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Kennedy Meadows  
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# Discover Gold Country



Tuolumne County's Gold Country offers an authentic Gold Rush experience with its rich, lively, and thriving historic towns such as Jamestown, Sonora, and Columbia. Your treasure, new or old, is waiting to be discovered in unique specialty shops or fine art galleries that line the streets. Enjoy food and drink in an historic inn, take in a superior live theatre performance in a venue where shows have entertained residents and visitors for over a century, or try your luck with 24-hour gaming action. Springtime offers massive wildflower displays along several popular trails. Wineries, craft breweries, and a hard apple cider distillery enthusiastically share their local beverage creations in unique locations.

Two California State Historic Parks, Railtown 1897 and Columbia, transport visitors to a past era when the West was bustling with those searching for gold or a new way of life.

Read more about the Gold Country at [visittuolumne.com/gold-country](http://visittuolumne.com/gold-country)

Lake Don Pedro

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# Columbia State Historic Park



Columbia Schoolhouse



Matelot Gulch Mining Company



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## Tours & Information:

209-588-9128

## Museum:

Main & State Streets, Columbia  
[parks.ca.gov/columbia](https://parks.ca.gov/columbia)

Known as the best-preserved Gold Rush town in California, Columbia is a place where visitors are truly immersed in authentic California history. Gold was discovered in Columbia on March 27, 1850. By 1870, the "Gem of the Southern Mines" produced more than \$1 billion (in today's figures). Today the town still bustles with shops, exhibits, and the lively activity of the 1850's.

You'll know you've arrived when you hear the clang of a hammer at the blacksmith shop, smell the candles and soap at the candle store, visit authentic brick

buildings, and taste treats from the candy store, bakery, or tea house.

Embrace your pioneer spirit! Pan for gold, sip a sarsaparilla, pick up provisions or supplies. Take an adventurous ride on the stagecoach. Enjoy live theatre at the Fallon House. See the house that Grace Kelly called home in the film "High Noon."

Docents staff the park museum, dressed circa 1850-1870. Columbia hosts many events throughout the year that celebrate the Gold Rush era including a Victorian Easter Egg Hunt, Cinco de Mayo, Glorious 4th of July, lamplight tours at Christmastime and many more! Admission to the park is free, and there are plenty of dining options both inside and outside the park. Nearby RV parks and the Columbia Airport are within walking distance to Columbia State Historic Park.

# Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

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Credit: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

209-984-3953

5th Ave & Reservoir Rd, Jamestown  
railtown1897.org  
railtowninfo@parks.ca.gov

The "Southern Mines" of Tuolumne County hit their second heyday in 1897 with the completion of the Sierra Railway tracks to Jamestown, Sonora, and eventually, in 1900, to Tuolumne City. This meant boom times for the lumber, hard rock, and cattle industries. Later, the railroad was key to building dams that created Lake Tulloch, Don Pedro, and Hetch Hetchy Reservoirs.

Railtown 1897 brings this era to life. The 26-acre park is open daily for tours featuring the active roundhouse complex, belt driven machine shop, historic locomotives, passenger cars, and movie

props like smokestacks, headlights, and station signs. Railtown 1897 is known as "The Movie Railroad" and its trains, including the famous Sierra No. 3@, have been featured in over 300 films, television shows and commercials since its first movie in 1919.

Excursion train rides are available on weekends April–October, holidays, and for special events. The Depot Store is well-appointed with toys, souvenirs, books, and more about railroads and the California Gold Rush. The park is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California State Railroad Museum Foundation.

Railtown 1897 is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Sierra Railway Shops Historic District.



Railtown Depot  
Credit: The Taste Edit



Credit: @Honeytrek

# Gold Country Itinerary



Downtown Sonora

## Discover Tuolumne County's Gold Country

Highway 49, which in its entirety spans 300 miles of California's Gold Country from Madera County in the south to Sierra County in the north, is known as one of "America's best drives." Embark on a tour of Tuolumne County's section of the legendary route to immerse yourself in a time when people were looking to strike it rich and begin a new way of life.

### JAMESTOWN

Jamestown was where gold was first discovered in Tuolumne County in 1848, making it the perfect place to start your road trip.

#### *Places to visit:*

##### **MAIN STREET**

During a stroll along Jamestown's Main Street, visit several of the town's buildings dating back to the 1870s and 1880s that are occupied by quaint historic inns, restaurants and shops, micro-brewery, and wine tasting room for your enjoyment. Rocca Park features an introductory exhibit to the "Walk of Fame," which highlights Tuolumne County's show business history. Also, find

the Jamestown Museum in the form of a replica blacksmith shop and a historic jail.

##### **RAILTOWN 1897 STATE HISTORIC PARK**

There's nothing quite like the sights, sounds, and smells of the railroad. At Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, take a guided or self-guided tour of the grounds and historic railroad shops or take a train ride on the weekends April through October. See more about Railtown on page 7.

##### **OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN**

Hike the fantastic trails at Red Hills Recreation Management Area to enjoy seasonal wildflower displays and wildlife viewing.

Partake in some local wine tasting with scenic vistas of the foothills or try your luck at the all new Chicken Ranch Casino Resort featuring 24-hour gaming action, luxury hotel, multiple restaurants, and conference center.

Visit Chinese Camp, a California Historical Landmark, which was once home to 5,000 Chinese miners in addition to as many Americans and Europeans. Today, the town is mostly abandoned, and the buildings are being reclaimed by nature.

##### **SONORA**

The largest and only incorporated city in Tuolumne County, Sonora is a great base camp for a visit and is an easy access point to all the fun in the surrounding area.





## Places to visit:

### DOWNTOWN

Sonora's historic downtown is home to shops, galleries, restaurants, and fascinating museums. Step inside the impressive Tuolumne County History Museum, housed in the former jail, established in 1857. Another notable stop is The Red Church, which is one of the most photographed icons in the County. Downtown is home to 2nd Saturday Art Nights, which feature art of all kinds and live music on the second Saturday night of each month year-round.

### OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN

Located near downtown, a hike on the Dragoon Gulch Trail offers a great way to stretch the legs. Over three miles of trails of varying difficulty lead the way through the oak and Manzanita landscape with great views of downtown Sonora along the way.

Tee off on the 18-hole Teleli Golf Course spanning over the rolling foothills outside of town. Players who are out later in the day are treated to one of the most scenic sunset viewing spots around.

A short distance east of town, discover Indigeny Reserve whose organic hard apple cider will ruin you for any other hard cider. Distilled carefully with pride and love on the family-owned and operated property, the cider pairs perfectly with a relaxing picnic on the spacious, beautiful grounds or on a nice hike around the orchard.

### TOWN OF TUOLUMNE

The small town of Tuolumne is located just a short way off Highway 49, southeast of Sonora. It is steeped in interesting history.

## Places to visit:

### THE CENTER OF TOWN

A visit to the Tuolumne City Memorial Museum is worth the trip to learn about the town and its inhabitants through time.

Stop by the nearby 9/11 Global War on Terrorism Memorial to pay respects and reflect. Across the street is West Side Memorial Park, which is nice for relaxing and picnicking. On Wednesday evenings in the summer, enjoy Concerts in the Park and Outdoor Market.

### NEARBY

The West Side Trail, is an easy hiking trail

that was once part of the network of rail lines owned by the West Side Lumber Company. The trail features scenic views along with interpretive exhibits and spectacular spring wildflower displays.

Treat yourself at Cover's Apple Ranch. Not only is it a local favorite bakery and restaurant, but the kids (and grown-ups) will enjoy a miniature train ride and petting zoo. You must try the Mile-High Apple Pie!

Black Oak Casino Resort offers exciting nightlife, restaurants, a family-fun floor with high-tech bowling alley and arcade, plus hotel and RV park. *Elevate* is a 20,000 square-foot indoor playground for all ages and includes a trampoline park, golf simulators, Ninja course, and more.

### COLUMBIA

The small town of Columbia is home to Columbia State Historic Park, a living, breathing, Gold Rush-era town, RV parks, historic churches, general aviation airport, community college, and more.

## Places to visit:

### COLUMBIA STATE HISTORIC PARK

An immersive experience awaits, complete with old-fashioned shops, stagecoach rides, gold panning, schoolhouse, live theatre, and saloons pouring sarsaparilla. The park is free to visit and dog-friendly! See more about Columbia on page 6.

### NEARBY

Enjoy live music and local wine and beer tasting at tasting rooms or play a round of disc golf at the newly developed and wooded Pioneer Park Disc Golf Course.

Get a look at the replica of Mark Twain's Cabin where the infamous author resided during the winter of 1864-1865. The replica is built around the fireplace and chimney of the original cabin, located about one mile off Highway 49 near the northern boundary of Tuolumne County.



Downtown Jamestown



West Side Trail  
Credit: Local Freshies and High Sierra Visitors Council



Cover's Apple Ranch  
Credit: Jennifer Rapoza

### The Sonora Selfie Trail

Step onto the Sonora Selfie Trail, and take a memorable journey through the captivating tapestry of the City of Sonora where every street corner holds a piece of history, and every selfie



captures the essence of a bygone era. Explore cultural and historical treasures, natural gems, unique artistry that graces the town, and modern-day highlights.



# Pioneer Spotlights



Around the Horn Brewing Company

At the height of the California Gold Rush there were over 100 wineries in the Sierra foothills. It is believed that the primary varietal during the time was Zinfandel. Now with four wineries, Tuolumne County has kept the wine legacy alive in Gold Country. In addition, Tuolumne County offers three breweries and a cidery. If you are someone who loves enjoying a glass of award-winning wine, craft beer, or hard apple cider, then hop on the Tuolumne County Craft Beverage Trail, and visit one or all of the area's inviting tasting rooms, breweries, and wineries.



Rachel & Andrew Sabatine

## Around the Horn Brewing Co.

**RACHEL SABATINE, OWNER**

**VTC:** How long have you been making beer in Tuolumne County?

**ATH:** We opened our doors in July 2020.

**VTC:** Why did you choose this region to start your brewing company?

**ATH:** Who wouldn't want to live within 25 miles of Yosemite National Park, one of the most beautiful locations in the world?!

We are fortunate to brew using water from Hetch Hetchy, the reservoir within Yosemite National Park. It's some of the cleanest, crispest water on the planet and is an amazingly pure base for our beer.

**TC:** What is your favorite part about making beer?

**ATH:** We love playing with different ingredients to add depth to our beer. For IPAs, that means using unique hop varieties, innovative hopping techniques, and new forms of hops. For sours and stouts we like to push the envelope on fruit combinations and complementary flavors, such as with our award-winning Tip Top Lollipop: Mixed Berry Pie, which used blackberry, black currant, cranberry, cherry, apricot, cinnamon, vanilla, and lactose.

**VTC:** How long does it take to make a batch of beer?

**ATH:** It depends on the type of yeast we're using. Lagers and Pilsners take a minimum of seven weeks. Ales take approximately three weeks. Ale yeast is used for most of our products: IPAs, sours, blondes, stouts, etc.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about Around the Horn?

**ATH:** We believe that there is a beer for everyone (who is 21 or older, of course!). Even if you're not usually a beer drinker, there is probably something on our draft board that you are going to enjoy, because we're all about variety. Plus, we make our own hard seltzer and beer slushies in the warmer months. For those who don't drink, we have plenty of non-alcoholic options. And we also serve food, such as our famous pretzels with homemade beer cheese and our Around the Horn-style Cuban sandwich.



Scan code to sign-up for the Craft Beverage Trail!



## Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp

KAREN LUCKHARDT, OWNER

**VTC:** How long have you been making wine in Tuolumne County?

**ISC:** Since 2011

**VTC:** Why did you choose this region to start your winery and tasting room?

**ISC:** We have lived here for 44 years and once in the business we knew the soil of Tuolumne County would grow great grapes, especially Spanish varietals.

**VTC:** What is your favorite part about making wine?

**ISC:** Harvest, actually picking the grapes and helping process them with our winemaker.

**VTC:** How long does it take to make a batch of wine?

**ISC:** It takes six to eight months for our white wines and two years for our reds.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about Inner Sanctum Cellars?

**ISC:** All of our wines are made with grapes grown here and along the Highway 49 (Gold Country) corridor. We specially choose small vineyards (three to five acres) because the growers have more time to watch the growth of the grapes. Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp not only has wine, but a taproom with eight taps with as many local beers as possible. We also carry local cider.



Pete & Karen Luckhardt



Inner Sanctum Cellars Basecamp  
Credit: Jennifer Rapoza

## Indiginy Reserve

JAY WATSON, CO-OWNER

**VTC:** How long have you been producing cider in Tuolumne County?

**IR:** Ten plus years, and many more to go!

**VTC:** Why did you choose this region to start your business?

**IR:** We started with the intention of preserving of old apple orchards.

**VTC:** What is your favorite part about making cider?

**IR:** Getting into the science of how to create a blend and working in the alcohol beverage industry.

**VTC:** How long does it take to make a batch of cider?

**IR:** It can take six to nine weeks.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about Indiginy Reserve?

**IR:** We are on 120 acres of apple orchards, from harvest to bottle the operation is on-site. We are family oriented and offer so many different ways to enjoy our place from cider tasting, picnicking, biking, hiking, disc golf, and more.



Credit: Indiginy Reserve



Credit: India Sutton  
Jay Watson



# Experience the High Sierra

Stanislaus National Forest and Tuolumne County's High Sierra offer magnificent vistas, trails, lakes, rivers and streams that create endless opportunities for camping, hiking, biking, boating and rafting, fishing, horseback riding, and winter sports featuring breathtaking scenery and fresh mountain air.

