

# Vandenberg Space Force Base

## Brief History of Vandenberg Space Force Base

Vandenberg was originally Cooke U.S. Army garrison installation was used for artillery training during during the Korean War. Cooke was renamed Cooke Cooke AFB was re-AFB in honor of the late Vandenberg, the second Air Force. The first missile AFB was a Thor Ballistic Missile launched 1958 from Space Launch



established as the Camp in August of 1941. The Army tank, infantry, and World War II, and again On 7 June 1957, Camp AFB. On 4 October 1958, designated as Vandenberg General Hoyt S. Chief of Staff of the U.S. launch from Vandenberg Intermediate Range on 16 December Complex-2 East. On 28

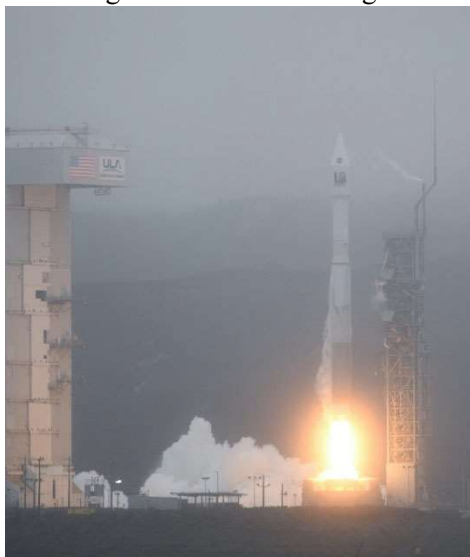
February 1959, the first two-stage Thor/Agena missile lifted the world's first polar earth orbiting satellite, the *Discoverer 1* from Space Launch Complex-1 West. Soon after, the first Atlas missile launched from Vandenberg AFB on 9 September 1959 at launch facility 576 A-2. The first Global Positioning Satellite launched from Space Launch Complex-3E on 22 February 1978. The world's first commercial spaceport



became operational at Vandenberg on 19 September 1996 at Space Launch Complex-8. On 14 May 2021, Vandenberg Air Force Base was renamed to Vandenberg Space Force Base. Four months later, LANDSAT 9 launched on 27 September 2021 from Space Launch Complex 3E, making it the 2,000th launch from Vandenberg. Significant launch programs that have occurred from Vandenberg since 1958 include the Nike, Scout, Peacekeeper, Atlas, Minotaur, Titan, Thor, Thor/Agena, Thrust Augmented Thor, Thor/Delta, BOMARC, Delta II, Delta IV, Minuteman, Pegasus, Scout, and Falcon 9.

## Description and Missions on Vandenberg Space Force Base

Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB) contains 99,604 acres of land, operates approximately 16 launch facilities and complexes, and maintains the second largest airfield runway in the Department of Defense, which is 15,000 feet long. The installation provides a safe location for the testing of new and existing Department of Defense sanctioned programs, government and commercial launch and range services, as well as offers future space lift and land based mission capabilities in support of the National Defense Strategy. Since 1964, the host installation, range, and launch missions at Vandenberg SFB have been supported by personnel assigned to Space Launch Delta 30, and its predecessor units. Space Launch Delta 30 manages all launch and range



missions on the Western range that are conducted from Vandenberg, including launch activities for the Space Force, Air Force, Department of Defense, NASA, United Launch Alliance, SpaceX, Firefly Aerospace, and other commercial space partner organizations. The launch and range capabilities sustained by personnel and equipment assigned to Space Launch Delta 30 provide the range management architecture and installation services infrastructure that are necessary for the safe placement of satellites into polar earth orbit, while concurrently retaining the ability to confidence test America's land based strategic deterrent systems.



Further information on the history of Vandenberg Space Force Base, previously known as Vandenberg Air Force base can be found on; <https://www.vandenberg.spaceforce.mil/About-Us/History>

## Lompoc Activities:

### Jalama Beach Park

Jalama Beach Park is a 30 minute drive from the city of Lompoc California. On this scenic drive, just outside of city limits, you'll see working ranches and vineyards along with scenic vistas around every bend. Day-use picnic areas provide tables and raised fire boxes. Activities at Jalama Beach Park include surfing, whale-watching, birdwatching, nature photography, and fishing. There is a fully stocked general store, along with hot showers and a playground for kids. Dogs are allowed at Jalama Beach Park for a fee, but they must be on a leash at all times and never left unattended.

