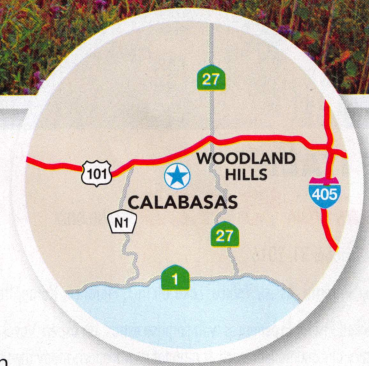


Calabasas

BY NANCY SOKOLER STEINER



In the early 19th century, **Calabasas** earned a reputation as one of the roughest spots in the Wild West. Today, evidence of Calabasas' Old West past coexists with upscale shopping destinations and eateries, miles of chaparral-covered rolling hills, and some of the San Fernando Valley's most sought-after real estate.

FROM TOP: CITIZEN OF THE PLANET/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO; VANESSA STUMPF (2)



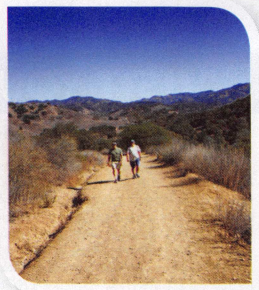
BY THE NUMBERS

1974

Year that the **Sagebrush Cantina**—a Calabasas landmark technically located in Woodland Hills—opened

360

Degrees of visibility rewarding those who hike the short but steep path to **Inspiration Point**, on the grounds of King Gillette Ranch



LEONIS ADOBE MUSEUM

The museum boasts the original adobe brick house owned by Miguel Leonis, a Basque settler who controlled much of the western San Fernando Valley in the late 1800s. The property includes a blacksmith shop, barn and ranch animals, and an 1875 Victorian house that was transported from its original location in West Hollywood. 23537 Calabasas Road. (818) 222-6511; leonisadobemuseum.org.



MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK

The 8,000-acre state park offers hiking, biking, and camping among mountain peaks and rolling grass plains. Entertainment buffs can wander the outdoor set of the TV series *MASH* and spot locations featured in *Planet of the Apes*. 1925 Las Virgenes Road. (818) 880-0367; parks.ca.gov/?page_id=614.



LITTLE BLUE GOURMET BOUTIQUE

The diminutive shop holds a charming selection of jewelry, clocks, tote bags, and other tempting gift items, such as whimsical animal heads. 4774 Park Granada, Suite 7. (818) 225-8078; littleblue.bigcartel.com.

KING GilLETTE RANCH

The 588-acre parkland once owned by razor-blade magnate King C. Gillette has opportunities for hiking and picnicking, as well as a view (from the outside) of a 1928 Wallace Neff–designed Spanish Colonial Revival–style mansion. A new visitors center covers the history and wildlife of the Santa Monica Mountains. 26800 W. Mulholland Highway. (818) 878-0866, ext. 228; lamountains.com.

MALIBU HINDU TEMPLE

Ornate white towers, colorful shrines, and the scent of incense will transport you to Southern India. A dress code is enforced and shoes must be removed before entry to the temple. 1600 Las Virgenes Canyon Road. (818) 880-5552; malibuhindutemple.org.



EAT

PEDALERS FORK

The farm-to-table fare includes pan-roasted salmon, lamb meatballs, and truffle beef tartare. The property also has a coffee bar and a bike shop that specializes in tune-ups and riding gear. 23504 Calabasas Road. (818) 225-8231; pedalersfork.com.



SALT

Diners rave about the burgers and grilled flatiron steak, all made with grass-fed beef. Don't leave without trying the chocolate-studded bread pudding. 26500 Agoura Road, Suite 116. (818) 880-9260; eatatsalt.com.



BLUE TABLE

Find mouth-watering provisions perfect for picnics. Nosh on salads, sandwiches, cookies, crackers, jams, and more. Complete your repast with a selection from the walk-in cheese closet. 4774 Park Granada, Suite 4. (818) 222-5195; bluetablecalabasas.com.

Call to confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit. Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol.

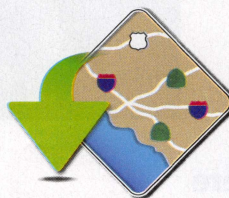
FROM TOP: VANESSA STUMP (5); THINKSTOCK

200+

Number of film and TV productions shot at Malibu Creek State Park

FREE

Cost to ride the Calabasas Trolley, which makes an hourly loop through the city on Friday evenings and Saturdays



DOWNLOAD our printable Calabasas map from AAA.com/daytrip.