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Shasta County Attractions

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Wild Horse Sanctuary Shingletown

On 5,000 acres of lush, lava rock-strewn mountain meadow and forest land at 5796 Wilson Hill Road, Shingletown, lies the Wild Horse Sanctuary. This forever home for otherwise unwanted wild mustangs and burros give visitors an up close and personal experience with our equestrian friends from the wild. Two and three day trail rides gives guests a chance to explore this historic area and view old Native American camps, homesteads and even some petroglyphs from horseback. Learn all about how it came to be

and check out your riding options online at: www.wildhorsesanctuary.org/.

Lake Britton

We all remember the iconic scene from the movie "Stand By Me" when the boys are walking the railroad bridge. You too can walk that same bridge on your next camping or fishing trip to lovely Lake Britton on Highway 89 near Burney. Calm blue water invites kayakers and canoe lovers to glide around and fish or just enjoy the peace and scenery. Read about our overnight camping trip to this mountain treasure online at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/07/24/camping-at-lake-britton/>

Hat Creek Radio Observatory

Visit the place where SETI scientists listen for signals from space that indicate intelligent life. Placed in the perfect geologic spot, surrounding mountains help funnel radio waves to the antennae that stand like sentinels awaiting the messages from the stars. Drop in while enjoying world class fishing in the famous Hat Creek. Interesting and educational this is a family friendly adventure everyone can enjoy. This trip was one of our favorites, read about our visit online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2011/03/01/mvl-best-road-trips-aliens-and-giant-bugs/>



McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, (pictured above)

Perhaps the most beautiful 910 acres for miles around, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park boasts a 129 foot wonderful waterfall. Comprised of a variety of springs from underground and a babbling brook from above the unique Burney Falls forms a wide horse shoe of falls ranging in size from the thundering main falls to small narrow streams of water racing to the bottom through moss covered walls. Hiking, camping, cabins and Lake Britton just around the corner offer something for everyone that enjoys the majesty of the great outdoors. Read all about the trails, the falls and even make cabin reservations at: <http://www.burney-falls.com/>. Read about our trip to this natural wonder online at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2016/05/25/a-trip-to-burney-falls/>.

4500 Ski Park Hyway just outside of McCloud. Whether you hit the hill all day, go for a night ski or just enjoy the view from the lodge this is an amazing place to experience the magic of Mount Shasta. Learn about pricing, equipment rentals, dining and ski and stay deals online at <https://www.skipark.com/> or read more details of this local's favorite on our website at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2015/01/18/skiers-and-boarders-love-mt-shasta-ski-park/>.

The National Forest offers family fun for free. Get out there and explore the woods of NorCal in Shasta County and beyond.

Ranger Stations

Hat Creek Ranger District
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Old Station Visitor Center

13435 Brian's Way
Highway 44/89 Old Station, CA 96071
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(From TTY, dial 711 to connect to the phone numbers listed above)

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Shasta Trinity National Forest Shasta Lake Ranger Station
14225 Holiday Road Redding, CA 96003
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Museums

Turtle Bay Exploration Park
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(530)243-8850
<https://www.turtlebay.org/>

Shasta State Historic Park
15312 Highway 299 West, Shasta
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http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=456

Shasta Caverns

Take a meandering boat ride across stunning Lake Shasta. Enjoy the view from above on the other side after the van ride delivers you to the hilltop entrance to one of the natural wonders of the world. Shockingly stunning caverns beneath the hill beckon you in to see nature's artwork. Stone and mineral formations made from centuries of water's journey through the Earth have created a masterpiece that every visitor to this neck of the woods should behold. Read about the caverns online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/09/23/shasta-dinner-cruise-caverns/>
Dinner Cruise Information: <https://www.lakeshastadinnercruises.com>
Shasta Caverns: <https://www.lakeshastacaverns.com>

Mount Shasta Ski Park

Mystical Mount Shasta has drawn visitors since the first man to see it could share it with another. One of the best ways to enjoy this gift from mother nature is to traverse her slopes by ski or snowboard during the winter months at Mount Shasta Ski Park located at



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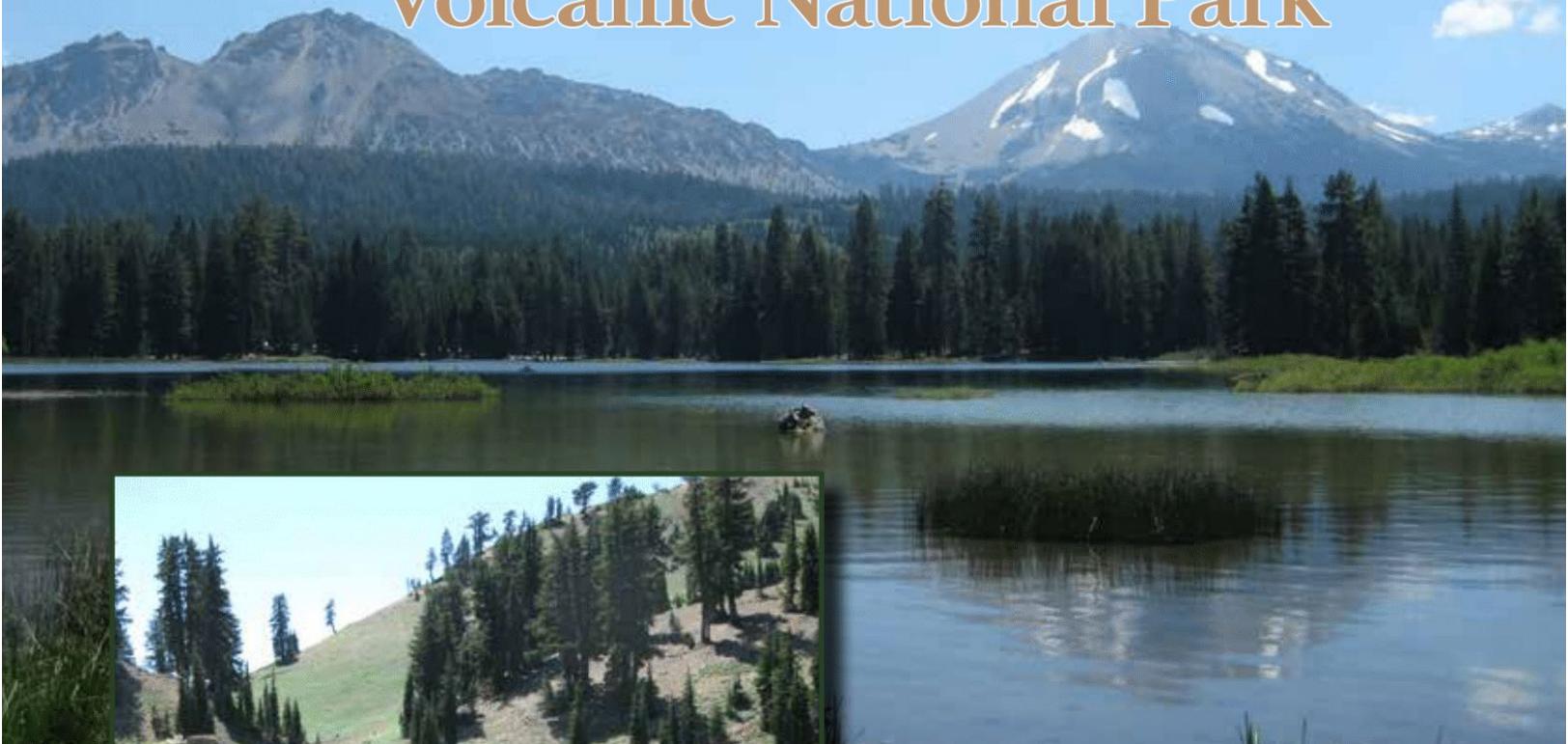
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View Webcams at the Park

Lassen Volcanic National Park Webcams (courtesy nps.gov)

- Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center
 - Manzanita Lake
 - Northwest Entrance - Hwy. 44 @ junction of Hwy. 89
- <https://www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm>

Find updated PARK INFORMATION & SPECIAL EVENTS:

The park is filled with natural beauty and a vast array of information on this historic site. From the annual Art and Wine Festival to Guided Snowshoe Walks, there are many special events at the park. Be sure to click around their website for the latest info.

<https://www.nps.gov/lavo/index.htm>

Contact the Park:
Office: 38050 Hwy 36 E
Mineral, CA 96063 (530) 595-4480

Hit one of the many hikes this summer with over 150 trails in the park! -PHOTOS BY JIM MOORE

https://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/hiking_lassen_park.htm

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Mt. Lassen Volcanic National Park, stretches across Lassen, Plumas, and Shasta Counties, is not a sight to miss. It is the largest plug dome volcano in the world and the southern-most volcano in the Cascade Range. Home to backcountry skiing and snowshoeing in the winter, and lots of outdoor adventure, with views that abound year 'round. There are so many sights to behold, from boiling sulfur pits, to picturesque, pristine lakes. Many special events take place so check their website before your visit and check the weather in winter.

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Drakesbad Guest Ranch Closed for 2023 Season

Sadly, Drakesbad Guest Ranch will remain closed for the 2023 season after being affected by the 2021 Dixie Fire.

While most structures remain intact, two bungalow units, the annex and the water plant were destroyed by the fire. Repairs will continue during the 2023 season.

This unique resort offers amenities a look back to the old days. No electricity means guests enjoy a step back in time without technology, enjoying their stay lit by gas lanterns. The ranch includes a lodge, dining hall and bungalow units. The property was originally homesteaded by Edward Drake in the 1880's and continues to offer a rustic charm.

Guests at the ranch enjoy homecooked meals included with their stay in the historic lodge or a bungalow. The restaurant serves nutritious, delicious foods prepared by the ranch chef. Meals are open to the public by reservation only.



This peaceful, secluded resort offers no cell service or internet access. Rates and booking information are available at LassenLodging.com.



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MT. LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK POINTS OF INTEREST

Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) is the geological gem that binds the counties of Northern California together. Visitors from around the world come to explore this amazing area. LVNP is extremely rare as it is home to all four types of volcanoes that exist, shield, composite, cinder cone, and plug dome. Last erupting in 1915 this national treasure offers visitors an up close and personal look at the belching, bubbling and steaming world of an active volcanic area. Here are a few of our favorite volcanic features to visit as well as a towering waterfall just for fun.

Roads Leading into the Park

There are five roads that offer access to LVNP. The two main entrances welcome visitors via Highway 36 near Mineral & Highway 44 between Shingletown and Old Station. First time visitors should consider one of these paved options that are often closed to through traffic during the winter months due to snow. The Highway 44 entrance offers guests a chance to stop in at the Loomis Museum to gather maps and other valuable visitor information while the Highway 36 entrance is home to the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, command central for all things Lassen LVNP.

The Warner Valley trailhead

parking area is located 16 miles northwest of Chester on the Warner Valley Road. From Chester, follow the Feather River Road north 1 mile to a fork for Juniper Lake and Warner Valley. Continue towards Warner Valley/Drakesbad for 15 miles. Bear left onto the dirt road and continue past the Warner Valley Campground to the turnoff for the trailhead. Parking at the campground and at Drakesbad Guest Ranch is reserved for paying guests of those facilities. Overflow parking is available south of the main parking area.

