

## Bakersfield Recreation Profile

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to:

- Building a Strong Local Economy
- Providing Education and Networking Opportunities
- Promoting Our Community
- Representing the Interests of Business with Government

From its majestic rivers to its lofty mountains and magnificent deserts, Bakersfield and the surrounding areas of the Golden Empire are graced with a wealth of natural wonderlands and recreational playgrounds that delight and appeal to visitors, thrill-seekers and residents alike. The adventurous can try a thrilling white water rafting trip down the Kern River or soar high above the San Joaquin Valley in a hot air balloon. For relaxation, take a trip back in time at the

Kern County Museum and recapture a slice of local history. If golfing, biking or hiking is your passion, there are a wide range of facilities, trails and much more in and around the city and in close proximity. The following is a short list of some of Bakersfield's recreational and cultural offerings.



### MUSEUMS

#### The Crystal Palace

2800 Buck Owens Boulevard 93308

328-7560 buckowens.com

Buck Owens' Country and Western Museum, restaurant and performing arts center.

#### Kern County Museum

3801 Chester Avenue 93301

852-5000 kcmuseum.org

Experience Kern County's past in this restored Victorian Village. Buildings include an 1899 general store, a one-room schoolhouse and a grand Queen Anne Victorian home. A multi-million dollar interactive exhibit – Black Gold: The Oil Experience – pays tribute to Kern's oil history.

#### Lori Brock Children's Discovery Center

3801 Chester Avenue 93301

852-5000 or 861-2132 kcmuseum.org/loribrock

Offers exhibits and classes year-round with

hands-on teaching. Displays include art, history, humanities and science, encouraging creative thought.

**Bakersfield Museum of Art**

1930 R Street 93301

323-7219 bmoa.org

Provides a broad spectrum of visual arts experiences as well as educational programs, community outreach and special events.



**California Living Museum (CALM)**

10500 Alfred Harrell Highway 93306

872-2256 calmzoo.org

Fascinating exhibits showcasing California plant and animal life.

**Minter Field Air Museum**

401 Vultee, Shafter 93463

393-0291 minterfieldairmuseum.com

Local military aviation history lives at the Minter Field Airport where the annual Warbirds in Action air show is held.



**MAJOR EVENT AND PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES**

**Rabobank Arena Theater & Convention Center**

1001 Truxtun Avenue 93301

852-67300 or 852-7308 rabobankarena.com

With seating capacity up to 10,000, the center hosts a variety of events throughout the year, plays host to the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, a variety of sports teams, the Broadway in Bakersfield series, a roster of big-name entertainers as well as conventions, conferences and more.

**Kern County Fairgrounds**

1142 South P Street 93307

833-4900 kerncountyfair.com

Home of the Great Kern County Fair, which is held annually starting in September. Home of many annual events, including car shows, gem and mineral shows, home and garden shows, rodeos and much more.

**Historic Fox Theater**

2001 H Street 93301

636-0918 or 324-1369 foxtheateronline.com

Historical theater in downtown Bakersfield hosts nationally-acclaimed performers and productions.



**Bakersfield College Indoor and Outdoor Theatres, Memorial Stadium**

1801 Panorama Drive 93305  
395-4326 [bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://bakersfieldcollege.edu)

**Harvey Memorial Auditorium**

At Bakersfield High School  
1316 G Street 93301  
324-9848

**Dore Theater**

At CSU Bakersfield  
9001 Stockdale Highway 93311  
654-3093

**Spotlight Theatre and Café**

1622 19<sup>th</sup> Street 93301  
634-0692 [spotlighttheatreandcafe.com](http://spotlighttheatreandcafe.com)



**SHOPPING**

**East Hills Mall**

3000 Mall View Road-Oswell & Freeway 178  
872-2000 or 872-7990

Over 50 stores, including anchors Gottschalks, Mervyns and a 10-screen United Artists Movie Theatre

**Valley Plaza**

Ming Avenue and Freeway 99  
832-2436 [valleyplazamall.com](http://valleyplazamall.com)

Over 160 shops, including anchors Macy's, Gottschalks, JC Penney and Sears, plus a 16-screen Pacific Theatre Complex.

**The Marketplace Shopping & Entertainment Center**

9000 Ming Avenue 93311  
664-5000 or 664-6543 [castlecooke.com](http://castlecooke.com)

Offering many exclusive shops and restaurants, Edwards multiplex theatre plus a free summer concert series at the fountain.

**Stockdale Fashion Plaza**

4713 Stockdale Highway 93309  
832-3124 [stockdalefashionplaza.com](http://stockdalefashionplaza.com)

Offers a variety of specialty shops.

**ANTIQUÉ SHOPPING**

Several antique shows are held throughout the year at various locations throughout the city. Shops can be found on H Street between Brundage Lane and California Avenue and in the heart of downtown Bakersfield



### **WATER SPORTS**

Bakersfield attracts thousands of visitors each year because of its great climate for water recreation, including white water rafting, water skiing, jet skiing, wind surfing and sailing.

#### **Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area**

1361 Iron Bark

861-2063 or 763-1526

Camping reservations: 868-7050

Water skiing, sailing, jet skiing, fishing, swimming and picnicking. Lake is approximately 20 miles southwest of Bakersfield.

