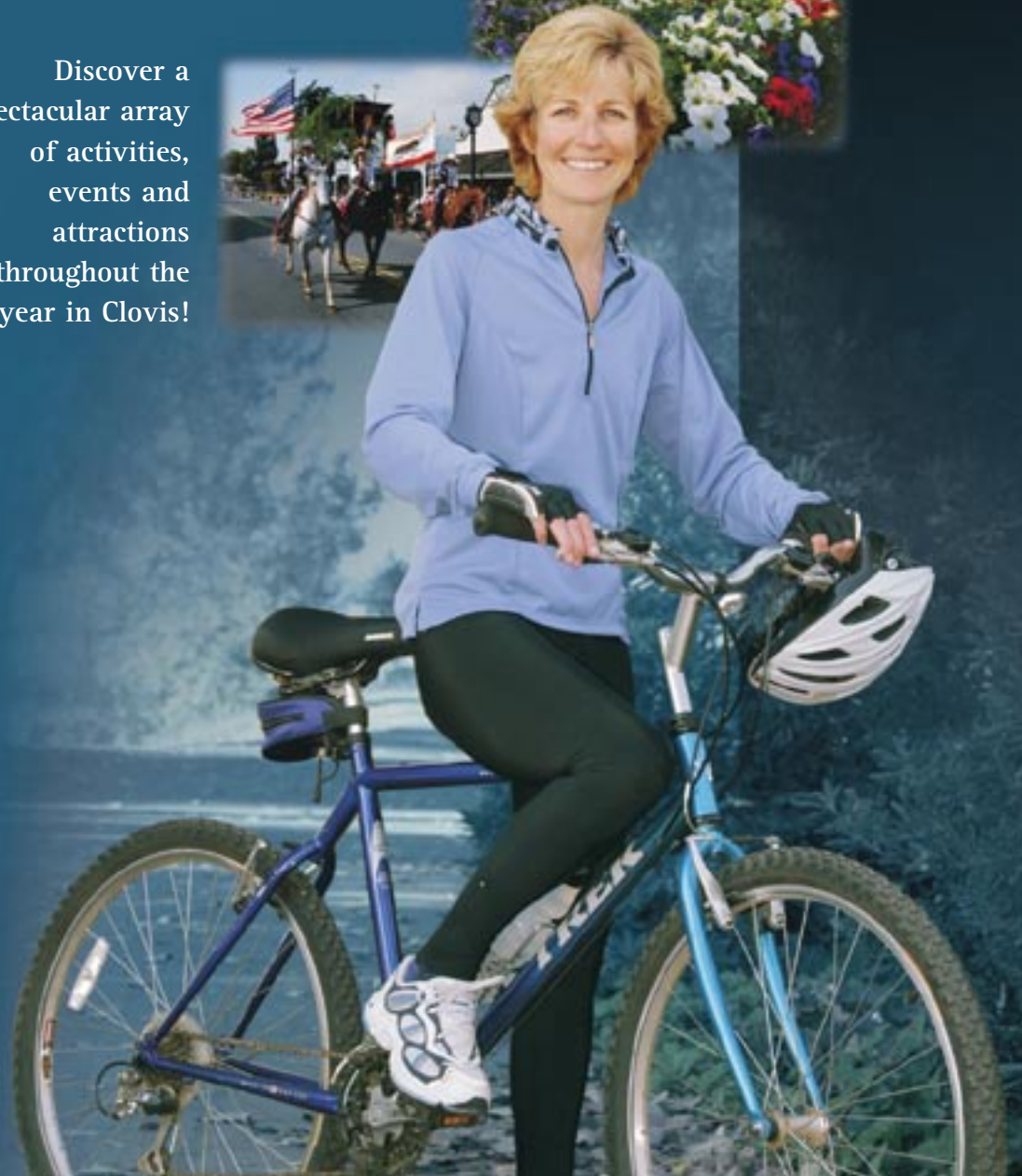


# Visitor's Guide



Discover a  
spectacular array  
of activities,  
events and  
attractions  
throughout the  
year in Clovis!



# Action

and adventure were traditional to the way of life in the Old West. In Clovis, you'll find this is one tradition that's still alive and kicking.



## Events

The Clovis calendar is packed with a multitude of celebrations including April's Big Hat Days, the Clovis Children's Electric Christmas Parade in December, and a variety of festivals and fun events to fill the time in between.