Juniper Springs Road (CR-318) leads to Juniper Lake and Campground within the park but is accessible only during the summer months as the last six miles are a rough dirt road.

Butte Lake Road (FR-32N21) via Highway 44 between Susanville and Old Station is a dirt road and also offers limited access only during summer months. Leading to Butte Lake Campground this area offers a chance to hike the Cinder Cone, a dip in Bathtub Lake or a paddle along Butte Lake's stunning lava rock shores.

Bumpass Hell

Bumpass Hell is aptly named as this 16 acre area showcases a host of boiling springs, gaseous fumaroles, steaming vents and

splattering, boiling mud pits permeated by the stench of rotten eggs. This natural wonder of the active volcano requires a family friendly, 3.0 mile round trip hike that takes about two hours via the newly rehabilitated Bumpass Hell trail. Access the trail via Highway 89 through the Southwest entrance to the park via Highway 36.

Mill Creek Falls

Mill Creek Falls tumbles an amazing 75 feet down a narrow chute that it dug over time. The majesty is well worth the 3.8 mile hike to the junction of East Sulphur and Bumpass Creeks. Through forested beauty this two hour adventure begins at the trailhead behind the amphitheater next to the southwest entrance parking area at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center via Highway 44.

Devil's Kitchen

Access Devil's Kitchen from the Warner Valley Trailhead. This two hour, 4.2 mile hike winds through marsh and woodlands, by trail, boardwalks and footbridges over Hot Springs Creek to a mystical place where cracked mounds of red and yellow bellow steam, boiling mud pots boggle the mind and boiling springs gurgle from the volcano below.

Boiling Springs Lake

Catch the Boiling Springs Lake Trail at the Warner Valley Trailhead to meander this easy 3.0 mile round trip hike that winds through meadow and woods

and around Boiling Springs Lake. This natural volcanic cauldron is heated by a number of steam vents beneath that keep it at an impressive 125°. The neighboring mud pots are an added bonus of boiling earth to behold.

Terminal Geyser

At 5.8 miles round trip the hike to Terminal Geyser runs partially along the Pacific Crest Trail next to Hot Springs Creek and offers a stunning view of Boiling Springs Lake along the way. Seemingly out of place signage from the Warner Valley Trailhead points the way to this huge and always steaming ancient crack in the earth.

Kohm-Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

The Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center is the quintessential starting point for your volcanic adventure in Lassen Volcanic National Park. Displays, a film presentation and a place to eat lunch make this a great spot to meet back up when your group splits up to take in different sites. From there you can get maps and information on everything to see in the park. Information, wilderness permits, restrooms and water are available year-round in the vestibule.

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An August Hike To Ridge Lakes -Mt. Lassen Park

By Jim Moore

Lately my wife, Emily and I have been exploring some of the lesser known park trails in Lassen Volcanic National Park. Our hike to Ridge Lakes is one that we especially treasured. This hike was undertaken in late August, after all the snow had melted away. The trailhead begins at the Sulphur Works parking lot just up the road from the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center near the Southwest Park Entrance. Since we were right there, we took in the sight and sulphur smells of the Sulphur Works along with a fair number of other visitors; but soon we were on the trail up to Ridge Lakes.

The trail up to Ridge Lakes is a steep 1.1 mile climb from an elevation of about 7000 feet up to about 8000 feet at the lake. The trail begins with a zig-zag through a rather large expanse of bracken ferns. To the left, as the trail became more steep, were excellent views looking down upon the upper slopes of the Sulphur Works. The trail then weaves in and out of wooded areas and steep mountain meadows of various sizes; and somewhat parallels the small West Sulphur Creek, whose namesake tributary begins at Ridge Lakes.

Our first encounter with other hikers was soon after we began our hike upwards. The couple told us that we were the first hikers that they had seen



Jim and Em

on their hike to Ridge Lakes and back; so we knew right off that we would most likely have the lake and trail to ourselves for at least some of our visit up there. As the trail continued upward along the crest of a narrow ridge we had an occasional view to the left of the mostly obscured Brokeoff Mountain, at 9,235ft; and to the right Mount Diller at 9,085 feet with a more exposed and interesting view.

These two peaks are slope remnants of the fabled Mount Tehama. The trail is quite steep most of the way up to the lakes so we took occasional breaks, usually near some large scenic steeply sloped mountain meadow where we sat down and enjoyed the view. For most of the journey we heard only the sound of the breeze as it moved through the trees, and an occasional

tweet from a bird. Even though it was a comfortably warm day, I do not recollect seeing any vertebrate animals during our hike to Ridge Lake. Even insects were not as plentiful as I would have expected them to be, considering the abundance of wildflowers that became more abundant and showy as we climbed higher and higher. Indian paintbrush, goldenrod, Lupine, corn lilies, coyote mint, wall flower, pussy paws, and others that were unfamiliar to me, welcomed us throughout our excursion.

When we reached the trail's crest we beheld the lake mostly surrounded by beautiful high slopes surrounding the lake all around except for where the Creek departs, and the trail ends. Ridge Lakes was actually just one lake upon our arrival, for the level of the lake had not receded yet to when it becomes two lakes separated by a 'ridge' located at mid lake; from which came the name 'Ridge' Lakes. Or perhaps it is named after the Mount Tehama 'ridge' remnant that so closely extends from Mount Dillar all the way around Ridge Lakes and beyond to Brokeoff Mountain.

We had this beautiful 'springtime' glacial cirque all to ourselves for our whole stay, where we enjoyed the views, solitude, wildflowers, and a leisurely lunch. The lake's water is crystal clear when looking down at it near the shoreline. But when looking across the lake towards the opposite shoreline an

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Ridge View by Jim Moore



Upper Sulphur Springs by Jim Moore

Mt. Lassen

almost magical show was offered to us by the coming and ceasing of the breeze. At one moment the surface of the lake was like a smooth mirror reflecting the tree studded ridge slopes; but when the breeze picked up a bit, the sharp reflection would begin to fade in and out. When the breeze increased even more the water surface became agitated enough to where the surface took on deep turquoise-blue ripples with thousands of very tiny glittering sparks of white light.

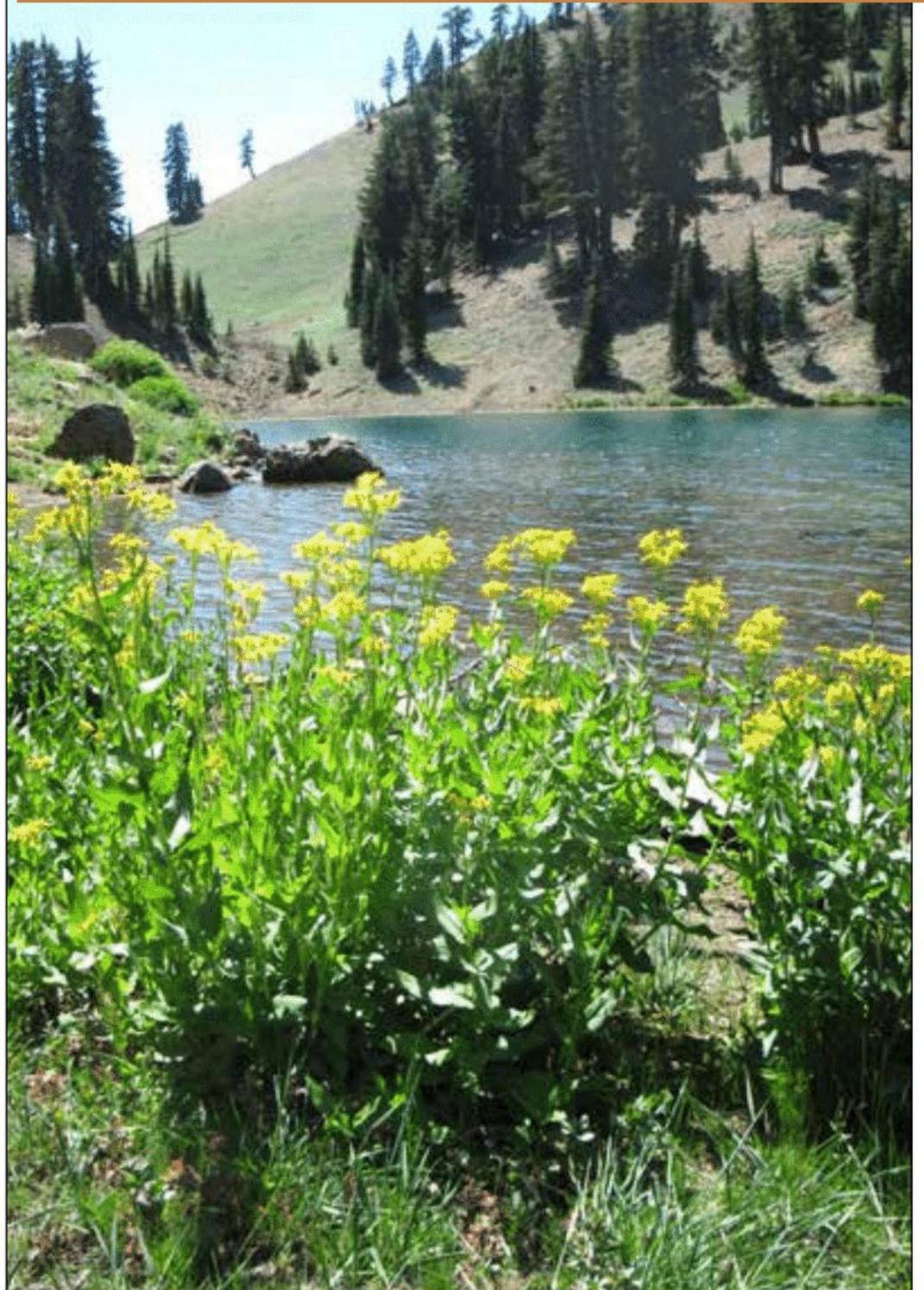
It was interesting how much was seen going back down, things that were missed on the way up: different kinds of flowers, weird shaped tree trunks, perhaps deformed long ago by deep snow packs, and views altered by the change in the angle of sunlight; all new visions pleasing for the observant eye to see. I took many beautiful photos during our hike; but as many folks know; the most beautiful photo cannot compare with seeing these wonders with one's own eyes. I give the Ridge Lakes trail a five star rating; well worth the beautiful, but steep climb to get there.



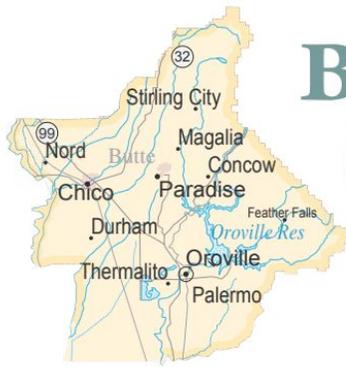
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Mt. Dillar by Jim Moore



Emily in a Steep Meadow by Jim Moore



Butte County Welcomes You.