#### **Lake Ming**

Lake Ming Road

868-6000

Camping reservations: 868-7000

The national boat drag races attract thousands of visitors. Offers boating, water skiing, sailing, wind surfing plus picnic and playground areas.

### **White Water Rafting**

Dare to take the adventure and experience the Kern River in all its majesty.

Kern River Tours 800-844-7238 kernrivertours.com

Mountain and River Adventures 760-376-6553 mtnriver.com

### **BIKING**

Kern River Parkway bike path is located along the Kern River, running from Lake Ming in the northeast to Enos Lane in the southwest. Miles of scenic bike path for bicyclers, joggers and roller bladders. For more information: **Bike Bakersfield/Biking for Fun**, 1708 Chester Avenue 93301 321-9247 bikebakersfield.org

### **SOCCER**

#### **Kern County Soccer Park**

9400 Alfred Harrell Highway (east of Hart Park)

872-3855 or 327-0912

### **GOLF**

#### **Public Courses:**

Buena Vista 398-9720

Kern River 872-5128

North Kern 399-0347

The Links at Riverlakes Ranch 587-5465



**Private Courses:**

**Bakersfield Country Club**

4200 Country Club Drive  
871-4000 bakersfieldcountryclub.com

**Rio Bravo Country Club**

15200 Casa Club Drive  
871-4653 riobravocountryclub.com

**Seven Oaks Country Club**

2000 Grand Lakes Avenue 93311  
664-6404 or 664-6420 sevenoakscountryclub.com

**Stockdale Country Club**

6218 Stockdale Highway 93309  
832-0310 stockdalecountryclub.com

**TENNIS**

**Bakersfield Racquet Club**

1660 Pine Street 93301  
325-8652

**Laurel Glen Tennis Club**

6901 Ming Avenue  
833-3740  
laurelglentennisclub.com

**Bakersfield Country Club**

4200 Country Club Drive  
871-4000 bakersfieldcountryclub.com



**RACING**

**Auto Club Famoso Raceway**

33559 Famoso Road, McFarland 93250  
399-2210 famosoraceway.com

Quarter-mile drag strip featuring the annual March Meet, NHRA Championship series and more.

**Buttonwillow Raceway Park**

24551 Lerdo Highway, Buttonwillow 93206  
764-5333 buttonwillowraceway.com

Three-mile road racing track with more than 30 race and test configurations for Indy and sports car, motorcycle and go-kart racing enthusiasts.

**BOWLING**

**AMF Westchester Bowl**

1819 30<sup>th</sup> Street 93301  
324-4966 amf.com/westerchesterlanes



## **SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Bakersfield Blaze** (Affiliate of the Texas Rangers)  
Sam Lynn Baseball Park  
4009 Chester Avenue  
716-4487 [bakersfieldblaze.com](http://bakersfieldblaze.com)

**Bakersfield Condors Professional Ice Hockey**  
324-7825 (324-PUCK) [bakersfieldcondors.com](http://bakersfieldcondors.com)  
Home games are played at the Rabobank Arena.

**Bakersfield Jam**  
NBS Development League  
716-4526 [bakersfieldjam.com](http://bakersfieldjam.com)  
Games are played at the Rabobank Arena.



## **City of Bakersfield Recreation & Parks Department**

1600 Truxtun Avenue 93301  
326-FUNN [bakersfieldcity.us](http://bakersfieldcity.us)  
Various programs, classes, activities and events offered year-round. More than 46 neighborhood parks offering a variety of amenities, including water-play areas, are situated throughout the city.

## **North of the River Recreation & Park District**

405 Galaxy Avenue 93308  
392-2000 [NORrecreation.org](http://NORrecreation.org)  
From football to dance classes, fishing derbies and more, a wide range of activities are available throughout the year.

## **MORE THINGS TO DO**

### **Downtown Street Faires**

Presented by the

### **Downtown Business Association**

2000 K Street #120 93301

325-5892 [bakersfielddba.net](http://bakersfielddba.net)

Also organizes local parades and sponsors the annual Up on the Roof/Down on the Street event.

## **Camelot Park**

1251 Oak Street 93304

325-1379 or 325-5453

Seven-acre family park includes miniature golf, bumper boats, go-karts, batting cages and a 10,000 square foot arcade.

**John's Incredible Pizza**

3709 Rosedale Highway 93308  
859-1111 johnspizza.com

Fun for the entire family, featuring a large arcade complete with bumper carts, video, skill and carnival games, simulator rides and more. Four dining rooms plus sports, cartoon, quiet and business conference rooms.

**Dewar's Candy and Ice Cream Parlor**

1120 Eye Street 93301  
322-0933 dewarscandy.com

Enjoy sweet confections and ice cream from the Dewar family recipes that are nearly a century old. Oldest family-owned soda fountain in the Southwest United States.

**Golden West Casino**

1001 South Union Avenue 93307  
324-6936 goldenwestcasino.com

Card club and casino, restaurant and lounge.

*Area code is 661 unless otherwise indicated. This profile provides some but not all of the activities in Bakersfield and the surrounding areas. Information is updated regularly but is not guaranteed to be free from errors.*

