lake's scenic beauty. The lake offers camping, picnicking, boating, waterskiing, and swimming. Fishing is a popular sport at Pyramid Lake, where you can catch fish such as large and small mouth striped bass, trout, catfish, blue gill, and crappie.

Gardens:

1. **Japanese Gardens:** www.thejapanesegarden.com In the midst of the busy San Fernando Valley lies an oasis – a 6 1/2 acre garden, which features three gardens in one: a dry Zen meditation garden, a “wet-strolling” garden, and a tea garden.

Museums:

1. **Air:**
 - a. **Castle Air Museum:** www.castleairmuseum.org Home to over seventy restored vintage military aircraft ranging from pre-WWII to the present-day fighters, the Museum houses a fascinating collection of wartime memorabilia, uniforms, historic photos, and personal military artifacts from the past century. The Museum is proud to display the most complete lineage of Bomber Aircraft on the West Coast dating from prior WWII to the end of the Cold War spanning nearly 70 years.
 - b. **Santa Monica Air Museum:** www.museumofflying.org Originally established in 1974 as the Douglas Museum and Library, the Museum first opened in 19 at 2800 Airport Avenue. The Museum was founded by Donald Douglas Jr, the second President of the Douglas Aircraft Company. The collection consisted primarily of artifacts and the ephemera of Donald Wills Douglas Sr., the Founder and President of the Douglas Aircraft Company. In the late 1980's a discussion began between Donald Douglas Jr. and a local entrepreneur, David G. Price. It was agreed that a new building would be constructed on the north side of the Santa Monica Airport as the future location of the renamed Museum of Flying. The new Museum opened in 1989 with the original collection and the compliment of many vintage aircraft with an emphasis on World War II fighter aircraft.
 - c. **Palm Springs Air Museum:** www.palmspringsairmuseum.org The Palm Springs Air Museum is a living history museum dedicated to educating the public about the role Air Power played in preserving American liberties and way of life. The Museum

preserves, exhibits, and flies aircraft from World War Two, Korea, and the Vietnam Wars. Most of the aircraft are in flyable condition.

- d. **Yanks Air Museum:** <https://yanksair.org> Yanks Air Museum hosts one of the world's largest aircraft collections, most of them airworthy. Painstakingly rebuilding these titans of American aviation history is hard work, with mechanics and craftsmen working by hand (sometimes for decades) to return craft to their original state. Visitors are encouraged to view the aircraft and learn about their history, their stories, and their journey from graveyard to restoration.

- e. **Planes of Fame Air Museum:** www.planesoffame.org Every day at Planes of Fame Air Museum, you can experience history - both the reliving of it and the making of it. When one of our planes flies, for most it is a rare and wonderful thing to witness. Planes of Fame Air Museum has maintained a fleet of flyable historic aircraft for over 60 years! The Museum has operated these types of aircraft longer than the Army Air Corps or Air Force did. Planes of Fame Air Museum truly is where aviation history lives.

- f. **March Field Museum:** www.marchfield.org With over 30 acres of Outdoor Exhibit Space, and two large exhibit hangars, March Field Air Museum has the largest display of military aircraft in Southern California.

- g. **Lyon Air Museum:** www.lyonairmuseum.org Founded by Major General William Lyon, Lyon Air Museum is located on the west side of John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California. Lyon Air Museum is collocated with Martin Aviation, an award-winning jet, turbo-prop and piston-powered aircraft repair facility established in 1923 by famed aviation pioneer Eddie Martin. The Lyon Air Museum exhibit is comprised of authentic aircraft, rare vehicles, and related memorabilia, with emphasis on the defining event of the 20th century – World War II. Through captivating and thought-provoking exhibits based in historical scholarship, visitors gain a better understanding of the important role the United States plays in shaping world history.

2. Art:

- a. **Los Angeles County Museum of Art:** www.lacma.org Chris Burden's *Urban Light*, a piece made up of 202 cast-iron street lamps gathered from around L.A. and restored to working order, has quickly become one of the city's indelible landmarks. But you'd be selling yourself short if you don't venture beyond the photo-friendly installation; LACMA's collections boast modernist masterpieces, large-scale contemporary works (including Richard Serra's massive swirling

sculpture and Burden's buzzing, hypnotic *Metropolis II*), traditional Japanese screens and by far L.A.'s most consistently terrific special exhibitions.

- a. **Los Angeles Museum Of Contemporary Art Grand Avenue (MOCA):** www.moca.org
- b. **Getty Center:** www.getty.edu/visit/center What's now called the [Getty Villa](#) (a coastal mansion filled with antiquities that's absolutely worth a visit, too) served as the decades-long home for the J. Paul Getty Trust's extensive art collection. But in 1997, the Getty Center opened. The result is a remarkable complex of travertine and white metal-clad pavilions that houses ornate French furniture, recognizable Impressionist pieces and rotating exhibitions. Its relative inaccessibility is more than compensated for by free admission and panoramic views, from the hills and the ocean in the west all the way around to Downtown in the east.
- c. **Hammer Museum:** <https://hammer.ucla.edu/> Industrialist Armand Hammer founded this museum in 1990, primarily to house his own collection, and it opened just three weeks before he died. Now, the free, UCLA partner institution stages fascinating shows of modern art, photography, and design, often with an emphasis on local artists. The shows are supplemented by Hammer's public events calendar (arguably one of the best in the city), chock full of free lectures, concerts and screenings.
- d. **Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens:** www.huntington.org The bequest of entrepreneur Henry E. Huntington is now one of the most enjoyable attractions in the Los Angeles region. It's also a destination that demands an entire day should you attempt to explore it in full: Between the art, the library holdings and the spreadeagled outdoor spaces, there's plenty to see, and most of it is best enjoyed at lingering leisure rather than as part of a mad day-long dash. From a Gutenberg Bible to an exquisitely landscaped Japanese garden, nearly every inch of the estate's grounds and collection is essential.
- e. **Museum of Latin American Art:** <https://molaa.org/> Located on land that once housed a productive silent film studio, everything about this museum is a forward-thinking enterprise, from its modern and contemporary-driven collection to its building. The core of the permanent collection is in the Long Gallery, with work by one artist from every Latin American country. Swing by on Sundays for free admission.

