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COVER PHOTO: Fishing - Nelson Creek - Photo by John Lullo

## *Welcome* to PLUMAS COUNTY

Rugged canyons, crystal clear lakes, grassy meadows, trout-filled streams, fresh pine forests, brilliant star-filled skies, quaint towns — they all await you in beautiful Plumas County.

Located in northeastern California, where the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges meet, Plumas County boasts more than 100 lakes, 1,000 miles of rivers and streams and over a million acres of national forest.

With only eight people per square mile, this rural, four-season mountain retreat offers beauty, solitude and clean air, making it the ideal spot for a quiet, relaxing vacation.

In this guide, you'll find an overview of Plumas County's year-round recreation spots, attractions, tours, events, accommodations and campsites.

For more information, click on our websites at [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com) or [plumascounty.org](http://plumascounty.org) or give local visitor centers a call from the list on page 12.

We invite you to have a wonderful time in Plumas County; respect its beauty, treat its residents as neighbors and return again soon.



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**June -  
Oct**

## **Farmers Markets**

4pm - 7pm  
Thursdays at Chester Park

**July  
4**

## **4th of July Parade & Fireworks**

Parade starts at 11am, Main Street, Chester  
Fireworks start after sundown

**Oct**

## **Scarecrow Competition**

Businesses compete for the best looking  
scarecrow

**Oct  
28**

## **Halloween Costume Contest**

Starts at 3pm along Main Street, Chester

**Nov  
11**

## **Holiday Shopping Tour**

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**Nov  
25**

## **Merchants' Night w/ Santa**

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**Dec  
3**

## **Community Tree Lighting**

Candlelight carols, drinks, games & more  
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**Dec  
31**

## **New Year's Eve Fireworks Show**

9pm  
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# PETS *paradise!*

Dogs will love romping through the open space, sniffing out squirrels and fetching sticks in the lakes and creeks.

You'll find over 50 accommodations where pets are welcome to stay with their owners.

Some restaurants with outdoor seating even welcome your pets. Or take your pet camping in the great outdoors. Some facilities charge a small fee and most require pets to be on a leash (*see lodging and camping section for specific information*).

Visitors who bring their horses will find miles of trails to explore and campsites and stables to accommodate them.

On trails in the national forest, leashes are optional but preferred. Be sure to carry a leash in order to keep your dog safe and under control.

Within the state and national parks, dogs are required to be on leashes at all times and are not allowed on hiking trails, with the exception of the Grass Lake trail in Plumas Eureka State Park. Dogs are permitted on all sections of the Pacific Crest Trail except in the Lassen Volcanic National Park. Please take caution in the woods and keep your pet with you at all times to avoid encounters with wildlife.

It's a good idea to leave your pet indoors should you be gone for a long time.

If you need a veterinarian or kennel service during your visit, you'll find many available or on call.

There also are a number of pet supply stores and businesses that cater to dogs.

Treat your pets to a vacation in a place where they'll love to spend some quality time with you.

Pet-friendly Plumas County, with its wide variety of accommodations, is the ideal getaway for you and your best friends. A vacation in Plumas County beats time at the kennel—paws down!



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**Plumas County offers something for everyone, especially the young at heart! Check out the list (right) for some fun things to do...**

Both youngsters and the young at heart will find plenty of things to do in the natural playground of Plumas County.

Whether they're wading in a stream or tubing down a snowy hill, kids will discover that outdoor recreation is a great way to burn off excess energy and banish boredom!

Here's a sampling of the top destinations and attractions for kids and families in Plumas County; more information is available by contacting local area chambers of commerce listed on page 12, visiting [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org), [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com) or [www.plumasarts.org](http://www.plumasarts.org).



Miniature Golf  
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Cowgirl in Training  
Photo courtesy of Mari Erin Roth



Festival Fun  
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- Walking to waterfalls (Frazier Falls)
- Climbing aboard locomotives at Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola and attending Railroad Days, or riding on the Santa train in December
- Miniature golfing in Graeagle and the Lake Almanor area or join a summer golf camp
- Learning about Native Americans, natural history and survival through the Junior Ranger Program at Lassen Volcanic National Park
- Paddleboating on Graeagle Mill Pond or any lake
- Hiking along interpretive nature trails
- Rodeos, pony & horseback riding, wagon or sleigh rides
- Biking or walking the Lake Almanor Recreation Trail, the Portola Riverwalk or Cascade trail near Quincy
- Panning for gold in a stream
- Taking part in one of the many hands-on activities offered at Plumas Eureka State Park
- Exploring the forests on an adventurous ATV, bike or snowmobile tour
- Climbing to a U.S. Forest Service lookout tower
- Jet skiing at Almanor, Bucks, Gold or Frenchman
- Tennis or bowling
- Sledding and tubing at Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl or anywhere in the forest you see a nice slope
- Picnicking, horseshoe pitching or playing ball in a park
- Skateboarding at parks in Quincy and Portola
- Midway carnival rides and 4-H fun at the Plumas County Fair
- Movies, plays and concerts at Quincy's Town Hall Theatre or West End Theatre, or Chester's Mt. Lassen Theatre
- Fishing derbies (see Fishing)
- Ranger-led snowshoe hikes in Lassen Volcanic National Park
- Blackberry picking in the Feather River Canyon
- Fourth of July parades and fireworks
- Stargazing and making s'mores over a crackling campfire
- Swimming in creeks, lakes, pools and ponds
- Go exploring at museums
- Looking for cool rocks and wild animals
- Watching trout spawn at Honker Cove Lake Davis
- Visiting Crystal Lake and the lookout on Mt. Hough

