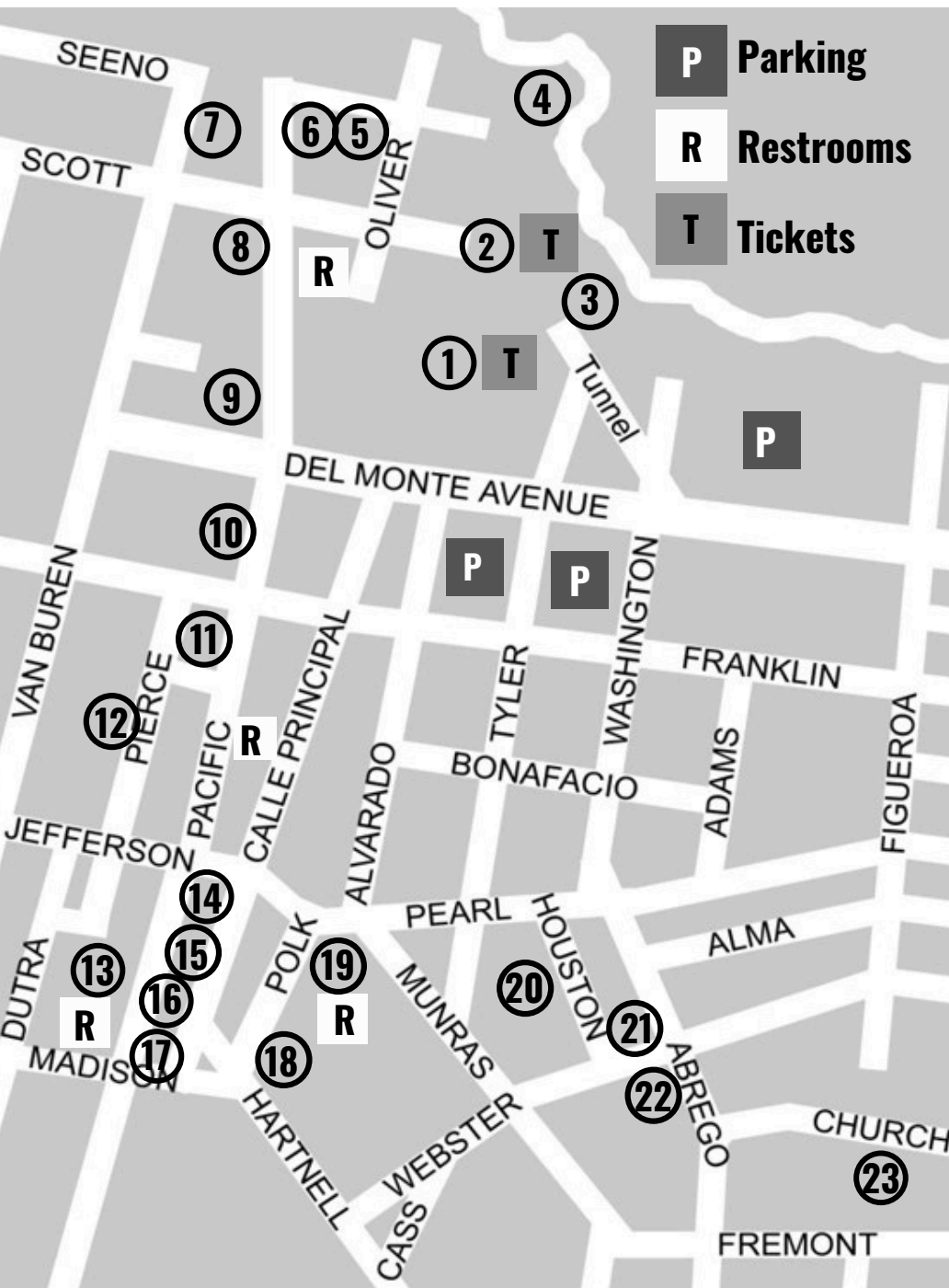


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The mission of the Monterey State Historic Park Association is to support educational and interpretive programs within Monterey State Historic Park.

1. ♿ Pacific House - (Ticket Sales & Will Call Pick Up) 10 Custom House Plaza (1847) Built as a barracks and storehouse for the American military, this two-story adobe has been a courthouse, pub, local newspaper office, church, and more. Now it is home to a California State Parks Museum, interpreting different eras of Monterey history. **State Parks**

2. ♿ Custom House - (Ticket Sales) 1 Custom House Plaza (1827) State Historic Landmark #1. The oldest government building in California is the setting for a colorful Mexican “fandango”. Learn about early California dances and music with the Alta California Dancers and purchase a treasure at the gift shop. **State Parks**

3. ♿ Stanton Center - (Will Call Pick Up) 5 Custom House Plaza. The primary will-call location, come see a collection of angels created by Erica Franke including examples of angels from different eras! **Monterey History and Art Association**

4. ♿ Old Fisherman's Wharf - #1 Fisherman's Wharf (1845) Thomas Larkin built the wharf in 1845 for regular passenger and freight service ships arriving four times weekly. A vibrant sardine industry and need for better maintenance prompted the City to assume ownership in 1913. Today, visitors enjoy great restaurants, gift shops, whale watching, fishing trips and harbor cruises. **Fisherman's Wharf Association**

5. ♿ First Brick House - Heritage Harbor (1847) California's first fired brick home was built by American settler Gallant Dickenson. Step into the house and learn about the many families that called this unique house home and peek into Maria “Mama” Garcia's kitchen. **State Parks**

