

Route 66: The Mother Road

Designed to connect the American Midwest to the shining shores of the Pacific Ocean “from sea to shining sea”, U.S. Route 66 was one of the original highways within the U.S. Highway System and remains a symbol of Americana today. Established in 1926, this historic road played an integral role in American history throughout the Great Depression, when it carried families escaping the Dust Bowl to California, and during the Post-War Era, when Americans started to enjoy modern driving vacations, spurring the era of “Get Your Kicks on Route 66.”

Today, the legendary highway connects travelers to many quirky San Bernardino attractions like Park Moabi, the Amboy Crater, Emma Jean’s Holland Burger Cafe, Madonna of the Trail, the Giant Coffee Cup and more.

History buffs can delve deeper into the highway’s background at one of the county’s two Route 66 museums, the California Route 66 Museum in Victorville and the Route 66 “Mother Road” Museum in Barstow