Local Attractions:

Barry Kirschner Wildlife Park & Educational Center

Get up close and personal with wildlife from around the world at the Barry Kirschner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center. Located in Butte County, just east of Butte College, this forever home for rescued, exotic and native animals is the only organization of its kind from the San Francisco Bay area to the Oregon state line. Meet lions, tigers, bears, mountain lions and more that are unable to return to the wild for a wide variety of reasons. Rescued babies are occasionally on-site and for a brief time guests can hold them for a photo. Read about our amazing experience holding a baby bear online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/05/30/holding-babies-at-barry-kirschners/>. All fees and donations help to keep this non-profit open and improving so your visit makes a difference. Entrance fees are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. Guided Tours are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and are by appointment only. Visitors are welcome Tuesday-Sunday 9am to 5pm. Volunteers are needed and welcome. College credits are available in some situations. Meet all the animals currently in residence at <http://kirshner.org/>. Sanctuary Visiting Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday 4995 Durham Pentz Rd, Oroville +1.530.533.1000

Bidwell Park

Bidwell Park was established in 1905 on approximately 2,500 acres donated to the City of Chico by Annie Bidwell. The city purchased additional lands in 1922 and 1995 making this beautiful place one of the countries largest municipal parks at 3,670 acres.

Self guided adventures include mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, swimming in the pool, fishing, Big Chico Creek and even paragliding.

Several structured attractions are also available to keep you learning and entertained. Enjoy exhibits, wildlife walks and seasonal activities



Table Mountain Wildflowers

at the Chico Creek Nature Center located at 1968 E. Eighth Street. Read our full article about disc golf at Peregrin Point online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2012/09/15/peregrine-disc-golf-course/>.

Can't decide what to do first? Take the 14 mile Bidwell Park tour and take it all in then plan your adventure or visit their website here: <https://chico.ca.us/bidwell-park>

Table Mountain

In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, a geological masterpiece formed by ancient lava flows invites all to come and play. Each Spring from March-May the landscape explodes with wildflower blooms. Self guided tours are welcome and encouraged. Learn more about these tours online at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/2/Wildflower-Tours>.

Waterfalls, streams and abundant wildlife are a special gift from Table Mountain and a must see for every visitor to Butte County. There are no marked trails but paths can be easily seen on the popular routes. The North Table Mountain Ecological Preserve is open year round from sunrise to sunset. There are no fees but donations are appreciated. The preserve is 7 miles north of Oroville; take Cherokee Road south from CA HWY 70 for 5 miles. Gravel parking is located on the right. For more information and a map of this 3,300 acre paradise visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/lands/places-to-visit/north-table-mountain-er>. +1.916.358.2900

Lake Oroville

Lake Oroville is the second largest man-made lake in the state of California and boasts year round activities

for everyone that loves the outdoors. World class fishing is a top choice and many locals tout this Norcal favorite as the top bass fishing lake in the state. Chinook Salmon are regularly stocked by the Feather River Fish Hatchery that you can also visit at 5 Table Mountain Blvd near Oroville. Learn all about what they do and offer online at: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/hatcheries/feather-river>.

Whether you travel by road, horseback or air Lake Oroville welcomes you. A 9,000 ft area is designated just for sea plane landings and there are camping options offered that are equestrian friendly for horse owners. Learn about the amenities and locations at: <http://www.lakeoroville.net/lake-oroville-equestrian-camps>.

House boat and power boat rentals bring visitors from around the globe and offer the most up close and personal way to explore this family friendly reservoir. Visit the staff at Lake Oroville Marina online at <http://www.lakeorovillemarina.com/> and plan your your next adventure or vacation.

Downtown Chico

Over a dozen murals, exceptional art glass, statues and pottery are just a few of the reasons to spend some time exploring the eclectic art scene in downtown Chico. Browse, shop, or take a class and learn to make your own masterpiece.

Great restaurants abound offering something to please every palate and budget and live music can be found somewhere nearly every weekend. Visit online for a current list of shows, events, markets and up to date happenings at: <https://www.downtownchico.com/explore-downtown-chico.htm>.

Sierra Nevada Brewery

No trip to Chico is complete without a stop at the busy Sierra Nevada Brewery. These craft beer pioneers are proud to share their journey and offer two different tours through the making of their world famous beer; The Brewhouse Tour, and the Beyond The Pale Tour. The Brewhouse Tour is approximately 60 minutes long and costs \$9. They'll guide you through the brewing process, let you gaze into their beautiful kettles, explore the hop cooler, and finally, discuss fermentation while standing beneath their 800-barrel tanks. This tour ends in their Brewhouse Bar where you are able to try four of their delicious and classic Sierra Nevada beers. The Beyond The Pale Tour is approximately 90 minutes long and costs \$25. On this tour you'll get to hear the fascinating story of Sierra Nevada's founder Ken Grossman, some fun facts on the evolution of craft beer, the brewing process and ingredients, explore in depth the original Sierra Nevada facility and much more. This adventurous experience ends with a ride around the facility on the "storied but rarely seen" Time Machine Beer Bike and of course with a tasting of the magic itself, their award-winning brews. You can book online and both tours promise to be a memorable, hands-on experience. A Self-guided Tour is available anytime for those that just want to take a look while dropping in for a pub grub style lunch or dinner in the brewery's family friendly restaurant. You can also book private tours via their website.

Read all about our tour online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2014/07/15/a-trip-to-the-brewery-chico-ca/>.

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Sierra Nevada Brewery

No trip to Chico is complete without a stop at the busy Sierra Nevada Brewery. These craft beer pioneers are proud to share their journey and offer two different tours through the making of their world famous beer; The Brewhouse Tour, and the Beyond The Pale Tour. The Brewhouse Tour is approximately 60 minutes long and cost \$9. They'll guide you through the brewing process, let you gaze into their beautiful kettles, explore the hop cooler, and finally discuss fermentation while standing beneath their 800-barrel tanks. This tour ends in their Brewhouse Bar where you are able to try four of their delicious and classic Sierra Nevada beers. The Beyond The Pale Tour is approximately 90 minutes long and cost \$25. On this tour you'll get to hear the fascinating story of Sierra Nevada's founder Ken Grossman, some fun facts on the evolution of craft beer, the brewing process and ingredients, explore in depth the original Sierra Nevada facility and much more. This adventurous experience ends with a ride around the facility on the "storied but rarely seen" Time Machine Beer Bike and of course with a tasting of the magic itself, their award-winning brews. You can book online and both tours promise to be a memorable, hands-on experience. A Self-guided Tour is available anytime for those that just want to take a look while dropping in for a pub grub style lunch or dinner in the brewery's family friendly restaurant. You can also book private tours via their website.

Read all about our tour online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2014/07/15/a-trip-to-the-brewery-chico-ca/>. For tour reservations visit: <https://sierranevada.com/visit/chico/tours/>
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Barry Kirschner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center

Get up close and personal with wildlife from around the world at the Barry Kirschner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center. Located in Butte County, just east of Butte College, this forever home for rescued, exotic and native animals is the only organization of its kind from the San Francisco Bay area to the Oregon state line. Meet lions, tigers, bears, mountain lions and more that are unable to return to the wild for a wide variety of reasons. Rescued babies are occasionally on-site and for a brief time guests can hold them for a photo. Read about our amazing experience holding a baby bear online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/05/30/holding-babies-at-barry-kirschners/>. All fees and donations help to keep this non-profit open and improving so your visit makes a difference. Entrance fees are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. Guided Tours are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and are by appointment only. Visitors

are welcome Tuesday-Sunday 9am to 5pm. Volunteers are needed and welcome. College credits are available in some situations. Meet all the animals currently in residence at <http://kirshner.org/>. Sanctuary Visiting Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday
4995 Durham Pentz Rd, Oroville
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Bidwell Park

Bidwell Park was established in 1905 on approximately 2,500 acres donated to the City of Chico by Annie Bidwell. The city purchased additional lands in 1922 and 1995 making this beautiful place one of the countries largest municipal parks at 3,670 acres.

Self guided adventures include mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, swimming in the pool, fishing, Big Chico Creek and even paragliding.

Several structured attractions are also available to keep you learning and entertained. Enjoy exhibits, wildlife walks and seasonal activities at the Chico Creek Nature Center located at E. Eighth Street. Read our full article about disc golf at Peregrin Point online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2012/09/15/peregrine-disc-golf-course/>.

Can't decide what to do first? Take the 14 mile Bidwell Park tour and take it all in then plan your adventure or visit their website here: <https://chico.ca.us/bidwell-park>

Lake Oroville

Lake Oroville is the second largest man-made lake in the state of California and boasts year round activities for everyone that loves the outdoors.

Hike To Feather Falls -Oroville

This 640 foot waterfall is gorgeous. A nine-mile loop on Feather Falls National Scenic Trail offers beautiful views. Expect the hike to take four to five hours. Download PDF or view more information:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsm9_034836.pdf

Hike To Feather Falls -Oroville

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fishing is a top choice and many locals tout this Norcal favorite as the top bass fishing lake in the state. Chinook Salmon are regularly stocked by the Feather River Fish Hatchery that you can also visit at 5 Table Mountain Blvd near Oroville. Learn all about what they do and offer online at: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/hatcheries/feather-river-at>: <http://www.lakeoroville.net/lake-oroville-equestrian-camps>.

House boat and power boat rentals bring visitors from around the globe and offer the most up close and personal way to explore this family friendly reservoir. Visit the staff at Lake Oroville Marina online at <http://www.lakeorovillemarina.com/> and plan your next adventure or vacation.



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Golfing communities near Graeagle and Lake Almanor spring to life for the summer season. Tiny towns and small businesses across Plumas County welcome visitors throughout the warmer season.

Numerous campgrounds and resorts open across the county as golf and lakeside businesses reopen each year. Summer months bring lots of visitors to fill the many resorts and campgrounds so plan ahead for your stay with reservations. Most resorts are open in late spring and close in late September or October, great times to plan a getaway to avoid all the crowds.