[fs.usda.gov/stanislaus](https://fs.usda.gov/stanislaus)

## Stanislaus National Forest

### STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST HEADQUARTERS

209-532-3671

19777 Greenley Rd, Sonora

### SUMMIT RANGER DISTRICT (HWY 108)

209-965-3434

TDD Device for the Deaf: 209-965-0488

1 Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest

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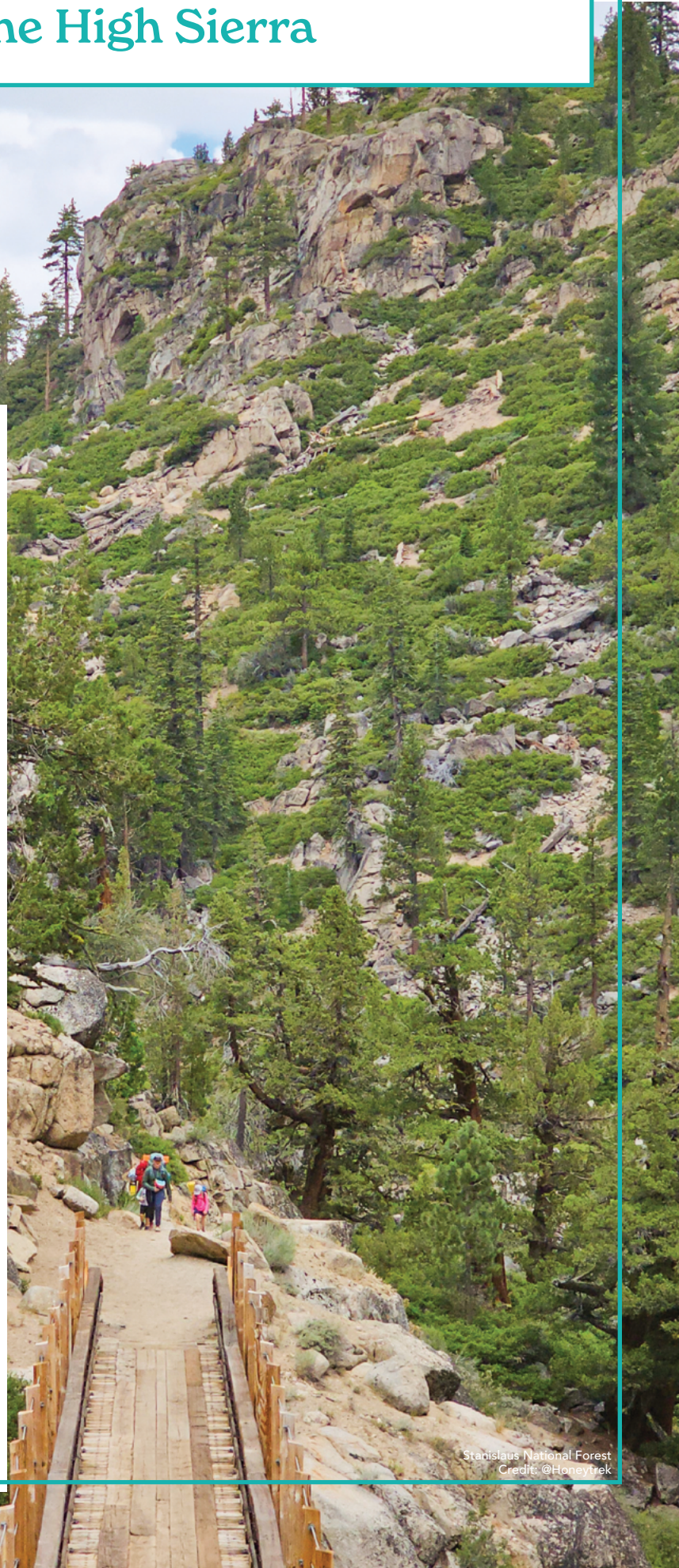
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- Wilderness Permits and Tips
- Camping in the National Forest
- Accessible Recreation Opportunities
- Fuel Wood Cutting
- Hiking Trails
- Horseback Riding
- Whitewater Rafting
- OHV Use
- Hunting Tips
- Fishing Tips



Stanislaus National Forest  
Credit: @Honeytrek



Aspen Meadow  
Credit: Emily Taylor

The history of packers in Tuolumne County dates back to the 1800s, when packers had an essential role in the California Gold Rush. Packers were used to bring supplies to gold mining camps throughout the Sierra Nevada mountains and Gold Country. Following the Gold Rush, the High Sierra saw an exploration and recreational boom that continues today. Tuolumne County embraces its packing history with two pack stations, Aspen Meadow and Kennedy Meadows. Both are open seasonally, May-October, and provide horseback trail rides and pack trips.

## Aspen Meadow Pack Station

**SETH DIEMEL, CO-OWNER**

**VTC:** How long have you been packing in the High Sierra?

**AM:** Aspen Meadows Pack Station Inc. was established in 1929 and has been packing into the Emigrant Wilderness ever since. It has changed ownership multiple times over the years but has always provided day rides along with overnight pack trips into the Emigrant Wilderness.

**VTC:** What is your favorite part of packing?

**AM:** This type of work is extremely rewarding because we get to provide access to a wide range of people who all want to use this wilderness. You are fortunate enough to take kids on their very first horseback ride or take families on backcountry trips. The memories created by these adventures are incredible and often become yearly traditions for families.

**VTC:** How long does it take to prepare for a pack trip?

**AM:** Pack trips are completely custom for each group. So, trips vary depending on if the party is just using us for transportation to their destination, or if we will be providing the entire camp along with a cook and gear. Typically, customers book their trips at least a month in advance, but we operate seven days a week all summer so there are always options.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about packing?

**AM:** Packing into the Sierra allows families to experience their public lands in an extremely unique way. Riding horses is an experience people never forget, and camping at High Sierra lakes is unmatched.

# High Sierra Itinerary



Twain Harte

## Explore Tuolumne County's High Sierra

Highway 108 is the path for the explorer and adventure seeker alike. Known for lovely waterfalls in spring, colorful wildflowers in summer, vivid foliage in fall, and snow adventures in winter, the trip is full of beauty year-round.\* The Highway 108 corridor is one that is nostalgic for families that have ascended to their favorite spots for generations.

Traveling east on Highway 108, you'll go through the towns of Jamestown and Sonora, where you can stop to explore, grab some food and water, and top off the gas tank. As you venture up in elevation, see the landscape change from rolling oak-covered hills to steeper, forested mountains, and granite peaks.

### Places to Visit:

#### TWAIN HARTE

The town named for authors Mark Twain and Bret Harte is small but has much to offer in the way of unique shops, restaurants, distinctive lodging options, activities, and charm. Twain Harte is an ideal option as a basecamp for your road trip with easy access to all sorts of recreational activities on the Stanislaus National Forest, which frames much of Highway 108.

Putting a round at Twain Harte Miniature Golf is a must-do. It's a simple and cute vintage course that's over 65 years old, but

don't be fooled—you're in for a challenging and very fun game! Take a selfie at the iconic giant root beer mug in the center of town, browse the town's quaint shops, and stay locally in a vacation rental or bed and breakfast inn.

During the summer months, the lively Thursday night "Mountain Air Market" features local artisans, food vendors, and live music. On Saturday nights, the "Concerts in the Pines" live music series in Eproson Park will get you dancing or at least singing along. Both events are free!

#### PINECREST LAKE

Take your time to soak in the scenery and the smell of the pine trees as you wind your way up the mountain through small villages to Pinecrest Lake, a family-favorite destination for generations. It's easy to see why it's special...there's not much that you can't do there. Hike around the lake, fish, rent a boat (there are several types to choose from), picnic, swim, sunbathe, bird watch (bald eagles are often spotted), and camp. A real treat is taking in a ranger program then catching a current movie at the outdoor Pinecrest Theater under the stars during the summer!

Tip: On weekends during summer months, plan to arrive early. Parking can become full.

That's not all! Near Pinecrest you can play disc golf or mountain bike at Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort or get in the saddle for a guided trail ride into the wilderness at Aspen Meadow Pack Station.

## STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

Pinecrest Lake and most of the land surrounding Highway 108 is part of the sprawling Stanislaus National Forest. Before continuing up the highway, stop by the Summit Ranger Station located right on Highway 108 and Pinecrest Lake Road. Knowledgeable rangers provide useful information and maps to help you get the very most of your time, including up-to-date trail and road information.

Here are just a few ideas for things to do on the Stanislaus National Forest...

- Start with a look into the culture of the original inhabitants of the area, the Me-Wuk. The Shadow of the Mi-Wuk Trail is directly across the street from the Summit Ranger Station and offers an easy ¼ mile walk through an outdoor exhibit showing the Me-Wuk Indians' way of life.
- If you're up for an unusual hike, try the Trail of the Gargoyles off Herring Creek Road near Strawberry. The trail winds through some interesting volcanic features that resemble gargoyles. Take in the views and the feeling that you may be on another planet.
- Stop at Donnell Vista to take the short, leisurely walk to a dramatic scenic overlook safely perched high above Donnell Reservoir. Sweeping views of the reservoir below and the peculiar rock formations off in the distance, the Dardanelles, will have you mesmerized.

## KENNEDY MEADOWS

Heading toward Sonora Pass, the summit of Highway 108 at 9,623 feet, you'll come to Kennedy Meadows before the final ascent. This is where you'll truly feel like a mountaineer. The remoteness and beauty resonate with adventure seekers, but you don't need to be a hard-core outdoors person to enjoy this area.

The team at Kennedy Meadows Resort and Pack Station will make you feel right at home with extensive amenities and activities. The amenities at the rustic cabin resort include a full-service restaurant, saloon, and general store—all open to the public.

A popular activity at Kennedy Meadows is horseback riding. Join a guided trail ride into the wilderness and see the mountains the way the pioneers did. A trip to Relief Reservoir or beyond into the Emigrant Wilderness is one-of-a-kind.

Fish until your heart's content and your limit is met on the Stanislaus River, which runs through the resort and surrounding forests and meadows. It is excellent for trout fishing. Or, pack a daypack and venture out on your own on a nearby trail.

## QUE DE PORKA OVERLOOK

For a short and fun addition to your trip, drive a mile east of the Kennedy Meadows turnoff on Highway 108 and wind through the interesting rock feature, "Que de Porka" which translates to "pig's tail." Just beyond it is an overlook that offers a high vantage point of Kennedy Meadows making for an obvious photo opportunity.

## SONORA PASS

One of the most spectacular mountain passes you will ever experience, Sonora Pass offers incredible vistas, late spring waterfalls and brilliant fall color. This pass closes for winter, but spring welcomes the season's first road trippers, many on the Epic High Sierra Loop driving Sonora Pass to Highway 395 to Highway 120, Tioga Pass, back through Yosemite National Park. Put this one on your bucket list!

## COME IN THE WINTER FOR "SNOW" MUCH FUN

Not only is the Highway 108 corridor full of fair-weather adventure and fun, but it also provides the closest snow to the San Francisco Bay Area in the winter. Come up and ski or snowboard at Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort, or enjoy safe, family-fun snow tubing at Leland Meadows High Sierra Snowplay and ice skating at The Long Barn Lodge Ice Rink.

Tip: Check the road conditions before you go at [roads.dot.ca.gov](http://roads.dot.ca.gov) or call 1-800-427-7623.

\*Highway 108/Sonora Pass closes for the winter, generally November through May, beyond Leland Meadows every year. Donnell Vista, Kennedy Meadows, the Que de Porka Overlook and other areas above 6,300 feet elevation are not accessible during that time.



Highway 108  
Credit: Carsten Sevier @carstensevierphoto



Kennedy Meadows



Donnell Vista  
Credit: @Honeytrek



Pinecrest Lake  
Credit: @Honeytrek

# Explore Yosemite National Park and

The southern area of Tuolumne County has its crown jewel, Yosemite National Park, but there's so much more than that. Spend some time in the quaint and friendly town of Groveland where there are unique shopping opportunities, lodging options, and delicious dining with world-class recreational opportunities like golf, mountain biking, fishing, and whitewater rafting. Read more about this area at [visittuolumne.com/yosemite](http://visittuolumne.com/yosemite).

## Top 10 tips for visiting Yosemite National Park



### *Day-Use Reservations May Be Required*

Get more information about day-use reservation requirements for the last three weekends of February and peak season in 2025 at [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm](https://nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm)



### *95% of visitors only see 5% of Yosemite.*

Explore the less visited and uncrowded areas outside the Valley Floor – like Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias.

### *Visit the park November through March*

when it is much less crowded, and you'll get the best of fall colors and beautiful winter scenes.

### *Take alternate transportation*

like YARTS (Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System) or tour guide providers, and you will not need a day-use reservation!

### *Plan ahead and reserve area lodging*

for peak season and weekends early.

### *Sign up to receive text alerts*

from the park. Text YNPTraffic to 333111.

### *While in Yosemite Valley,*

once parked, travel around by foot, free shuttle, or bike (bike rentals available seasonally).

### *Dogs are allowed on paved trails,*

roads, in campgrounds (except walk-in campgrounds), and in parking lots where indicated. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and picked up after. Do not leave dogs unattended.

### *Call ahead for current road and weather*

conditions, especially in winter: 209-372-0200.

### *GPS is unreliable in and around the park;*

utilize paper maps to get around.





# Nearby Areas



## Plan Your Trip!

**Park Information & Roads:** 209-372-0200  
**Lodging Reservations:** 888-413-8869  
**Camping Reservations:** 877-444-6777  
**TDD Device for the Deaf:** 877-833-6777  
PO Box 577, Yosemite  
nps.gov/yose

Over half of Yosemite National Park is located in Tuolumne County—it's the least crowded half too. Walk amongst majestic towering trees in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias or explore the unmatched scenery of Tuolumne Meadows and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Highway 120 leading into the park is designated by the State of California as the Northern Yosemite Highway and is the shortest and most direct route to Yosemite from the San Francisco Bay Area and all points north. The route is open year-round into Yosemite Valley. As you head towards Yosemite, be sure to stop in Groveland at the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum, which is open year-round, the museum is a great place to learn about the area's cultural and natural history and to pick up some souvenirs. Accommodations are available along Highway 120 in Groveland and beyond.



Tuolumne Meadows  
Credit: Jackie Matthews/Fun Light Photography



Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir

# YOUR TICKET TO YOSEMITE VALLEY!



# YARTS

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

RESERVE YOUR SEAT: [WWW.YARTS.COM](http://WWW.YARTS.COM)



# Yosemite Area Itinerary



Downtown Groveland  
Credit: Local Freshies and High Sierra Visitors Council

## Experience Tuolumne County's Yosemite and Beyond

The Highway 120 corridor is the most direct route to iconic Yosemite National Park from the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Not only does it provide convenient passage to the park, it also offers a road trip where there's something for everyone in your party, from the history buff to the outdoor adventurer.

This itinerary begins from the west and heads east along Highway 120. It can certainly be done in reverse from the east, heading west.

### LAKE DON PEDRO

Nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills, Lake Don Pedro offers 160 miles of shoreline and thousands of acres of water surface for a plethora of activities. Fish from the shore or on the water, rent a ski boat, kayak, or paddle board. Rent a houseboat for a relaxing, star-studded overnight stay. Developed trails, day-use areas, and campgrounds provide land-based fun.

Continuing east toward the town of Groveland, make a stop at Around the Horn Brewing Company, a popular destination for visitors and locals. Relax with a glass of one of their continuously changing craft brews (there's even some for non-beer lovers)

a tasty meal, and maybe a cornhole game in the shaded beer garden.