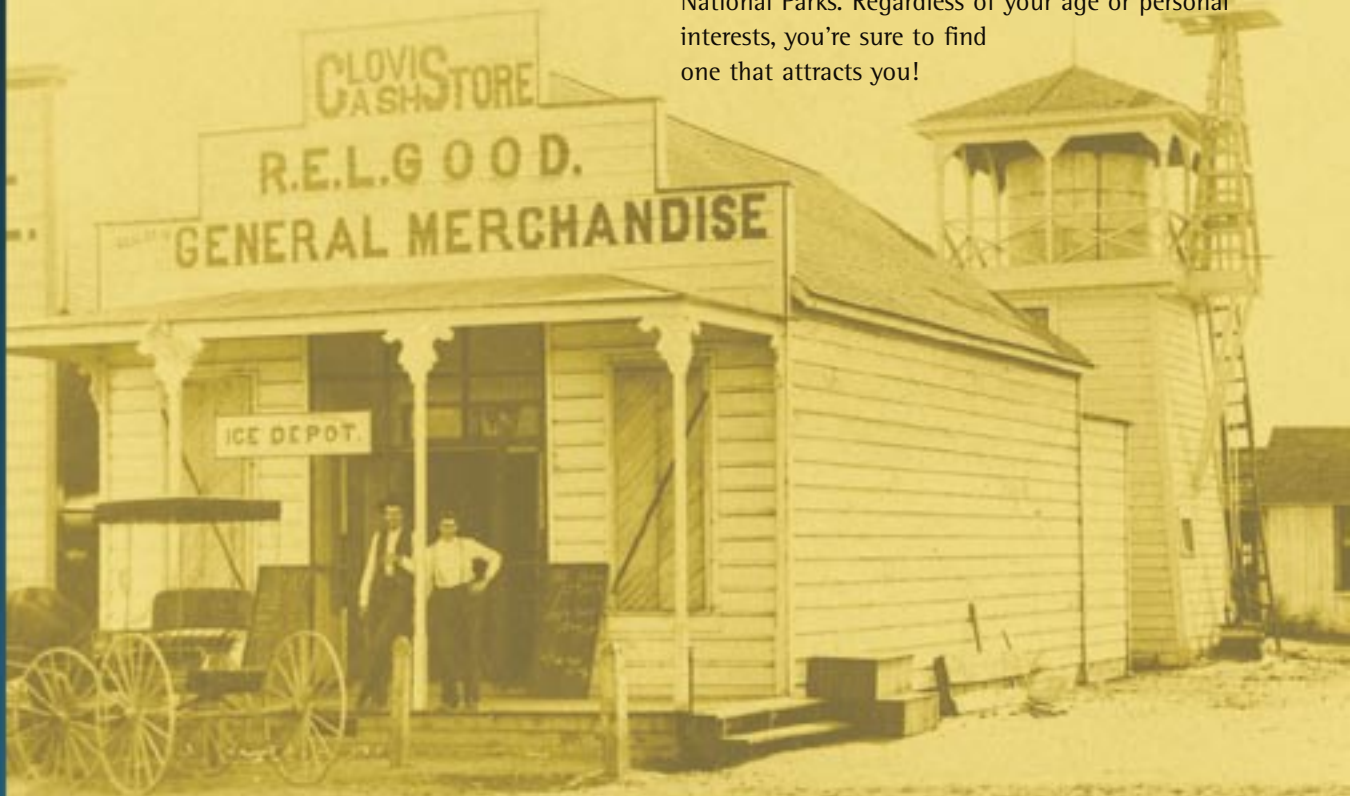
## Activities

If you're the active type, we offer quite a range of recreation. How about biking, skating, jogging or walking among the natural beauty of the Clovis Old Town Trail? Or hunting antique goods and collectibles as you explore our many boutiques and antique malls. Plus, you'll find the surrounding area filled with opportunities for hiking, whitewater rafting, and more.



## Attractions

There are a number of fun attractions that draw people to the surrounding region – from the wet, wild fun of the area's two major water parks, to the grown-up thrills of our three casinos, to the natural relaxation found in world-famous Yosemite or Sequoia National Parks. Regardless of your age or personal interests, you're sure to find one that attracts you!



Discover a wealth of exciting events – with all there is to see and do, you'll find plenty of enjoyment no matter what you're into!

