



MAJOR EVENTS IN SANTA CLARITA

MARCH

[**SENSES Block Party**](#) – Free themed block party: live music, food trucks and themed activities the 3rd Thursday of every month from March to October.

APRIL [**Cowboy Festival**](#) – Rope a steer, pan for gold and so much more at Santa Clarita’s annual cowboy themed festival.

MAY

[**Tequila and Tacos**](#) – Tequila and tacos go hand in hand. Celebrate both with a two-day music festival.

JUNE [**Boots and Brews**](#) – Jumpstart your summer with cold beer and performances by country music superstars.

[**Boots in the Park**](#) – Enjoy more country music performances by your favorite artists.

[**Valencia Jazz and Blues**](#) – Enjoy a variety of free Jazz concerts throughout the months of June to August.

[**Sugar Daddy Marathon**](#) – Celebrate Dad with a family-friendly fun run over Father’s Day weekend.

OCTOBER

[**Spacerock Trail Race**](#) – Vasquez Rocks Natural Park provides the perfect out-of-this-world backdrop for this challenging half marathon, 10k and 5k race.

[**Hart of the West Powwow**](#) – Experience a slice of Native American culture with traditional dancers, drummers and arts and crafts vendors.

DECEMBER

[**Spartan Race**](#) – Test your grit while leaping over fire and crossing mud pits in this down and dirty obstacle course race.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Food

- [Cheesecake Factory](#)
- [Pocock Brewing Public House](#)
- [Newhall Refinery](#)
- [The Old Town Junction](#)
- [Greater Pacific](#)
- [Eggplantation](#)
- [Wolf Creek Restaurant](#)
- [Smokehouse on Main](#)

Breweries

- [Pocock Brewing Co.](#)
- [Brewery Draconum](#)
- [Lucky Luke's Brewery](#)

Wineries

- [Agua Dulce Winery](#)
- [Reyes Winery](#)

Wine Tasting Rooms

- [Newhall Press Room](#)
- [Pulchella Winery](#)
- [Double Trouble Wine Room](#)

ADVENTURE/RELAXATION

Animal Encounters

- [Gentle Barn](#)
- [Gibbon Conservation Center](#)
- [The Shambala Preserve](#)
- [Animal Tracks](#)

Hiking

- [Oak of the Golden Dream/Placerita Canyon](#)
- [Vasquez Rocks](#)
- [Towsley Canyon](#)

Bike Rentals

- [Open Trails \(electrical bikes\)](#)
- [Bicycle Johns \(high end bikes\)](#)
- [Pace Bike Share](#)

Attractions

- [Six Flags Magic Mountain](#)
- [Six Flags Hurricane Harbor](#)
- [MB2](#)
- [Hart Mansion/ Santa Clarita History Center/ Hart Park](#)
- [Universal Studios](#) (approximately 28 miles or 40 minute drive)
- [Ventura Beaches](#) (50 miles)

Golf Courses

Public/Semi Public

- [Vista Valencia](#)

Private

- [Valencia Country Club](#)
- [The Oaks Country Club](#)

Spas

- [Ivy Day Spa](#)
- [Massage Envy](#)
- [Infinity MedSpa](#)

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Colleges in Santa Clarita

- [College of the Canyons](#)
- [California Institute of the Arts \(CalArts\)](#)
- [The Master's University](#)

Colleges within driving distance

- [California State University Northridge \(CSUN\)](#) – 17 miles away from Santa Clarita
- [University of California Los Angeles \(UCLA\)](#) – 27 miles away from Santa Clarita
- [University of Southern California \(USC\)](#) – 37 miles away from Santa Clarita

Santa Clarita School Districts (elementary, junior and high schools)

- [William S. Hart Union School District](#) (junior and high schools)
- Castaic, Newhall, Sulphur-Springs, Acton-Agua Dulce and Saugus Union school districts (elementary schools)



SANTA CLARITA BACKGROUND/FACTS

- Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor are our biggest attractions, but there are many other reasons people come to Santa Clarita.
- Santa Clarita is the third largest City in Los Angeles County with a population over 250,000 if you count both inside City limits (225,000+) and the surrounding area.
- Over 10 hotels with almost 1,900 rooms to offer.
- Northern most city in Los Angeles County. Many people use Santa Clarita as a gateway to Los Angeles because we are close to many attractions:
 - We are about 20 minutes away from Universal Studios and Warner Brothers Studios and less than an hour from Ventura, which is our closest beach. It's common for travelers to stay in Santa Clarita for a few nights – go to Six Flags one day, Universal Studios the next day and Ventura Beach the day after that which is reached via a picturesque road trip through [Heritage Valley](#) via Highway 126.
- There are many advantages to staying in Santa Clarita: it's close to Hollywood, Burbank and about 30 miles from Downtown Los Angeles, but since it's on the edge of Los Angeles, the hotels are a much greater value than staying in Hollywood, beach communities or Los Angeles. Santa Clarita is much more "breathable" than LA and it is easy to navigate.
- Santa Clarita has a rural charm in its [Old Town Newhall District](#) and high-end dining, shopping and entertainment at the [Westfield Valencia Town Center](#) which is right across the street from our largest hotel, the [Hyatt Regency Valencia](#).
- Santa Clarita is home to many world class events. We have hosted the [Amgen Tour of California](#) 14 times, which is more than any other City. As you may know the cycling race is produced by ASO, who also operates the Tour de France.
- Santa Clarita also hosts an Oktoberfest, the Spartan Race, Boots & Brews, [Santa Clarita Marathon](#), the [Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival](#) and many other events throughout the year.
- Santa Clarita is home to wineries, a multitude of wine tasting rooms, breweries and gastropubs.
- Santa Clarita has a rich history and was where gold was [first discovered in California](#).
- Santa Clarita has grown over the years, but was home to thousands of western films and television shows. Santa Clarita is still one of the most filmed cities in California and is/was home base to shows like Westworld, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, NCIS, SWAT and [many others](#). Santa Clarita is home to tens of thousands of acres of open space and is great for outdoor adventure. [Vasquez Rocks](#) is a short drive and is recognizable in many films and television shows including Westworld, most Star Treks, Austin Powers, the Flintstones and Austin Powers. Also Santa Clarita is a great stop on a road trip for international travelers, many of which plan to visit Los Angeles, San Fransico and Las Vegas.
- Since Santa Clarita is in northern Los Angeles it's the first big city in the Los Angeles area travelers pass coming south from San Francisco which is about 5 hours away. Las Vegas is about a four-hour drive and San Diego is typically 2-3 hours (about 165 miles).