### GROVELAND AREA

#### DOWNTOWN GROVELAND

Groveland, a gateway town to Yosemite, played a key role in the California Gold Rush, and in the history of Yosemite and even the city of San Francisco, 145 miles away. Discover the cultural and natural stories of the area at the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum, located at Mary Laveroni Park and open year-round.

The town isn't very large, so leave the car parked and wander on foot if you would like. Explore Main Street to find unique shops, including recreation supplies stores, restaurants, coffee shops, nursery (with California native plants), and the longest continuously operating saloon in California, the Iron Door Saloon.

#### PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE

Visit Pine Mountain Lake on the outskirts of town to play a round at the public, championship Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course that boasts spectacular views of Yosemite's peaks (club and cart rentals are available), and enjoy a meal at the adjacent Grill, also featuring great views. For a mild Wild West adventure, saddle up for a horseback ride at the Pine Mountain Lake Equestrian Center.

### STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

Continuing on, Highway 120 passes through the Stanislaus



National Forest, which borders Yosemite National Park. The national forest is a haven for adventure seekers with choices of activities like whitewater rafting, biking, fishing, hiking, and camping. Stop by the Groveland Ranger Station, where helpful rangers can answer questions and provide maps and current information about trails and more. Here are a few ideas to make the most of your visit to the national forest:

- ♦ Whitewater rafting with up to Class V runs on the Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River is thrilling and creates life-long memories. There are several local outfitters ready to take you on an exciting, world-class rafting adventure, each offering their own specialties.
- ♦ The Tuolumne River also has optimal water for fishing. If you've tried fly-fishing or are an avid angler, you know the exhilaration that comes with being stream-side, casting a line. If you haven't tried it or would just like to go out with a local guide, ECHO Adventure Cooperative can take you for a couple hours or a whole day.
- ♦ Get your gears moving on two wheels. New, exciting mountain bike trails are being built and expanded on a regular basis by a team of devoted volunteers of Groveland Trail Heads. Within the Ferretti Road Non-Motorized Trail Network, just outside of Groveland, is a 1.3-mile bike-only trail that features long drops, log ride, jumps, berms, and rollers. The features have go-arounds so they can be avoided, making the trail accessible for all skill levels. Don't have bikes with you? Rent some in town.
- ♦ Miller's Off-Road Adventures offers Jeep tours that will fill your sense of adventure as you take off on dirt roads and through creeks and streams.

## YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

**Day-use reservations may be required during peak season periods.**

**Get information at**

[nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm](https://nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm)

Top off your gas tank, or charge up, grab some snacks and water, and head to Yosemite National Park. Famous for its iconic granite monoliths like Half Dome and the gushing waterfalls in Yosemite Valley, the park has a quieter, less crowded side. Over half of the park is in Tuolumne County where there's room

to roam in less crowded surroundings at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias, and Tuolumne Meadows.

### HETCH HETCHY RESERVOIR

Head east on Highway 120 toward Yosemite, turn left on Evergreen Road and venture to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. You'll get glimpses of it from the road but once there you will find the expansive deep blue lake, which is the water source for much of San Francisco, surrounded by impressive granite peaks. Cross the O'Shaughnessy Dam, walk through the tunnel, and hike the uncrowded lake-side trail to waterfalls that are comparable in beauty to their more famous rivals in Yosemite Valley. (Visit website to check if day-use reservations are required to enter this area.)

Tips: Arrive early as parking is limited and the road is open for limited hours (varies seasonally). Bring plenty of water and sturdy shoes.

### TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS

Head through the Big Oak Flat entrance of the park, take Highway 120 east at Crane Flat, and park at the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias trailhead (1 mile east of Crane Flat). Enjoy a peaceful hike to and through the grove of massive thousands-of-years old trees. Although it is the smallest of Yosemite's three Sequoia groves, the trees and landscape plus the wildlife you may see are inspiring none-the-less.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

If you have time to travel farther, continue east on Highway 120 (Tioga Road) to Tuolumne Meadows, you won't be disappointed with the drive and the views. This historic road winds through the higher elevations of Yosemite offering unbelievable views of Half Dome and Tenaya Lake along the way. Suddenly the forest and surrounding granite cliffs open up and the expanse of spectacular Tuolumne Meadows is in front of you. Beautiful trails around the meadow and along the crystal-clear Tuolumne River await hikers of all skill levels.

Note: Tioga Road is closed during winter.

**GET MORE IDEAS AT  
VISITTUOLUMNE.COM/YOSEMITE**



Lake Don Pedro



Pine Mountain Lake Equestrian Center



Yosemite Pines RV Resort and Family Lodging



Carlon Falls  
Credit: Local Freshies® High Sierra Visitors Council

# Pioneer Spotlights



Ferretti Non-Motorized Trail System  
Dwight Follien

The gateway area to the northern half of Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest have no shortage of adventures to embark on and they are the perfect locations to catch an adrenaline rush. Recreational opportunities in this region such as mountain biking and rafting on one of the most sought out whitewater rivers, the Tuolumne, have been established by those who are passionate about providing adventure for all, while carefully pioneering responsible ways to play on the land and water and protect this beautiful and environmentally important area.



Groveland Trail Heads Trail Crew

## Groveland Trail Heads

**DWIGHT FOLLIEN,**  
**FOUNDING MEMBER**



Dwight Follien

**VTC:** How long have you been mountain biking in Tuolumne County?

**GTH:** I've been riding in Tuolumne County since I moved back to Groveland in the summer of 2011.

**VTC:** Why did you choose this region to start Groveland Trail Heads?

**GTH:** This region chose me. Groveland, with the Stanislaus National Forest in our "backyard" has some amazing terrain for mountain bike trails. Currently there are only two single-track trail systems that allow mountain bikes here. Groveland is an ideal place for mountain bike trails due to the elevation, year-round riding, proximity (one to four hours away from major metropolitan locations). There are also many, many, many people driving through Groveland on their way to Yosemite who stop to ride the mountain bike trails at Ferretti Trails then get some food and visit shops in town before heading to the park. There are also miles and miles of National Forest Service dirt and gravel roads for epic long-distance rides and bikepacking, and the views of the Tuolumne River Canyon and Yosemite's backcountry are just amazing.

**VTC:** What is your favorite part about mountain biking?

**GTH:** The freedom and exhilaration I feel, and how riding a bike is so good for my mind and body. It's therapy for my mind and fitness for my body. I'm always happy when I'm riding. The connection I feel to the forest while riding the trails puts a smile on my face.

**VTC:** How long does it take to construct a trail?

**GTH:** The time it takes to complete a trail (planning, design, and construction) varies depending on a lot of factors such as funding, weather, location, trail plan, distance of the trail, width of the trail, design of the trail, which trail user groups will be using the trail, the amount of vegetation and brush that needs to be removed to create the trail's corridor, the number of people involved... will the trail be built by hand, mechanized equipment or a combination of both? For just an estimate I'd say any time from six months to two years to complete one to six miles of trail depending on the factors.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about Groveland Trail Heads?

**GTH:** Our mountain bike-specific trail system will benefit local businesses by drawing riders from near and far while providing residents with an exhilarating outdoor activity close to home and providing education for youth on forest stewardship while highlighting the cultural and historic significance of the land... this is our solution to the challenges rural communities face.



Sierra Mac River Trips  
Credit: Sierra Mac



Marty McDonnell

## Sierra Mac River Trips MARTY MCDONNELL, OWNER

**VTC:** How long have you been rafting in Tuolumne County?

**SM:** I started guiding whitewater rafting tours on the Stanislaus River in 1965 and the Tuolumne River in 1969. I raised my family here in Sonora. My son, Tom, grew up in the industry and is now starting his family in Groveland overlooking the Tuolumne River watershed and managing our operations.

**VTC:** Why did you choose this region to start Sierra Mac?

**SM:** In the 1970's my rafting company ran many river rafting tours all over Northern California. When I started raising my family, I decided to focus on one river and chose the Tuolumne River as it is a clear standout for the best whitewater rapid course in North America. The Tuolumne River not only has outstanding scenery, but its rapids are high end notorious world class. The Cherry Creek/Upper Tuolumne section is renowned as the "Gold Standard" for class V rapids (highest navigable rating)

**VTC:** What is your favorite part about rafting?

**SM:** The thrill of being successful navigating a raft down a steep course defined by rocks and liquid gravity. Sharing this experience with our guests is awesome and very special!

**VTC:** How long does it take to complete a river trip?

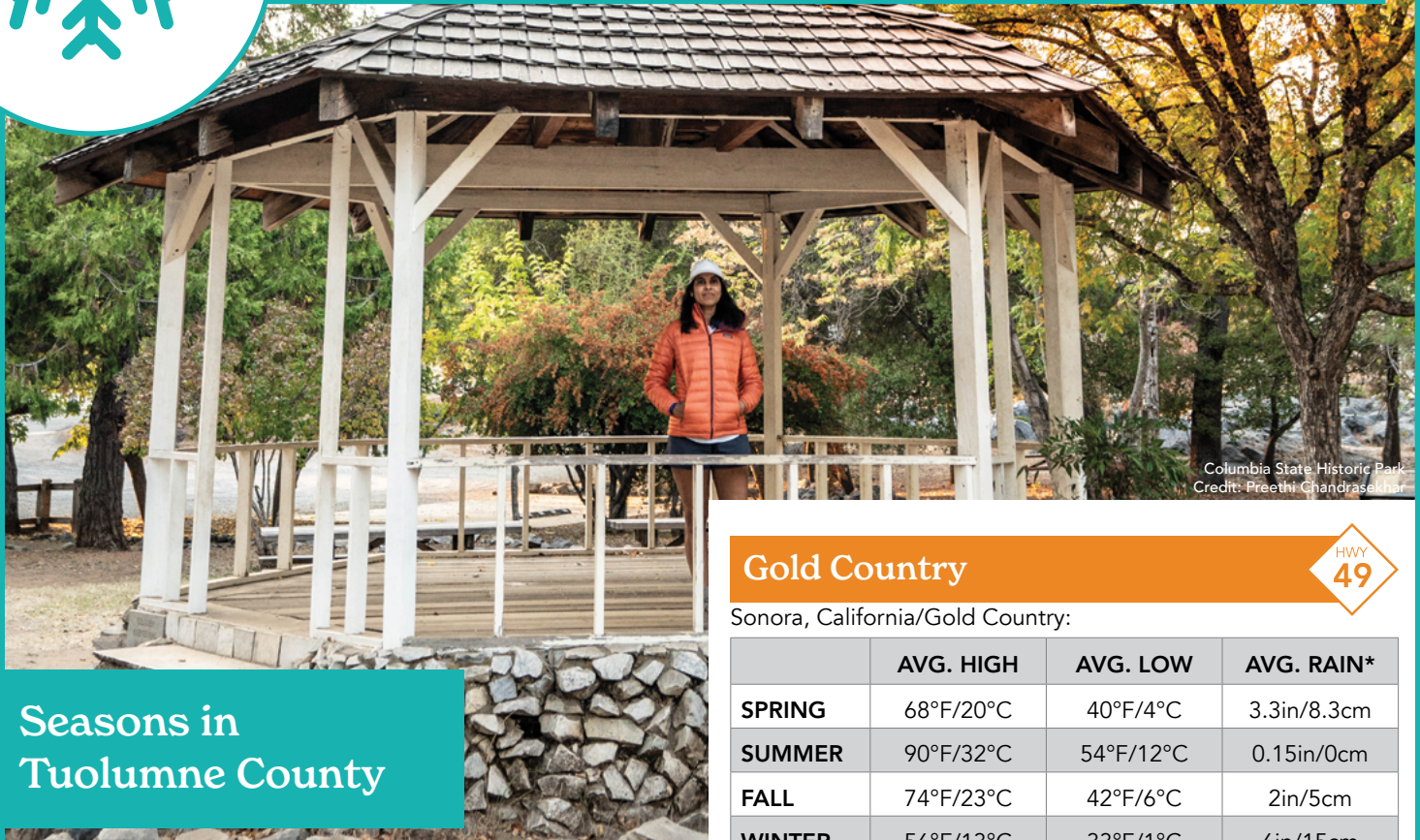
**SM:** Our river raft trips last from a one-day tour to as long as three days with wilderness camping along the shores of the river, swimming, and exploring the side stream canyons.

**VTC:** What is one thing that you would want everyone to know about Sierra Mac River Trips?

**SM:** Putting yourself into a raft going down rapids and splashing through its waves is some of the best fun you'll ever have! An experience you will always remember! We love our work and are happy to be guides!



# Weather



Columbia State Historic Park  
Credit: Preethi Chandrasekhar

## Seasons in Tuolumne County

**Spring:** Colorful wildflowers fill the foothills of the Sierra and Gold Country every spring. Take a hike to see them up close.

**Summer:** Summers in Tuolumne County should be spent near the water. Go boating, fishing, or swimming in one of the many lakes and rivers.

**Fall:** Fall is most locals' favorite season in Tuolumne County. From yearly festivals to changing leaves, it is the perfect time of year to explore.

**Winter:** Watch as Tuolumne County turns into a winter wonderland. Snowboard, ski, tube, ice skate, or make a snowman. Please park and play in designated areas only.

**WINTER DRIVING:** Highway 120 is open year-round to Yosemite National Park and into Yosemite Valley. Tioga Pass over the Sierra is closed for the winter and opens around the first of June. Highway 108's Sonora Pass is closed over the Sierra after the first major snowfall but is kept plowed to Leland Meadows and Dodge Ridge. Sonora Pass usually reopens in mid-May. It is always advisable to carry chains in the mountains during the winter. Snow rarely falls as low as downtown Sonora.

**CALTRANS HIGHWAY CONDITIONS**  
800-427-7623  
roads.dot.ca.gov

**YOSEMITE HIGHWAY CONDITIONS**  
209-372-0200

### Gold Country



Sonora, California/Gold Country:

	AVG. HIGH	AVG. LOW	AVG. RAIN*
<b>SPRING</b>	68°F/20°C	40°F/4°C	3.3in/8.3cm
<b>SUMMER</b>	90°F/32°C	54°F/12°C	0.15in/0cm
<b>FALL</b>	74°F/23°C	42°F/6°C	2in/5cm
<b>WINTER</b>	56°F/13°C	33°F/1°C	6in/15cm

\*Average per month

### High Sierra



Long Barn, California/High Sierra:

	AVG. HIGH	AVG. LOW	AVG. RAIN*
<b>SPRING</b>	56°F/13°C	34°F/1°C	5in/13cm
<b>SUMMER</b>	79°F/26°C	50°F/10°C	0.5in/1cm
<b>FALL</b>	63°F/17°C	40°F/4°C	3.5in/9cm
<b>WINTER</b>	45°F/7°C	28°F/-2°C	9.5in/24cm +snow

\*Average per month

### Yosemite Area/HWY 120



Yosemite National Park:

	AVG. HIGH	AVG. LOW	AVG. RAIN*
<b>SPRING</b>	65°F/18°C	38°F/3°C	3in/8cm
<b>SUMMER</b>	88°F/31°C	53°F/12°C	0.5in/1cm
<b>FALL</b>	71°F/22°C	41°F/5°C	2.5in/6cm
<b>WINTER</b>	49°F/9°C	28°F/-2°C	6.5in/17cm +some snow

\*Average per month

# Adventure Responsibly

## Keeping Tuolumne County Safe and Sustainable.

Experiencing the spectacular outdoors and authentic California history are the main reasons visitors make their way to Tuolumne County. Enjoying all that the area has to offer comes the responsibility to be safe and to be good stewards.