6. Old Whaling Station - Heritage Harbor (1847) Built by Scotsman David Wight, this two story adobe house served as the headquarters for the Old Monterey Whaling Company from 1850s - 1880s. It later served as a private residence and inn until being restored by the Junior League of Monterey County. **State Parks**

7. Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library - 155 Van Buren Street (1876) The first Protestant church in Monterey; now a research library of local, county, and California history. **Monterey History and Art Association**

8. ♿ California's First Theater - Corner of Scott and Pacific Streets (1845-47) This redwood and adobe boarding house hosted the first paid theatrical performances in California in the 1840s. Melodramas returned to the stage in 1937 with the Troupers of the Gold Coast in residence for over 60 years. Grab a seat in the recently restored theater and enjoy a short performance by the Monterey Peninsula College Theater Program. **State Parks**

9. Casa Soberanes - 336 Pacific Street (1842) “The House of the Blue Gate.” Built by Rafael Estrada, an early Customs Officer, this house reflects the holiday traditions of Mexican-era Alta California. View the 19th century furnishings and local art belonging to the home's final resident, local historian Mayo Hayes O'Donnell. **State Parks**

10. Merritt House - 386 Pacific Street (1830) Originally built in 1830, it was purchased in 1852 by Juana Castro, the wife of Josiah Merritt and was used as their private residence. Josiah Merritt served as first county judge from 1851-1854. Today the Merritt House operates as a hotel and is preserved as a historical landmark. **Merritt House Hotel**

11. Casa Serrano - 412 Pacific Street (1843) Mexican-era home of Florencio Serrano. It now houses an impressive collection of art from prominent local artists. Enjoy music by the “Old Town ensemble.” **Provided by Los Amigos of Monterey History and Art Association. MHAA**

12. Lara-Soto Adobe - 460 Pierce Street (1840s) This Mexican-era adobe was owned by John Steinbeck when he wrote *The Pearl*. The adobe is now part of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. Enjoy stories and artifacts from Steinbeck's life presented by the staff of the **National Steinbeck Center**.

13. ♿ Colton Hall - 570 Pacific Street (1849) Built by Alcalde Walter Colton, this building first served as a schoolhouse, then became the site of California's Constitutional Convention in 1849. Enjoy festive decorations and music. **City of Monterey**

14. Larkin House - 510 Calle Principal (1835) Home of the only American Consul to Mexican California, Thomas O. Larkin, the building is known as a prototype of Monterey Colonial architecture. 18th and 19th century antiques and heirlooms blended with early 20th century design and fashion reflect the life of Larkin's granddaughter, Alice Larkin Toulmin. Enjoy string musician Victor Gil. **State Parks**

15. House of Four Winds - 540 Calle Principal (1830's) Built in the 1830's by T.O Larkin, it has also served as a store and Monterey County's first Hall of Records. The adobe was famous for having Monterey's first weather vane! The Monterey Women's Civic Club was established in 1906 and purchased the Adobe in 1914. **Monterey Civic Club**

16. ♿ Monterey Museum of Art - 559 Pacific Street. Visit the Monterey Museum of Art to view our exhibitions and experience the wonder of *Iluminado*, an interactive art installation inspiring reflection, connection, and creativity within our community this holiday season.

17. ♿ Casa Gutierrez - (Will Call Pick Up) 590 Calle Principal (1841) The home of Custom House Official, Joaquin Gutierrez, who came to Monterey as a young cavalry soldier in 1836. Enjoy galleries of early California artwork. **State Parks**

18. Gabriel de la Torre Adobe - 509 Hartnell St. This beautiful adobe is the historic location of the first Federal Courthouse in Monterey. It is now home to the non-profit **Big Sur Land Trust** (BSLT). Hear stories of early occupants as well as how BSLT has conserved over 40,000 acres of the lands you love throughout Monterey County.

19. ♿ Cooper-Molera Adobe - Corner of Munras and Pearl (1832) Home of sea captain, merchant and immigrant John Bautista Rogers Cooper and wife Encarnacion Vallejo Cooper. Learn about multiple generations of the Cooper family by viewing family heirlooms and interpretive exhibits. A site of the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**.

20. ♿ Robert Louis Stevenson House - (Will Call Pick Up) 530 Houston Street (1830's) This adobe is where Robert Louis Stevenson stayed in 1879. It showcases a world-renowned collection of author Robert Louis Stevenson's personal belongings along with early Bohemian artwork. **State Parks**

21. Casa Abrego - 582 Abrego Street (1836) Once a general store before becoming a women's club today, the adobe home was built by Don Jose Abrego for his bride, Josefa Estrada, daughter of a prominent rancho family. Enjoy holiday music in the main sala just as the Abrego family did. **Casa Abrego Club**

22. Pacheco Adobe - 602 Abrego Street (1840) A grand, two-story adobe built by Don Fernando Pacheco as a summer home for his family. Over the years it was a home, business office, and Monterey's first hospital. Restored and owned since 1957 by the **Pacheco Club. *SATURDAY ONLY***

23. ♿ Royal Presidio Chapel/San Carlos Cathedral - 500 Church Street (1794) Restored National Historic Landmark is the only remaining structure of the Spanish-era Presidio and California's oldest stone building. Enjoy a quiet moment of reflection in the oldest continuously operating church in California. **Heritage Center Museum**

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These historic structures were not built for accessibility. Some buildings have been modified to provide accessibility on the floors open to the public on this tour.

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