

Come On Up, Wine Country is Great!

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## It's Business as Usual in Wine Country!

**Thank you to all who have written and called to check on us.**

**We are happy to report that we are unaffected by the fires  
here in Santa Barbara County.**

**Call us at (805) 693-0303 with questions or visit us at [www.forfriendsinn.com](http://www.forfriendsinn.com).**

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**Wed, July 12, 2017**

**ForFriends Inn along with the tasting rooms, restaurants,  
and shops are all open for business!**

*We know that many of you are curious about the situation here in the Santa Ynez Valley. We are closely monitoring everything and are glad to share links to the sites that we are following in case you would like to do the same.*

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### The Whittier Fire

The Whittier Fire is a wildfire taking place in the Los Padres National Forest in the southern backcountry of Santa Barbara County. The fire began on Sat, July 8 near Lake Cachuma (8 1/2 miles east of Santa Ynez) and burned south, away from Santa Ynez. The latest information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5339/>

### Roads

Hwy 154 (the San Marcos Pass) remains closed from Foothill Road in Santa Barbara to the intersection of Hwy 246. However, Hwy 101 through Goleta is open to traffic and generally moving well.

If approaching the valley from the south, simply stay on Hwy 101 and exit at the other end of Hwy 246 in Buellton. Turn right on Hwy 246 and follow the road through Buellton and Solvang. Then, turn left onto Edison Street when just past the casino and we're one block up on the left.

### Air Quality

We are also closely monitoring the air quality and are happy to report that the skies remain blue save for the occasional passing haze. Hourly reports can be found at <https://www.ourair.org/todays-air-quality/>. Below is a screen shot of the latest report from this site.

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Stations Monitoring Ozone and Particulates			
Location	Ozone	PM10	PM2.5
Santa Barbara *	Good (31)	NA	NA
Santa Maria *	Good (8)	Good (44)	Good (50)
Lompoc H St	Good (25)	Good (34)	Good (45)
Goleta	Good (29)	Good (13)	Good (0)
El Capitan	Good (31)	Good (6)	
Las Flores Cyn	Good (31)	Good (6)	
VAFB	Good (30)	Good (31)	
Carpinteria	Good (25)		
Lompoc HS and P	Good (29)		
Nojoqui	Good (27)		
Paradise Rd	Moderate (54)		
Santa Ynez	Good (43)		

### **The Alamo Fire**

The Alamo Fire is taking place in remote canyons at the northern borders of Santa Barbara County. We remain unaffected by this fire which is located ~60 miles to our north.

If approaching the valley from the north, you should find Hwy 101 to be open and generally moving well.

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