Responsible travel involves preserving our natural environment, making sure to leave no trace by staying on the trails and packing out your trash. It involves understanding the causes for wildfires, such as loose chains making sparks along the road. Only light fires in approved areas and extinguish them properly. Be respectful of the region and others staying or living in the area.

### Stay Safe

Safety Tips for Hiking and Exploring the Back Country

- Don't ever go alone.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Take a communication device with you.
- Always check the weather before you head out. High Country weather can and does change quickly.
- Be prepared! Carry extra water, food, and appropriate survival supplies.
- Dress for all kinds of weather—bring layers.

### Be a Good Steward

- Tuolumne County is Too Cool to Trash! Always leave a place better than when you arrived, pack out your litter and recycle and dispose of it properly.
- Respect wildlife.
  - Please don't feed wildlife
  - Watch wildlife from a distance
  - Use bear-proof lockers where they're available or bear-proof canisters when backpacking
- Stick to marked trails to avoid harming plants, and consider taking a bag to pick up trash along your hike.
- Dogs should be on a leash while on trails and streets and picked up after.
- Please don't disturb cultural artifacts.



### Using GPS

We do not recommend using GPS to get around Tuolumne County, especially in the mountains. Use maps or stop by a Visitors Center or Ranger Station for directions. Using a GPS in a rural area can send you on the wrong roads or roads not suitable for regular vehicles.



Caring for Tuolumne County can only be done together. It's the only sure way to preserve this beautiful area and prevent the very real devastation that comes from wildfires. For the safety of all, please keep these fire safety tips in mind when visiting the area.

### IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1

Important Information and Numbers:

#### Sign up for Emergency Alerts

from the Tuolumne County

Office of Emergency Services at

[member.everbridge.net/1332612387832200/new](https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387832200/new)



- **Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept.** 209-533-5855
- **City of Sonora Police Dept.** 209-532-8143
- Should a fire or other emergency occur, tune your radio to a local station (FM 92.7, FM 93.5, FM 102.7 or AM 1450) for updates.
- **Medical Facilities**  
Hospital: Adventist Health Sonora  
209-536-5000  
1000 Greenley Road, Sonora  
Urgent Care: Indian Rock Rapid Care  
209-536-6680  
14540 Mono Way, Sonora

### Fire Safety Tips:

**Please use extreme caution during dry conditions and follow all laws regarding open fires, as well as have an emergency plan and follow any evacuation orders.**

### When Having a BBQ or Using a Fireplace:

- Ensure there is 10 feet of clearance around your BBQ.
- Dispose of ash in a metal container with a lid away from any flammable materials.
- Ashes may take several days to cool completely in the can. Do not discard them until they are cool enough to touch.

### When Using Equipment:

- Ensure your equipment is in good working order and that you are using it correctly. Mow before 10am, and never on windy days.
- All gas-powered equipment (ATV's, generators, motocross bikes, weed eaters, lawn mowers, etc.) require a spark arrestor. Check your equipment prior to use to ensure your spark arrestor is installed and is clean and serviceable.

### When Target Shooting:

- Shoot in areas free of vegetation.
- Use safe targets, such as paper or clay pigeons, as steel targets or rocks may throw sparks into nearby vegetation.
- Have a shovel and fire extinguisher on hand in case a fire does spark.

Download the Wildfire Prevention Guide:

[visittuolumne.com/help-prevent-wildfires-guide](https://visittuolumne.com/help-prevent-wildfires-guide)



# Things to Do



*Wonderful*  
EXPERIENCES ARE CALLING.  
HERE'S HOW TO ANSWER!

## Outdoor Adventure

Mother Nature shows off her best in Tuolumne County and Yosemite. Outdoor enthusiasts of all types are drawn here year-round to sight-see and recreate on extensive public lands featuring hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails, crystal clear lakes, rivers and streams for boating, fishing and swimming, campgrounds for RVs or roughing it in a tent. Winter brings bright brilliant white snow, perfect for skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and cross-country skiing.

### Biking

Tuolumne County offers up some of the most fun on two wheels around. Mountain biking is evolving fast here, with new trails being built and existing ones being expanded continuously. Whether you're just starting out or are a seasoned veteran, there's a trail with your name on it, including those perfect the whole family. From meandering railroad grades to challenging single track trails, find your favorite in Tuolumne County. A couple of options are Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort off of Highway 108 and Ferretti Trail Network in Groveland.

### Disc Golf

Disc golf is quickly growing in popularity, and Tuolumne County has no shortage of courses with the most per capita of any county in California. Bring a disc and your a-game and try one or more of the courses ranging in locale from the Gold Country foothills to the mountains: Three Links Camp, Indigeny Reserve, Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort, Pioneer Park near Columbia, Columbia Airport, Twain Harte Golf Course, Cougar Point near

New Melones Reservoir, Sierra Bible Church, and Firefall Ranch (fee for non-guests).

### Fishing

The waters of Tuolumne County are full of all types of fish for year-round casting. From vast low elevation reservoirs to secluded lakes and rivers in the mountains, there's a spot to suit any angler. Need some lessons and tips? Let one of our local fishing guides like Echo Adventure Cooperative take you on a half-day, full-day, or overnight trip to a spectacular spot.

### Gold Panning

It's exciting to get your hands dirty and get a little wet as you discover your inner miner and search for GOLD. There's still a lot of California's most precious metal left in these hills, and there are gold panning adventure companies, like California Gold Panning that teach prospecting for determined miners who seek a true Gold Country experience in the stream. Matelot Gulch Mining Co. and Hidden Treasure Gold Mine in Columbia State Historic Park offers sluice box panning.

### Golfing

The rolling hills of the Mother Lode are as picturesque as the fairways and greens are challenging. Two 18-hole championship courses, Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course and Teledi Golf Course, and one 9-hole course in Twain Harte give golfers options for a delightful day on a scenic course in the rolling foothills or in the pines. Twain Harte Miniature Golf is fun for the whole family to putt a round.





## Hiking

Hiking is the number one outdoor activity in Tuolumne County! Hundreds of miles of trails lead to spectacular vistas and unique geologic formations like Highway 108's Columns of the Giants or Yosemite's Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. Sonora's urban escape trail, Dragoon Gulch, is expanded regularly and provides a bird's eye view of historic downtown. Looking for a guided adventure? Local outfitters are standing by to take you on an epic hike, a multi-day backpacking trip and everything in between!

## Horseback Riding

Experience the High Sierra the way the pioneers first saw it—on horseback with either Aspen Meadow Pack Station or Kennedy Meadows Pack Station. From a leisurely half-hour ride to an adventuresome week-long pack trip into the Emigrant Wilderness, you'll see the best of the Sierra from the best seat in the house—your saddle. For a milder Old West adventure, rides at the Pine Mountain Lake Equestrian Center trot through gorgeous oak woodlands.

Hundreds of miles of scenic riding trails are available for horseback riders and their horses to explore.

## Off Roding

Get off the pavement and hit the rugged dirt roads of the Stanislaus National Forest near Groveland with a guided off-road Jeep tour with Miller's Off-Road Adventures. Take the wheel yourself or let the guide drive, regardless, you're in for a fun and exciting experience.

Have your own off-road vehicle? Visit [www.fs.usda.gov/activity/stanislaus/recreation/ohw](http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/stanislaus/recreation/ohw) for information on where to ride and safety notifications.

## Whitewater Rafting

In spring and summer, the Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River provides an exhilarating ride with up to class V rapids. Named the #1 rafting river by the San Francisco Chronicle, it's California's premier wilderness whitewater. Several reputable local outfitters are ready to take you on an exciting rafting adventure.

## Flight Tour of Yosemite

Enjoy seeing Yosemite National Park

and the surrounding mountains from a different perspective—from the air. Soar above Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Tuolumne Meadows and icons like Half Dome and El Capitan with Yosemite Flights.

## Winter Fun

Experience winter in Tuolumne County's High Country where you have easy access to classic winter fun and a host of new adventures waiting for you! From skiing to snow tubing, there's something for everyone's favorite snow day adventure.

## Shopping

You never know what treasures you'll find in the shops, galleries, and boutiques of Tuolumne County. Charming small-town main streets are lined with eclectic stores offering everything from the latest clothing trends and outdoor gear to antiques, and local goods and handmade crafts.

Tuolumne County's friendly farmers, food producers, and artisans are excited to share the bounty of Tuolumne County with you at multiple seasonal farmers' markets. Stop by and experience fresh sustainable produce and other food products, plus shop for locally-created souvenirs and gifts at a variety of stores.

## Entertainment

### Art

Tuolumne County's art scene is on display in galleries, makers markets, arts and crafts shows, and studios throughout the County. Aloft Art Gallery at Baer's in Downtown Sonora features diverse works for sale from over 40 local artists. Most days, a "sitting" artist is in the gallery to discuss the exhibits and everything creative. Two local art associations, Mother Lode Art Association and Tuolumne County Arts host several art events throughout the year.

### Casinos

Get ready to hit the jackpot! Find 24-hour full gaming action at Chicken Ranch Casino Resort in Jamestown and Black Oak Casino Resort in the town of Tuolumne.



Leland High Sierra Snowplay



Credit: Yosemite Flights



## Things to Do



Credit: Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort



Credit: Sierra Repertory Theatre



Jamestown Museum



Credit: The Branch Twain Harte



This is your path to try delicious and unique burger creations by chefs from throughout Tuolumne County. Bon appétit!

### Game Time

Motherlode Escape Rooms in downtown Sonora provides indoor, real-time adventures that are fun for the whole family.

Elevate, a new indoor game park at Black Oak Casino Resort features a Ninja course, axe throwing, trampoline park, and much more. Plus, the Resort also features a state-of-the-art bowling alley and new exciting arcade.

### Music Performances

The classic Sonora Bach Festival is one of many annual music festivals held each year. Many towns host summer concerts in local parks and historic venues. Special musical performances can also be enjoyed all year in downtown shops, restaurants, wineries, and casino resorts.

### Theatre

Take in a live performance at Sierra Repertory Theatre, an exceptional professional theater company working with Equity actors from across the country as well as local talent to provide regional theatre at its finest. The East Sonora theater recently underwent a massive renovation, creating a very comfortable and modern venue where you can take in classic shows, musicals, and dance performances. Shows are also held in Columbia State Historic Park at the historic Fallon House Theater, which dates back to the Gold Rush.

### Museums

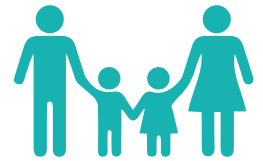
Tuolumne County is rich with history and there's no better place to get informed about it than from experts themselves. The Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum's extensive exhibits and knowledgeable docents keep the natural and cultural stories of Southern Tuolumne County alive and share them with the many visitors who come through the area. Check out the Tuolumne City Memorial Museum in the town of Tuolumne and the Tuolumne County History Museum housed in Tuolumne County's historic jail, Sonora Volunteer Fire Museum, and Veterans Memorial Hall and Military Museum in downtown Sonora; they will leave you feeling well-versed in local history.

### Eat and Drink

Tuolumne County celebrates local cuisine, chefs, and the bounty of the area. As a destination, the County features endless adventures for every outdoor enthusiast. Diverse food options and culinary experiences blend perfectly with the main draws to the County.

The varietals of Tuolumne County and the surrounding region fit tastefully into the ranks of California wines. In addition to wineries, Tuolumne County is home to an award-winning, family-owned and operated hard cider distillery and exciting micro-breweries.

# Family Friendly Travel



Twain Harte Miniature Golf

Tuolumne County is an all-season destination for the whole family. Build memories one adventure at a time.



# Film Commission



Tuolumne County has a film history that dates back to the early 1900's. Throughout the years the area has remained a popular filming location with over 300 movies, television shows, documentaries and commercials being filmed here with more added every year. Visit [filmtuolumne.org](http://filmtuolumne.org) for more information on filming opportunities in Tuolumne County, and take your film on an adventure.

In historic downtown Jamestown, the Walk of Fame takes visitors on a sidewalk tour of many of the movies filmed in Tuolumne County. The Walk of Fame connects downtown Jamestown to Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, the site of many movie scenes.

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY  
FILM COMMISSION**  
209-533-4420  
193 S Washington St, Sonora  
[filmtuolumne.org](http://filmtuolumne.org)



Railtown 1897 State Historic Park  
Credit: Austin Banks

# Visiting with Pets



## Traveling with your pup in Tuolumne County.

Treat your dog to a vacation where wide open spaces, fresh mountain air, and off the grid adventures that will make their tails wag. There are plenty of places to stay overnight with your dog, too.

### The Yosemite Area is Paw-Some

Hiking on one or more of the numerous trails or picnicking alongside the Tuolumne River near Yosemite is a wonderful way to spend the day. The Middle Fork Day Use Area off Evergreen Road on the Stanislaus National Forest is a peaceful spot and easy to get to.

Groveland, the gateway town into Yosemite, is fun to explore. Settle in for a peaceful lunch at Mountain Sage Coffee and Nursery or enjoy craft-beer and light faire in the beer garden at Around the Horn Brewing Company.

Planning an outing with your dog in Yosemite National Park? There are some things to know before you go. Dogs are welcome on the Valley Floor of Yosemite Valley as long as you remain on paved roads and paths and in developed campgrounds (unless otherwise posted). In Tuolumne Meadows, you can bring your leashed dog on roads that are open to vehicles. Some of the places where dogs cannot go in Yosemite are O'Shaughnessy Dam at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, on shuttle buses, on unpaved trails, and near lodging areas. Visit [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose) for more information

about bringing your pup with you on your Yosemite adventure.

### Have a Howlin' Good Time in Gold Country

#### JAMESTOWN:

Leashed dogs are welcome to visit Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. If they are well behaved, they can even ride the excursion trains!