Twice annually, once in March and again in October, the Business Organization of Old Town (BOOT) presents Clovis' Antiques and Collectibles Fairs. Bringing merchants together from throughout the Valley and across the nation, these events are a collector's paradise.

At Easter time, the Clovis Recreation Center presents their annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Held in one of Clovis' many public parks, this fun family event is free of charge for all interested children.

The Clovis Big Hat Days celebration, held the first weekend in April, draws more than 130,000 people to Old Town Clovis. Browse the wares at 300 different art and craft booths, sample a rich variety of tasty foods, kick up your heels to live country/western music, and more!



The Clovis Rodeo ①, one of the West's largest, takes place during the last full weekend in April. It includes a fun-filled parade, an exciting evening of western-style entertainment, and two big days of pulse-pounding rodeo action!



May's Strawberry Jamboree at the Sierra Vista Mall features an impressive car show with hundreds of antique autos and hot rods on display. Plus, you'll find food booths offering a diverse selection of delicious strawberry specialties!



Every Friday evening from May through September, the Farmer's Market is in full swing in the heart of Old Town Clovis. Sample a cornucopia of fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables, grown here in the nation's

finest agricultural region, each in the peak of season! This weekly event also offers live entertainment and special activities for kids.



On the final Friday of July, the Farmer's Market presents the **Peach Party**, an event celebrating everything peachy, with mouthwatering peach desserts and a recipe competition for peach-loving cooks.



In August, track and field fans from across the nation make Old Town Clovis their destination for the **North American Pole Vault Championships**. Come early for a good vantage point; the action takes place right in the middle of Pollasky Avenue and thousands of spectators fill the sidewalks.



During the last weekend in September, it's **ClovisFest!** For two days in Old Town Clovis, attendees enjoy hot air balloons and live entertainment, sample multicultural foods, browse the wares of over 200 craftsmen, quench their

thirst in the Beer Garden, and take in one of the Valley's biggest car shows, the **Cool Clovis Classics**.

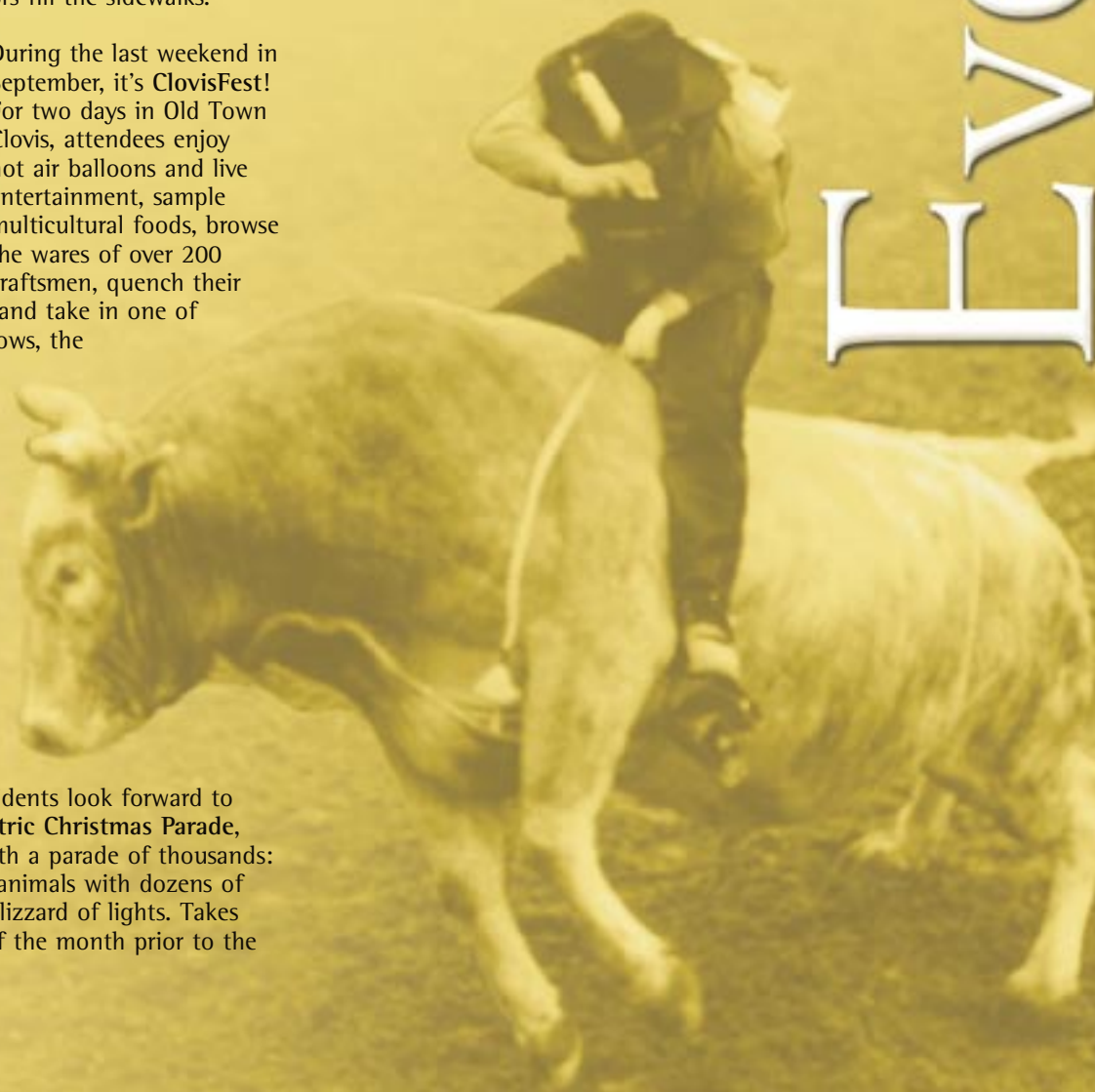
October offers true thrills and chills as Todd Wolfe presents his annual **Scream If You Can** 2 **Haunted Mansion and Sanitarium**. Every evening from the second week of October through the end of the month, tour a genuine haunted house and learn its blood-curdling history.

