

San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo County Courthouse in San Luis Obispo.
Part 6 of 6: Cholame, Shandon, Creston, Hwy 299, Santa
Margarita, Carrizo Plain, California Valley.



San Luis Obispo County



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Cholame

This little stop on Highway 41 where James Dean was killed in an auto accident. There is a memorial to him.
(August 2005)



Cholame

Looking east early in the morning. (August 2005)



Cholame

The Dean Memorial. (August 2005)



Cholame

(August 2005)



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Shandon

Shandon is a farm town on Highway 46. It has a population of 1,295. (August 2005)



Shandon

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Creston

Creston has only 94 people. It was founded in 1884. It is on Highway 229. (August 2005)



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Highway 299

I drove Hwy 229 from Creston to Santa Margarita without seeing a car. (August 2005)



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Santa Margarita

Santa Margarita was founded in 1889 as the railroad was gradually built to San Luis Obispo. Today's population is 1,259. (August 2005)



Santa Margarita

The entrance to one of the last remaining Mexican Ranchos. The ranch still has 13,900 acres. When it was established in 1841 it was close to 18,000 acres. (August 2005)



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Carrizo Plain

These are pronghorn antelope grazing on the Carrizo Plain. The 50 mile long plain is considered original California prairie. The San Andreas Fault runs through this valley. It is now a national monument. (May 2006)



Carrizo Plain

(May 2006)



Carrizo Plain

A dried lake. (May 2006)



Carrizo Plain

(May 2006)



Carrizo Plain

(May 2006)



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Carrizo Plain

At the north end of the plain is Soda Lake. This lake expands with the winter rains and contracts as the water evaporates leaving a salt crust. (May 2006)



Carrizo Plain

(May 2006)



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Carrizo Plain

Highway 166 connects the San Joaquin Valley with Highway 101. (May 2006)



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California Valley

Those who developed this area in the 1960's anticipated water from the California Water Project. They divided the area into 7,200 2.5 acre lots. The water did not materialize. About 400 people live here. (May 2006)



California Valley

A Community Services District was created to serve the population. News stories report that those elected to run the CSD were crooks and they stole the funds. (May 2006)



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