- f. **Norton Simon Museum:** <https://www.nortonsimon.org> The Norton Simon's Frank Gehry-helmed makeover in the late 1990s raised the museum's profile, but it also helped to expand the range of the museum's collection, giving it more space and creating a calm, simple environment. The museum is still best known for its impressive collection of Old Masters, notably pieces by 17th-century Dutch painters such as Rembrandt, Brueghel and Frans Hals. The French impressionists are represented by, among others, Monet, Manet and Renoir. After you've checked out the temporary shows, head into the excellent sculpture garden.
 - g. **The Broad:** www.thebroad.org Three words: Infinity Mirror Rooms. Downtown's persistently popular contemporary art museum has two of Yayoi Kusama's immersive, mirror-laden rooms (and the standby queue to prove it). Elsewhere in the free museum, Eli and Edythe Broad's collection of 2,000 post-war works includes artists like Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Ed Ruscha, Cindy Sherman, Barbara Kruger and Jeff Koons. Outside, the museum's plaza features a lovely olive tree grove that sits in front of [Otium](#), the museum's signature restaurant from French Laundry alum Timothy Hollingsworth. Find out more in our complete [guide to the Broad](#).
3. **Automotive:**
- a. **NHRA Motorsports Museum :** <https://nhramuseum.org> The Museum mission is to celebrate the impact of motorsports on American culture. The Museum collects, preserves, exhibits, and interprets the vehicles, stories and artifacts that represent America's affection for, and the influence of, automotive speed and style in all its forms.
The Museum's collection includes dragsters, land speed vehicles, race cars, customs, hot rods, and a changing array of one-of-a-kind vehicles that tell the story of American hot rodding. We are located in a historic Art Deco style exposition building on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Fairplex, which is also home to Auto Club Raceway at Pomona. The National Hot Rod Association has had a continuous presence here since its very first event, the Southern California Championships, were held at this drag strip on an April weekend in 1953. Today, the NHRA starts its season here with the Winternationals and concludes the season with the Auto Club Finals.
 - b. **Nethercut Collection:** <http://www.nethercuttcollection.org/> The Nethercutt Museum showcases more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic and special interest automobiles including many top winners of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

- c. **Petersen Automotive Museum:** www.petersen.org/ Miracle Mile was the first commercial development in L.A. designed expressly for the benefit of drivers, and so a former department store makes an apt home for this museum of car culture. A 2015 redesign has since turned the automotive history museum into a high-tech gallery with about 150 cars on display. There's a glimpse into the rise of car culture in Southern California, but that mostly takes a backseat to a focus on the progress, dominance and dazzling good looks of the automobile. You'll find a mix of famous Hollywood cars, sumptuously swooping vintage vehicles and high-performance supercars.
- d. **Motte Historical Car Museum:** www.mottemuseum.com In 1951 John Victor Motte bought a Chevrolet Touring for \$15, overhauled the engine, and restored the car in the late 1970's. That Chevrolet was the car that began the private collection, and fueled the Motte Brothers desire to restore antique automobiles. The 1926 Chevrolet Touring is currently on display at the Museum, and the preservation of the rest of the restored automobiles continues today.

4. History:

- a. **Japanese American National Museum:** www.janm.org This museum tells the story of Japanese immigration to the US, from early restrictions on property ownership to the brutal internment camps during World War II. Aside from the permanent exhibition, the museum stages an engaging roster of documentary and art exhibitions, including a wrenching yet beautiful display of images and artifacts from the internment camps. Recent exhibitions have ranged from an awe-inspiring showcase of Japanese tattoo traditions to a Hello Kitty retrospective.

5. Maritime Museums:

- a. **Battleship USS Iowa.** www.pacificbattleship.com Considered one of Los Angeles' best outdoor museums, Battleship USS Iowa features interactive programs focused on education, veterans, and community. Nicknamed the Battleship of President's, the iconic Navy ship saw action during WWII, Korean War, and the Cold War. We receive no government funding towards our operations. All admissions and donations go towards supporting our non-profit programs in education, veterans, and community.
- b. **USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum.** www.midway.org With more than 30 restored aircraft, and nearly 10 acres of exhibits and displays, the Midway brings you the most complete cross-section of carrier aviation in the world. From high up on the bridge down to the main engine room, taking you on a unique warship

journey that engages the sights, sounds, and aromas of this symbol of American freedom.

- c. **Maritime Museum of San Diego.** www.sdmaritime.org The Maritime Museum of San Diego enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining and operating historic vessels. The museum has one of the world's finest collections of historic ships, including the world's oldest active ship Star of India. Our collection of ships and exhibits are available for daily public tours. One of the best things to do in San Diego!

