

Mt. Hamilton Lick Observatory Ride

Invitation to Visit

Hours

Mon - Fri: 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Sat - Sun: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas

Lick Observatory is open to daytime visitors nearly every day of the year. The Observatory is closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and at night after 5:00pm.

We invite the public to view exhibits in the main Observatory building, built in 1888. Enjoy an informal talk about Lick history while taking a look at the Great Lick Refractor in the 36-inch telescope dome. These tours begin at the Gift Shop, on each half hour starting at 1:00pm on weekdays and 10:30am on weekends, continuing until 4:30pm. Each talk is about 15 minutes long, and there is no charge.

While at the Gift Shop, check out the Lick Observatory sweatshirts, T-shirts, mugs, wineglasses, and astronomical photographs as well as posters, educational toys, and other astronomy-related goodies!

Visitors are also invited to take a short walk to the Shane Dome to view the 120-inch Reflector from the Visitors' Gallery. Displays explain the Shane reflector, one of the major telescopes used to discover planets outside of our solar system.

Lick Observatory is located on the summit of Mt. Hamilton in the Diablo Range east of San Jose. To get there from Hwys 101, 280, or 680, take the Alum Rock Avenue exit from Interstate 680. Go east onto Alum Rock Avenue. Turn right onto Mt. Hamilton Road (California Route 130). Allow about one hour from San Jose, and please drive carefully as the road is good, but winding.

From the east, take Interstate 580 west to Interstate 680 south. Then follow the directions above.

Alternatively, you may take take California Route 130 to Mt. Hamilton from the east, but please allow about 1-3/4 hours from Interstate 5 to reach the Observatory. The road is long and winding, but well-maintained. Take the Diablo Grande Parkway exit off Interstate 5, heading west (away from Patterson). Take the first right on Puerto del Canyon Road (toward Frank Raines Park). Look carefully for this turn because there is not much signage. At the **Junction Cafe**, turn left to stay on California Route 130.

Keep in mind that at 4209 feet, evenings on Mt. Hamilton can be cool, so bring a sweater or coat. We provide wheelchair access to the lectures and to the 36-inch telescope, but not to the Nickel telescope. There is no gas station at the Observatory. Parking is limited so please car pool, if possible.

The Junction Cafe Story

The Junction Cafe is at the intersection of Mines Rd. and Del Puerto Canyon Rd. after a few annoyingly-placed cattle guards (normally I don't mind them, but christ, they don't need to be at the apex of a turn...). I didn't stop, but it appears to be The Sportsbike Hangout Place in the area.

After the junction, Mines Rd. becomes San Antonio Valley Road (California State Route 130). This is Quite A Road. It winds up and down and around and around for another 20 miles or so to the Observatory. Watch out for more oddly-placed cattle guards, too -- not like you'll be going fast enough to have them catch you by surprise. I got lapped by a huge group of sportsbikes leaving The Junction Cafe a couple of miles in, but even they weren't going that much faster than I was. I get the impression that even the "hardcore kids" who ride this road do it for the technical aspect as opposed to for the speed. I stayed at the high end of 1st/low end of 2nd for most of the road -- it's definitely a skills-improving road.

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About 13 miles from The Junction Cafe, there's an 8.6% grade with a cattle guard smack dab in the middle of it. There's about 1000' change in elevation within two miles. Woo! A couple of hairpins took me off-guard in the threeish miles left before the Observatory. I was pretty happy to pull into the parking lot and have a granola bar and some water.

