

Santa Clara Local Attractions

de Saisset Museum

The museum's permanent collection includes American, European, African, and Oriental art. The California History Collection displays artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians and relics from the original Mission Santa Clara. Located at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053. (408) 554-4528

California's Great America

The only theme park in California to offer a complete water park inside - free with admission. The park has the most kids rides and the most water rides in Northern California. Also, don't miss Planet Snoopy, including a chance to visit with Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and other Peanuts characters. The park is located at Great America Parkway between I-101 and Highway 237 in Santa Clara. Open April through October. 4701 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054. For more information, call (408) 988-1776.

Harris-Lass House Museum

Santa Clara's last farmstead includes a restored house, barn, summer kitchen, and tankhouse. Operated by the Historic Preservation Society. 1889 Market Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050. (408) 249-7905

Intel Museum

An interactive museum which introduces visitors to the micro-miniature world of computer chips. Open Monday through Saturday. Intel Corporation, Robert Noyce Building, 2200 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95052. (408) 765-0503

Mission Santa Clara de Asis

The eighth of 21 missions built in California, founded in 1777 by the Spanish Franciscans. (California Historical Landmark No. 338) Located on the grounds of picturesque Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053. (408) 554-4023

Santa Clara Historic Museum

Housed in the Header-Inman house, the museum features historic artifacts and photos related to the history of Santa Clara. 1509 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050, (408) 248-2787

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

Founded in 1985 to preserve the heritage of American railroading, the Historical Railroad Society is located in the historic Santa Clara Depot 1005 Railroad Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050. (408) 243-3969

The Tech Museum

Hands-on, imaginative, high-tech exhibits showcase the past, present, and future of Silicon Valley. The museum is also home to a state-of-the-art IMAX Dome Theater, 201 South Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113. (408) 294-TECH

Triton Museum of Art

Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. Also permanent is Triton's sculpture garden located on the seven-acre grounds 1505 Warburton Avenue, (across from city hall), Santa Clara, CA 95050. (408) 247-3754

Winchester Mystery House

A beautiful, but bizarre 160-room Victorian mansion built by the Winchester heiress. (California Historical Landmark No. 868) 525 South Winchester Boulevard, San Jose 95128, (408) 247-2000

Children's Discovery Museum

One of the largest museums of its kind in the nation, over 150 interactive exhibits lead visitors to explore, understand and enjoy the world in which they live. 180 Woe Way, San Jose, CA 95110. (408) 298-5437

Lick Observatory

Located atop 4,209 foot Mount Hamilton, the observatory is 30 miles southeast of Santa Clara up winding Highway 130, Public programs are available by calling (408) 274-5061.

NASA Ames Exploration Center

Features rotating exhibits of artifacts from space missions and demonstrations of research equipment, such as the human centrifuge and flight simulator, Open Tuesday-Sunday. Moffett Field, Mountain View, CA 94035. (650) 604-6274