

## History of Arvin

The City of Arvin has been in existence since 1908 when the “Staples Store” opened on the east of Bear Mountain Blvd. The City was incorporated December 21, 1960 and named after a land owner’s son, Arvin Richardson.

Quiet residential areas, clean streets, low crime rate, a first class fire station and a well kept City Hall all add to the City of Arvin’s charm and livability.

Poised to expand and develop, the City of Arvin is primarily an agricultural-based economy with a growing manufacturing presence. Along the railroad tracks from the many packing houses, fresh fruits and vegetables are shipped worldwide. Well known names such as Grimmway carrots, Gold Ribbon potatoes, and the nostalgic Di Giorgio grapes, peaches, and plums have been distributed throughout America.

### City of Arvin Visitor Center

#### Hours of Operation:

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Wednesday  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friday  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Saturday  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sunday

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*Garden in the Sun*  
Visitor Center  
141 N. A St. Arvin, CA

## Points of Interest, Arvin Surrounding Areas Map

### Visitor Center & Museum

Marker “A”  
141 N. A St.,  
Arvin CA 93203

The Visitor Center & Museum is serviced by a partnership between the City of Arvin and the Arvin Historical Society. The museum hosts an array of historical items from the 1930s “Dust Bowl Days.” Volunteers are knowledgeable about historical accounts of the City should you have any questions.

### Arvin Farm Labor Center

Marker “B”  
8701 Sunset Blvd 142,  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

During the 1930s “Dust Bowl” Farmers throughout the Great Plains began to migrate and settle in California in order to provide for their families. The most famous of these camps are the “Sunset Camp” and “Weedpatch Camp.” Today this area continues to serve as housing for farm workers.

### California Living Museum

Marker “C”  
10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy.  
Bakersfield, CA 93203

CALM is located on 14 park like acres and features over 100 species of non-releasable animals and plants. Animals that are housed here cannot survive in their native environment. Exhibits include bears, birds, reptiles, and mountain lions.

### Bakersfield National Cemetery

Marker “D”  
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd.  
Arvin, CA 93203

Bakersfield National Cemetery is set in the White Wolf area of the Tehachapi Mountains . Through the

National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003, Congress authorized the expansion of 6 new national cemeteries with one located just outside of Arvin.

### The Cross

Marker “E”  
35.2208750, -118.713137  
Arvin, CA 93307

Since the early 1990s people from around Kern County have gathered 5 miles east of Arvin on Bear Mountain. It has been a tradition to drive to the waypoint and enjoy picturesque views of Arvin and the valley. During the spring the trail hosts many wildflowers among the beautiful scenery.

### Sheep’s Trail

Marker “F”  
35.14646507591, -118.8145378903  
Arvin, CA 93307

Four miles south of Arvin a dirt road on Comanche Point will take you to Cummings Valley and Stallion Springs. The Road was used in the early 1900s to move sheep from the valley to the foothills during the dry summer. Along this route you will see breath taking views and wildlife.

### Wind Wolves Preserve

Marker “G”  
16019 Maricopa Hwy.  
Bakersfield, CA 93311

The preserve is a 30 square mile area of grass lands that is home to local area endangered animals. At the preserve you will find many walking trails and elk. One of the notable trails is 7.8 miles featuring a waterfall and is a hike able for all skill level visitors. The preserve is accessible all year round and is pet friendly.



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## Points of Interest, City of Arvin Walking Map

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### Garden in the Sun Park

Marker "2"

201 Walnut St.  
Arvin CA 93203

Garden in the Sun Park is the newest of the City of Arvin's parks. The park hosts a multitude of events including farmers markets and is regularly a place for recreation. This is largely seen as the heart of Arvin's new downtown, nestled between a proposed community college and retail shops.

### Arvin's First Post Office

Marker "3"

1182 Hood St.  
Arvin , CA 93203

A plaque marking Arvin's first post office was placed at its original location by the Arvin Bicentennial Committee in 1976. The engraved text reads "The first Arvin post office was established on the S.E. corner of Walnut and Hood, July 2, 1914, in the two-room ranch home of Birdie L Heard. The name Arvin was selected for the post office by the U.S. Post Office Department from a list submitted by Mrs. Heard."

### Community Center & Smothermon

Marker "4"

800 Walnut Dr.  
Arvin , CA 93203

The Community Center is home to a variety of programs such as the Boys & Girls Club , Zumba and the PGE Cooling Center. Across the parking lot visitors will find Smothermon Park featuring a spray park for hot summers.

### Di Giorgio Park

Marker "5"

651-699 Haven Dr,  
Arvin , CA 93203

Di Giorgio Park hosts the City's brand new Action Park. The Action Park is designed for kids and adults to ride skateboards and BMX bikes for active recreation. Di Giorgio Park also hosts the Boxing League and has a community pool that is run by Bear Mountain Parks and Recreation.

### Arvin's First Jail

Marker "6"

3901 N Derby St.  
Arvin , CA 93203

This building served as the City of Arvin's first jail when the City was first incorporated in the 1960's. After the construction of the current Police Department and City Hall, this building transferred ownership to the Arvin Community Services District where it remains in their possession till this day.

### Padre Francisco Garces Statute

Marker "7"

350 E. Bear Mountain Blvd.  
Arvin , CA 93203

In 1776, Padre Garces sought a new route from Mexico to California. During his journey, he covered more than two thousand miles of uncharted wilderness and was the first non-native person to visit this area. These trails later became the highways and railways of California.

