

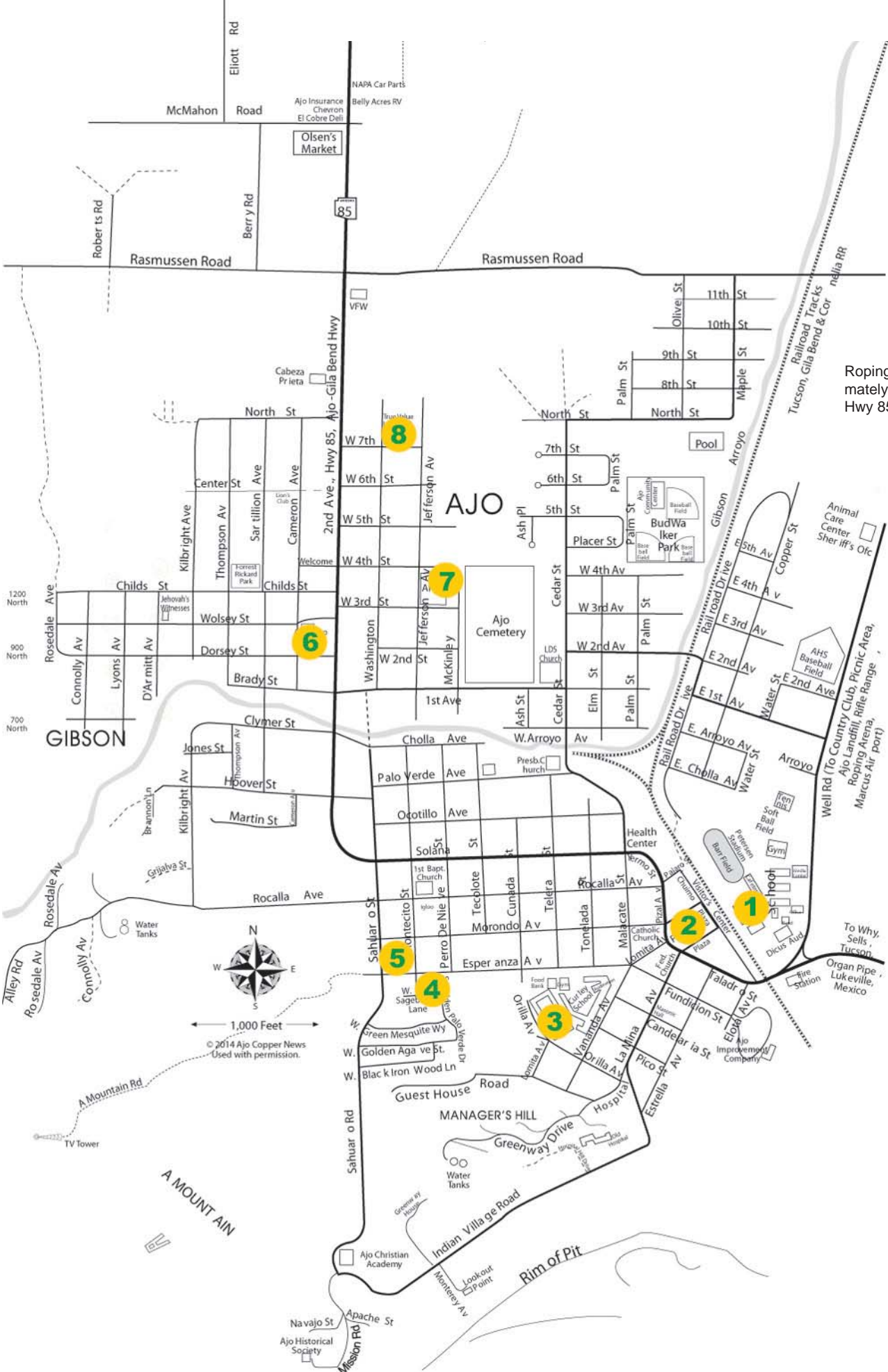


AJO GARDEN SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Ajo is working to create a sustainable local food system and promote a healthier way of living for all of the area residents. We are doing this through the distributed agriculture model, i.e. growing food in a variety of backyard, neighborhood, community, and farm gardens, conducting workshops on gardening and cooking, and organizing a twice-monthly Authentically Ajo Farmers Market.