6. Presidential Libraries

- a. **Richard Nixon Presidential Library:** www.nixonfoundation.org The presidential museum features 22 unique spaces that incorporate multimedia and interactive technologies. Visitors begin their journey in the new Malek Theater and enjoy a 13-minute orientation film before entering the permanent galleries in the "Wave of Change" gallery, which covers a period of great upheaval throughout the 1960s and during the months leading up to the November 1968 presidential election. Travel through President Nixon's presidency and resignation and return to his origins in the "Back to the Beginning" gallery. From there, travel through Nixon's life and his extraordinary accomplishments prior to becoming the 37th President of the United States. The journey ends with Richard Nixon's post-presidency period and his contributions as elder statesman, his impact on American culture, a solemn remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon's memorial services, and the short "Epilogue" film at the conclusion of the exhibit.
- b. **Ronald Reagan Presidential Library:** www.reaganlibrary.gov Perched on a mountaintop with sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, valleys and the Pacific Ocean, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is one of California's most beautiful and unique destinations. The Library's 300 acre site, about 45 miles from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), represents the "shining city on a hill" often referenced by President Reagan and appropriately serves as the final resting place of the nation's 40th President.

7. Science:

- a. **California Science Center:** www.californiasciencecenter.org Permanent exhibit galleries at this kid-friendly Exposition Park museum explore life sciences, human innovation and powered flight (all with a decidedly '90s design flair). But the real attraction here is the Space Shuttle *Endeavour*, which was very publicly paraded through L.A. to reach its temporary home at the Samuel Oschin Pavilion—a permanent structure slated to display the ship upright is in the works. While the

rest of the museum is free, *Endeavour* requires \$3 time tickets on weekends, a bargain to come face to face with one of this country's most iconic engineering marvels.

- b. **Griffith Observatory:** www.griffithobservatory.org The vista from this hilltop landmark is stunning, particularly at night when Los Angeles twinkles below. Inside you'll find a bevy of exhibits, including a Foucault pendulum (directly under Hugo Ballin's famed mural on the central rotunda), Tesla coil and planetarium show. Give yourself plenty of time before the 10pm closing to gaze through the 12-inch refracting telescope on the roof, otherwise you can look through the far less crowded modern, reflecting telescope on the front lawn.

- c. **La Brea Tar Pits:** www.tarpits.org Back in 1875, a group of amateur paleontologists discovered animal remains in the pits at Rancho La Brea, which bubbled with asphalt from a petroleum lake under what is now Hancock Park. Some 140-plus years later, the pros are still at work here, having dragged millions of fossils from the mire in the intervening years. Many of these specimens are now on display in this delightfully old-fashioned museum. Outside, the pits still bubble with black goo—you can watch paleontologists at work in the excavation of Pit 91 and toil away at the fossils waiting to be found [as part of Project 23](#).

- d. **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles:** www.nhm.org The NHM's original Beaux Arts structure was the first museum building in L.A., opening in 1913 with Exposition Park itself. The more recent Otis Booth Pavilion welcomes visitors into the museum with a six-story glass entrance featuring a stunning, 63-foot-long fin whale skeleton. Highlights include the gem and mineral hall, spectacularly presented dinosaur and mammal fossils, the 3.5-acre urban nature gardens and "Becoming L.A.," which examines the Los Angeles region's history from Native Americans to the present day.

- e. **Southern California Children's Museum:** www.socalkids.org We're in the era of experiences! Southern California Children's Museum provides play-based activities designed to foster excitement and spark a real sense of wonder. This isn't a park. It's much more than the zoo. Whether interacting with a fire engine, getting a little dirty in a construction zone, or experiencing what it's like to perform at the Hollywood Bowl—SCCM exhibits are here to create more for kids who, let's face it, deserve more.

8. Train:

- a. **Southern California Railway Museum:** www.socalrailway.org Explore the West's largest collection of railway locomotives, passenger and freight cars, streetcars, interurban electric cars, buildings and other artifacts dating from the 1870's. Ride streetcars, interurban electric cars, and trains on the Museum railway. Visit the Museum's collection of more than 200 streetcars and railway vehicles to experience the early days of electric, steam, and diesel railway transportation in and around Los Angeles.
- b. **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum:** www.psrm.org The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of railroads as they existed in the Pacific Southwest. With over 120 pieces of equipment and artifacts on display between our two facilities in Campo, CA and La Mesa, CA, the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association provides a unique learning experience for all ages. At our Campo facility, we offer vintage train rides with locomotives and cars from the early 20th century operated by our all-volunteer train crews and support staff.
- c. **San Bernadino History and Railway Museum:** www.sbdepotmuseum.com The San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum specializes in San Bernardino history and all things railroad. It houses the Santa Fe Western Archives and unique artifacts, surrounded by hundreds of historic photographs. The Museum is located in the restored 1918 Santa Fe Depot that serves Amtrak and Metrolink passengers and is across the tracks from the BNSF intermodal facility. Over 100 freight trains pass by the depot each day.
- d. **South Coast Railroad Museum:** www.goletadepot.org The South Coast Railroad Museum in Goleta, California, focuses on the history, technology, and adventure of railroading. Special emphasis is placed on the railroad's contributions to local history, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, and on the key historical role of the railroad depot in rural community life across America. The museum centerpiece is Goleta Depot, a country railroad station house built by the Southern Pacific in 1901 during completion of the Coast Route joining San Francisco and Los Angeles. Goleta Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- e. **Travel Town Train Museum:** www.traveltown.org The mission of the Foundation is to educate the public about railroad history as it pertains to the development of the Southwest Region of the United States, particularly the Los Angeles area. We fulfill this mission by supporting the restoration, operation, and interpretation of

the historic railroad equipment at the City-operated Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park.

- f. **Lomita Railway Museum:** www.lomita-rr.org The Museum was built in 1966. Much research and study was given to depot structures before the final home for the Museum was chosen. Mrs. Lewis chose to copy the Boston & Maine's Greenwood Station at Wakefield, Massachusetts, which was built before the turn of the century. The Museum has been referred to as a "work of art". Everyone who worked on the building was an artist in his line. This of course includes John W. Gallareto, the designer and builder. No expense was spared to produce a proper and appropriate treasury to house the valuable historical items on display in the Museum.