Each December, Valley residents look forward to the **Clovis Children's Electric Christmas Parade**, ushering in the holiday with a parade of thousands: local children, adults and animals with dozens of floats, all blanketed in a blizzard of lights. Takes place on the first Friday of the month prior to the holiday.

For more information including specific dates and times for these events or any other Clovis happening, contact the Clovis Tourist Information and Visitors Center at Tarpey Depot:

Toll-free: (877) 7-CLOVIS  
Or (559) 324-2084  
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# Events



## Shopping

With more antiques shops per square mile than anywhere else in California, **Old Town Clovis** <sup>3</sup> is a Mecca for collectors from all over. There are also art galleries, gift and coffee shops, restaurants, and more.

Come on down and browse around – you never know what you'll find!

### <sup>4</sup> Sierra Vista Mall

Major regional shopping mall with department stores, shops and restaurants, all under one roof.  
1050 Shaw Ave.

### <sup>5</sup> Sierra Pavilions Shopping Center

Across from Sierra Vista. Outdoor mall with a great selection of interesting shops and eateries.

## Restaurants

When coming to Clovis, be sure and bring your appetite! With more than 150 restaurants and eateries from casual to classy, you're guaranteed to find one that will hit the spot. Contact the Clovis Visitors Center at Tarpey Depot for your copy of the Guide to Dining Out in Clovis.

## Cinemas

<sup>6</sup> **United Artists Clovis Towne Center**  
2301 Villa Ave.

<sup>7</sup> **United Artists Sierra Vista**  
801 Santa Ana Ave.

## Trails & Tours

One of the best ways to see Clovis and its surrounding beauty is by exploring our trails or taking a self-guided tour. A few are listed below.

For complete details and maps of local walking or driving tours, see the Clovis Visitors Center at Tarpey Depot for your free copies of our Nature's Trails and Historical Sites brochures.

The **Clovis Historical Walking Tour**, a self-guided, one-hour walk through Old Town Clovis, offers visitors a chance to look back through time for a glimpse of the town's early heritage.

In late February, drink in the lush beauty of spring as you drive the **Sierra Heritage Scenic Byway and Wildflower Trail**. Though this scenic foothill drive is a pleasant diversion year-round, this time of year offers vivid explosions of color as thousands of wildflowers burst into bloom.

Or you can bike, skate, run or walk the paved, landscaped **Clovis Old Town Trail**, an excellent way to get some exercise and fresh air as you take in the Clovis scenery.

