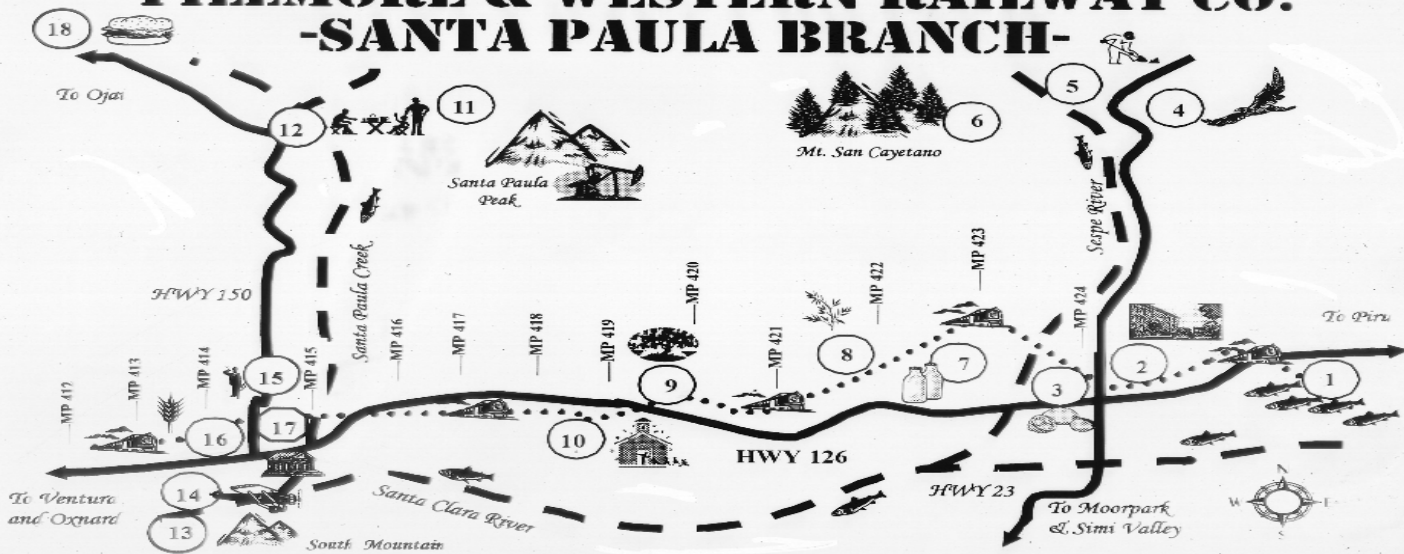


# FILLMORE & WESTERN RAILWAY CO. -SANTA PAULA BRANCH-



1. **Fillmore Fish Hatchery**  
Produces approximately one million Rainbow Trout each year. Stocks Southern California Lakes, reservoirs and streams. Visitors per month: 3,000 to 7,000.
2. **Downtown Fillmore**  
Nestled in the valley among lush citrus groves with a population of approximately 13,000, The downtown district is reminiscent of the 30's and 40's with quaint shops, restaurants and historic landmarks.
3. **Sunkist Lemon Packing Plant**  
One of several packing plants in the branch line...in its heyday this plant packed over 100 refrigerator cars each day going to the East Coast markets to be distributed world wide. Today, Sunkist continues to ship to the world market via truck, railcar service and ship.
4. **Sespe Condor Sanctuary**  
53,000 acre Sanctuary established in 1947 to protect the California Condor.
5. **Brownstone Quarry**  
Sespe Brownstone is a colorful rock composed of a mixture in varying degrees of silicon, magnesium, calcium and aluminum oxides. The stone was extensively used by the Southern Pacific Railroad in building foundations for bridges and trestles all along its California routes. Today, anyone hiking up the Sespe riverbed will encounter boulders of the Sespe Brownstone.
6. **Mt. San Cayetano**  
Legend has it that pine trees in the pine groves seen from the Fillmore Valley were used in the beam construction of Ventura County's Mission and Ranchos. Known by the Indians as "Father Mountain"
7. **Sanitary Dairy**  
Built in 1916 the Dairy was the

milk supplier for the Santa Clara Valley. It was the site of the "Chaplin" film.