Zoos / Aquariums

1. **Big Bear Alpine Zoo:** www.bigbearalpinezoo.org 42801 Moonridge Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
2. **Birch Aquarium at Scripps:** www.aquarium.ucsd.edu. More than 350 species of marine you'll normally see in waters from the cold Pacific Northwest to the warm tropical reefs of the South Pacific are located in the Birch Aquarium, showcased in 46 tanks ranging in size from a 70,000-gallon and less. Set against a breathtaking view of the blue Pacific, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps is home to an artificial kelp forest, too. The aquarium also features a man-made tide pool that stimulates an awareness in visitors of the fragility of San Diego's intertidal environments. This coastal facility is also home to the country's largest oceanographic museum. Hands-on exhibits educate visitors about the ocean, earth sciences, and more. It hosts annual events focused on marine animals.
3. **The Living Desert:** www.livingdesert.org 47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260
4. **Long Beach Aquarium:** www.aquariumofpacific.org Connect with the ocean and each other for a sustainable future for all with the Aquarium's unique programming, including guest speakers series, online programs, policy forums, art and science events, community science, responsible seafood initiatives, cultural festivals, and diversity outreach. Explore our outdoor exhibits, including sharks, penguins, seals and sea lions, lorikeets and the ray, moon jelly, sharks, and horseshoe crab touch areas.
5. **Los Angeles Zoo:** www.lazoo.org The Los Angeles Zoo is located in the heart of the nation's second-largest city. Each year 1.3 million visitors pass through the gates to view a collection of 1,200 animals from around the world. The Los Angeles Zoo opened in November 1966. Several of the animals that were in the Zoo on opening day: elephant

Gita, alligator Methuselah, Indian rhino Herman. The L.A. Zoo was the first major zoo in the United States to bar visitors from feeding the animals.

6. **San Diego Zoo:** www.sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org The 100-acre Zoo was founded in 1916, by a colorful and extremely enterprising local physician, Dr. Harry Wegeforth. He gathered a collection of 50 animals from various local menageries and hired a single keeper named Army, "who had one arm but it was all he needed." Today the Zoo cares for 3,800 animals (800 different species) and employs 115 individuals to care for them. The total staff numbers more than 1,000. The Zoo has opened several new natural habitats in recent years: Tiger River, Sun Bear Forest, Scripps Aviary, Gorilla Tropics, Pygmy Chimpanzees, Raptors, Australasian Birds, Hippo Beach, and Polar Bear Plunge. And of course you'll want to see the two important visitors that now reside at the Panda Research Station.
7. **San Diego Safari Park:** www.sdzsafaripark.org Located 32 miles northeast of the Zoo, the Wild Animal Park is 20 times larger and an entirely different experience! This 1,800-acre wildlife preserve was established in 1969 under the directorship of Dr. Charles Schroeder. It opened to the public in 1972, and allows visitors to view herds of exotic animals as they might occur in their native homelands of Africa or Asia. The Wgasa Bush Line, a silent electronic monorail, skirts the edge of the Savannah and offers five miles of unobstructed views of elephants, antelope, rhinos, and giraffes. Soon to open is Heart of Africa which will offer guests the opportunity to take a walking safari for an even closer view.
8. **Santa Ana Zoo:** www.santaanazoo.org Today the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park is a nationally accredited public zoological garden occupying a unique urban site in the heart of Orange County. Situated on approximately 20 acres, the zoo is an intimate urban oasis for animals and people. It features South American plants and wildlife; the only zoo in the country to focus exclusively on this region. The Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park is committed to providing recreation and education while bringing the message of conservation to the zoo's many visitors. It is a place to have fun, a place to learn, and a place that can be enjoyed by people of all ages every day of the year.
9. **Santa Barbara Zoo and Gardens:** www.sbzoo.org The beginning was modest with only a few animals - a llama, two sheep, a goat, a turkey and a pair of spider monkeys - but the potential was there in an incredibly beautiful location. The Zoo grew, always emphasizing quality rather than quantity, and soon became one of the most popular attractions in the City of Santa Barbara. Building the Zoo was a community effort. Masses of volunteers dedicated their time while local businesses contributed materials and supplies for everything from pathways to paperwork. Many of the original volunteers and contributors are still very much involved with the Zoo today. Also during the decade of the 70's, landscaping material, much of it donated, continued to be added to the park and

zoo areas. Beautiful gardens were emerging. The Zoo took on a tropical atmosphere, highlighting some magnificent specimen plantings, especially palm trees. The entire lower end of the park had been marshy and only one lone eucalyptus tree grew there when the Zoo was opened. Now visitors wind their way through coral trees, jacarandas, silk trees, bananas and giant bird of paradise. Plantings in and around exhibits compliment the animals.

10. **Sea World San Diego:** www.seaworld.com/san-diego SeaWorld® San Diego ranks in the top 10 theme parks in California. SeaWorld not only features thrill rides and amusements, it also offers many family fun shows with sea mammals, oceanic creatures and lots of things for kids to enjoy in a kid-friendly, vacation destination theme park in San Diego, California. SeaWorld sits next to Mission Bay with many attractions, shops and restaurants overlooking Mission Bay. The setting is spectacular for this family fun attraction.

NTPS Symposiums

NTPS students who are here for at least one year have the opportunity to attend two SETP meetings. One symposium is held at the end of September in Anaheim. The other event is near the end of March location TBD . NTPS pays attendance fees and hotel accommodations for long course students. You are welcome to bring your families to these events. Exact dates and attendance information will be given out prior to each event.

SETP- Anaheim. Meets at the end of September. Meetings for the students last approx. 2 ½ days from 0830 to approx. 1630 Thursday and Friday and approx. 0830 to approx. 1200 on Saturday. Spouses and children are encouraged to attend the 3-day event but they are not registered to attend in the daily symposium meetings. Wednesday evening there is a cocktail party for attendees and a guest. (sorry, no children) Friday there is a dinner and cocktail party for SETP members and guests. This event is not usually included in the student's pre-paid symposium fee.