Outside of Jamestown, near the town of Chinese Camp, the Red Hills Recreation Management Area offers hiking trails in a landscape noticeably different from the surrounding countryside. The serpentine-based soils in the area support a unique assemblage of plant species to enjoy.

The Vista Trail, a new dog-friendly hiking trail at Lake Don Pedro offers rewarding views of the lake and a great workout for you and your pup.



## Things to Know About Bringing Your Dog to Tuolumne County

Many people love to travel with their dogs. To keep it fun for everyone, please be respectful by following these simple guidelines:

- In Tuolumne County, dogs must be on leash while in public areas and on trails and streets, including on federal and state public lands.
- Never leave your dog unattended and especially do not leave your dog in a hot car.
- Please bag your dog’s waste and dispose of it properly.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Respect wildlife.
- Bring plenty of water.

### COLUMBIA:

Columbia State Historic Park is full of history and pup-lovin’ adventures. Dogs can walk with their owners through the 1850s Gold Rush town and even ride the stagecoach. They might even be able to help ward off gold robbing outlaws!

### SONORA:

Historic Downtown Sonora is especially dog-friendly, with plenty of shops, restaurants, and lodging that welcomes pets. Stop by Local Collective to shop for unique, locally made merchandise and coffee while your pooch enjoys a “pup cup.”

Stretch your legs and those of your four-legged friend on the Dragoon Gulch Trail. Located on the outskirts of the city center, this system of trails leads up the rolling hillside with stunning views of the city.

Let your dog run around off leash at the Sonora Sunrise Rotary Dog Park where there are two areas for large and small dogs and shaded seating for you.

Visit Indigeny Reserve, a 160-acre apple orchard and distillery that creates local organic hard ciders. Although the hard cider might not be pet-friendly the beautiful, shaded hiking trails and grassy picnic area are.

### Scamper Around the High Sierra

The Stanislaus National Forest is full of pup-friendly trails to hike. A local favorite is the Sugar Pine Railway Trail, an easy, level 6-mile round trip trail that runs along the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. Another choice is the Trail of the Gargoyles featuring unusual volcanic rock formations and spectacular Sierra views.

Take the dog on a fun ride when you rent a kayak or boat at the Pinecrest Lake Marina. Or pack a picnic lunch to enjoy on a lakeside break as you hike the scenic 4-mile Pinecrest Trail. Please keep your pets leashed and stay in areas designated for dogs.

Outdoor dog-friendly dining is available at The Sugar Shack in Sugar Pine.



Credit: Mackenzie Davis



Credit: @take\_a\_hike on Instagram



Dragoon Gulch  
Credit: Heather Jing Duffett

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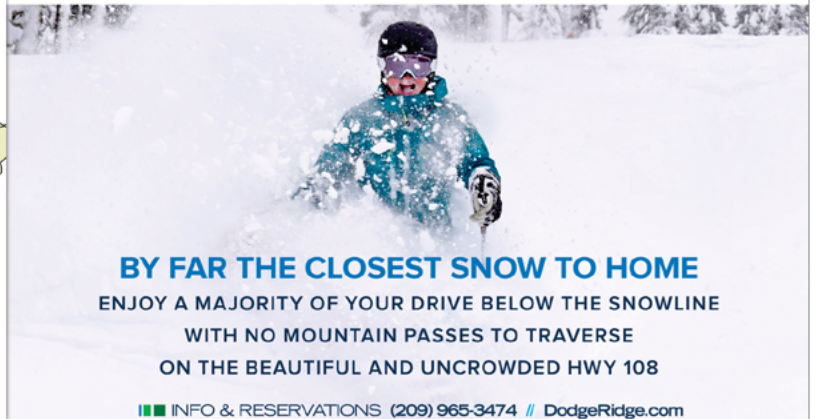
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# Culture & Heritage



Tribal Chairman Lloyd Mathiesen

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## Chicken Ranch Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians

Nestled in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains in Tuolumne County, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians is a federally recognized tribe with a rich history marked by triumph over adversity.

Centuries ago, the Me-Wuk natives thrived in this picturesque region, with their ancestral territories extending from Table Mountain (Yawali Sleeping Giant) to the rolling hills of the lower Red Hills area. Vibrant villages like Suchumumu (Chicken Ranch) and Chuckachino (Jamestown) were at the heart of their culture. Their legacy also touches Woods Creek Rotary Park and the Mother Lode Fair Grounds in Sonora, California.

The Gold Rush era brought immense change, forcing Me-Wuk people

from their ancestral lands into more remote areas.

In 1958, the California Rancheria Act terminated the recognition of 41 rancherias, including Chicken Ranch Rancheria. Its goal was assimilation into the broader community. By 1961, tribal status was revoked, and the trust status of rancheria lands was terminated, leading to their distribution among adult residents.

Before this, tribal members lived in substandard conditions with minimal infrastructure. The promises of the Rancheria Act remained unfulfilled, and county regulations took precedence, leading to the forced sale of many properties.

In 1979, 17 rancherias, including Chicken Ranch Rancheria, united to file a class-

action suit to regain their reservation status. In 1983, they succeeded, marking the revival of 17 rancherias representing a diverse array of tribes.

In 1985, Chicken Ranch Rancheria formally regained federal recognition. Unfortunately, only one tribal member, Inez Mathiesen, retained a 3-acre parcel, a mere 7% of the original reservation.

Chicken Ranch Rancheria remains committed to preserving its cultural heritage. The cultural department diligently works to rebuild and nurture traditional knowledge, stories, language, and songs. Their spirit and dedication to preserving their legacy embody the tribe's remarkable resilience.

*Chicken Ranch Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians contributed to the article.*

[chickenranchrancheria.org](http://chickenranchrancheria.org)



Tribal Chairman Kevin Day

Credit: Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians



Black Oak Casino Resort  
Credit: Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

## Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

For tens of thousands of years, the Me-Wuk people have lived in central California. Spanning as far west as the central coast and as far as the Sierra Nevada mountains to the east. The first recorded contact between the Central Sierra Me-Wuk and non-native explorers was by the Gabriel Moraga Expedition of 1806. A few decades later in 1848, the Central Sierra Me-Wuk, as well as all Native Americans across the state of California, would be greatly affected by the California gold rush.

After years of gold miners and other settlers forcing the Me-Wuk people from their homelands, the Bureau of Indian Affairs purchased 289 acres from J.H. and Carolyn Smith in August of 1910. This land would become the Rancheria of

The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians. On October 25, 1910, the Tribe would gain federal recognition from Congress. In 1935 many of the Tribe's governing documents were created, including the Tribe's constitution and by-laws. All current members of the Tribe are descended from the Tribe's 1935 census roll. The Tribe consists of 498 members and the governing body is comprised of 141 council members including four elected Tribal Officers.

Like many other tribes in the United States, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians dealt with many economic hardships throughout the 1900's. In 1988, Congress passed The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which allowed federally recognized tribes to operate gaming businesses on their lands. On May 15, 2001 the Tribe opened Black Oak Casino Resort to help provide economic

assistance and establish many programs for its members.

The Tribe is now one of the largest employers in Tuolumne County and provides several services to the Tribe's community and the city of Tuolumne such as a fire department, Tribal Security, a medical clinic, a pharmacy, and a dental clinic. Along with providing for the members within the Tribe, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians have donated millions of dollars throughout Tuolumne County and its surrounding counties.

*The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians contributed to this article.*

**mewuk.com**

## The Latin/Hispanic American Presence in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County has a rich and complex history, from the first inhabitants of this land, the Me-Wuk people, to the arrival of colonizers and gold seekers that brought drastic changes and devastation to the native culture and environment, to modern days of contradictory perspectives and unarguable beautiful forests, rivers, and lakes.

The county also was at some point in time, one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse areas, including the Latin/Hispanic community, which has been present in the region for generations. Their influence and contributions can be seen in many aspects of the county's culture, such as the language, cuisine, music, rodeos, and even the name of the county seat originally named "El Campo de Los Sonorenses," now Sonora, which pays tribute to the founders who came from Sonora, Mexico.

However, history tells us also of the difficult transitions the Latin/Hispanic community has experienced from being under Spanish and Mexican flags to becoming part of the USA. While Mexico had abolished slavery and granted

women rights to own property in the 1820s, they found themselves later fighting in the California's Congress to preserve those rights.

Latin/women's rights had an impact in California. A fair number of real estate deeds show that Latin/Hispanic women owned property and businesses in Sonora, Jamestown, and Columbia. These women were smart entrepreneurs, raised families and participated actively in community affairs. Like Dona Elisa Martinez business "El Campo de Martinez" that provided jobs to over one thousand workers. Another businessperson, Dona Ygnacia Ramirez, owned multiple parcels of land in Jamestown and Sonora, including one that contained a dancing hall and a bowling alley, which she deeded to her son R.A. Preston.

Currently two streets in Sonora are named after Latin/Hispanics Jacinto Barreto, and the brothers Simon and Jose Maria Cabezut, merchants and ranch owners in the 1860s.

Although the Latino/Hispanic community were busy building business and providing for their families they also knew how to have fun! When the community learned of the victory of the battle of Puebla, Mexico on

May 5th, 1862, thousands of miles away, here in Tuolumne County they found a way to celebrate. Their characteristic spirit of joy, independence and camaraderie erupted in parades and music and dances!

The first spontaneous celebration of Cinco de Mayo leads the way for it to be an American tradition that quickly spread throughout California, Nevada, and Oregon. It traveled by way of the civic organizations called 'Juntas Patrióticas,' made up of prominent community minded men and women of Latin/Hispanic heritage.

Today, we celebrate the presence and contributions of people of Latin/Hispanic American heritage in Tuolumne County, and invite you to discover the many stories, and the places that shelter the vestiges of that era.

Visit Columbia State Historic Park on May 3rd & 4th, 2025 to rejoice in the annual Festival of "Cinco de Mayo" to experience history, cultural traditions, and arts that tell the stories of the Latin-American community in Tuolumne County!

*Authored by Mercedes Guerrero Tune*

Sources  
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# Travel with Meaning



Ferretti Trails Groveland  
Credit: Jennifer Rapoza Photography

## Adventure With a Cause



Many opportunities exist in Tuolumne County for you and your family or group to give back as part of your experience here, whether it's participating in trail work, tree plantings, river clean-ups, or getting immersed in local Native American culture, there is something available to enhance your visit and make it memorable and fulfilling.

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### Volunteer in the Outdoors

Find volunteer opportunities with several government, public and non-

profit organizations on public and private lands:

**STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST**  
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[fs.usda.gov/main/stanislaus/workingtogether/volunteering](http://fs.usda.gov/main/stanislaus/workingtogether/volunteering)

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[nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/supportyourpark/dropinvolunteer.htm](http://nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/supportyourpark/dropinvolunteer.htm)

**Groveland Trail Heads** mountain biking club is a Chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), whose mission is to create, enhance and preserve great trail experiences for all trail users. GTH has been partnering with the Stanislaus National Forest's Groveland Ranger District to develop a public use, mountain bike specific trail system as well as develop more multi-use trails in and around Groveland and Southern Tuolumne County.  
[grovelandtrailheads.org/new-home](http://grovelandtrailheads.org/new-home)

**Tuolumne River Trust** protects and restores the Tuolumne River watershed for present and future generations and promotes stewardship of the Tuolumne watershed.  
[tuolumne.org/events](http://tuolumne.org/events)

### Support the Community

Love Tuolumne County's annual, action-oriented volunteer weekend is every April and includes dozens of projects from which to choose to volunteer your time.

[lovetuolumnecounty.org](http://lovetuolumnecounty.org)

### Support Local Agriculture

There are many ways that you can help support local agriculture and growers. Visiting one of the several farmers' markets is an excellent way to connect with local growers and purchase sustainable foods and products. There are also farms in the area that are open to the public and host events highlighting sustainability. Farms of Tuolumne County is a non-profit organization that promotes the local agriculture industry and provides information on local farms and restaurants that incorporate local ingredients into their menus.

[farmsoftuolumnecounty.org](http://farmsoftuolumnecounty.org)

### Discover the Area's Natural & Cultural History

Tuolumne County has incredible natural and cultural history, stories, and traditions. Discover something new by attending interpretive programs offered by the Stanislaus National Forest and local tribes.

# 2025 Events



Sonora Christmas Parade  
Credit: Menka Belgal

Tuolumne County is home to world-class events that cater to every interest, passion, and lifestyle. From lively parades and captivating plays to thrilling rodeos and bustling fairs, the event calendar is packed with activities year-round! In addition to beloved annual traditions, you'll discover recurring events like 2nd Saturday Art Nights in Downtown Sonora, vibrant farmers' markets, and exceptional live performances at the County's renowned repertory theatres.

