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Ventura County Farmers Markets

Camarillo

Saturdays 8am to 1pm Old Town

Ventura

Wednesdays 9am to 1pm Pacific View Mall

Downtown Ventura

Saturdays 8:30 to Noon Main Street

Oxnard

Thursdays 9am to 1:30pm 5th and C Street

Thousand Oaks

Thursdays 11am to 4pm The Oaks Mall East Parking Lot

Simi Valley

Fridays 11am to 3:30pm Simi Valley Civic Center Plaza

Ojai

Thursdays 3pm to 7pm OUSD Courtyard

VC City Names

Ventura County has a total of 10 incorporated cities, plus several unincorporated communities. The 10 main incorporated cities are Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and San Buenaventura (Ventura). Have you ever wondered how our cities got their names? You might be surprised by how our cities were named.

Oxnard - Shortly after the 1897 beet campaign, a new town emerged, now commemorated on the National Register of Historic Places as the Henry T. Oxnard Historic District. Oxnard intended to name the settlement after the Greek word for "sugar", zachari, but frustrated by bureaucracy, named it after himself.

The city of **Camarillo**, is named after the brothers Adolfo and Juan Camarillo Jr., who founded the city on their Rancho Calleguas. The town was originally named "Calleguas" after the ranch, but the post office rejected the name because it was hard to pronounce. The Camarillos were asked to lend their name to the town, and the name stuck.



The city of **Fillmore's** history dates back to 1769 when the Spanish discovered the town. However, it was not formally named a town until about 100 years later, in 1887, when the Southern Pacific brought the railroad through the valley. Jerome Fillmore, the Southern Pacific Railroad general superintendent, gave Fillmore its name.

Moorpark, was named after the Moorpark apricot, which was named after the English estate Moor Park. In 1887, Robert W. Poindexter was granted the land that would become Moorpark and named it after the apricots that grew in the area.



Thousand Oaks, was named after the area's many oak trees: In the 1920s, developers Culver and Sturgis named the area as a subdivision of the Conejo Valley's "Old Town". A local contest was held to name the area, and 14-year-old Bobby Harrington won with the name "Thousand Oaks". Harrington received a bicycle and a small plot of land as his prize.

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Welcome to Ventura Management!

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Happy New Year!
Welcome to 2025!

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VC City Names (continued)

Ojai - The name Ojai, comes from the Ventureño Chumash word 'awha'y, which means "moon". The name refers to a Chumash village called "Awha'y" that was once located in the Upper Ojai Valley. The name Ojai has evolved over time: The early Indians pronounced the name as "Ahawai". The name evolved to "Ojay", and then became "Ojai" during the Spanish and American occupation of the territory. The **city** was originally named Nordhoff, but the name was changed to Ojai in 1917.

Port Hueneme, comes from the Chumash word Wene'mu, which means "resting place": In the 1800s, the postmaster named the post office Wynema after his company, Wynema Lighter Co. In 1872, Thomas R. Bard laid out the town and called it Hueneme. The postal service officially changed the name to Hueneme in 1874. In 1940, residents voted to change the name to Port Hueneme to honor the newly opened port.

Santa Paula is named after the Catholic Saint Paula, the patron saint of widows, hospices, and hospitals. Franciscan missionaries, led by Father Junipero Serra, became active in the area after the founding of the San Buenaventura Mission and established an Asistencia; the town takes its name from the Catholic Saint Paula. Santa Paula is located on the 1843 Rancho Santa Paula y Saticoy Mexican land grant.

Simi Valley, The native people who inhabited Simi Valley spoke an interior dialect of the Chumash language, called Ventureño. Simi Valley's name is derived from the Chumash word Shimiyi, which refers to the stringy, thread-like clouds that typify the region. When Simi Valley was incorporated in 1969, voters chose the name Simi Valley over Santa Susana, the name of a small community in the valley. Some say they chose Simi Valley because of its historical value.

Ventura - Before the Spanish arrived, the area was known as Shisholop by the Chumash Native Americans, which means "in the mud". In 1522, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first Spanish mariner to arrive, called the area El Pueblo de las Canoas, which means "The City of the Canoes". In 1782, Father Junipero Serra established Mission San Buenaventura, the ninth California mission, and named it after Saint Bonaventure. The city is officially named San Buenaventura, but is commonly known as Ventura. The city's nickname, Ventura, is believed to have originated from the Southern Pacific Railroad, who found it easier to print "Ventura" on railroad tickets than the longer name.

January Quote:

Everything you say should be true but not everything true should be said.

... Voltaire

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