### La Purisima Mission



La Purisima Mission is a Spanish mission in Lompoc, California. It was established on December 8, 1787 by the Franciscan order. The original mission complex south of Lompoc was destroyed by an earthquake in 1812, and the mission was rebuilt at its present site a few miles to the northeast. The mission is part of the larger La Purisima Mission State Historic Park, part of the California State Parks system, and along with Mission San Francisco de Solano is one of only two of the Spanish missions in California that is no longer governed by the Catholic Church. It is currently the only example in California of a complete Spanish Catholic mission complex, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970. La Purisima Mission is also home to 25 mile of hiking and biking trails.

### La Purisima Golf Course



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This superior 18-hole Championship design by world-renowned architect Robert Muir Graves is a Central Coast gem. La Purisima has attracted pro tournaments from the PGA, LPGA and Senior PGA circuits, yet players of all skill levels come to Lompoc to enjoy its natural beauty and to test their game. Thousands of golfers visit each year calling it “One of America’s best designed

### Lompoc Wine Tasting



Start your tasting in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto – a collection of more than 20 tasting rooms in town where you can sample small production wines and meet the winemakers. Most of the wineries are within a few short blocks, so you can park in one location and stroll from one tasting room to the next. Continue your Lompoc tasting adventure along Highway 246 and Santa Rosa Road where our larger Estate Wineries and Vineyards welcome you.

## **Santa Maria Activities:**

### **Boomers! Funpark**



Visitors of all ages will find something to enjoy at Boomers! Fun Park in Santa Maria, which provides a huge range of activities for those looking for some indoor fun. The park features old school favorites such as arcade games, as well as a miniature golf course and a go-kart course. If you are feeling athletic then you can have a go at scaling the indoor rock climbing wall, or there are also batting cages if you feel like improving your swing.

### **Los Flores Ranch Park, Santa Maria, California**

Open all year long, Los Flores Ranch is a wonderful open space area in Santa Maria Valley that provides the opportunity for visitors to explore the stunning natural surroundings. While they focus on land preservation and environmental education, you can also enjoy their many recreational activities and guided tours and hikes of the lovely ranch.

### **Santa Maria Museum of Flight**



The Santa Maria Museum of Flight preserves and displays documents, photographs, artifacts, and memorabilia on Santa Maria's aerospace and aeronautical industry. Visitors of all ages will love exploring the many exhibits and attending the events that are hosted at the museum.

### **Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum**



There are 25 exhibit areas in the 13,000 square-foot facility and almost all of them are interactive, letting the kids get hands on. Some of the museum exhibits include the Moxie Cafe, the Discovery Reading Tree, and the Discovery Farms Produce Trucks.

**For more information for activities in Santa Maria and the surrounding area please visit [santamariavalley.com](http://santamariavalley.com)**

## **Lompoc and Santa Maria Hotel's**

### **Lompoc Locations:**

#### **Embassy Suites by Hilton Lompoc Central Coast**

1117 N H St, Lompoc, CA 93436  
(805) 735-8311

#### **Hilton Garden Inn Lompoc**

1201 N H St, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Phone Number: (805) 735-1880

#### **SureStay Plus Hotel By Best Western Lompoc**

1621 N H St, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Phone Number: (805) 735-8555

### **Santa Maria Locations:**

#### **Holiday Inn & Suites Santa Maria, an IHG Hotel**

100 N Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Phone Number: (805) 928-6000

#### **Radisson Hotel Santa Maria**

3455 Skyway Dr, Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Phone Number: (805) 928-8000

#### **Santa Maria Inn**

801 S Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Phone Number: (805) 928-7777



## **Lompoc Restaurants:**

### **American Host Catering**

113 N I St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Blaze Pizza**

1405 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Cajun Kitchen Café:**

1508 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Central Coast Specialty Foods**

115 E College Ave  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Eddie's Grill**

1325 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **El Toro Bronco**

1030 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Floriano's:**

1140 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Sake Sushi & Korean BBQ**

1325 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Suvans Kitchen:**

129 W Central Ave E  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Tom's**

115 E College Ave #13  
Lompoc, CA 93436

### **Wingstop**

1413 N H St  
Lompoc, CA 93436

## **Santa Maria Restaurants:**

### **Black Bear Diner**

335 E Betteravia Rd  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **Cool Hand Luke**

1321 Nicholson Ave  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **The Garden Mediterranean Restaurant**

122 E Boone St  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **Lo Mejor DE Jalisco**

116 S Blosser Rd  
Santa Maria, CA 93458

### **Maya Mexican Restaurant**

110 S Lincoln St Ste 106  
Santa Maria, CA 93458

### **Olive Garden**

1210 S Bradley Rd  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **The Pantry**

726 S Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **Portabella**

2100 N Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **Shaw's Steakhouse & Tavern**

714 S Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **The Swiss Restaurant**

Address: 516 N Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### **Yanagi Sushi & Grill**

Address: 2431 S Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

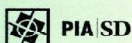


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