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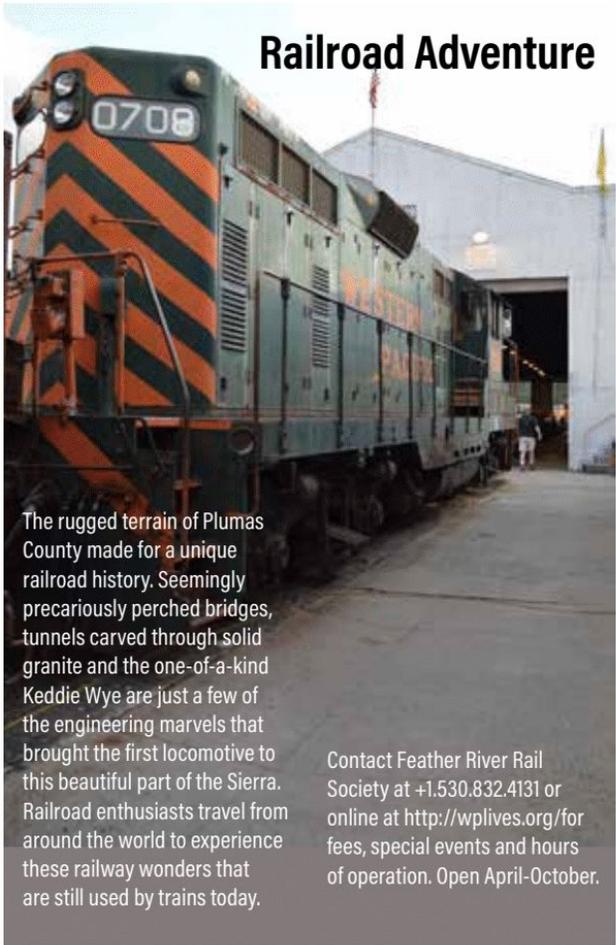


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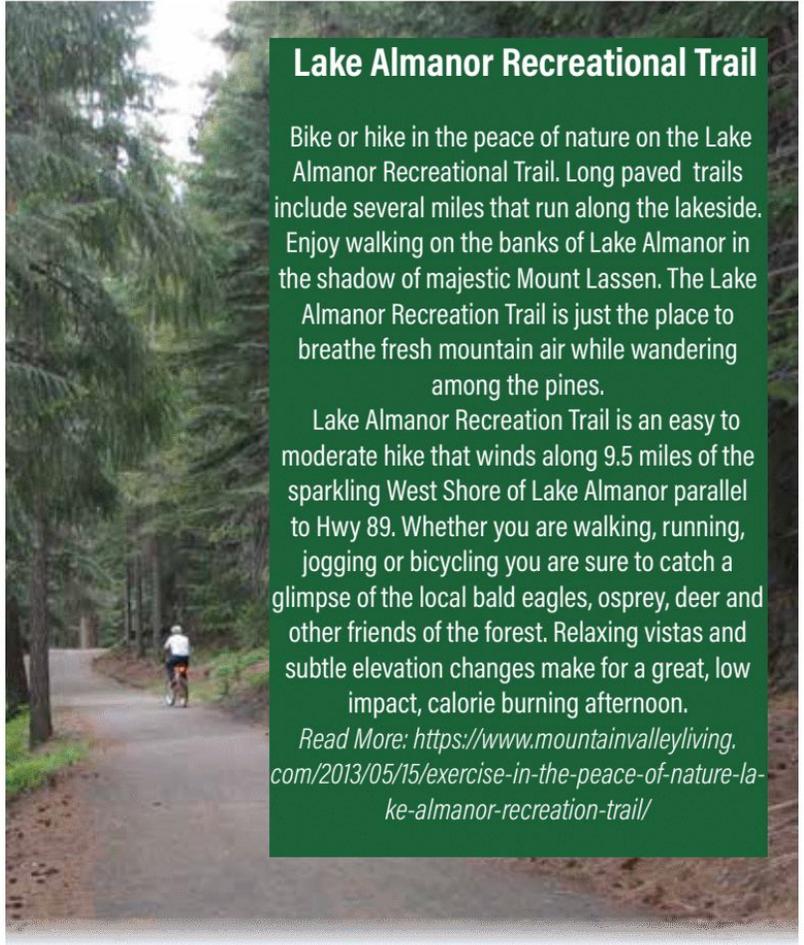
Railroad Adventure



The rugged terrain of Plumas County made for a unique railroad history. Seemingly precariously perched bridges, tunnels carved through solid granite and the one-of-a-kind Keddie Wye are just a few of the engineering marvels that brought the first locomotive to this beautiful part of the Sierra. Railroad enthusiasts travel from around the world to experience these railway wonders that are still used by trains today.

Contact Feather River Rail Society at +1.530.832.4131 or online at <http://wplives.org/for> fees, special events and hours of operation. Open April-October.

Lake Almanor Recreational Trail

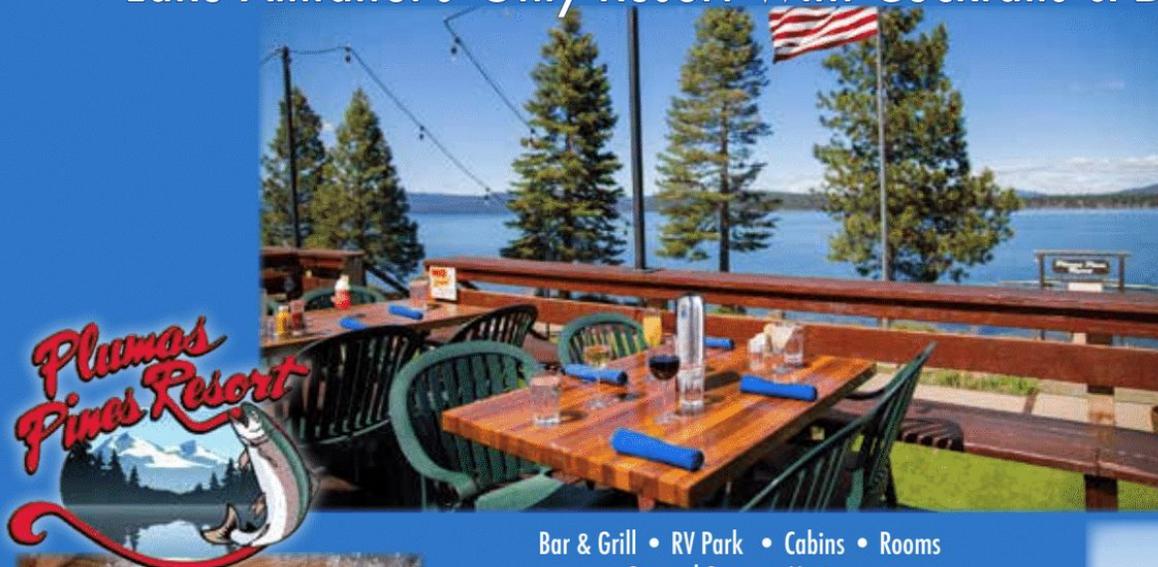


Bike or hike in the peace of nature on the Lake Almanor Recreational Trail. Long paved trails include several miles that run along the lakeside. Enjoy walking on the banks of Lake Almanor in the shadow of majestic Mount Lassen. The Lake Almanor Recreation Trail is just the place to breathe fresh mountain air while wandering among the pines.

Lake Almanor Recreation Trail is an easy to moderate hike that winds along 9.5 miles of the sparkling West Shore of Lake Almanor parallel to Hwy 89. Whether you are walking, running, jogging or bicycling you are sure to catch a glimpse of the local bald eagles, osprey, deer and other friends of the forest. Relaxing vistas and subtle elevation changes make for a great, low impact, calorie burning afternoon.

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Winterfest Dog Sled Races - A Chester Tradition

Story by Stacy Fisher

After a number of years in which Truckee-based Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers had to cancel the Chester Winterfest Sled Dog Races in Chester due to low snowfall and a delay caused by the Dixie Fire of 2021, the sound of dogs eagerly barking once again reverberated across the snowy expanse.

The dog sled competitions were held Feb. 11 & 12 along the outskirts west of Chester approximately a mile past Cedar Lodge Motel and RV Park where Old Highway 89 ends (now County Road 324).

The Siberian Huskies and Alaskan Malamutes' impatience was understandable, given that they train year after year for this popular local phenomenon. Other breeds also undertook the challenge, including Euro-Hounds, a cross between an Alaskan Husky and German Shorthaired Pointer. These breeds are ideal for the long distances required, with thick coats to protect them from the cold and incredibly powerful stamina.

Hugo Antonucci, event organizer and president of Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers, arranges the annual event each winter season as long as there is sufficient snow on the ground to make the trails worthwhile to race on. The club has been around for 62 years with its founding in 1961.

This is the 17th year the event has taken place in Chester at its current location.

"Although we were a little short handed, the race went off better than expected," he says, noting that they had 10 teams participating, including a three-dog class, four-dog class, six-dog class, eight-dog class, and a six-dog mid-distance class.

The club encompasses a diverse group of mushers or drivers with a variety of backgrounds, promoting the sport of dog sledding by traveling to Chester from locations throughout California, Oregon and Nevada.

A series of races began the first day starting at 8:15 a.m., with the event ending just after noon. The location saw a light snowfall on the first day of trials.

"Antonucci ventures to guess that the dogs are "probably more enthusiastic about the race than anyone," including the mushers, adding that once they're hooked up to a sled inside the starting chute, "they quiet down and are ready to go full bore," pulling firmly on their straps. A



The 2023 Chester Winterfest Sled Dog Races, sponsored by Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers of Truckee was held Saturday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 12 at the outskirts of the town of Chester where 10 teams competed for cash prizes and trophies. Photo by Stacy Fisher

brake built into the sled controlled by the musher is all that holds them back.

Antonucci states the dogs are specifically conditioned for the kind of endurance required running a multi-mile race while hauling a 100-pound sled together with a musher who adds substantially more weight to the total load.

There were different routes that made up the course, he says, varying in distance from three miles up to 12 miles in length.

He credits the generosity of the Collins Pine Co. for the two-day family-friendly event, explaining that, "They grant us a permit every year to hold the race on their property."

Dog sled teams are classified according to the number of dogs assigned to each sled.

The teams compete for cash prizes, trophies, and of course bragging rights, Antonucci says. "This year the purse was set at \$1,500," with winners awarded various sums "depending on which class they competed in and the number of mushers in each group."

Prize money is collected from "club membership dues, merchandising sales, as well as fundraisers held during the year" along with donations.

With snow this year in "near perfect condition for the race," he adds that, "our trail people needed less effort to groom the trails," making the job a lot easier for the volunteers.

The Almanor Chamber of Commerce once again advertised the race in their newsletter, plus the event was also announced with flyers around town, by

appearing in social media and on sleddogcentral.com where sled dog races are listed throughout the world.

Also, the Friday before the weekend races, several of the club members were on hand at the Holiday Market in downtown Chester to meet and greet people, answer questions and to show off the dogs.

Despite there being no participation in the races by Chester residents, scores of locals turned out to enjoy the activities from the sidelines, with participants and spectators alike sharing a high degree of excitement and taking photos.

He was encouraged by the number of spectators who attended the trials, stating he's hopeful the number will increase next year as word gets out the event is back on.

In addition, he invites "anyone who owns a Husky or Malamute may want to consider joining the club," because "it gives the dogs an activity these particular breeds excel in." Just contact the club to find out how to join.

Of special note he says, "Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers offer instructional classes for younger people" who want to acquire the skills to partake in the sport.

"Our membership is thankful to the community for its support, as well as everyone else like the volunteers who worked hard to make the event a great success."

For more information on joining Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers, and to learn more about the ins-and-outs of starting a team of sled dogs, call Hugo Antonucci at 530-299-3512. Or email: topaza@jps.net.

Almanor Awaits



Caribou Wilderness

Photo by Jessica Compton

Nestled in the Lassen National Forest, the Caribou Wilderness stands as a reminder of its volcanic and glacial origin. This remote area shows off crater peaks, cinder cones, and many large and small depressions have formed into crystalline lakes, and are scattered throughout the plateau.

Points of interest there are Caribou Peaks, Black Cinder Rock, and Red Cinder, the highest

point, at 8,370 feet. Majestic views surround this primitive wilderness. The headwaters of the Susan River originate in the Caribou Wilderness as water percolates up through the porous volcanic aquifer, making it a year 'round water source for the eastern slopes of the Cascades.

Lots of Lodgepole with a mixture of Jeffrey pine, white and red fir, western white pine, and hemlock fill the Caribou forest. During the early summer months, the show of wildflowers enhance the trail and water lilies cluster in ponds. Winter, spring and fall can bring cold weather and danger for hypothermia. As always, check the weather before heading out into the forest. Read about a hike there: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2016/09/16/wandering-our-local-caribou-wilderness-to-jewel-lake/>

Lake Almanor welcomes thousands of tourists each week, all summer long, to fill its many campgrounds, RV parks, lodges and vacation homes. This beautiful area sits at the base of Mt. Lassen and boasts several resorts and boat launches.