## Other Activities

<sup>8</sup> **Buchanan Educational Center**  
100 acres of multi-use recreational fields and facilities including a softball complex and Olympic-size pool. Site of state and regional sporting events.  
1560 N. Minnewawa

<sup>9</sup> **Clovis Big Dry Creek Museum**  
Learn the fascinating history and legends of this Old West town.  
401 Pollasky Ave.

<sup>10</sup> **Island Water Park**  
Water slides and rides, miniature golf, arcade.  
6099 W. Barstow Ave.

**Kings River Expeditions**  
Whitewater rafting adventures among the natural beauty of the King's River.  
6099 W. Barstow Ave.

<sup>11</sup> **Mercedes Edwards Theatre**  
This historical venue is one of the state's premier educational theatre arts facilities, hosting numerous high school and community productions throughout the year.  
902 5th Street

<sup>12</sup> **Rodeo Lanes Bowling**  
A 40-lane bowling center.  
140 Shaw Ave.

<sup>13</sup> **Wild Water Adventures**  
Largest water park in the West! Includes softball, volleyball, arcade, fishing lake.  
11413 E. Shaw

<sup>14</sup> **Wolf Lakes Park**  
Privately owned park that serves as an elegant, waterfront setting for weddings, reunions and other celebrations. Services include catering, boat tours.  
11646 E. Ashlan Ave., Sanger, California

## Historical Sites to See

<sup>15</sup> Clovis Chamber of Commerce

<sup>16</sup> Clovis Hotel

<sup>17</sup> Festus Haggen  
(Character from Gunsmoke) Statue

<sup>18</sup> Gateway to the Sierras Sign

<sup>19</sup> Old Town Clovis Water Tower

<sup>20</sup> Tarpey Depot



# Activities

### **Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino**

Slot machines, card tables, bingo, food. Open 24 hours.  
Coarsegold, California

### **Mono Wind Casino**

Slot machines, card tables, bingo, food and adult  
beverages. Open 24 hours.  
Auberry, California

### **Table Mountain Casino**

Slot machines, card tables, bingo, food.  
Open 24 hours.  
Friant, California



### **Bass Lake Queen**

Boat tours among the mountain  
scenery of beautiful Bass Lake.  
Bass Lake, California

### **San Joaquin River Parkway**

Coke Hallowell Center, canoe tours,  
canoe and kayak rentals.  
Friant, California

### **Millerton Lake State Recreation Area**

Swimming, boating, water-skiing, hiking, camping,  
horseback riding.  
Friant, California

### **Sierra Summit Ski Resort**

200 acres of skiable  
terrain, ski instruction,  
rentals, sports shop,  
hotel.



### **Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks**

Site of the General  
Sherman Tree, the largest living thing on earth. All  
sorts of outdoor recreation throughout the seasons.

### **Yosemite National Park/Badger Pass Ski Area**

From the slopes of family-friendly Badger Pass to the  
lush meadows of  
the valley floor,  
opportunities for  
outdoor adventure  
abound year-round.