## National Parks Fee Free Days

[nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm](https://nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm)

### January 20

Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

### April 19

First day of National Park Week

### June 19

Juneteenth National Independence Day

### August 2

Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act

### September 27

National Public Lands Day

### November 11

Veterans Day

## Summer Concerts

### SONORA AT COFFILL PARK: COFFILL PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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### TWAIN HARTE AT EPROSON PARK: CONCERTS IN THE PINES

Saturday nights June thru August

### TOWN OF TUOLUMNE AT MEMORIAL PARK: CONCERTS IN THE PARK & OUTDOOR MARKET

Wednesdays June thru August

### JAMESTOWN AT ROCCA PARK: MUSIC IN THE PARK

Saturdays in September

## Monthly

### 2ND SATURDAY ART NIGHT

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### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Dates vary, May thru October  
Mary Laveroni Park, Groveland

## February

### SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE SEASON

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## April

### EXCURSION TRAIN RIDE OPENING WEEKEND

April 5 & 6

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park  
209-984-3953 • [railtown1897.org](http://railtown1897.org)

### MOTHER LODE ART ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ART SHOW & EXHIBIT

April 6-19

Sonora  
[motherlodeartassociation.org](http://motherlodeartassociation.org)

### SPRING FESTIVAL

April 12 & 13

Indigeny Reserve, Sonora  
[indigenyreserve.com](http://indigenyreserve.com)

### TUOLUMNE COUNTY ART WEEK

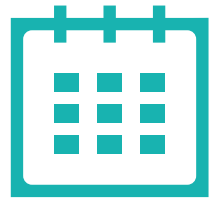
April 12-20

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[visittuolumne.com/art-week](http://visittuolumne.com/art-week)

### IN-FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

April 16-26

Jamestown  
209-694-3198  
[tuolumnecountyarts.org](http://tuolumnecountyarts.org)



## ANNUAL HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

April 12-13  
Mother Lode Fairgrounds  
209-588-4555  
uniondemocrat.com

## VICTORIAN EASTER PARADE & EGG HUNTS

April 20  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-536-1672  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

## "WHO LET THE DOGS OUT IN TWAIN HARTE" PARADE AND FAMILY FUN DAY

April 26  
Twain Harte

## May

### CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

May 3 & 4  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-588-9128  
parks.ca.gov/columbia

### MOTHER LODE ROUND-UP PARADE & RODEO

May 10 & 11  
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Downtown Sonora  
motherloderoundup.com

### COLUMBIA DIGGINS TENT TOWN 1852

May 15-18  
School tours by reservation.  
209-588-9128  
parks.ca.gov/columbia

### RODS TO RAILS CAR SHOW

May 17  
Jamestown

## June

### TWAIN HARTE OUTHOUSE RACES

June 7  
Twain Harte

### GROVELAND GRIND MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

June 7  
grovelandtrailheads.org

### FATHER'S DAY FLY-IN

June 14  
Columbia Airport  
209-533-5685  
fathersdayflyin.org

## TUOLUMNE LUMBER JUBILEE

June 20-22  
Tuolumne  
209-206-6768

## MOTHER LODE FAIR

June 26-29  
Sonora  
209-532-7428  
motherlodefair.org

## July

### 4TH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY

July 4  
Jamestown  
jamestownpromotionclub.com

### GLORIOUS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 4  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-536-1672  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

### JULY 4TH PARADE

July 4  
Twain Harte  
twainhartecc.com

## September

### ACORN FESTIVAL

September 13 & 14  
Tuolumne  
mewuk.com

### GROVELAND FACELIFT

September 13  
Groveland  
yosemiteclimbing.org

### 49ER FESTIVAL PRESENTS THE TASTE OF TUOLUMNE

September 20  
209-962-0429  
groveland.org

### COLUMBIA FINE ART SHOW

September 21  
209-536-1672  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

### FIDDLE AND BANGO CONTEST

September 27  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-536-1672  
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## October

### FALL FESTIVAL

October 11, 12, 18, & 19  
Indigeny Reserve, Sonora  
indigenyreserve.com



Columbia Diggins Tent Town 1852  
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**HARVEST FESTIFALL**

October 11 & 12  
Columbia State Historic Park  
888-488-1850  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

**MOUNTAIN MISERY BREWFEST**

October 18  
Sonora  
motherlodefair.org

**PUMPKIN & ZUCCHINI WEIGH-IN**

October 18  
Indigeny Reserve, Sonora  
farmsoftuolumnecounty.org

**SONORA BACH FESTIVAL**

Various dates  
Concert, musical events at various locations.  
209-536-6300  
sonorabach.com

**TRICK OR TREAT STREET**

October 24  
Twain Harte  
twainhartecc.com

**BOO BOULEVARD**

October 25  
Columbia State Historic Park  
friendsofcolumbiashp.com

**SPOOKY STREET STREET DANCE PARTY**

October 25  
Columbia State Historic Park  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

**TRICK OR TREAT STREET**

October 25  
Downtown Sonora  
sonorachamber.org

**November**

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November 11  
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Groveland  
groveland.org

**SONORA HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

November 28  
209-694-4008  
sonorachamber.org

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November 28 & 29  
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Railtown 1897 State Historic Park  
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railtown1897.org

**CHRISTMAS TOWN SONORA**

Activities throughout Downtown  
Throughout December  
209-694-4008  
sonorachamber.org

**MINERS CHRISTMAS**

Various dates  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-536-1672  
parks.ca.gov/columbia

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FEAST**

Various dates  
Columbia City Hotel Restaurant,  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-396-1981  
columbiacityhotelrestaurant.com

**TWAIN HARTE WINTER WONDERLAND AND CHRISTMAS PARADE**

December 5  
Twain Harte  
twainhartecc.com

**LAS POSADAS NATIVITY PROCESSION**

December 14  
Columbia State Historic Park  
888-488-1850

**COLUMBIA ALL EQUESTRIAN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

December 14  
Columbia State Historic Park  
209-227-7110  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

**WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL**

December 13 & 14  
Indigeny Reserve, Sonora  
indigenyreserve.com

**Farmers Markets**

**SONORA CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET:**

Saturdays, May-Oct, Downtown Sonora

**TUOLUMNE OUTDOOR MARKET:**

Wednesdays, June-Sept, Tuolumne

**TWAIN HARTE MOUNTAIN AIR MARKET:**

Thursdays, June-Aug, Twain Harte



VisitTuolumne.com/events



Visit our website for more events and information. While VTC makes every effort to be accurate and current, changes do occur. Always call ahead to confirm dates and facts to avoid disappointment.



# Relocate



Credit: Teledi Golf Club

## Make Tuolumne County Your Home



There are countless reasons why you should make Tuolumne County your home...

**1** *Play Where You Live*  
Adventures for every outdoor enthusiast and arts and culture abound and are right outside your door.

**2** *Enjoy Diverse Settings*  
Choose from low elevation, above the fog, rolling oak-speckled foothills or higher elevation pine forested mountains. See the climate chart on page 22.

**3** *Settle Into a Small Community*  
Friendly people in close-knit communities look out for one another and support small, locally owned businesses. Plus, there are no crowds.

**4** *You Won't Be Far*  
Tuolumne County's location on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada is ideally located only 2 hours from Sacramento and 2 ½ hours from San Francisco.

**5** *Enjoy Historic Charm*  
The quaint towns of Tuolumne County boast historic charm and culture that provide unique culinary experiences and shopping opportunities.

Realtors and relocation specialists are on page 56.



Pinecrest Lake

# Where to Stay

visittuolumne.com/places-to-stay  
 \*Note: rates are subject to change.



Hotel/Motel/Resort



Cabins/Vacation Rentals



Bed & Breakfast

## Lodging Guide

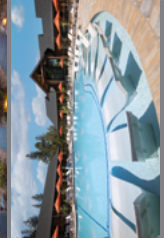
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**BERKSHIRE INN B&B**  
 209-962-6744  
 19950 Hwy 120  
 berkshireinn.net



**EVERGREEN LODGE**  
 209-379-2606  
 33160 Evergreen Rd  
 evergreenlodge.com



**FIREFALL RANCH YOSEMITE**  
 209-379-6820  
 24025 Hwy 120  
 firefallranch.com



**LILLASKOG LODGE**  
 209-309-3177  
 27557 Packard Canyon Rd  
 lillaskogyosemite.com



**RED TAIL RANCH RETREAT**  
 209-273-0025  
 22307 Ferretti Rd  
 red-tail-ranch.com



**RUSH CREEK LODGE AND SPA**  
 209-379-2373  
 34001 Hwy 120  
 rushcreeklodge.com








**SUNRISE HAVEN**  
 Groveland  
 airbnb.com/h/pmrisunrisehaven

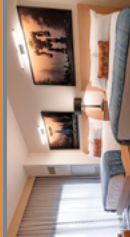

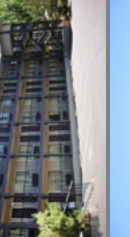
Type of Accommodation	Rates: Low - High	Number of Units	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Breakfast Included	Pool/Swimming	Spa/Sauna	TV	Telephones	Fireplace	Guest Laundry	Kitchen/Fridge/Micro	Banquet/Meeting Facility	WiFi/High Speed Internet	Restaurant On-Site	Packages-Ski/Theatre/Etc	Commissionable Rates
	\$190-255	6			◆									◆			
	\$162-811	88	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	\$303-1275	55	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
	Rent all \$1,241-1,379	sleeps 24	◆	◆				◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
	\$179-239	4	◆				◆			◆		◆		◆			◆
	\$215-918	143	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	\$250-500	sleeps 11									◆						

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	<b>UNDER CANVAS YOSEMITE</b> 888-496-1148 30801 Hardin Flat Rd undercanvas.com/yosemite	Home icon	\$349-649	71	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	<b>VAN'S YOSEMITE GARDEN COTTAGE</b> 209-273-0025 Groveland airbnb.com/h/vanscottage	Home icon	--	6	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	<b>YOSEMITE BASECAMP</b> 209-336-3233 11892 Ponderosa Ln yosemitebasecamp.com	Home icon Fireplace icon	\$225-375	3	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	<b>YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL</b> 209-962-0365 18605 Hwy 120 yosemitehostels.com	Fireplace icon	\$40-200	6																
	<b>YOSEMITE PINES RV RESORT &amp; FAMILY LODGING</b> 209-962-7690 • 20450 Old Hwy 120 yosemitepinesrv.com	Home icon	\$79-429	200	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

# Jamestown 49









	<b>CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT</b> 888-682-3089 9100 People of the Mountain Rd chickenranchcasinoresort.com	Fireplace icon	\$155-465	197	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	<b>COUNTRY INN SONORA</b> 209-984-0315 18730 Hwy 108 countryinnsonora.com	Fireplace icon	\$80-40	61	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
	<b>JAMESTOWN RAILTOWN MOTEL</b> 209-984-3332 10301 Willow St jamestownrailtownmotel.us	Fireplace icon	\$70-180	20	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

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Hotel/Motel/Resort	Type of Accommodation	Rates: Low - High	Rates subject to change	Number of Units	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Breakfast Included	Pool/Swimming	Spa/Sauna	TV	Telephones	Fireplace	Guest Laundry	Kitchen/Fridge/Micro	Banquet/Meeting Facility	WiFi/High Speed Internet	Restaurant On-Site	Packages-Ski/Theatre/Etc	Commissionable Rates
   <b>Hotel/Motel/Resort</b> Cabins/Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast																			
<b>49</b>																			
 <b>Lodging Guide</b> Sonora																			
 <p><b>ALADDIN INN</b>                      209-533-4971                      14260 Mono Way                      aladdininn.com</p>		\$80-400		61	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆		
 <p><b>BEST WESTERN PLUS SONORA OAKS HOTEL &amp; CONFERENCE CENTER</b>                      209-533-4400                      19551 Hess Ave                      bestwestern.com</p>		\$150-240		100	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	
 <p><b>BRADFORD PLACE INN &amp; GARDENS</b>                      209-536-6075                      56 Bradford St                      bradfordplaceinn.com</p>		\$155-295		5	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆		◆			
 <p><b>FAWN'S REST</b>                      661-289-0800                      Sonora                      airbnb.com/h/fawnsrest</p>		--		sleeps 6				◆		◆		◆				◆			
 <p><b>HERITAGE INN YOSEMITE/SONORA</b>                      209-532-3633                      350 S Washington St                      heritageinnyosemite.com</p>		\$79-169		111	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	
 <p><b>HOTEL LUMBERJACK</b>                      209-532-2400                      128 S Green St                      hotellumberjack.com</p>		\$99-299		34	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	
 <p><b>THE INN ON KNOWLES HILL B&amp;B</b>                      209-352-4333                      253 Knowles Hill Dr                      knowleshill.com</p>		\$269-399		8			◆					◆						◆	







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 <p><b>MOUNT BROW VINEYARD</b> 209-770-6702 10850 Mountain Brow Rd mountbrowvineyard.com</p>		\$800-1200	1	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆									
				 <p><b>SONORA INN</b> 209-532-2400 160 S Washington St thesonorainn.com</p>		\$69-239	30	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆						
								 <p><b>WILD PEAK VACATION RENTALS</b> 209-304-9121 wildpeakvacationrentals.com</p>		\$189-360	9	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
												 <p><b>YOSEMITE GATEWAY GETAWAYS</b> 209-988-4600 Sonora &amp; Groveland yosemitgatewaygetaways.com</p>		\$99-399	3	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
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 <p><b>THE HOTEL AT BLACK OAK CASINO RESORT</b> 877-747-8777 19400 Tuolumne Rd N blackoakcasino.com</p>		\$139-599	148	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
				◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
 <p><b>FOUR SEASONS LODGE</b> 408-836-5195 airbnb.com/h/fourseasonslodgetwainharte airbnb.com/h/fourseasonslodgetwainhartepartyof2</p>		\$129-440	sleeps 1-12	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
				◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
 <p><b>FUN CABIN RENTALS</b> 925-963-2857 22743 Bret Harte Dr funcabinrentals.com</p>		\$130-215	sleeps 10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
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Type of Accommodation	Rates: Low - High Rates subject to change	Number of Units	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Breakfast Included	Pool/Swimming	Spa/Sauna	TV	Telephones	Fireplace	Guest Laundry	Kitchen/Fridge/Micro	Banquet/Meeting Facility	WiFi/High Speed Internet	Restaurant On-Site	Packages-Ski/Theatre/Etc	Commissionable Rates
	\$125-1800	10 units sleeps 2-30					◆	◆			◆	◆		◆		◆	
	\$249-600	sleeps 13		◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆			
	\$155-320	13		◆		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆		◆	
	\$199-219	6		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆	
	\$250-500	25		◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			
	\$179-249	sleeps 5						◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			
	\$100-650	35		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					

Hotel/Motel/Resort  
 Cabins/Vacation Rentals  
 Bed & Breakfast

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**MOUNTAIN VIBES PROPERTIES & EXPERIENCES**  
 209-459-8822  
 mvbnb.com

**THE PINE CONE HOUSE RENTALS**  
 510-579-2584  
 24109 Pine Cone Rd  
 instagram/thepineconehouse  
 thepineconehouse.com

**LAZY Z RESORT**  
 209-586-1214  
 22732 Middle Camp Rd  
 lazyzresort.com

**MCCAFFREY HOUSE B&B**  
 209-586-0757  
 23251 Hwy 108  
 mccaffreyhouse.com

**SHADOW RIDGE VACATION RENTALS**  
 209-586-0334  
 shadowridge.com

**THOMPSON LODGE**  
 408-643-9975  
 22699 Middlecamp Rd  
 thompsonlodge.com

**TWAIN HARTE RENTALS**  
 209-586-5204  
 22910 Twain Harte Dr, Ste 101  
 twainharterentals.com








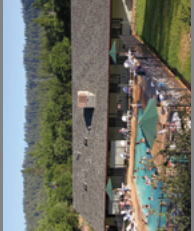










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## TUOLUMNE county Camping & RV Parks