The gardens listed here are part of the Ajo Regional Food Partnership (ARFP). Details of each are listed on the back of this map.

Please respect gardens and close gates securely.



Roping Arena approximately 5.5 miles from Hwy 85 on Well Rd



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1 Edible Ajo School Yard (EASY)

Managed by Desert Senita Community Health Center in partnership with AUSD Elementary School Courtyard, Ajo Unified School District - 111 N Well Rd
Stop at the school office for a visitors pass.

This outdoor classroom is host to mandatory garden classes for pre-K thru 6th grades. Along with garden hands-on activities, curriculum focus is plant science, pollinators, social studies and nutrition while revealing community values and land stewardship. Harvest is enjoyed by students.

2 Authentically Ajo Farmers Market

Ajo Plaza - 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9-11 AM
Contact ACSA at ajocsa@hotmail.com for more info.

3 Many Hands Urban Farm and Learning Center

Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA)
Curley School campus, entrance from 201 Esperanza Ave and 55 Orilla Ave
ACSA was established in 2008 as a community-based grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to developing a sustainable and just food system in Ajo, AZ. ACSA supports Ajo gardeners through Ajo Gardeners Network, which offers workshops, seeds, seedlings, compost distributions, and TA. ACSA established and runs bi-weekly Authentically Ajo farmers market. ACSA is a founding member of Ajo Regional Food Partnership. This 1/2 acre urban farm serves as ACSA's main teaching site. It includes Courtyard Garden, heirloom orchard, and chicken coop and represents a complete small-scale sustainable agricultural system. Many Hands Experimental and Demonstration Garden is currently being revived to feature several teaching elements such as kids' corner, seed garden, dry-land traditional O'odham garden, raised urban beds, and solar-powered greenhouse. Contact ACSA at ajocsa@hotmail.com for more info.

4 Loma Bonita East

Owners: Don and Gayle Weyers, 520-387-6717
721 Esperanza Ave

Fruit trees, blackberries, free vegetable plots, moringa trees, and a compost bin by the front white picket fence. Our food is grown for some free distribution and for the Authentically Ajo Farmers Market. You are welcome to go in the garden and play a game of Scrabble or cards on the "Rainbow Scrabble Bench." Close the gate securely!

5 Loma Bonita Orchard and Garden

Owners: Don and Gayle Weyers, 520-387-6717
820 Esperanza Ave

Begun in January of 2011, our garden is a legal AZ non-profit corporation. You may enter this garden from the alley below (between Esperanza and Morondo). Say hello to the chickens as you walk up to the central compost bins and the top ramada. Sit a while and enjoy the view! We grow numerous fruit trees (apple, plum, peach, fig, apricot, aprium, cherry), as well as grapes, berries, vegetables, and roses. Close the gate securely.

6 Community Garden – Ajo 1st Assembly of God Church site

Ajo Community Garden Consortium (ACGC)
900 N Cameron Ave, corner of Dorsey St

ACGC, established 2007, is a volunteer operated organization that provides an opportunity to all Ajo residents to lead a healthy lifestyle by growing crops. Gardeners harvest from their own plot, volunteer to harvest for the Ajo Food Pantry, and/or for the Authentically Ajo Farmers Market to raise funds for water use and other needs. The ACGC Healing Labyrinth area is sponsored by the Desert Senita Community Health Center's Behavioral Health Department for counseling needs, aroma therapy and relaxation activities, but is open for all visitors to enjoy. Just, please close the gate.

7 Dolce Vita Market Garden

Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA)
McKinley Ave, corner of W 4th St

Remediated brown-field garden, featuring a series of soil building crops and market crops. Contact ACSA at ajocsa@hotmail.com for more info.

8 St Vincent's Thrift Store

1500 Washington

Demonstration container gardens, including "pallet" gardens. Anything grown there is eventually given free. The store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

9 Roping Arena Field

Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA)
North on Well Rd, past the Ajo Landfill

This new one-acre site is designed to demonstrate on-site soil building, using desert-adapted cover and food crops, relying on the rain water by using traditional O'odham and other dry-land farming techniques. Contact ACSA at ajocsa@hotmail.com for more info.