8. **Rancho Sespe**  
Originally planned to be a township in the early 1800's. As fate would have it, most of the development went to Fillmore; Rancho Sespe, the city, was never established. However, it was one of the leading citrus producers and the largest privately owned packing facilities in the Valley. Rancho Sespe was sold and sub-divided in the late 1980's and is now Norman's Nursery. The site now contains more than 2 million plants destined for developments in Southern California and Western Arizona.
9. **Sycamore Tree**  
One of the earliest monuments in this region used as a meeting place for Indian Tribes and Padres that traveled the El Camino Real.
10. **Little Red School House**  
The Queen-Anne-School seen from the train and on Hwy 126 is the fourth institution built to educate the elementary students living in the Santa Clara School District. The building opened for the Fall term of 1896 and 60 eager pupils marched up the stairs and entered the spacious one room school. Students ranged in age from the First to the Eighth grades. The school-marm, Miss Carrie Arnold, was well loved by her young charges. However, she was also well loved by a suitor who swept her away just after one year. Today it continues to serve students from Kindergarten through the Fifth Grade, and is one of the last of its kind in the State.
11. **Santa Paula Peak**  
To the north Santa Paula Ridge with the prominent peak being Santa Paula Peak (alt. 4945'). Appearing on the ridgeline are the tops

of a unique conifer called the Big Cone Spruce. The south border of the Los Padres National Forest (this broad swath of mountains, canyons and trout streams) is known to locals as the Back Country. With few roads and many trails, it offers spectacular scenery and welcomed solitude.

12. **Steckel Park**  
Santa Paula Creek flows through this beautiful park which has much to offer: shade trees, aviary, fishing, hiking, BBQ and campground.
13. **South Mountain**  
Paralleling the Ridge on the Southside of the Santa Clara River Valley is South Mountain. The site of rich oil fields developed in the late teens; the discerning eye can spot evidence of oil activity. The range is actually the western end of the San Gabriel Mountains.
14. **Santa Paula Airport & Aviation Museum**  
The Aviation Museum highlights the history of this 1930's airport, home to one of the largest antique aircraft collections in the world.
15. **Santa Paula Depot**  
The Depot and the Mill are two of Santa Paula's oldest commercial enterprises. The train station was completed in April 1887, and typical of the Southern Pacific policy, the building was delivered in prefabricated sections, coming on the newly laid tracks from Sacramento. From 1887 to 1904, this was the main line connecting the central route with the coastline. The last passenger train pulled out of the Depot in 1936 and the last freight trains a century after its completion. The Depot is the last one in Ventura County to be both intact and on its original parcel. It remains a popular photo op for armatures, television and movie studios. To-

day the Depot is also home to the Santa Paula Society of the Arts, Art Gallery.

16. **The Mill**  
Completed in 1888, the huge wooden structure was one of a chain of six built by the Southern Mill and Warehouse Company to store tons of dried lima beans. The dry-farmed beans were the premier cash crop during the 1880's and 1890's and continued to be a valuable commodity through World War I. Limas were a non-perishable staple that fed the troops and refugees in a war-torn world. For years The Mill served as a popular feed and grain store and was previously operated as a collection of antique shops offering an interesting array of collectibles.
17. **California Oil Museum**  
The 2-story building was completely restored and refurbished by UNOCAL to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1990. The museum offers interesting hands-on exhibits that explain and interpret the oil industry including an authentic working cable-tool rig. Docents are available to guide tours through the second story where vintage offices of the 1890's can be seen and experienced. In addition, there are rotating exhibits of local history, the Arts and the Sciences. An attractive museum shop has a fine selection of local mementos. Minimal fee charged.
18. **The Summit Restaurant**  
Opened in 1969 and still using some of their famous recipes: chili, corn burritos, and sauces. Best Homemade Strawberry shakes in Ventura County and the best burgers in Ojai. Tell 'em Dave sent ya.