### Highway 120/Groveland <sup>120</sup>

	Tent/Cabin Available	Rates: Low - High Rates subject to change	Number of Spaces	Credit Cards Accepted	Pool/Beach/River	Showers	Hookups	Toilets	Dump Stations	Guest Laundry	Convenience Store	Banquet/Meeting Facility	BBO/Picnic Area	Boating Nearby	Hiking Trails Nearby	Disabled Access	Fire Pits	Potable Water
 <b>PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE CAMPGROUND</b> 209-962-8615 13500 Rocky Point Dr pinemountainlake.com		\$29-42	44			◆	◆	F	◆						◆	◆	◆	◆
 <b>YOSEMITE LAKES RV RESORT</b> 209-962-0108 • 877-570-2267 31191 Hardin Flat Rd rvonthego.com/yosemitelakes	 	\$45-200	429	◆	◆	◆	◆	F	◆			◆			◆	◆	◆	◆
 <b>YOSEMITE PINES RV RESORT &amp; FAMILY LODGING</b> 209-962-7690 20450 Old Hwy 120 yosemitepinesrv.com	 	\$26-439	200	◆	◆	◆	◆	F	◆			◆		◆			◆	◆
<b>STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST</b> 209-962-7825 <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus">www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus</a>																		
 <b>CHERRY VALLEY</b>		\$29-58	46		◆			V						◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<b>DIMOND O CAMPGROUND</b>		\$33-66	38		◆			V					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<b>LOST CLAIM (no RVs)</b>		\$25	10		◆			V					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<b>PINES CAMPGROUND (Reservation only)</b> *no water available October - April		\$25-125	13		◆			V					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<b>SWEETWATER CAMPGROUND</b> *no water available October - April		\$29	12		◆			V					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
<b>LUMSDEN CAMPGROUND (no RVs)</b>		\$25	10		◆			V						◆		◆	◆	◆
<b>SOUTH FORK CAMPGROUND (no RVs)</b>		\$25	8		◆			V					◆			◆	◆	◆







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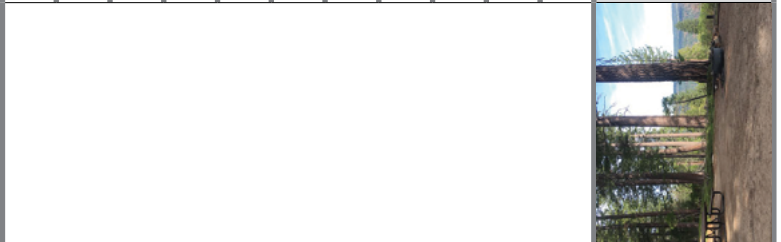


## BAKER/DEADMAN CAMPGROUNDS

209-965-3900  
Kennedy Meadows Rd  
kennedymeadows.com

## DODGE RIDGE CAMPGROUNDS

209-965-3116 • 209-965-3474  
Camping from Pinecrest to Sonora Pass  
summer.dodgeridge.com/campgrounds



## STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

209-965-3434  
www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus

Tent/Cabin Available	Rates: Low - High Rates subject to change	Number of Spaces	Credit Cards Accepted	Pool/Beach/River	Showers	Hooksups	Toilets	Dump Stations	Guest Laundry	Convenience Store	Banquet/Meeting Facility	BBO/Picnic Area	Boating Nearby	Hiking Trails Nearby	Disabled Access	Fire Pits	Potable Water
	\$25-50	61		◆			V					◆		◆		◆	◆
<b>DODGE RIDGE CAMPGROUNDS</b>																	
	\$22-44	21					V					◆				◆	◆
	\$22	31		◆			V					◆			◆	◆	◆
	\$23-52	88		◆			F	◆				◆		◆		◆	◆
	\$25-50	28		◆			V			◆		◆			◆	◆	◆
	\$24	28		◆			V					◆			◆	◆	◆
	\$25-50	38		◆			V					◆		◆		◆	◆
	\$34	200		◆	◆		F	◆		◆		◆	◆			◆	◆
	\$15	9		◆			V					◆				◆	◆
	\$36	300	◆	◆	◆		F	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
	\$118-163		◆	◆	◆		F	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
	\$24-48	68		◆			V					◆				◆	◆
<b>STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST</b>																	



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## Activities & Entertainment

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#### ALL OUTDOORS CALIFORNIA WHITEWATER RAFTING

925-932-8993  
1026 Lotus Rd, Lotus  
aorafting.com

#### ARTA RIVER TRIPS

209-962-7873  
24000 Casa Loma Rd, Groveland  
arta.org

#### ECHO ADVENTURE COOPERATIVE

209-732-5161  
11892 Ponderosa Ln, Groveland  
echocoop.com

#### LAKE DON PEDRO MARINA

209-852-2369  
11500 Bonds Flat Rd, La Grange  
lakedonpedromarina.com

#### LASTING ADVENTURES

800-513-8651  
PO Box 1078, Groveland  
lastingadventures.com

#### MILLER'S OFF ROAD ADVENTURES

209-431-9153  
12850 Cherry Lake Rd, Groveland  
millersoffroadadventures.com

#### OARS

209-736-4677  
PO Box 67, Angels Camp  
oars.com

#### PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE GOLF COURSE

209-962-8620  
12765 Mueller Dr, Groveland  
pinemountainlake.com

#### PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

209-962-8667  
13309 Clifton Way, Groveland  
pinemountainlake.com/equestrian

#### SIERRA MAC RIVER TRIPS

209-591-8027  
27890 Hwy 120, Groveland  
sierramac.com

#### YOSEMITE FLIGHTS

209-770-7901  
20960 Elderberry Way, Groveland  
yosemiteflights.com

#### ZEPHYR RIVER EXPEDITIONS

209-532-6249  
22517 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia  
zrafting.com

### Columbia

#### COLUMBIA STAGE LINE AND STABLE

209-768-0043  
22708 Main St, Columbia  
horsesincolumbia.com

**HISTORIC FALLON HOUSE THEATRE**

209-532-3120  
11175 Washington St, Columbia  
sierrarep.org

**MATELOT GULCH MINING CO AND HIDDEN TREASURE GOLD MINE**

209-532-9693  
22675 Main St, Columbia  
matelotgulchminingco.com

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**CALIFORNIA GOLD PANNING**

209-213-9719  
17712 Harvard Mine Rd, Jamestown  
gold-panning-california.com

**CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com

**MOCCASIN POINT MARINA**

209-989-2206  
11405 Jacksonville Rd, Jamestown  
moccasinpointmarina.com

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**MOTHERLODE ESCAPE ROOMS**

209-588-3861  
440 South Washington St, Sonora  
motherlodeescaperooms.com

**SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE**

209-532-3120  
13891 Mono Way, Sonora  
sierrarep.org

**SONORA BACH FESTIVAL**

209-536-6330  
PO Box 4583, Sonora  
sonorabach.org

**SUN POPPY MARKETS & EVENTS**

209-768-1651 | sunpoppyme@gmail.com  
Tuolumne County  
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**TELELI GOLF CLUB**

209-532-1000  
17566 Lime Kiln Rd, Sonora  
telegolfclub.com

**WILD YOSEMITE**

209-801-2015  
Sonora  
wildyosemite.com

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**MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRODUCTION COMPANY**

209-352-0288  
Twain Harte  
instagram.com/mountainmeadowproductions

**MOUNTAIN VIBES & PROPERTIES**

209-459-8822  
Twain Harte  
mvpbnb.com

**TWAIN HARTE MINIATURE GOLF**

209-586-5569  
23098 Fuller Rd, Twain Harte

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**ASPEN MEADOW PACK STATION**

209-965-3402  
Off Crabtree Rd, Pinecrest  
aspenn Meadowpackstation.com

**DODGE RIDGE MOUNTAIN RESORT**

209-965-3474  
1 Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest  
dodge ridge.com

**KENNEDY MEADOWS RESORT & PACK STATION**

209-965-3900  
Hwy 108/Kennedy Meadows Rd,  
Kennedy Meadows  
kennedymeadows.com

**LELAND HIGH SIERRA SNOWPLAY**

209-965-4719  
34033 Leland Meadow Rd, Strawberry  
snowplay.com

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**BLACK OAK CASINO RESORT**

209-928-9300  
19400 Tuolumne Rd North, Tuolumne  
blackoakcasino.com

**ELEVATE AT BLACK OAK CASINO RESORT**

877-747-8777  
19400 Tuolumne Rd North, Tuolumne  
blackoakcasino.com/play/elevatepark

**Regional:****BLACK CHASM CAVERN**

888-488-1960  
15701 Pioneer Volcano Rd, Volcano  
cavetouring.com

**CALIFORNIA CAVERN**

888-488-1960  
9565 Cave City Rd, Mountain Ranch  
cavetouring.com

**JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT**

800-822-WINN (9466)  
12222 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson  
jacksoncasino.com

**MOANING CAVERNS ADVENTURE PARK**

209-736-2708  
5350 Moaning Cave Rd, Vallecito  
moaningcaverns.com

**Attractions****Highway 120/Groveland**

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**GROVELAND YOSEMITE GATEWAY MUSEUM**

209-962-0300  
18990 Hwy 120, Groveland  
grovelandmuseum.org

**Columbia**

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**COLUMBIA STATE HISTORIC PARK MUSEUM**

209-532-3184  
22747 Main St, Columbia  
parks.ca.gov/columbia

**Sonora**

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**SONORA VOLUNTEER FIRE MUSEUM**

209-770-2674 • 209-770-3251  
125 N Washington St, Sonora  
sonoraca.com/visitsonora/museums.htm

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY MUSEUM & HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER**

209-532-1317  
158 W Bradford St, Sonora  
tchistory.org

**VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL & MILITARY MUSEUM**

209-533-0923  
9 N Washington St, Sonora  
sonoraca.com/visitsonora/museums.htm

**Tuolumne**



**TUOLUMNE CITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

209-928-3516  
18663 Carter St, Tuolumne  
tuolumnemuseum.wordpress.com

**Regional:**

**CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK**

209-795-1196  
Visitors Center: 209-795-3840  
PO Box 120, Arnold  
parks.ca.gov/bigtrees • bigtrees.org

**Eat & Drink**

**Highway 120/Groveland**



**AROUND THE HORN BREWING COMPANY**

209-436-9919  
17820 State Hwy 120, Groveland  
aroundthehornbeer.com

**EVERGREEN LODGE**

209-379-2606  
33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland  
evergreenlodge.com

**FIREFALL RANCH YOSEMITE**

209-379-6820  
24025 Hwy 120  
firefallranch.com

**MOUNTAIN SAGE COFFEE & NURSERY**

209-962-4686  
18653 Main St, Groveland  
mtsage.com

**RUSH CREEK LODGE AND SPA**

209-379-2373  
34001 Hwy 120, Groveland  
rushcreeklodge.com

**THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE**

209-962-8638  
12765 Mueller Dr, Groveland  
pinemountainlake.com

**Columbia**



**BROWN'S COFFEE HOUSE & SWEETS SALOON**

209-532-1850  
22760 Main St, Columbia  
brownscoffeehouse.com

**COLUMBIA CITY HOTEL RESTAURANT AND WHAT CHEER SALOON**

209-396-1981  
22768 Main St, Columbia  
columbiacityhotelrestaurant.com

**FALLON HOUSE ICE CREAM PARLOR**

209-532-2876  
11175 Washington St, Columbia

**Jamestown**



**(209) SPORTS BAR AND KITCHEN AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/209-sports-bar-kitchen

**ARTHUR MICHAEL VINEYARDS & WINERY**

510-304-7558  
18258 Main St, Jamestown  
arthurmichaelwines.com

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209-984-0000  
18181 Hwy 108, Jamestown  
cctaqueria.food62.com

**GIANELLI VINEYARDS ESTATE WINERY & TASTING ROOM**

209-984-1500  
12581 Algerine Rd, Jamestown  
gianellivineyards.com

**PERCH ROOFTOP DINING AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/perch-rooftop-dining

**PROPER AND PLUME COCKTAIL LOUNGE AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/proper-plume

**QUILL BAR AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/quill-bar

**THE RAWHIDE SALOON**

209-984-5110  
18260 Hwy 108, Jamestown

**SUBWAY JAMESTOWN #3**

209-984-4051  
18141 Hwy 108, Jamestown

**TRAILBLAZER COFFEE CO. AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/trailblazer-coffee-co

**TWLV KITCHEN AND BAR AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/twlv-kitchen-bar

**WAHLBURGERS**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasino.com/dining/wahlburgers

**Sonora**



**DIAMONDBACK GRILL**

209-532-6661  
93 S Washington St, Sonora  
diamondbackgrillsonora.com

**EMBERZ**

209-532-2272  
177 S Washington St, Sonora  
emberzzz.com

**GUS'S STEAK HOUSE**

209-532-5190  
1183 Mono Way, Sonora

**INDIGENY RESERVE**

209-533-9463  
14679 Summers Ln, Sonora  
indigenyreserve.com

**INNER SANCTUM CELLARS WINERY, TAP ROOM & TAPAS CAFE AT BASECAMP**

800-750-5919  
22004 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora  
innersanctumcellars.com

**IT'S YO GOOD YOGURT**

209-532-6403  
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facebook.com/yogoodyogurt

**MIKE'S PIZZA OF SONORA**

209-532-1097  
14721 Mono Way, Sonora  
mikespizzasonora.com

**PENCE FARM SOURDOUGH**

147 S Washington St, Sonora  
209-288-2132  
facebook.com/PenceFarm1

**PINOCCHIO'S**

209-533-1996  
736 Mono Way, Sonora  
pinocchiositalianrestaurant.com

**SUBWAY DOWNTOWN #2**

209-694-0307  
665 S Washington St, Sonora

**SUBWAY JUNCTION #1**

209-533-2011  
13757 Mono Way, Ste C, Sonora

**THE ARMORY**

209-694-3158  
208 S Green St, Sonora  
armorysonora.com

**THE STANDARD POUR**

209-532-7687  
19040 Standard Rd, Sonora  
standard-pour.com

**Twain Harte****THE BRANCH**

209-586-1402  
22975 Joaquin Gully Rd, Twain Harte  
thebranchtwainharte.com

**EPROSON HOUSE**

209-586-3700  
22930 Twain Harte Dr, Twain Harte  
eprosonhouse.com

**Upper Highway 108****KENNEDY MEADOWS RESORT & PACK STATION**

209-965-3900  
Hwy 108/Kennedy Meadows Rd,  
Kennedy Meadows  
kennedymeadows.com