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From:	Monterey County Harley-Davidson 333 North Main Street Salinas, CA 93901 (831) 424-1909	
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	1. Head north on N Main St toward Casentini St	go 0.3 mi total 0.3 mi
←	2. Merge onto US-101 N via the ramp on the left to San Jose/San Francisco About 54 mins	go 52.2 mi total 52.5 mi
	3. Take the Capitol Expy E exit About 2 mins	go 0.8 mi total 53.3 mi
	4. Merge onto E Capitol Expy About 3 mins	go 1.4 mi total 54.7 mi
→	5. Turn right at Quimby Rd About 14 mins	go 6.8 mi total 61.5 mi
→	6. Turn right at Mt Hamilton Rd About 15 mins	go 5.8 mi total 67.4 mi
←	7. Slight left to stay on Mt Hamilton Rd About 13 mins	go 5.3 mi total 72.7 mi

Total: **72.7 mi** – about **1 hour 41 mins**

To:	Lick Observatory 7299 Mt. Hamilton Road Mt Hamilton, CA 95140	total 0.0 mi
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	8. Head northeast on Mt Hamilton Rd toward San Antonio Valley Rd	go 282 ft total 282 ft
	9. Continue on San Antonio Valley Rd About 45 mins	go 17.8 mi total 17.9 mi

Total: **17.9 mi** – about **45 mins**

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To:	The Junction Bar & Grill 47300 Mines Road Livermore, CA 94550 Via US-101 S (408) 897-3148 http://thejunctionbarandgrill.com/	total 0.0 mi
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10.	Head south on San Antonio Valley Rd toward Mt Hamilton Rd About 45 mins	go 17.8 mi total 17.8 mi
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11.	Continue on Mt Hamilton Rd About 28 mins	go 11.2 mi total 29.0 mi
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← 12.	Turn left at Quimby Rd About 14 mins	go 6.8 mi total 35.8 mi
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← 13.	Turn left at E Capitol Expy About 4 mins	go 1.6 mi total 37.5 mi
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14.	Take the US-101 S ramp to Los Angeles	go 0.2 mi total 37.7 mi
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← 15.	Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Yerba Buena Rd	go 0.2 mi total 37.9 mi
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← 16.	Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US-101 S and merge onto US-101 S About 53 mins	go 52.4 mi total 90.3 mi
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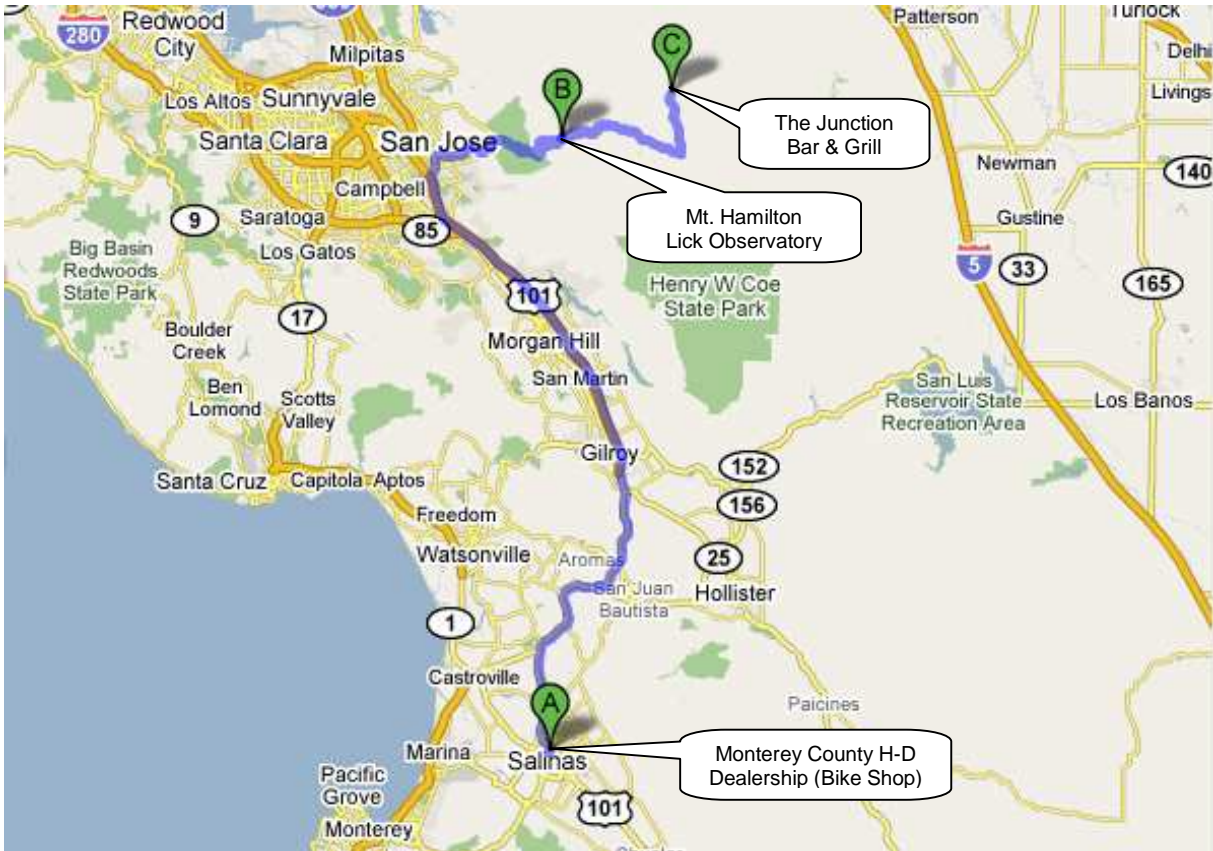
17.	Exit onto N Main St toward Salinas About 1 min	go 0.5 mi total 90.8 mi
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Total: **90.8 mi** – about **2 hours 27 mins**