A variety of services on the lake include rentals to make your stay more fun. For fun on the water, see Lake Almanor Kayaks, Knotty Pine Resort on the Lake Almanor Peninsula, and Majors Outpost Watercraft Rentals on the West Shore.

The lake's 52 miles of shoreline come to life each summer as seasonal residents and visitors fill the area.

Fabulous fishing, golf and wildlife watching are just a few of the many activities on Almanor. Beautiful paved trails run along the west shore, and are accessible from Pratville at Lake Almanor Drive West as well as Lake Almanor Campgrounds, among other locations.

NorCal Camp & RV Guide

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Butte County

Bidwell Canyon Campground - 70 sites, RVs and tents, flush toilets, showers, drinkable water, Lake Oroville Reservations: +1.530.538.2200, <http://www.lakeoroville.net/camping-locations>

Loafer Creek Campground - 37 sites, RVs and tents, open mid-March through October, flush toilets, showers, drinkable water, southern end Lake Oroville +1.530.538.2200, <http://www.lakeoroville.net/camping-locations>

Queen Lily - 12 sites, RVs and tents, restrooms, running water, no reservation required, On the North Fork Feather River, three miles north of Highway 70 on Caribou Road, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/plumas/recreation/recarea/?recid=11245&actid=29>

Orland Buttes - 39 sites, RVs and tents, no

reservations required, restrooms, showers, running water, On east shore of Black Butte Lake, west of Orland, <http://www.recreation.gov/camping/orland-buttess/r/campground-BookingWindow.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=73307>

Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area 41 sites, RVs and tents, restrooms, showers, On Sacramento River east of Corning, reservations +1.530.839.2112, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=459

River Reflections RV Resort & Campground - 91 sites, RVs and tents, big rigs welcome, full hookups, pull throughs, Wi-Fi, laundry room, showers, covered storage, 4360 Pacific Heights Road, Oroville, 1.530.533.1995, <http://riverreflectionsrvpark.com>

Quail Trails Village - RV Park RVs & tents, full hookups, big rigs welcome, tables, TV hookups for monthly renters WI-FI, laundry,

restrooms, showers, 5110 Pentz Road #2, Paradise - 1.530.876.0516, <http://quailtrailsvillage.com>

Almond Tree RV Park - 42 sites, RV only, full hookups, pool, gazebo, showers, pets ok, store, laundry, restrooms, 3124 Esplanade, Chico - 1.530.899.1271 - <http://www.almond-treervandstorage.com/almond-rv-park>

Butte Meadows Mercantile and Resort RVs, cabin rentals, fuel, pizza, deli, store, 7473 Humboldt Road Butte Meadows - 1.530.873.5016, <http://www.buttemeadowscabins.com>

Butte Meadows Campground - 13 sites, RVs and tents, valut toilets, running water, tables, grills, secluded and private, Butte Meadows, approximately 1/2 mile northeast of the USFS Work Center on Humboldt Road. 35 miles northeast of Chico; turn off Highway 32 to Butte Meadows, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/lassen/recarea/?recid=11276>

Lassen County

Eagle Lake RV Park - 54 sites, RVs and tents, dump station, full hook ups, showers, TV hook ups, store, dining, pets ok, boat ramp, boat rentals, Eagle Lake 530-825-3133. www.eaglelakeandrvm.com

Sunset Properties Eagle Lake Resort - formerly Mariners Resort, 53 RV sites, 3 tent sites, full hook ups, dump station, TV hook ups, Showers, pets ok, store, boat ramp, boat rentals, Eagle Lake 530-825-3333 <http://www.eaglelakerv.com>

Christie Campground 69 sites, RVs and tents, Showers, dump station, boat ramp, store, Eagle Lake 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov

Eagle Campground 50 sites, RVs and tents, showers, dump station, boat ramp, store, Eagle Lake 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov

West Eagle Campground - 2 sites, RV or tent, secluded and private, dump station, Eagle Lake 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov

Merrill Campground - 173 sites, RV only, full hook ups, showers, dump station, boat ramp, store, Eagle Lake 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov

Aspen Grove Campground - 26 sites, tents only, running water, boat ramp, store, Eagle Lake

Crater Lake Campground - 17 sites, tents only, running water, boat ramp, 7 miles off HWY 44

North Eagle Lake Campground - 20 sites, RVs and tents, running water, boat ramp 530-257-5381

Ramhorn Springs - 12 sites, tents only, running water Hwy 395 near Spanish Springs 530-257-5381

Silver Bowl Campground - 18 sites, RVs and tents, running water, boat ramp, 877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov Silver Lake

Days End RV Park - 27 sites, open year round, RV only, flu hook us, TV hook ups, showers, running water, dump station, pets ok, Standish 530-254-1094

Mountain View RV Park - 101 sites, RVs and tents, full hook ups, TV hook ups, showers, running water, dump station, pets ok, 3075 Johnstonville Road, Susanville 530-251-4757. www.susanvillerv-park.com

Goumaz Campground - 6 sites, tents only, secluded and private, running water, 2 miles off HWY 44 between Susanville and Westwood

Roxie Peconom - 10 sites, tents only, running water, off HWY 36, Fredonyer Pass

Laufman Campground - 6 sites, RVs and tents, no amenities 3 miles South of Milford off HWY 395

Meadow View Campground - 6 sites, RVs and tents, horse camp, no amenities, 7 miles west of Doyle off HWY 395

Wind Break Mobile Home & RV Park - 21 sites, open year round, RVs and tents, showers, full hookups, TV hookups, dump station, pets ok, store, 436-945 Riverview Dr., Doyle 530.827.2676

Plumas County

Lake Almanor & Butte Valley Reservoir Area

Pine Cone Lodge RV Park and Knotty Pine Resort

24 sites plus cabins, RV only, full hookups, great lake views, BBQ, WiFi, TV hookups, dump station, boat slips, boat ramp, gated community, cabin rentals, 430 Peninsula Drive, Lake Almanor, 530-596-3348

Plumas Pines Resort 63 sites, RV only, full hookups, showers, pets ok, boat ramps, boat rentals, store, 3000 Almanor Dr. West, Canyon Dam, 530-259-4343

Juniper Lake Campground 18 sites, tents only, boat ramp, pets ok, Juniper Lake Road to County Road 138 within Lassen Park

Southwest Campground 21 sites, open year round, running water, off Hwy 89 within Lassen Park

Summit Lake North and South Campground 94 sites, RVs and tents, running water, boat rentals, HWY 89 within Lassen Park

Warner Valley Campground 18 sites, RVs and tents, running water, off HWY 36, Chester, County Road 312 within Lassen Park

Brookside RV Park 16 sites, open year round, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, pets ok, Internet, 286 Main St. Chester 530-258-3584

Cedar Lodge RV Park 15 sites, open year round, RV only, full hookups, pets ok, Chester 530-258-2904

Childs Meadow Resort 32 sites, 8 for tents, 24 for RV, full hookups, dump station, pets ok, store, restaurant, Hwy. 36, Mill Creek 530-595-3383

Leisure RV Park 28 sites, Open year round, RV only, full hook ups, TV hookups, showers, pets ok, store, 124 Feather River Dr., Chester 800-589-1578

Martin's RV Park 14 sites, Open year round, RVs and tents, full hook ups, TV hookups, showers, pets ok, Martin Way & Hwy. 36, Chester 530-258-2407
Last Chance Creek 12 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, Off

Juniper Lake Rd., North of Chester 916-386-5164

Domingo Springs 18 sites, Rvs and tents, running water, pets ok, At Chester take Feather River Drive 6 miles, bear left and go 2.3 miles to campground on left. For Information only: 530-258-2141 on weekdays

High Bridge 12 sites, tents only, running water, pets ok, 5 mi. W of Chester off Warner Valley Rd. on North Fork Feather River, For Information only: 530-258-2141 on weekdays

Soldier Meadows 15 sites, Rvs and tents, pets ok, no amenities, W of Chester off County Road 308, For Information only: 530-258-2141 on weekdays

St. Bernard Lodge/RV 20 sites, restaurant, Bed and Breakfast on site, 10 Mi. W of Chester 530-258-3382

Big Cove Resort 51 sites, RV only, full hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, boat ramps, boat rental, store, 442 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor 530-596-3349

Big Springs Resort 8 sites, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, 2655 Big Springs Rd., Lake Almanor 530-596-3390
Canyon Dam RV Park 18 sites, Open year round, RV only, full hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, boat ramp, store, 29535 Hwy. 89, Canyon Dam 530-284-7046

Lake Cove Resort & Marina 54 sites, RVs and tents, full hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, 3584 Hwy. 147, Lake Almanor 530-284-7697

Lake Haven Resort 27 sites, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, pets ok, boat ramp, store, Internet 7329 Hwy. 147, Lake Alm. 530-596-3249

North Shore Campground 128 sites, RVs and tents, showers, dump station, boat rentals, boat ramp, store, Internet, 2 mi. E of Chester on Hwy. 36, Lake Almanor 530-258-3376
Paul Bunyan RV Park 20 sites, Rvs and tents, full hookups, TV hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, boat ramp, 443 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor 530-596-4700

Vagabond Resort 36 sites, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, showers, Internet, boat ramp, pets ok, 7371 Hwy. 147, Lake Almanor 530-596-3240,

Whispering Pines RV Park 25 sites, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, showers, pets ok, Hwy. 89, Canyon Dam 530-284-7404

Wilson's Camp Prattville Resort 28 sites, Open year round, RV only, full hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, boat ramp, restaurant, store, 2932 Almanor Dr. West, Prattville 530-257-2267

Rocky Point Campground 131 sites, Rvs and tents, dump station, pets ok, West Shore, Lake Almanor, reservations 916-396-5164

Almanor Campground 104 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Cool Springs 30 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, boat ramp, East shore of Butte Valley Reservoir

Ponderosa Flat 63 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, boat ramp, N end of Butte Valley Reservoir on east shore

Yellow Creek 11 sites, secluded and private, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, Humbug Valley Rd., off Hwy. 89, SW of Lake Almanor

Indian Valley-Feather River Area

Mt. Huff Golf Course 6 sites, RV only, full hookups, pets ok, restaurant Hwy. 89 Crescent Mills 530-284-6204

Taylorville Community Campground 200 sites, RVs and tents, showers, dump station, pets ok, 530-394-0160

Boulder Creek 70 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, store, Off Genesee/Antelope Lake Rd., 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Lone Rock 86 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, boat ramp, store Off Genesee/Antelope Lake Rd., 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Long Point 38 sites, RVs and tents, running water, pets ok, boat ramp, store Off Genesee/Antelope Lake Rd., 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Belden Town Resort & Lodge 28 sites, Open year round, RVs and tents, full hookups, showers, pets ok, restaurant, store Off Hwy. 70 530-283-

9662

Caribou Crossroads RV Park 20 sites, RV only, showers, pets ok, restaurant, store, 16242 Hwy. 70, Belden 530-283-1384

R & R RV Park 10 sites, RV only, full hookups, 29186 Hwy. 70, at Woody's Hot Springs 925-778-3682