**THE SUGAR SHACK**

209-586-5400  
24191 Hwy 108, Twain Harte  
facebook.com/aliciassugarshack

**Tuolumne****BLACK OAK CAFE**

209-928-9300  
19400 Tuolumne Rd North, Tuolumne  
blackoakcasino.com

**COVER'S APPLE RANCH**

209-928-4689  
19211 Cherokee Rd, Tuolumne  
coversappleranch.com

**SEVEN SISTERS**

209-928-9363  
19400 Tuolumne Rd North, Tuolumne  
blackoakcasino.com/dine

**Shopping****Highway 120/Groveland****MOUNTAIN SAGE COFFEE & NURSERY**

209-962-4686  
18653 Main St, Groveland  
mtsage.com

**YOSEMITE BASECAMP**

209-336-3233  
11892 Ponderosa Ln, Groveland  
yosemitebasecamp.com

**Columbia****COLUMBIA BOOKSELLERS & VARIETY STORE**

209-651-6150  
22725 Main St, Columbia  
columbiavarietystore.com

**COLUMBIA CANDY KITCHEN, INC.**

209-532-7886  
22726 Main St, Columbia  
columbiacandykitchen.com

**COLUMBIA CLOTHIERS & EMPORIUM**

209-770-2540  
22711 Main St, Columbia

**COLUMBIA MERCANTILE 1855**

209-288-7885  
11245 Jackson St, Columbia  
columbiamercantile1855.com

**EBLER'S LEATHER**

209-532-1811  
22751 Main St, Columbia  
eblerleather.com

**TOWLE & LEAVITT**

209-532-7306  
22750 Main St, Columbia  
towleandleavitt.com

**Jamestown****CLUTCH GOODS & GIFTS AT CHICKEN RANCH CASINO RESORT**

209-984-3000  
9100 People of the Mountain Rd, Jamestown  
chickenranchcasinoresort.com

**Sonora****ALOFT ART GALLERY AT BAER'S**

209-288-2844  
105 S Washington St, Sonora  
aloftartgallery.com

**DOWNTOWN SHOES**

209-532-2500  
4 S Washington St, Sonora  
4downtownshoes.com

**FITTIN' PRETTY BRAS AND BOUTIQUE**

209-532-6149  
54 S Washington St, Sonora  
fittinprettybtq.com

**LOCAL COLLECTIVE**

209-694-7030  
189 S Washington St, Sonora  
locogoods.com

**NATURE'S WHOLE FOOD DEPOT**

209-532-8878  
19073 Standard Rd, Sonora  
natureswholefooddepot.com

**SIERRA NEVADA ADVENTURE COMPANY**

209-532-5621  
173 S Washington St, Sonora  
snacattack.com

**Twain Harte****THE HARTE OF THE KITCHEN**

209-586-5631  
22966 Joaquin Gully Rd, Twain Harte  
facebook.com/theharteofthekitchen

**THE WALK-IN CLOSET**

209-586-3839  
22920 Twain Harte Dr, Twain Harte  
facebook.com/thewalkinclosetboutique

Upper Highway 108



**STRAWBERRY STORE**

209-432-3866  
28620 Herring Creek Ln, Strawberry  
strawberrygeneral.com

Health & Wellness

**ADVENTIST HEALTH SONORA**

209-536-5000  
1000 Greenley Rd, Sonora  
adventisthealthsonora.org

**BLUE ZONES PROJECT,  
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

209-694-3217  
31 N Washington St, Sonora  
tuolumnecounty.bluezonesproject.com

**CONNECTED BRANCHES  
HOLISTIC WELLNESS**

209-400-2155  
23420 Porcina Way, Columbia  
connectedbranches.com

**INDIAN ROCK RAPID CARE**

209-536-6680  
14540 Mono Way, Sonora  
adventisthealthsonora.org

**RUSH CREEK LODGE AND SPA**

209-379-2373  
34001 Hwy 120, Groveland  
rushcreeklodge.com

Meetings & Events

Events Services:

**THE BRANCH**

209-586-1402  
22975 Joaquin Gully Rd, Twain Harte  
thebranchtwainharte.com

Photography:  
**NATURAL UNIONS**

209-417-9470  
Columbia  
naturalunions.com

Venues:

**EVERGREEN LODGE**

209-379-2606  
33160 Evergreen Rd, Groveland  
evergreenlodge.com

**FIREFALL RANCH YOSEMITE**

209-379-6820  
24025 Hwy 120, Groveland  
firefallranch.com

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WINERY, TAP ROOM &  
TAPAS CAFE AT BASECAMP**

800-750-5919  
22004 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora  
innersanctumcellars.com

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209-586-1214  
22732 Middle Camp Rd, Twain Harte  
lazyzresort.com

**MOUNT BROW VINEYARD**

209-770-6702  
10850 Mountain Brow Rd, Sonora  
mountbrowvineyard.com

**RUSH CREEK LODGE AND SPA**

209-379-2373  
34001 Hwy 120, Groveland  
rushcreeklodge.com

Relocation

**COLDWELL BANKER  
MOTHER LODE REAL ESTATE**

DRE# 01013957  
209-532-6993  
14255 Mono Way, Sonora  
coldwellbankermotherlode.com

**COLDWELL BANKER  
SEGERSTROM REAL ESTATE**

DRE# 01013957  
209-532-7400  
84 N Washington St, Sonora

**COLDWELL BANKER  
TWIN HARTE REALTY**

DRE# 01013957  
209-586-5200  
23003 Joaquin Gully Rd, Twain Harte  
coldwellbankertwainharte.com

**HOMES 4 U BY NANCY GONZALES  
-BROKERED BY EXP REALTY OF CA**

DRE# 01311883  
925-200-3585  
Tuolumne  
homes4ubynancy.com

**JORDAN WARFORD, CENTURY 21  
WILDWOOD PROPERTIES**

925-768-0767  
22910 Twain Harte Dr, Twain Harte  
facebook.com/jwarford777

**LAURA JENNINGS  
CENTURY 21 SIERRA PROPERTIES**

DRE# 01909786  
209-591-3444  
163 S Washington St Suite C, Sonora  
c-21sierraproperties.com/Real-Estate-Agent/317313/Laura--Jennings

**TWIN HARTE  
HOMES & LAND, INC.**

DRE #00932820  
209-352-2189  
22996 Joaquin Gully Rd, Twain Harte  
twainhartehomes.com

**YOSEMITE TITLE COMPANY**

209-532-8174  
208 S Washington St, Sonora  
yotitle.com

Services

**BLUE MOUNTAIN MINERALS**

209-533-0127  
Columbia  
bluemountainminerals.com

Associations  
& Organizations:

**COLUMBIA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

888-488-1850  
PO Box 1824, Columbia  
visitcolumbiacalifornia.com

**FARMS OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

209-928-3775  
PO Box 315, Soulsbyville  
tcfarms.org

**GROVELAND TRAIL HEADS**

grovelandtrailheads.org

**JAMESTOWN PROMOTION CLUB**

209-743-6364  
PO Box 677, Jamestown  
jamestownpromotionclub.com

**MOTHER LODE ART ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 5140, Sonora  
motherlodeartassociation.org

**SONORA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

209-694-4008  
47 N Washington St, Sonora  
sonorachamber.org

**SONORA SUNRISE ROTARY**

PO Box 4495, Sonora  
sonorasunriserotary.com

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
OF TWIN HARTE**

209-586-9172  
PO Box 497, Twain Harte  
twainhartesoroptimist.org



**TUOLUMNE COUNTY ARTS**

209-694-3198  
21 N Washington St, Sonora  
mytuolumnecountyarts.org

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL**

209-743-6193  
PO Box 3718, Sonora  
tcbusinesscouncil.com

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

209-532-4212  
197 B Mono Way, Sonora  
tcchamber.com

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY FILM COMMISSION**

209-533-4420  
193 S Washington St, Sonora  
filmtuolumne.org

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

209-532-1317  
158 Bradford St, Sonora  
tchistory.org

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE**

209-984-4881  
PO Box 4490, Sonora

**TUOLUMNE ME-WUK TRIBAL COUNCIL**

209-928-5300  
19595 Mi-Wu St, Tuolumne  
mewuk.com

**TWAIN HARTE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PO Box 404, Twain Harte  
twainhartecc.com

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 391**

105 Hospital Rd, Sonora  
vietnamveterans391.org

**YOSEMITE HWY 120 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PO Box 1263, Groveland  
209-962-0429  
yosemitechamber.org

**Regional:****CALAVERAS VISITORS BUREAU AND FILM COMMISSION**

209-736-0049  
753 S Main St, Angels Camp  
gocalaveras.com

**CALAVERAS BIG TREES ASSOCIATION**

209-795-1196  
PO Box 1196, Arnold  
bigtrees.org

**Automotive:****SONORA FORD/SUBARU OF SONORA**

209-532-5593  
13254 Mono Way, Sonora  
mysonoraford.com  
subaruofsonora.com

**Business Support: GJF ENGINEERING**

209-532-1867  
188 W Bradford Ave, Sonora

**Financial:****EDWARD JONES-JAMES ZAITER**

209-588-0864  
199 S Washington St, Ste A, Sonora  
edwardjones.com/james-zaiter

**Insurance:****CUTLER-SEGERSTROM INSURANCE AGENCY/ LEAVITT UNITED INSURANCE**

209-532-6951  
301 S Shepherd St, Sonora  
cutseg.com

**GLENN S. CALDWELL INSURANCE SERVICES INC.**

209-532-5102  
14566 Mono Way, Sonora  
caldwell-insurance.com

**Media:****CLARKE BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

209-533-1450  
342 S Washington St, Sonora  
mymotherlode.com

**Municipalities & Government:****CITY OF SONORA**

209-532-4541  
94 N Washington St, Sonora  
sonoraca.com

**GROVELAND BRANCH LIBRARY**

209-962-6144  
18990 Hwy 120, Groveland  
tuolcolib.org

**TUOLUMNE CITY BRANCH LIBRARY**

209-928-3612  
18636 Main St, Tuolumne  
tuolcolib.org

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

209-533-5507  
480 Greenley Rd, Sonora  
tuolcolib.org

**TUOLUMNE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

209-928-1214  
18603 Pine St, Tuolumne  
tuolumnerecreation.com

**TWAIN HARTE BRANCH LIBRARY**

209-586-4501  
18701 Tiffeni, Ste 1F, Twain Harte  
tuolcolib.org

**Places of Worship:****ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

209-586-3161  
18674 Cherokee Dr, Twain Harte  
allsaintsandsaintjoseph.org

**Utilities:****JS WEST PROPANE GAS**

209-532-7475  
PO Box 3958, Sonora  
jswestpropane.com

**Transportation & Travel****COLUMBIA STAGE LINE AND STABLE**

209-768-0043  
22708 Main St, Columbia  
horsesincolumbia.com

**MOTHER LODGE ADVENTURES CHARTER SERVICES, LLC**

209-677-3183  
PO Box 3192, Sonora  
mlacharters.com

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY TRANSIT**

209-532-0404  
12879 Justice Center Dr, Sonora  
tuolumnecountytransit.com

**Regional:****STORER TRANSPORTATION**

209-521-8250  
3519 McDonald Ave, Modesto  
storercoachways.com

# DO BUSINESS IN *Tuolumne County*

Tuolumne County is a great place to start your business or expand one that is already established. Affordability, friendly and community-oriented residents, and an abundance of visitors throughout the year provide an excellent foundation for your venture.

## Tourism's Impact ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY

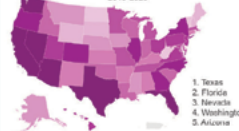
In 2023, total travel spending in Tuolumne County was **\$287.6 MILLION!**

Lodging	\$93.3 million
Food Service	\$76.1 million
Retail & Food Stores	\$47.5 million
Local Transportation & Gas	\$25.5 million
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	\$34.9 million

If you have a local business, no matter the type, then tourism is your business! Tourism is the number one private-sector industry in Tuolumne County.

## Visitor Origins

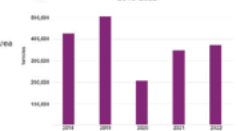
Top 5 Out-of-State Visitor Origins  
2019-2023



Top 5 In-State Visitor Origins  
2019-2023



Yosemite Highway 120 Vehicle Entries  
2016-2022



We welcome visitors from around the world to Tuolumne County and Yosemite National Park.



## Business Resources

RELOCATION



WEATHER & CLIMATE



LOCAL SERVICES



TUOLUMNE COUNTY CENSUS DATA



As a full season destination, we have the weather and locations to attract visitors year-round. Here are the resources to help you plan your startup in Tuolumne County.

## Local Agency RESOURCES

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

CITY OF SONORA

COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

VALLEY SIERRA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

MOTHERLODE JOB TRAINING

Everyone needs a little help to get started, here are some county and city organizations that can point you in the right direction.

Visit Tuolumne County | 193 S Washington St, Sonora, California 95370 | 800-446-1333  
[visittuolumne.com/do-business-in-tuolumne-county](http://visittuolumne.com/do-business-in-tuolumne-county)

# Groups & Meetings



## Meet Freely in Tuolumne County

With historic charm, outdoor adventure, and unique offerings, Tuolumne County makes the perfect destination for your next meeting, team retreat, board meeting, or group gathering. Yosemite National Park, the High Sierra, and Gold County offer the most picturesque backdrops and variety of activities. Tuolumne County has no shortage of meeting space whether it be unique, historical, or modern. Visit Tuolumne County is pleased to offer an incentive to book your first meeting or group gathering in Tuolumne County.

**Book your first corporate or business meeting through Visit Tuolumne County and receive a sponsorship.**

**\$500 for 10-24 room nights**  
**\$750 for 25-49 room nights**  
**\$1,000 for 50-100 room nights**

Inspirational ideas for meeting places and team activities in Tuolumne County.

### HIGH SIERRA

#### *Fish Some Great Ideas*

With a variety of crystal-clear lakes and rivers, your next board retreat can take full sail. Hop on a houseboat at Lake Don Pedro or a pontoon at Pinecrest Lake and let ideas flow as free as the rivers that fill these lakes. Book a fly-fishing guide for the whole group and

catch some big fish stories that will be told for years to come.

### GOLD COUNTY

#### *Be as Good as Gold in Sonora*

With a mix of modern and historical venues, Sonora is the perfect place to host your next group gathering. The Amory is an indoor/outdoor venue with a beer garden and a speakeasy like indoor bar, the Bourbon Barrel. This venue offers plenty of space for any occasion. Step out of the box and back in time by booking the historic Sonora Opera Hall for your next group gathering or challenge your team at Motherlode Escape Rooms.

### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK/ STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

#### *Team Build with Off Road Fun and Whitewater Adventure*

Miller's Off-Road Adventures makes for a memorable team building activity as your team drives their own Jeeps through the Stanislaus National Forest, capturing views of the forest, river canyon and Yosemite National Park. If your team is up for a little more challenge, then you can opt in for a whitewater rafting trip on the Class V Tuolumne River. There are many professional guide services to help your team navigate the challenging waters that await them.

Kennedy Meadows  
Credit: Maddie Maney Photography

Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias  
Credit: Lauren McKeever

New Melones Reservoir

Credit: Miller's Off Road Adventures

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