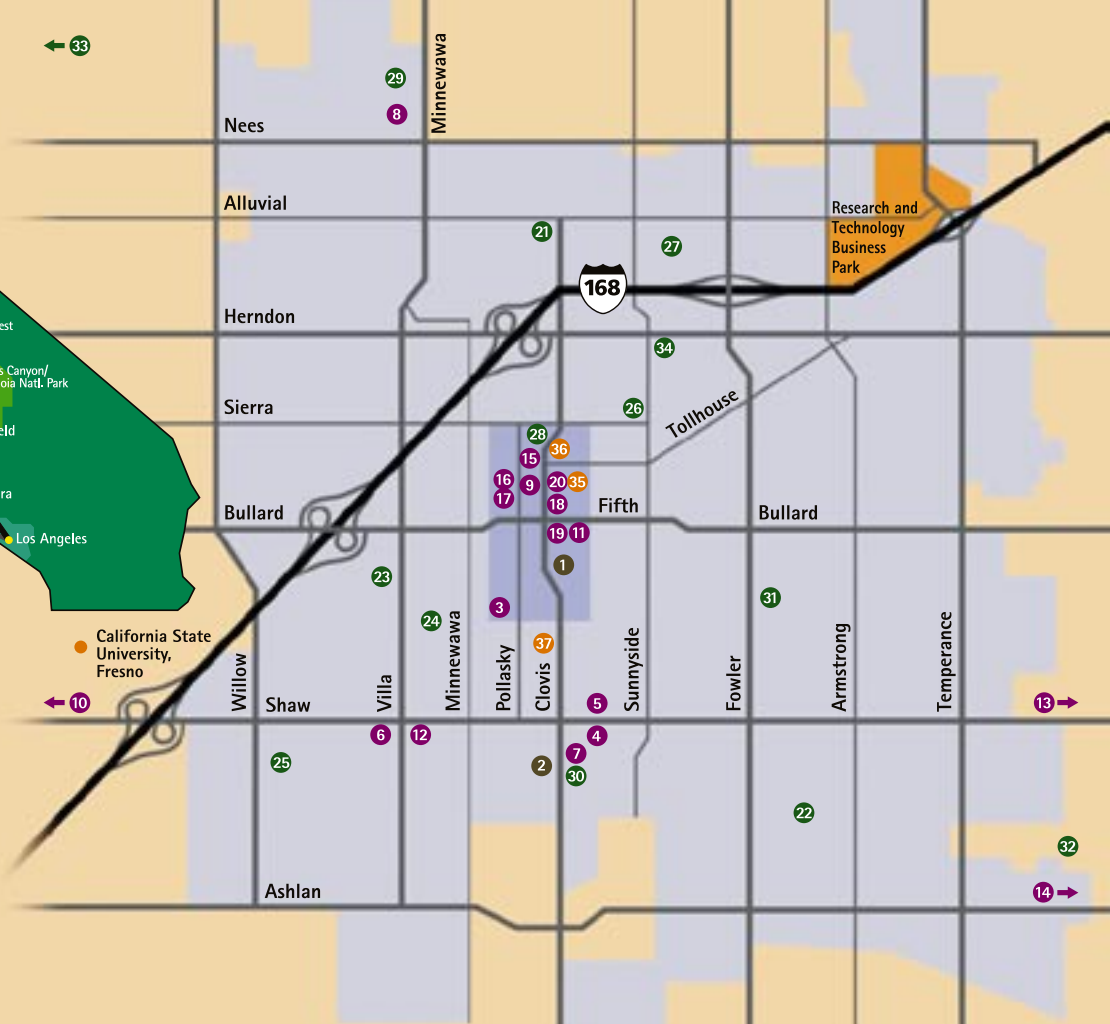
### **Clovis Parks**

- 21 Cottonwood Park  
Trees, turf and trail areas.
- 22 Gettysburg Park  
Children's playground, picnic area, restrooms.
- 23 Letterman Park  
Skating facilities, children's playground,  
picnic area, volleyball facilities, horseshoe pits,  
restrooms.
- 24 Rotary Park  
Softball facilities, restrooms.
- 25 San Gabriel Park  
Children's playground, picnic area, volleyball  
and basketball facilities, restrooms.
- 26 Sierra Bicentennial Park  
Children's playground, picnic area, batting  
cage, basketball and softball facilities,  
horseshoe pits, restrooms.
- 27 Stanford/El Paso Park  
Trees and turf.
- 28 Treasure Ingmire Park  
Children's playground, picnic area, restrooms.

### **High Schools**

- 29 Buchanan
- 30 CART – Center for  
Advanced Research  
and Technology
- 31 Clovis
- 32 Clovis East
- 33 Clovis West
- 34 Gateway

# Area Attractions



## Transport

Clovis Transit Stageline  
(city bus)

Round Up  
(transport service for seniors)

Fresno/Yosemite  
International Airport

## Places to Stay in Clovis

- 35 Best Western Clovis Cole Hotel  
415 Clovis Ave.
- 36 Comfort Inn & Suites  
Planned Opening – Spring 2005
- 37 Rodeo Lodge  
1616 Clovis Ave.

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International Airport



# It all starts here!

As early as 1891, visitors to the Clovis area would make the Tarpey Depot their first stop, inquiring about local restaurants, services, and activities. Though the depot has been moved from its original location, not much has changed.

Visitors still head for the Depot, now located at the northeast corner of Clovis and Fourth and restored to its original beauty, to learn about everything Clovis has to offer.

For dates and times, directions, or other details about any of the events, activities and attractions listed in this brochure, just call, visit, or go online.