Twain General Store & RV Park 9 sites, RV only, showers, dump station, pets ok, store, 130 Twain Store Road, off Hwy. 70 530-283-2130

Eastern Plumas:

Pioneer RV Park 62 sites, RV only, full hookups, TV hookups, showers, dump station, pets ok, store, 1326 Pioneer Rd., Quincy 283-0769, 888-216-3266

River Ranch RV Park 31 sites, Open year round, RV only full hook ups, TV hookups, showers, pets ok, 42331 Hwy. 70, 1/2 mile N of Quincy near airport 530-283-1908

Cottonwood Springs 20 sites, RVs and tents, running water, dump station, Frenchman Lake,

Beckworth Ranger District first come, first served, info only 530-836-2575

Frenchman Campground 38 sites, RVs and tents, running water, boat ramp Beckworth Ranger District first come, first served, info only 530-836-2575

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Fawndale Oaks RV Park - full hook-ups with cable, Wi-Fi. Tents, day use, fishermen and clubs welcome, RV rentals, store, pool, laundry, propane, playground, gameroom, kitchen/clubroom, 15015 Fawndale Rd. Redding, +1.530.275.0764, www.fawndaleoaks.com

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Durango RV Resort - 154 sites, RV, Full hook-ups, free Wi-Fi & Cable, large swimming pool, hot tub, 100 Lake Avenue, Red Bluff, 1.530.527.5300, www.durangorv-resorts.com

Hat Creek Herford Ranch RV Park & Campground - 96 sites, RVs and tents, full hook-ups, grass tent sites, modern restrooms & showers, store, private lake stocked with trout, children's swim beach, laundry facilities, free Wi-Fi, Doty Lane, Hat Creek - 1.530.335.7171, www.hatcreekrv.com

McBride Springs - 10 sites, 4

miles from Mt. Shasta City, tables and fire rings, a vault toilet, hand operated pump for drinking water located above the campground via a short trail, See local Ranger District for details, www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/stnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=6574&actid=29

Panther Meadows Campground - 10 sites Approximately 14 miles from Mt. Shasta City, tables and fire rings, a vault toilet, no potable water, See local Ranger District for details, www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/stnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=6576&actid=29

McCloud Falls/Fowlers Campground 39 sites, RVs and tents, drinking water, handicapped restrooms, trails leading to spectacular lower, middle, and upper falls on the McCloud river - 1.530.964.2184, www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/stnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=6583&actid=29

Algoma Campground - 8 sites, 14 miles east of the town of McCloud off Highway 89, no amenities - 1.530.964.2184 www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/stnf/recreation/recarea/?recid=6581&actid=29

Castle Crags State Park - 64 sites, Open year round, RVs and tents, 15 miles south of Mt. Shasta City, showers, restrooms - 1.800.444.7275 or +1.530.235.2684 www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=454

For a full listing of Forest Service campgrounds in Shasta-Trinity National Forest visit www.fs.usda.gov

RV Parks & Campgrounds

Tehama County

Corning RV Park - 90 sites, RVs and tents, full hookups, laundry & showers, free wifi and off leash dog run, 4720 Barham Ave, Corning, 1.530.824.2200, www.corningrvpark.com

Bend RV Park - 23 sites, RV only, full hookups, tables, BBQ pits and grills, water fountains, restrooms, showers, 21795 Bend Ferry Rd, Red Bluff, 1.530.527.6289, www.sacramentoriver.org/access_site.php?access_site_id=135

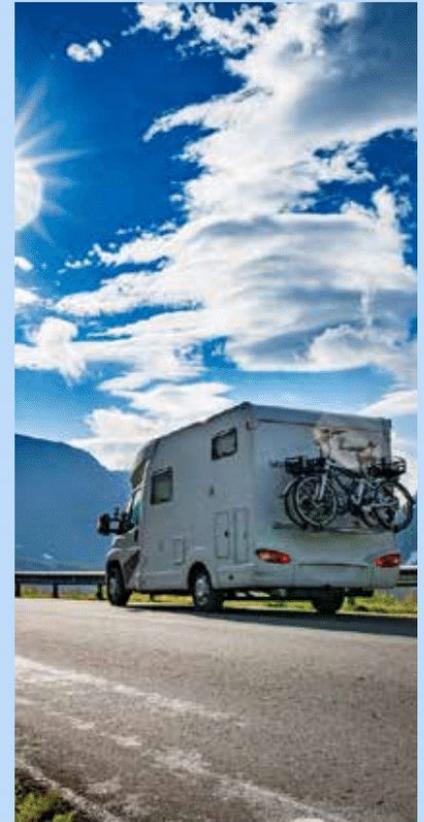
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River One RV Park - 28 sites, Open year round, RV only, full hookups, showers, store, restrooms, laundry, RV rentals, 751 Oro Dam Blvd W, Oroville, 1.530.533.8679, <http://riverone-rv-park.com>

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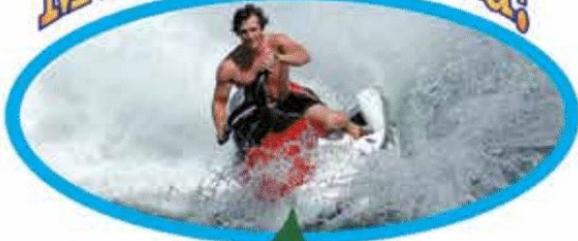
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By Melissa Wynn

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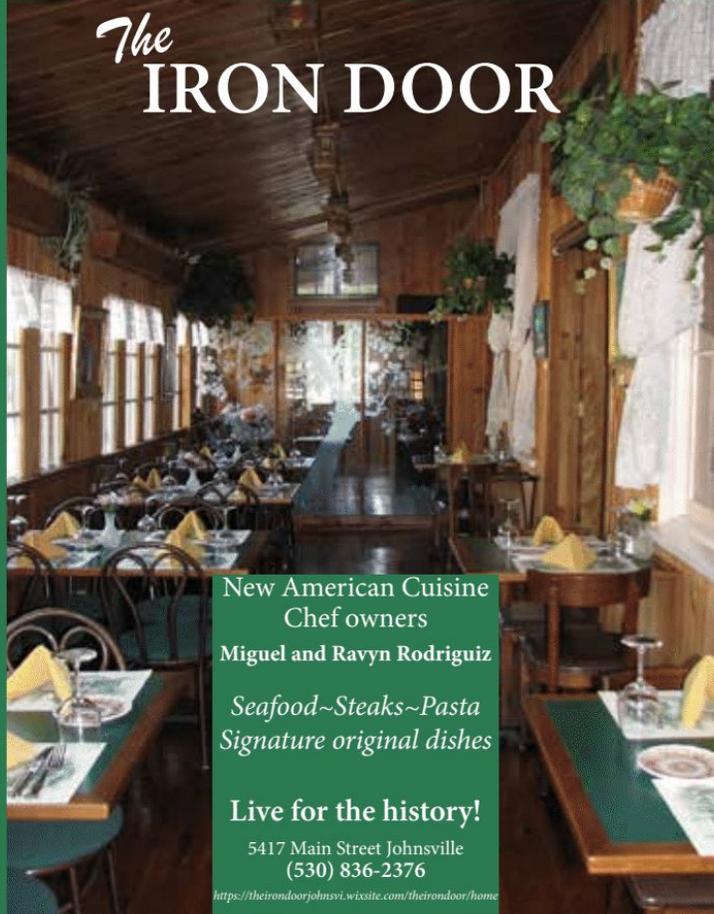
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Plumas Eureka State Park - 3 foot Bridge at Madora Lake

Plumas Eureka State Park

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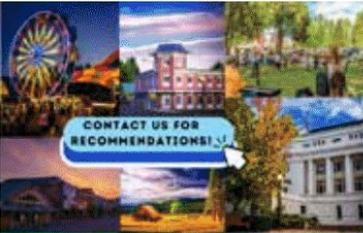
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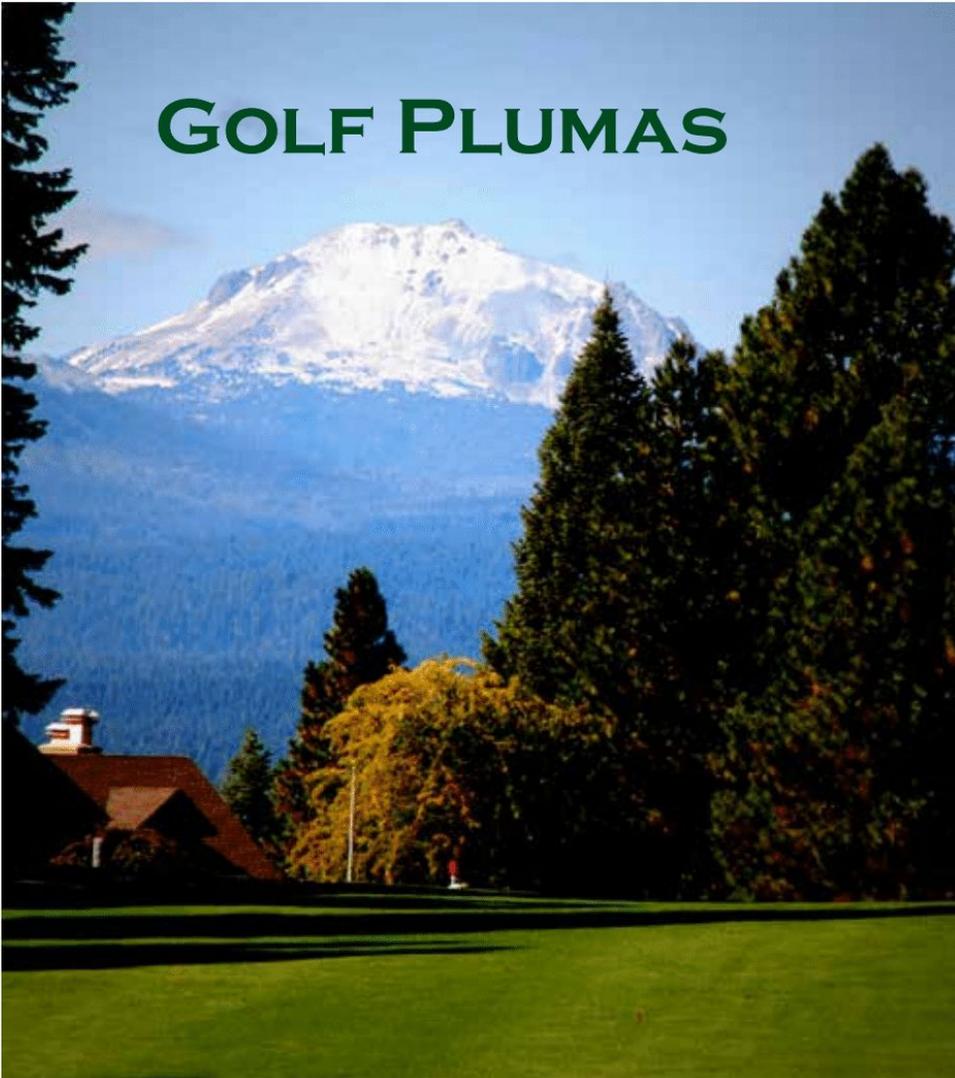



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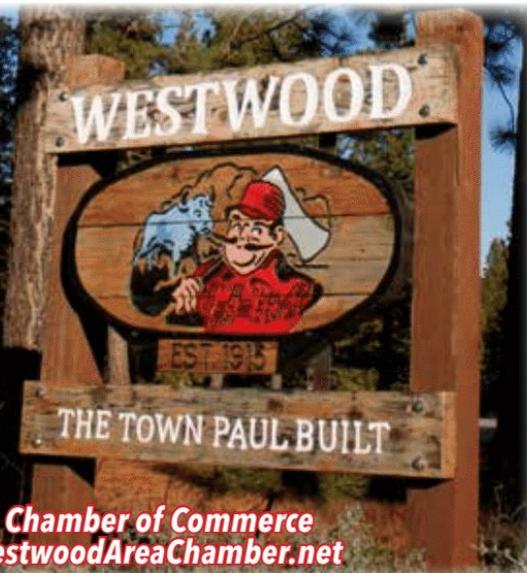


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day-Friday from 8am to 4pm at 474-000 State Route 395 East near Susanville. Read all about the BLM wild horse and burro management program and how you can adopt a wild horse, burro or mule of your own online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro>.