During the student symposiums, spouses and children may visit Disneyland, hang out at the hotel pool or sightsee in the local area. Disneyland/California Adventure Park opens its doors at 0930 to all hotel guests. You may purchase your own tickets in advance online, or buy at the front gate. The entrance to the park is within walking distance from the hotel. You will be able to enter and exit as many times as you want on the day of your ticket. September can be very hot, 85F/30C, so bring sun lotion and appropriate clothing. I would recommend to bring bathing suits, in event of the desire to go swimming. Also, your room may have a small refrigerator but NO cooking facilities. I strongly recommend that you bring snack foods and drinks because of the theme park, the prices are generally very expensive.

Climate

Lancaster, Palmdale, Quartz Hill, Rosamond, and Mojave: Summer is very dry and hot. Temperatures range between 90 and 110 degrees F (32-43 degrees C). Spring is sometimes rainy with high winds. Temperatures range between 55-85 degrees F (12-29 degrees C). Winter can be mild, cold, rainy, or windy with temperatures between 25-55 degrees F (-3-12 degrees C). Fall starts out mild but can turn cold and windy. Temperatures range between 40-75 degrees F (4-23 degrees C) and the sun shines almost every day on the Antelope Valley.

Tehachapi's year-round temperature is generally 10 degrees cooler. Summers are warm to moderately hot with a temperature range from 60-100 degrees F (15-38 degrees C). Spring is cool and windy with temperatures between 45-68 degrees F (8-20 degrees C). Winter is cold with some snow, ice, freezing, rain, and fog. Temperatures can range between 14-50 degrees F (-10-10 degrees C). Fall is cool, mostly sunny temperatures between 41-77 degrees F (5-25 degrees C). Tehachapi experiences four very distinct seasons.

Leaving NTPS

If your living situation is in an apartment contracted by the National Test Pilot School, NTPS and the apartment management kindly request that you leave the apartment in approximately the same condition that it was when you arrived.

This means that you must remove everything from the apartment that you brought in. The refrigerator must be emptied, and all closets, cabinets, and drawers. Look under beds and behind large furniture for small items. Take all the trash to the bins provided by the apartment complex.

You are not required to scrub the walls unless you or your children have left obvious marks. You are not required to do a "spotless" cleaning of the kitchen, bathrooms, or refrigerator. Leave these areas as clean as you would normally keep them. Also, you do not need to worry about carpet cleaning, the apartment management will take care of the particulars. Please "spot" clean any areas that you are responsible for.

Please take care of the furniture and remove any marks that you or your family has made.

You are welcome to DONATE any items that you do not want to take home with you. This includes items like clothing, appliances, furniture, electronics, etc. Here are a few locations that will accept donations:

Salvation Army - *will provide a free donation pick up for large quantities or furniture

1-800-725-2769

Goodwill-

2043 W Ave J, Lancaster CA 93536

661-341-3912

If you have a vehicle that you will need to get rid of, you can contact Student Services & Affairs at NTPS to add to the list. This list is sent out to the incoming students for the next professional course.

We have been through many graduating classes and have helped many students come and go.

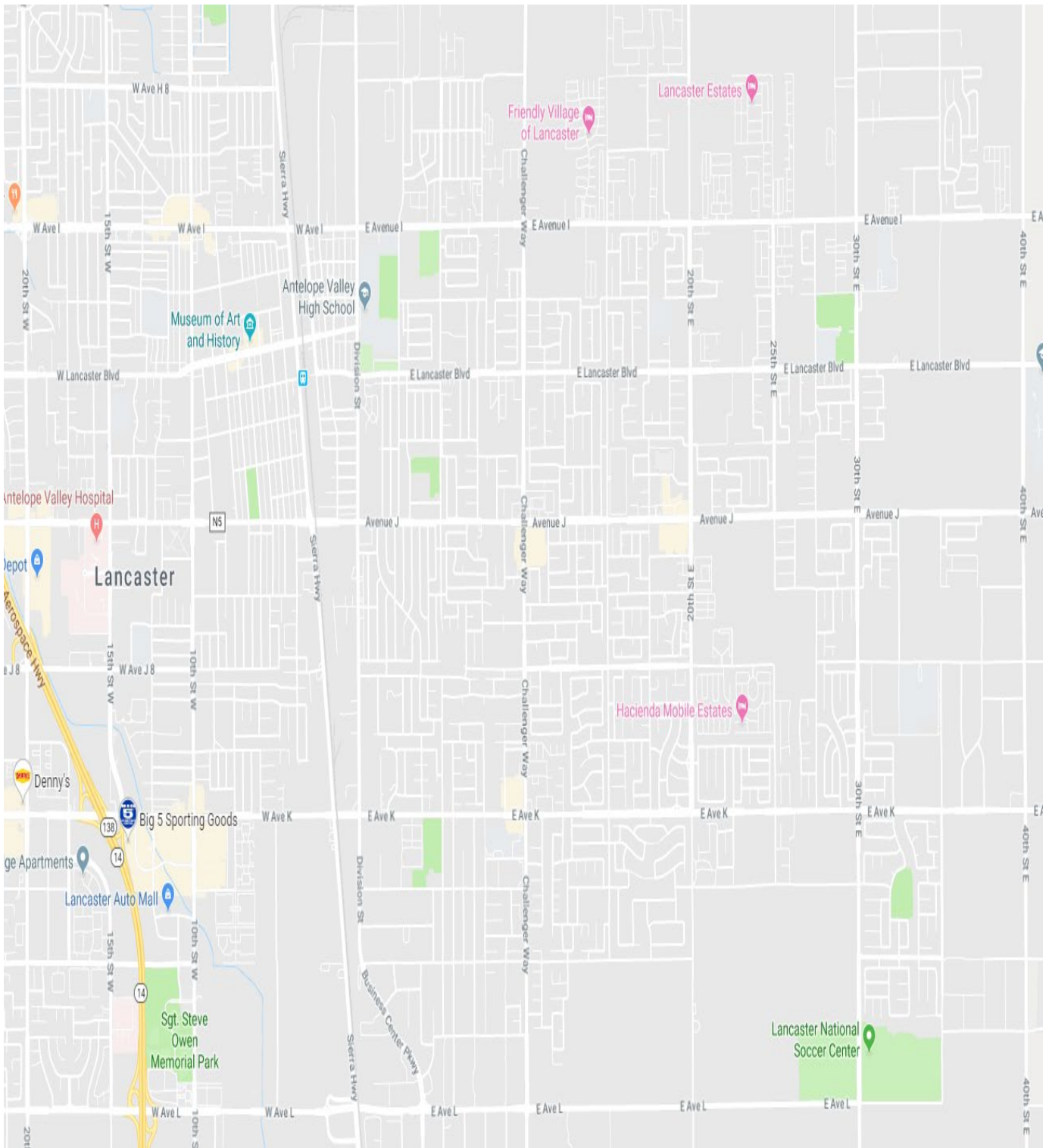
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Good luck on your next adventure!!!