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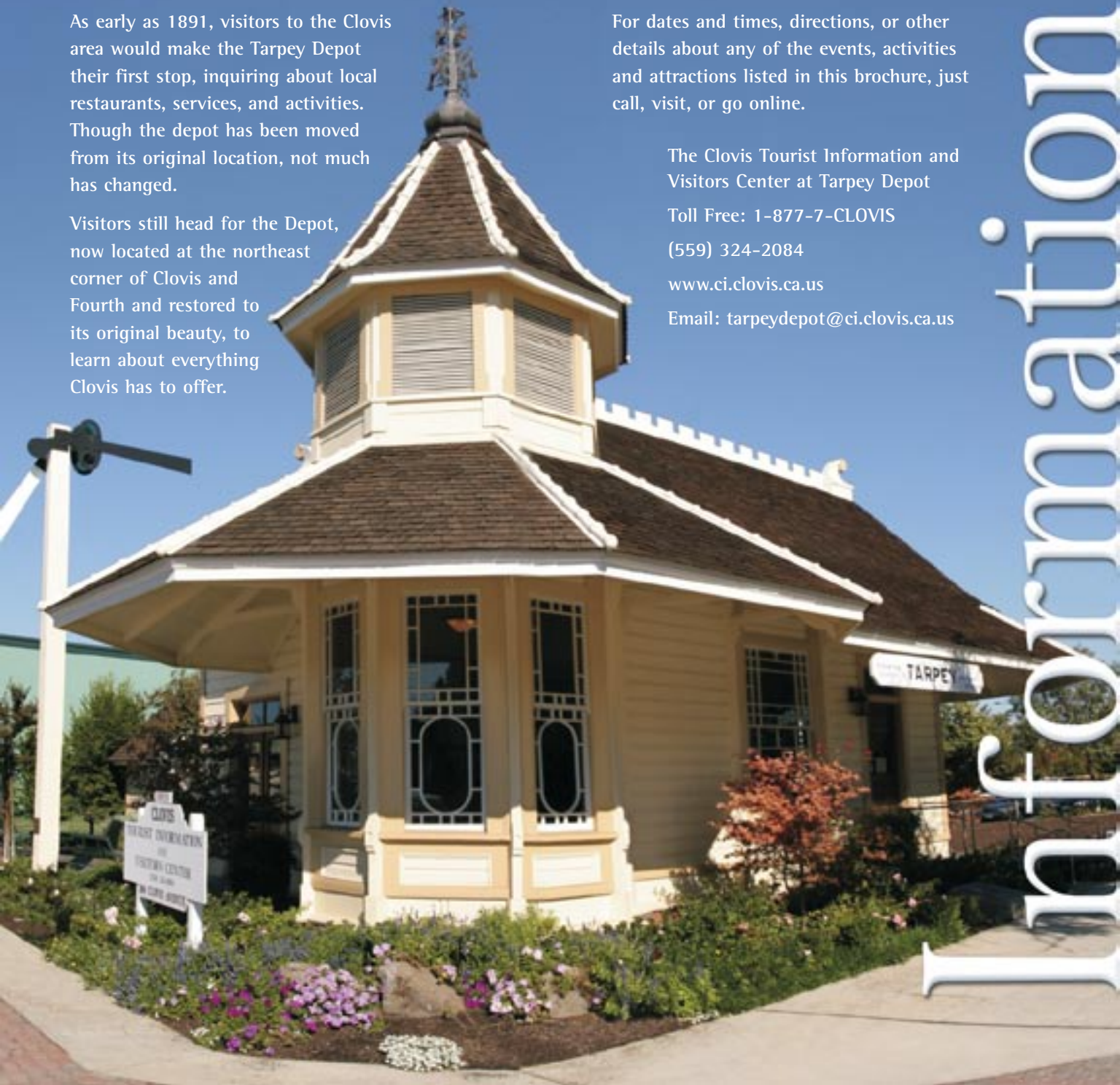
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Information





## Antiques and Collectibles Guide

Visit a charming, renewed turn of the century town filled with antique and collectible stores, family dining and more!



## Guide to Dining Out

Enjoy an appetizing selection of restaurants and eateries in every corner of Clovis. This guide provides more than 100 choices!



## Historical Sites

Walk through history in a turn of the century town; see how Clovis began and the historical sites that continue to live in memory!



## Nature's Trails

Drive, bicycle or walk scenic trails from Old Town Clovis to the Blossom Trail, The San Joaquin River, the Sierra Wilderness, Yosemite National Park and more!



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