To:	Monterey County Harley-Davidson 333 North Main Street Salinas, CA 93901 (831) 424-1909	
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Total: **181 mi** – about **4 hours 53 mins**

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10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
7 days a week

Menu

For more information about our menu, email us at mail@thejunctionbarandgrill.com or call at 408-897-3148.

<p>From the grill <i>All grilled items come with lettuce, tomato, red onion, and dill pickle. Ketchup and other condiments available at the condiment bar.</i></p> <p>Jerry Burger ½ lb. burger, grilled to your taste and served on a bun with your choice of toppings. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad \$8.00</p> <p>San Antone Burger ¼ lb. burger, grilled to your taste and served on a bun with your choice of toppings. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad \$6.00 with bag of plain or corn chips..... \$4.75</p> <p>San Antone Cheeseburger ¼ lb. burger, grilled to your taste and served on a bun with your choice of cheese and toppings. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad \$6.25 with bag of plain or corn chips..... \$5.00</p> <p>Rib-eye Steak Sandwich Tender rib-eye, grilled to your taste and served on a roll with your choice of toppings. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad \$8.50</p> <p>San Antone Dog..... \$5.00 A hot dog on a bun, with your choice of chips. Topped with chili..... \$6.75</p>	<p><i>Extra toppings (\$1.00 each):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> American, Swiss, Cheddar, Pepper Jack cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Mushrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon <p><i>Add chili topping for \$2.50</i></p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken Breast Sandwich Chicken breast marinated in teriyaki sauce, grilled and served on a roll with your choice of toppings. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad.. \$8.00 with bag of plain or corn chips..... \$6.50</p> <p>Breaded Chicken Breast Sandwich Deep fried golden brown and served on a bun. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad.. \$6.50 with bag of plain or corn chips..... \$5.50</p> <p>Linguica Sandwich Tasty linguica sausage on a roll. with Fries, Onion Rings or Potato Salad.. \$8.00 with bag of plain or corn chips..... \$6.50</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich..... \$5.50 Your choice of cheese melted between two slices of White or Wheat sandwich bread.</p> <p>Chili-Lime Chicken Wings..... \$5.50 All flavor and great for folks watching their carbs.</p>	<p>Other hot items a la carte</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets..... \$2.50 Small basket with tender morsels of chicken breast, fried with a crisp coating.</p> <p>Chili..... \$4.25 Classic chili, with meat and beans. Topped with melted cheese and onions..... \$4.75</p> <p>Corn Dog..... \$3.00 The traditional hot dog deep fried in a corn batter blanket. Served with your choice of chips.