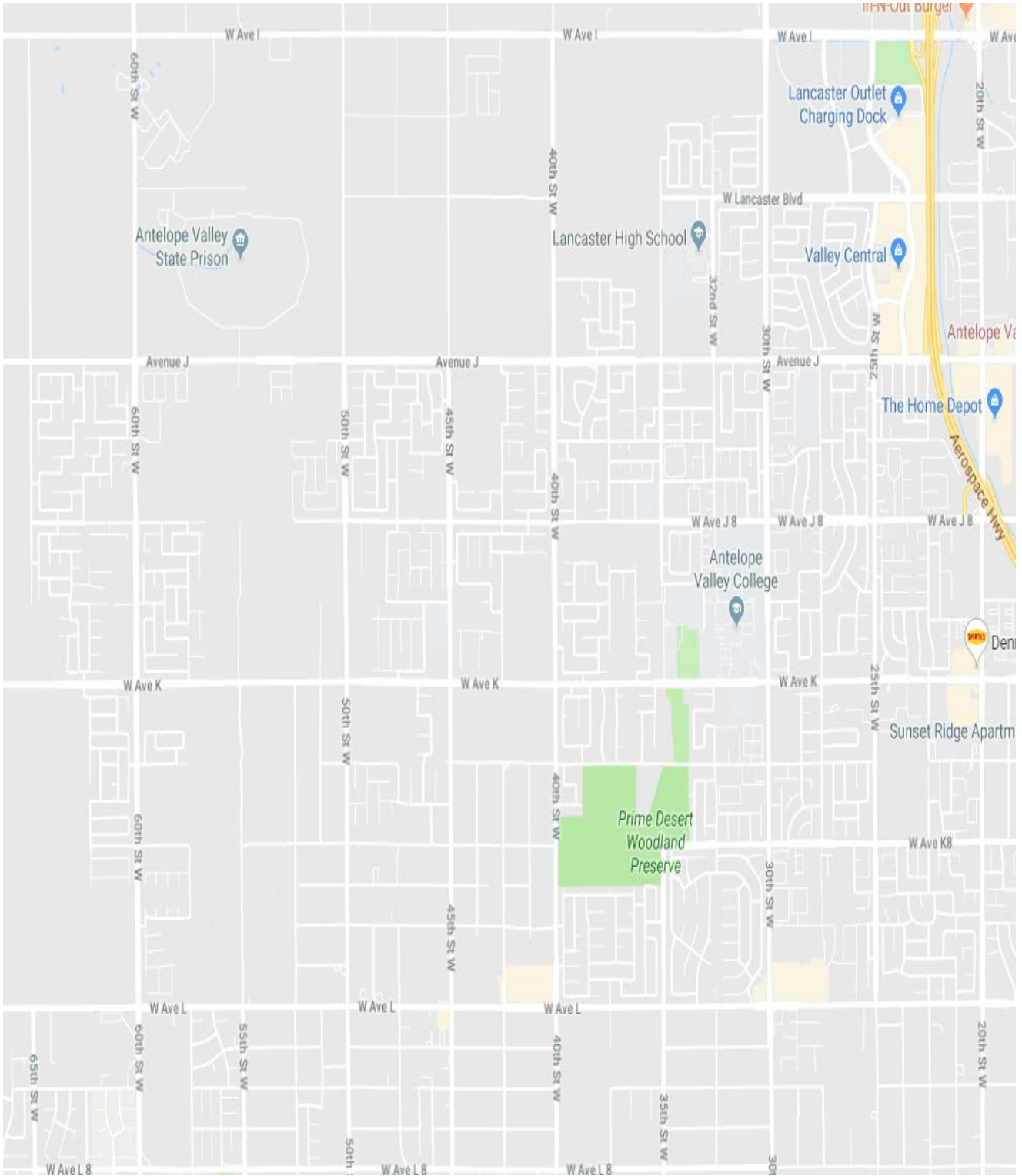
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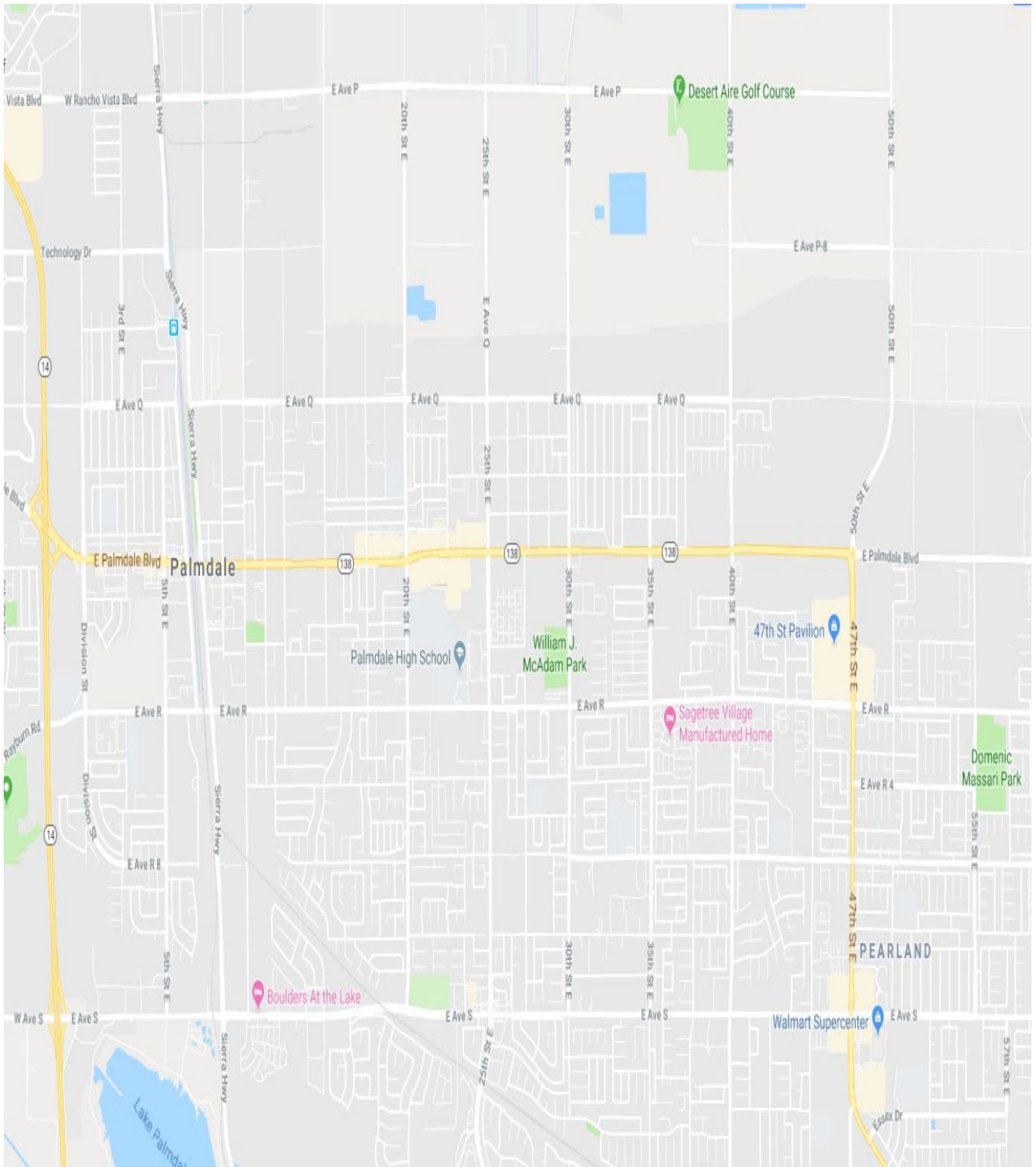
