

30 THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND SANTA ROSA

- #1 Experience the beautiful **Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center** which preserves, displays and interprets the world famous cartoonist's art. See the amazing 17 x 22 foot mural made from more than 3,500 individual *Peanuts*. (707) 579-4452 www.schulzmuseum.org
- **#2** Visit Snoopy's Home Ice at the **Redwood Empire Ice Arena**. Have a snack at the Warm Puppy Coffee Shop, or take a spin around the ice rink. Stop in at the Snoopy Gallery and Gift Shop next door for souvenirs. Call (707) 546-7147 for skating times and general information. www.snoopyshomeice.org
- #3 Visit the place where gardening comes naturally. **Luther Burbank Home & Gardens**, (707) 524-5445, demonstrates Luther Burbank's world-renowned varieties of plants and vegetables. <u>www.lutherburbank.org</u>
- #4 Embark on an adventure at **Safari West**, a 400-acre wildlife preserve and tent camp. Take a guided tour through the preserve, or enjoy a Kenya-style campground for overnight stays. (707) 579-2551. www.safariwest.com
- #5 You are invited to "Come for a Visit and See How Miracles Happen" at **Canine Companions for Independence**, where assistance dogs are trained as service, hearing, companion and facility dogs. Tours are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. 2965 Dutton Avenue (707) 577-1700.
- #6 Get a taste of history at the **Sonoma County Museum**, (707) 579-1500. A rotating art exhibit features local artists working with various media. Lunch at **The Brasserie** in the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel (707) 636-7388, or at the **Omelette Express**, (707) 525-1690, before or after your museum tour would add even more taste to your afternoon.
- #7 Enjoy fishing, sailing, and duck feeding at **Howarth Memorial Park's** Lake Ralphine, (707) 543-3424. For kids, a carousel, pony rides and train rides are available during the summer months.
- #8 Have a cycling or kayaking adventure with **Getaway Adventures**, 1(800)499-02453. You can also rent bicycles for your own adventure from this fun generating company. Bikes are also available at **Trek Bicycle Store**, (707) 546-8735.
- #9 Step back in time. **Historic Railroad Square** offers antiques, coffee houses, vintage shops and restaurants galore. For railroad buffs is the Northwestern Pacific Rail Room Gallery is located in the **Visitors Bureau** in the historic Train Depot. Pick up maps for a self-guided walking tour of this unique area. (707) 577-8674.
- #10 Arrange a tour to visit one or more of the 225 wineries in the Sonoma Wine Country with Pure Luxury Limousine Service, (707) 795-1615, or Healdsburg Winery Tours, (707) 433-6090.
- #11 Enjoy live entertainment. Celebrity entertainers fill the house at the **Wells Fargo Center for the Arts** as well as our widely acclaimed Santa Rosa Symphony. Shows are scheduled regularly; call (707) 527-7006 for details. Attend a performance by one of the **North Bay Theater Groups** troupes. www.ntbg.org
- #12 Relax and pamper yourself with a massage or a spa body treatment at the Le Carré Salon & Spa at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel, (707) 636-7300, or the Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa, (707)545-8530. A massage or Jacuzzi at the Spa at the Bodega Bay Lodge, (707) 875-3525, would be perfect after a walk at Doran Beach.

- **#13** Be amazed by some of the tallest, oldest trees in California. **Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve**, (707) 869-2015, is an 805-acre park with picnic groves and self-guided nature trails. On the way, stop at the **Korbel Champagne Cellars** for a tour or a gourmet lunch from their deli. (707) 824-700 While out in the west county stop at Mom's Apple Pie for delicious dessert. (707) 823-8330.
- #14 Try your luck at River Rock Casino just outside of Santa Rosa. (707) 857-2777 www.riverrockcasino.com
- #15 Take in "the most beautiful view in Sonoma County" from **Paradise Ridge Winery**. Wander through their world class outdoor sculpture garden. (707) 528-9463. www.prwinery.com
- #16 Find out what's happening in our Santa Rosa community by reading **The Press Democrat**, our local daily newspaper. Their website, www.pressdemocrat.com, is also a good resource of information about Santa Rosa.
- #17 Go for a walk past Santa Rosa's historic homes and buildings on **Cherry Street** or the **St. Rose** area. Take a self-guided tour on the historical trail at **Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery** for a retrospective glimpse into local history.
- #18 Have a grand outdoor adventure with Burke's Canoes (707) 887-1222, SOAR Inflatables (707) 433-5599, or Sonoma Canopy Tours (888) 494-7868.
- #19 See the past take flight at the **Pacific Coast Air Museum**, (707) 575-7900, which represents more than 50 years of aviation with aircraft, artifacts, and restoration projects on display.
- #20 Visit the gardens at Chateau St. Jean Winery, (707) 833-4134, and Matanzas Creek Winery, (707) 528-6464.
- #21 Enjoy downtown Santa Rosa and have a bite to eat at Midtown Café, (707) 545-2233, 4th Street Market & Deli (707) 573-9832, or Mac's Kosher Style Delicatessen, (707) 545-3785.
- **#22** Toast marshmallows at the **Spring Lake Park** campgrounds, where tents and RVs are welcome. (707) 565-2267. Enjoy biking, walking, along loop around the lake, rent a pedal boat or swim in the lagoon for fun.
- #23 Go treasure hunting at Whistlestop Antiques, located at Fourth and Davis Streets in Historic Railroad Square, (707) 542-9474, the oldest antiques cooperative in Sonoma County.
- #24 Take a self-guided trip to one of the 100 agricultural members of **Sonoma County Farm Trails**, (707) 586-FARM. Pet bunnies, taste cheeses, and see demonstrations. www.farmtrails.org.
- #25 Go for a stroll along the Prince Greenway which borders the Santa Rosa Creek. This is next to the Courtyard by Marriott and the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Historic Railroad Square.
- #26 Have a foodie experience at any one of our Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce member restaurants. Ask our staff for a recommendation.
- #27 Go shopping at Montgomery Village or the Santa Rosa Plaza which include chain stores and local shops.
- **#28** Sample brews at the Russian River Brewing Company, (707) 545-2337, or Third Street Aleworks, (707)523-3060, in downtown Santa Rosa.
- #29 Find the unusual in art at the Mosier Gallery Rare Rock Mosaic Art Museum, (707) 530-4008.
- #30 Enjoy an entertaining night out with music, dining and dancing at The Cabaret Lounge at the Flamingo Resort Hotel, (707) 545-8530, Ext. 704.