</p> <p>Burrito..... \$2.50 Beef and Bean. Microwaved or Deep Fried.</p> <p>Basket of Mozzarella Cheese Sticks \$4.75 Deep fried until golden brown. Served with marinara or ranch dipping sauce.</p> <p>Basket of French Fries..... \$3.75 Just the right amount of crispness.</p> <p>Chili Cheese Fries..... \$6.75 Chili smothered over your fries with your choice of cheese.</p> <p>Basket of Beer battered Onion Rings..... \$4.75 Deep fried until golden brown. Served with ranch dipping sauce.</p> <p>Basket of Deep Fried Mushrooms..... \$4.25 Deep fried until golden brown. Served with ranch dipping sauce.</p>
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<p>Deli Sandwiches <i>All sandwiches come with lettuce, tomato, red onion, and dill pickle. With your choice of White or Wheat Bread. Mayo and other condiments available at the condiment bar.</i></p> <p>Turkey Sandwich..... \$5.00 Sliced turkey breast with your choice of chips. With Cheddar, Swiss, American, or Pepper Jack cheese..... \$5.50</p> <p>Peanut Butter and Jelly..... \$3.50 For kids and kids at heart.</p> <p>Snacks and Desserts</p> <p>Potato Chips..... \$1.00</p> <p>Trail Mix..... \$2.50 Assortment of Almonds, Cashews, Peanuts, M&M, Raisins</p> <p>Pacific Gold Beef Jerky..... \$2.50 Original or Teriyaki</p> <p>Gourmet Root Beer Float... \$4.50 Vanilla ice cream in Henry Weinhart gourmet root beer—an old-time favorite.</p> <p>Drumstick or Ice Cream Sandwich..... \$1.50</p> <p>Candy..... \$1.00 Snickers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Reese's Pieces, Almond Joys, Butterfingers Payday, Rocky Road, Milky Way, KitKat, M&M Plain or Peanut, Hersey Bar, Skittles, Sour Punch, Blow Pops, Cornuts</p> <p>Cheesecake..... \$3.50 Homemade by one of our own.</p>	<p>Cold Drinks</p> <p>Soda (can)..... \$1.25 Choose from a selection of regular and diet soda.</p> <p>Arizona Iced Tea or Snapple..... \$2.50</p> <p>Gatorade..... \$2.75</p> <p>Juice..... \$1.50 Tomato or apple.</p> <p>Water (bottled) 16 oz..... \$1.50 24 oz..... \$2.50 32 oz..... \$3.50</p> <p>Hot Drinks</p> <p>Fresh Brewed Coffee..... \$1.50</p> <p>Cappuccino..... \$2.50</p> <p>Tea (hot) \$1.50</p> <p>Hot Chocolate..... \$1.50</p> <p>Spiced Apple Cider..... \$2.00</p>	<p>Beers</p> <p>Draft beer..... \$2.50 Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors Light, MGD.</p> <p>Canned beer..... \$2.50 Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors, or Coors Light.</p> <p>Bottled beer..... \$3.00 Miller Genuine Draft, Rolling Rock, O'Douls, O'Douls Amber, Bud Light or Bud Light Lime.</p> <p>Premium Bottled beer..... \$3.50 Sierra Nevada, Corona, Pyramid Apricot Weizen, Heineken or Michelob Ultra.</p> <p>Wines</p> <p>Wine by the Glass..... \$3.50 Chablis, Chardonnay, Burgundy, Red Delicious or White Zinfandel</p> <p>Wine Coolers..... \$3.50 Margarita, Berry, Strawberry Daiquiri</p> <p>Mike's Hard Lemonade..... \$3.50 Lemonade or Cranberry.</p> <p>Bacardi Silver..... \$3.50 Raz or Strawberry</p>
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