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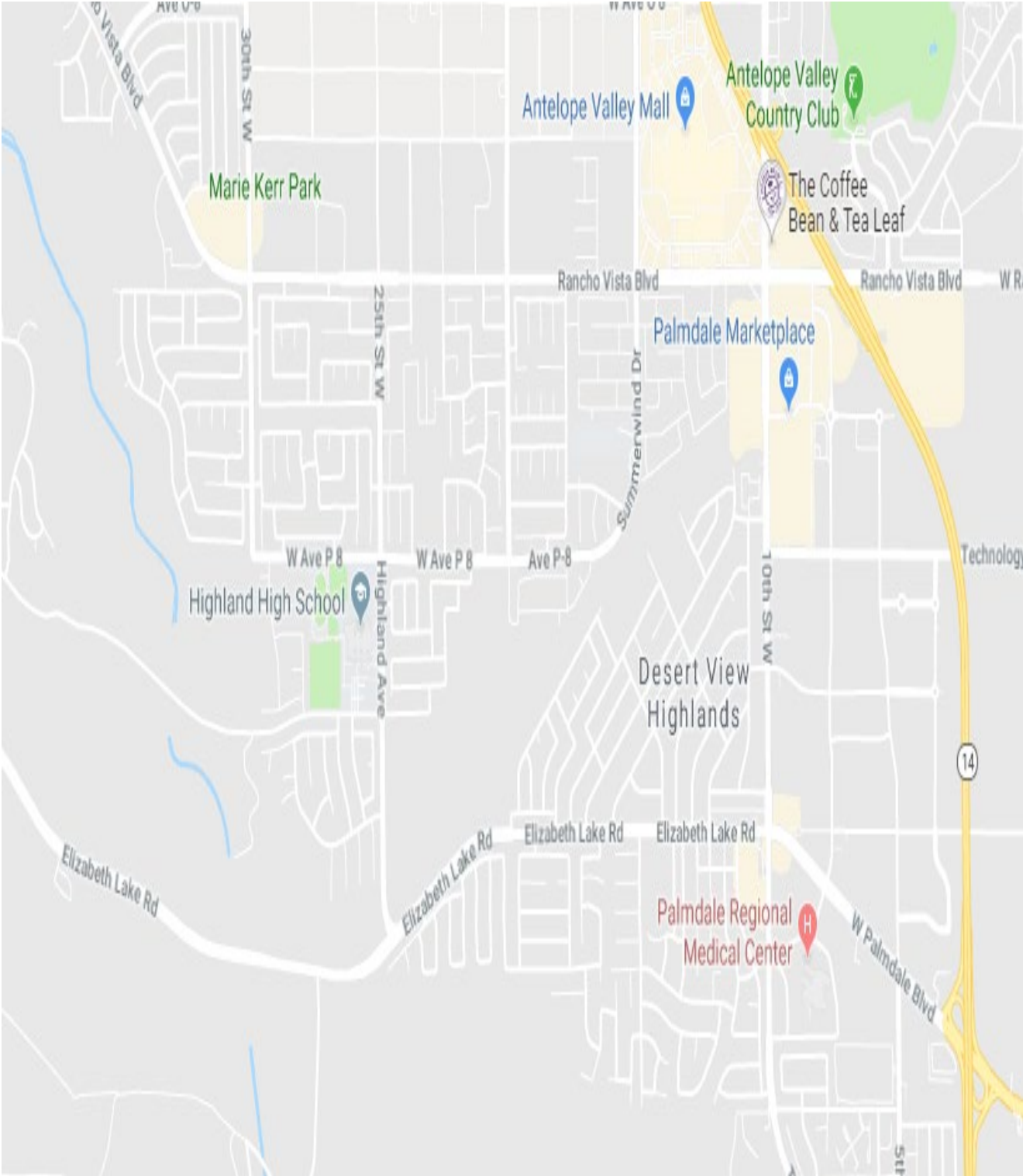
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