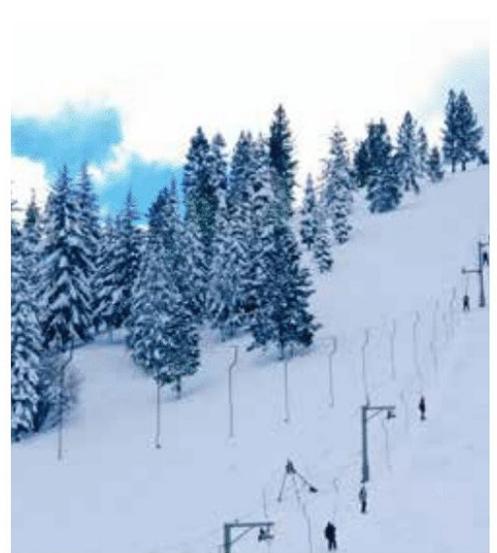


Petroglyphs By Melissa Wynn

A breeze of ancient history blows across the Great Basin, whispering the story of Native Americans from thousands of years ago. These ancient peoples left their mark, carved in stone, in the form of picture petroglyphs at the Belfast and Willow Creek area between Susanville and Litchfield Ca. From Litchfield, turn West on Center and travel about four miles and turn North on Belfast Road. Belfast Road is a gravel road and is maintained only to a certain point during the winter months. The petroglyph parking area is about four miles from the pavement. Just after the one lane bridge that crosses Willow Creek there is a deceptive "No Trespassing" sign. This sign pertains to the private land that borders Belfast Road but NOT to the road itself. Easement has been granted by the property owner to access the petroglyph site, so drive on by that sign and you will soon find the turn out and kiosk announcing the site. A visible trail leads to the large pile of lava rock that houses the ancient markings. Further down the trail you will find some great fishing, hunting and hiking ground along Willow Creek. Take a trip back in time, visit Belfast Petroglyphs and see what the ancestors of the Maidu, Paiute and Pit River tribes left behind. Read the full story of our visit and find directions online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2014/01/15/belfast-petroglyphs/>

Coppervale Ski Area

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Fredonyer Snowmobile Park

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Swain Mountain Snowmobile Park

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Willard Hill

Nothing brings out your inner child like sledding down a snowy hill. Willard Hill near Susanville on Hwy. 36 is saturated with childhood laughter as folks from near and far give it a go on tubes, toboggans, sleds and saucers.

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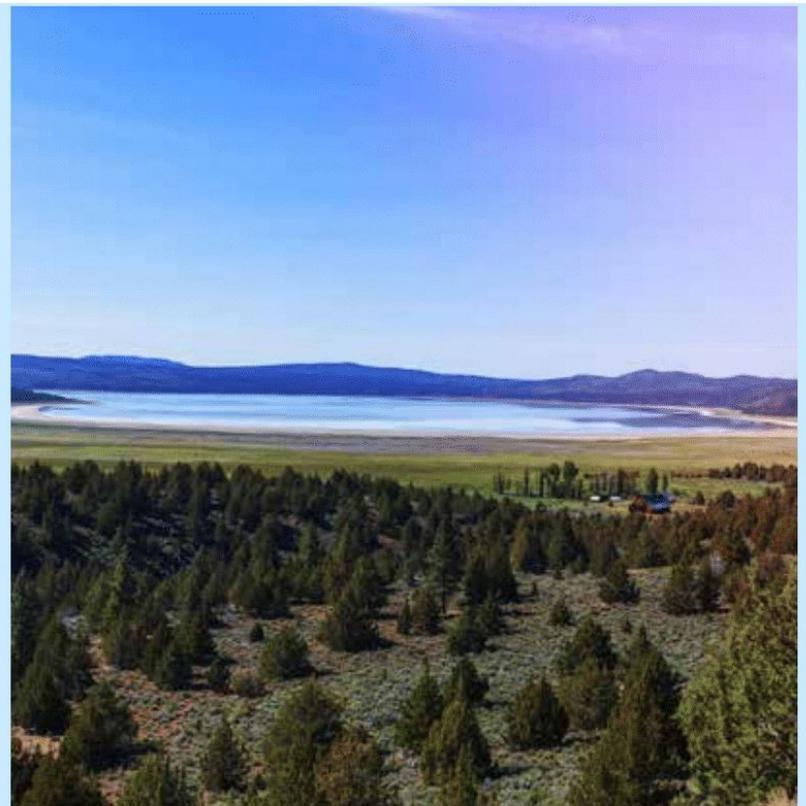
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Chapple-Shasta OHV Area - Shasta County

- Managed by BLM

This area offers over 200 miles of trails and roads. Located 10 miles northwest of Redding, the Chapple-Shasta off-Highway Vehicle area ranges from 600 feet to 5,000 feet elevation with varied soil, vegetation and topography. Rocky and challenging terrain can be found on the southeastern portions while the northwestern portion are more remote and offer scenic views of Mt. Shasta, Lake Shasta, and the Trinity Alps. Staying on trails is important as this OHV Area includes private land parcels and several roads and trails cross these parcels. Shasta Campground serves guests.

Maps can be picked up at the following locations:

BLM Redding Field Office
355 Hemsted Drive
Redding, CA 96002

California Welcome Center
1699 Hwy 273
Anderson, CA 96007
530-365-7500
Shasta Trinity National Forest Supervisors Office
3644 Avtech Parkway

Redding, CA 96002
530-226-2500

Shasta Trinity National Forest Shasta Lake Ranger Station
14225 Holiday Road
Redding, CA 96003
530-275-1587

Maps are also available at local motorcycle/ATV shops and staging areas within the Chapple-Shasta OHV Area.

If you would like a map mailed to you, call the BLM Redding Field Office at 530-224-2100

Download map at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/redding/recreationmain/reddingrecreationohvmain.html>

Fort Sage OHV Park

- Lassen County - Managed by BLM

45 miles north of Reno, in Lassen County Fort Sage OHV Park offers approximately 90 miles of routes on 29,000 acres of public land. Terrain includes flat, sandy, high desert sagebrush country and rocky, steep canyons and gulches.

The Area serves all types of riders. The Fort Sage Mountains are also utilized by hikers, horseback riders, rock climbers, hunters and wildlife photographers.

Facilities provided include:

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Land of David
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Clay Pit State Vehicular Recreation Area

Two miles west of Oroville the 220-acre area offers a fenced open riding area for motorcycle, ATV and 4 X 4 recreational use. The Clay Pit is a large, shallow depression ringed with low hills. It was formed with the clay was nines for use in constructing the Oroville Dam.

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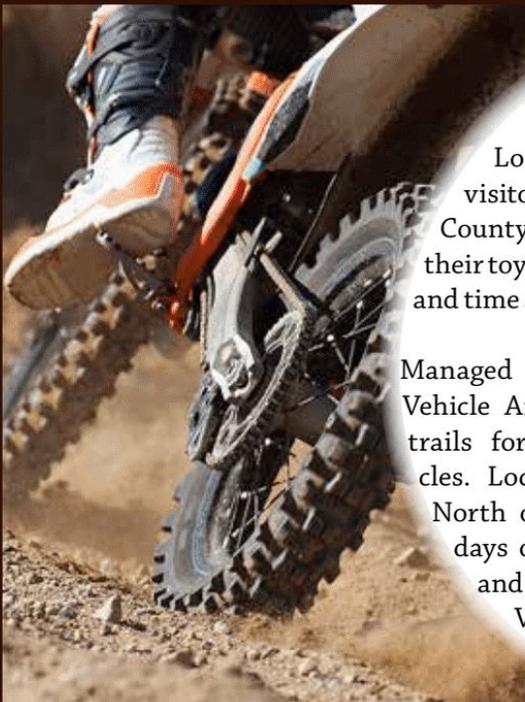
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Managed by the BLM, the Fort Sage Off-Highway Vehicle Area offers 100 miles of designated roads and trails for motorcycle, ATV and 4-Wheel drive vehicles. Located 50 miles South of Susanville and 50 North of Reno, this Great Basin playground offers days of fun but no services. Bring enough water and supplies to last your anticipated stay.

Visit <https://www.blm.gov/visit/fort-sage-highway-vehicle-area>



There are developed OHV staging areas within Fort Sage with graveled access roads accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles and green/red sticker legal vehicles.

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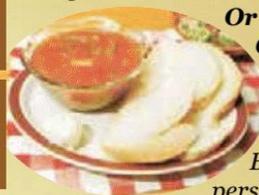
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lassencountychamber.org/

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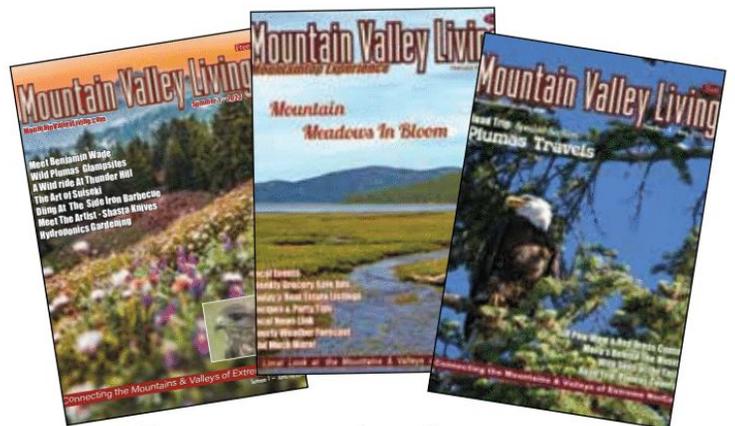
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Shasta County Attractions

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Wild Horse Sanctuary Shingletown

On 5,000 acres of lush, lava rock-strewn mountain meadow and forest land at 5796 Wilson Hill Road, Shingletown, lies the Wild Horse Sanctuary. This forever home for otherwise unwanted wild mustangs and burros give visitors an up close and personal experience with our equestrian friends from the wild. Two and three day trail rides gives guests a chance to explore this historic area and view old Native American camps, homesteads and even some petroglyphs from horseback. Learn all about how it came to be

and check out your riding options online at: www.wildhorsesanctuary.org/.

Lake Britton

We all remember the iconic scene from the movie "Stand By Me" when the boys are walking the railroad bridge. You too can walk that same bridge on your next camping or fishing trip to lovely Lake Britton on Highway 89 near Burney. Calm blue water invites kayakers and canoe lovers to glide around and fish or just enjoy the peace and scenery. Read about our overnight camping trip to this mountain treasure online at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/07/24/camping-at-lake-britton/>

Hat Creek Radio Observatory

Visit the place where SETI scientists listen for signals from space that indicate intelligent life. Placed in the perfect geologic spot, surrounding mountains help funnel radio waves to the antennae that stand like sentinels awaiting the messages from the stars. Drop in while enjoying world class fishing in the famous Hat Creek. Interesting and educational this is a family friendly adventure everyone can enjoy. This trip was one of our favorites, read about our visit online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2011/03/01/mvl-best-road-trips-aliens-and-giant-bugs/>



McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, (pictured above)

Perhaps the most beautiful 910 acres for miles around, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park boasts a 129 foot wonderful waterfall. Comprised of a variety of springs from underground and a babbling brook from above the unique Burney Falls forms a wide horse shoe of falls ranging in size from the thundering main falls to small narrow streams of water racing to the bottom through moss covered walls. Hiking, camping, cabins and Lake Britton just around the corner offer something for everyone that enjoys the majesty of the great outdoors. Read all about the trails, the falls and even make cabin reservations at: <http://www.burney-falls.com/>. Read about our trip to this natural wonder online at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2016/05/25/a-trip-to-burney-falls/>.

4500 Ski Park Hyway just outside of McCloud. Whether you hit the hill all day, go for a night ski or just enjoy the view from the lodge this is an amazing place to experience the magic of Mount Shasta. Learn about pricing, equipment rentals, dining and ski and stay deals online at <https://www.skipark.com/> or read more details of this local's favorite on our website at <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2015/01/18/skiers-and-boarders-love-mt-shasta-ski-park/>.

The National Forest offers family fun for free. Get out there and explore the woods of NorCal in Shasta County and beyond.

Ranger Stations

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Old Station Visitor Center

13435 Brian's Way
Highway 44/89 Old Station, CA 96071
+1.530.335.7517
(From TTY, dial 711 to connect to the phone numbers listed above)

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Museums

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(530)243-8850
<https://www.turtlebay.org/>

Shasta State Historic Park

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http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=456

Shasta Caverns

Take a meandering boat ride across stunning Lake Shasta. Enjoy the view from above on the other side after the van ride delivers you to the hilltop entrance to one of the natural wonders of the world. Shockingly stunning caverns beneath the hill beckon you in to see nature's artwork. Stone and mineral formations made from centuries of water's journey through the Earth have created a masterpiece that every visitor to this neck of the woods should behold. Read about the caverns online at: <https://www.mountainvalleyliving.com/2017/09/23/shasta-dinner-cruise-caverns/>
Dinner Cruise Information: <https://www.lakeshastadinnercruises.com>
Shasta Caverns: <https://www.lakeshastacaverns.com>

Mount Shasta Ski Park

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Fishing Nearby - Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Butte & Plumas Counties

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Anglers from around the globe flock to NorCal year-round to wet a line in our bountiful streams, creeks, rivers and lakes.

Shasta County

Frequent bass tournaments at Shasta Lake draw locals and tourists alike to Shasta County. Trout fishermen, as well as those in search of bluegill, catfish, crappie, salmon and even sturgeon have great success in this ever popular lake. The rolling Sacramento, Pit and McCloud Rivers also run through this picturesque area. The site of these mighty rivers excite those who love to put bait to hook. Those who give it a try from boat, tube, kayak or even from the shore, have great success in this world class trout and steelhead fly-fishing destination. Creeks and streams in this neck of the woods are too numerous to list here as there are over 400 to choose from. A few of the local favorites include Hat Creek, Cottonwood Creek and Burney Creek.

Bodies of Water:

Lakes: 96
Rivers/Streams: 458
Reservoirs: 41
Others: 45
All: 640

Species found here:

Rainbow Trout
Largemouth Bass
Bluegill
Brown Trout
Smallmouth Bass
Channel Catfish
Crappie
Bullhead
Yellow Perch and 14 more

Lassen County

The area offers a unique blend of fishing opportunities where the Sierra Nevada mountain range meets the Great Basin. In the mountains, Eagle Lake, native home of the famous Eagle Lake Trout, offers hot fishing year-round. Mountain Meadows Reservoir (known to the locals

as Walker Lake) is a bass fisherman's paradise. The Hamilton Branch leaves this scenic reservoir and lets you flow seamlessly from lake-to-stream fishing. The wide open spaces of the Great Basin side offer numerous reservoirs, creeks and streams to anglers that like to avoid the crowd. During higher water, Willow Creek and the little known Horse Lake often feel like private fishing areas when you find yourself the lone angler all day.

Bodies of Water:

Lakes: 95
Rivers/Streams: 94
Reservoirs: 138
Others: 11
All: 338

Species found here:

Largemouth Bass
Bluegill
Rainbow Trout
Crappie
Brown Trout
Channel Catfish
Smallmouth Bass
Brook Trout
Northern Pike and 10 more

Tehama County

Whether you are looking to hook a batch of bluegill in a quiet pond, or prefer a kick-back night of cat fishing on the banks of the Sacramento River, Tehama County is an astounding anglers destination to fill your stringer. From the foot hills to the valley, countless fishable streams, creeks and tributaries feed the mighty Sacramento on its journey to the sea. Northern Pike or Bullhead, a fun fight with a feisty fish is easily found in this fisherman's wonderland of waterways.

Bodies of Water:

Lakes: 22
Rivers/Streams: 242
Reservoirs: 2
Others: 19
All: 285

Species found here:

Largemouth Bass
Bluegill
Smallmouth Bass
Channel Catfish
Crappie
Striped Bass
Bullhead
Northern Pike
Carp and 7 more

Butte County

Lake Oroville is certainly one of our favorites, of the many fishing hot spots that exist in stunning and diverse Butte County. From houseboats to onshore, faithful fishermen gather to set a hook here year after year. Many locals that fish for the solitude often wander up Highway 70 to fish the unrivaled streams and creeks along the way. Magalia and Concow Reservoirs along with Paradise Lake are just a few more lake options available to those in search of trout, bass and catfish. Lures, flies, worms or your own secret weapon of the tackle box, there is a species here that would love a taste. From Big Chico Creek in the valley to Deer Creek, near Butte Meadows on the Western slope of the stunning Sierra, there is a new Butte County fishing hole beckoning you to test your skill with rod and reel.

Bodies of Water:

Lakes: 24
Rivers/Streams: 314
Reservoirs: 41
Others: 41
All: 420

Species found here:

Brown Trout
Largemouth Bass
Rainbow Trout
Smallmouth Bass
Bluegill
Channel Catfish
Northern Pike
Crappie
Brook Trout and 11 more



Largemouth Bass

Plumas County

Settled in the shadow of volcanic Mount Lassen, Plumas County sits loaded with lakes brimming with a variety of fish. With 52 miles of shoreline, there is plenty of room for all to share in the bounty of brown trout and bass, among many others, in the largest manmade lake, lucky Lake Almanor.

Hidden throughout the rugged terrain are countless others just waiting for you and your favorite pole. A few of our favorites include; secluded Bucks Lake, Lake Davis and Frenchman Lake. The officially proclaimed „wild and scenic“ Feather River and many of its tributaries flow through this forested area offering sport galore for trout anglers of all ages. Don't forget to test your river fishing skills again in the rolling waters of the Truckee River when visiting the plethora of possibilities on the Eastern side of pristine

Bodies of Water:

Lakes: 78

Rivers/Streams: 372

Reservoirs: 25

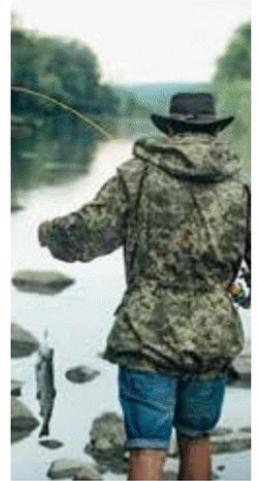
Others: 38

All: 513

Species found here:

Largemouth Bass
Bluegill
Brown Trout
Rainbow Trout
Smallmouth Bass
Crappie
Channel Catfish
Bullhead
Northern Pike and 10 more

Find a nice guide to fishing info around NorCal and more at: <http://www.hookandbullet.com>.



Rainbow Trout

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Abbey of New Clairvaux

Home to a group of Cistercian "Trappist" monks the Abbey of New Clairvaux is a working monastery and vineyard. Visitors are welcomed and invited to explore the grounds, visit the winery and learn the story of how this amazing monastery made the journey stone by stone to Vina from its original home in Spain. Whether you come for the peace, the prayer, the wine or the history this historical and spiritual place is a must see for all visitors young, old and in between. 26240 7th Street, Vina
<https://www.newclairvaux.org/>

Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area

Nestled along the Sacramento River between Chico and Red Bluff among towering oaks with Mount Shasta, Mount Lassen and the Trinity Alps looming in the distance sits Woodson

Bridge State Recreation Area. Just 3 miles from the town of Vina, this beautiful 325 acre park offers a great place to play, fish, swim and picnic after visiting the Abbey of New Clairvaux. Over one hundred plant species call this fantastic place home including elderberry, blackberry, black walnut and wild grape, a pickers paradise in the right season. This park is open April - October. Campers with tents or RVs can make reservations for one of the 37 campsites online at <https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>. +1.530.990.2251
https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=459

Sacramento River Discovery Center

The Sacramento River is the life blood of our NorCal valley home and you can learn all about this unique ecosystem at the Sacramento River Discovery Center. This hub of educational activity takes children and adults through a hands on journey of exhibits and outdoor wonders. More than just a waterway, the banks of the river are home to countless plants and animals and the center's Native Garden boasts 2 acres of area dedicated to our local and resilient flora and fauna connecting the community to nature. Named as one of the 200 most diverse ecosystems in the world, this window to the world of the Sacramento River is a must see for visitors and Red Bluff locals alike. 1000 Sale Lane, Red Bluff
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Corning Olives

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Mill Creek Falls - Photo: NPS.gov

Park (LVNP) you will find thundering waterfalls. Of course the Spring run-off season is the best time to visit but every season offers new views of the waterfalls of Tehama County.

Mill Creek Falls is the highest waterfall within Lassen Volcanic National Park with a drop of 75 feet. It is at the junction of East Sulphur and Bumpass creeks; find full directions online at https://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/hiking_mill_creek_falls.htm.

Deadhorse Falls drops an impressive 60 ft. into a pretty pool and can be found near the friendly mountain town of Mineral, the gateway to Lassen Park. See the map online at <http://www.visitredding.com/deadhorse-falls->

Bluff Falls aka Little Hawaii is a trickling falls named for the surrounding lush vegetation and is located on Bluff Springs Road near the town of Manton, a must see when visiting the wineries of the area. Directions are online at: <https://visitredding.com/get-outside/waterfalls/> National Forests are a great place to enjoy free family fun. Drop in while visiting the stunning Sierra for permits, exhibits and information.

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