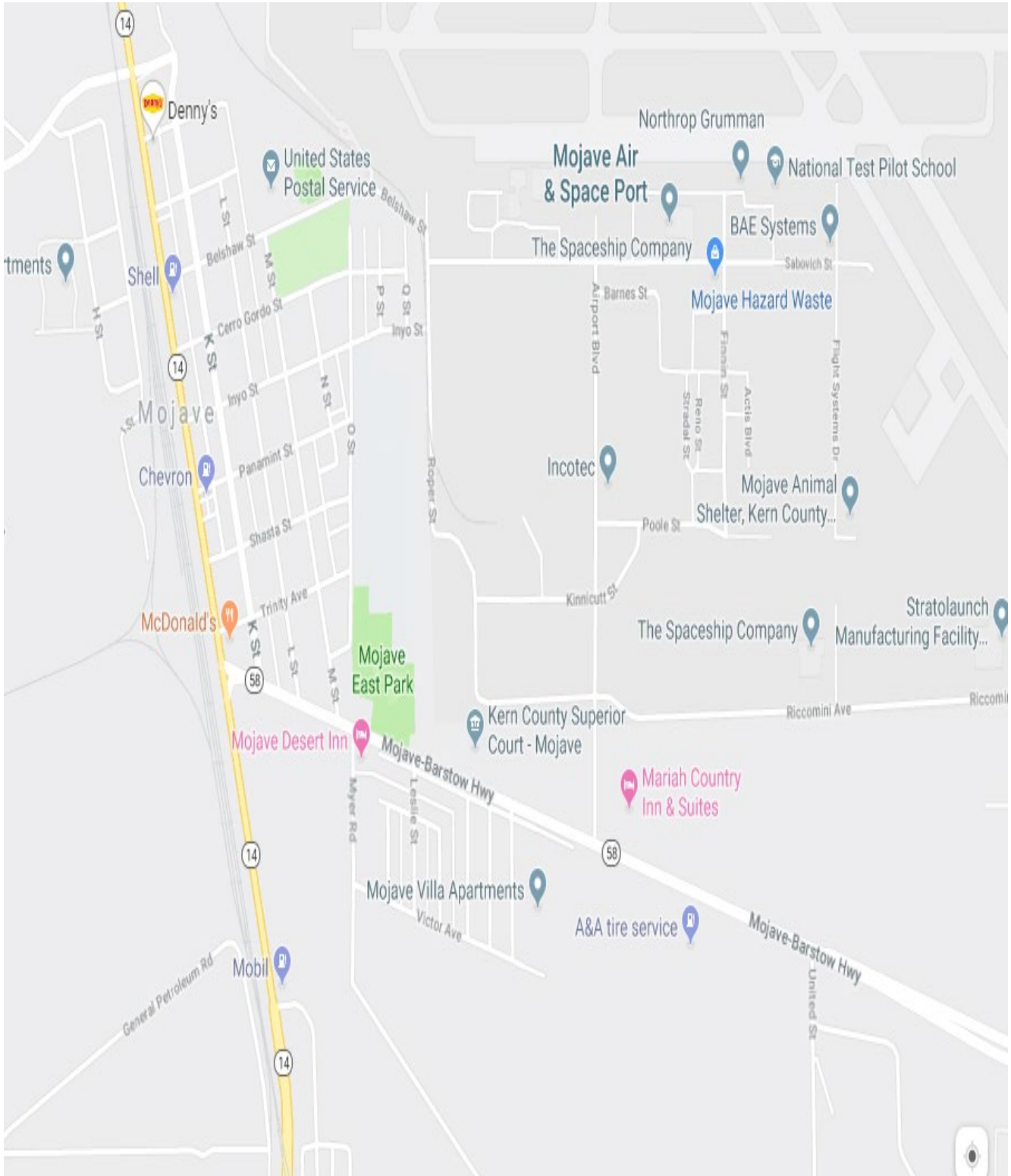
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Palmdale “West” Map



Mojave Map



Tehachapi Map