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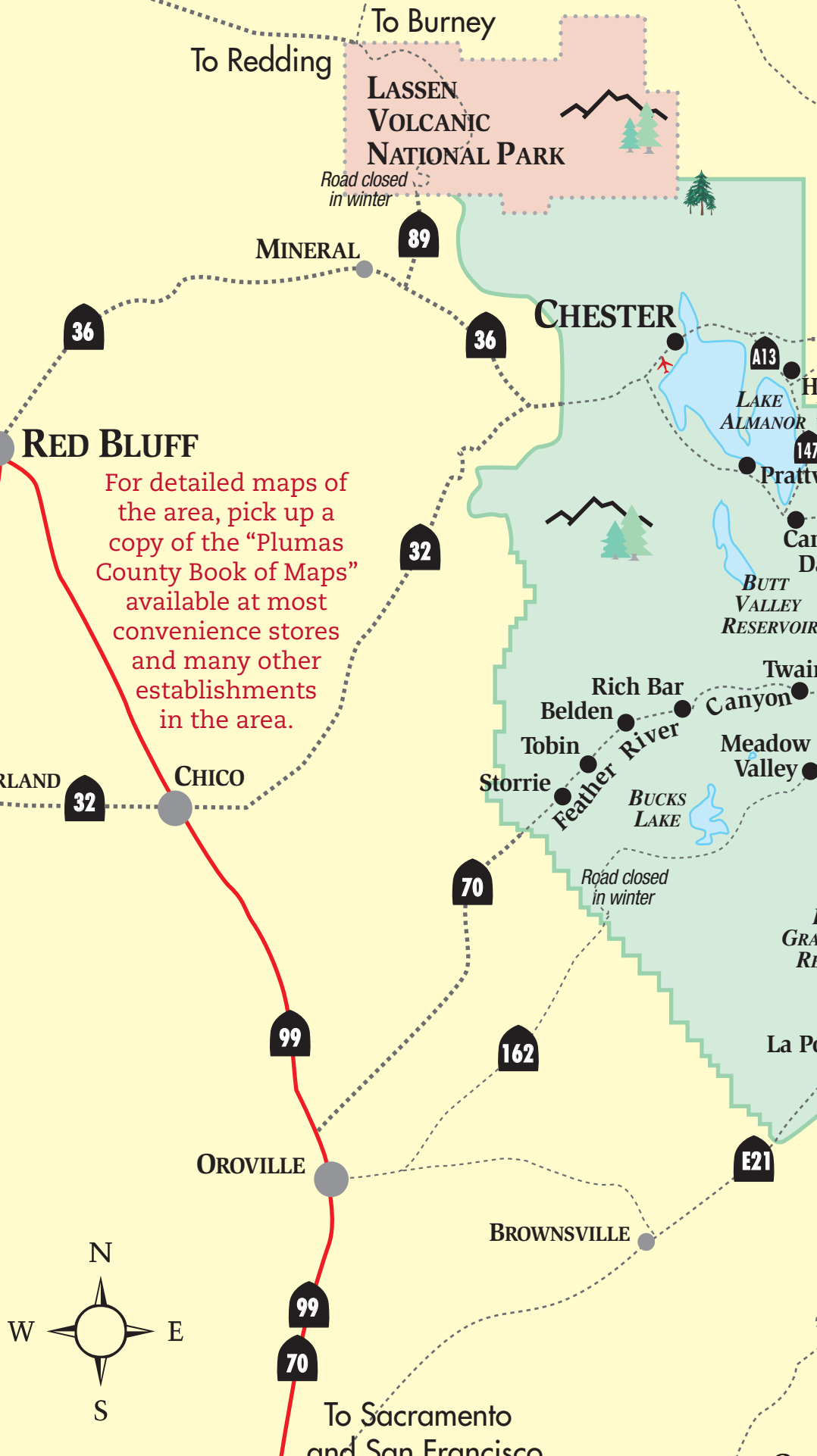
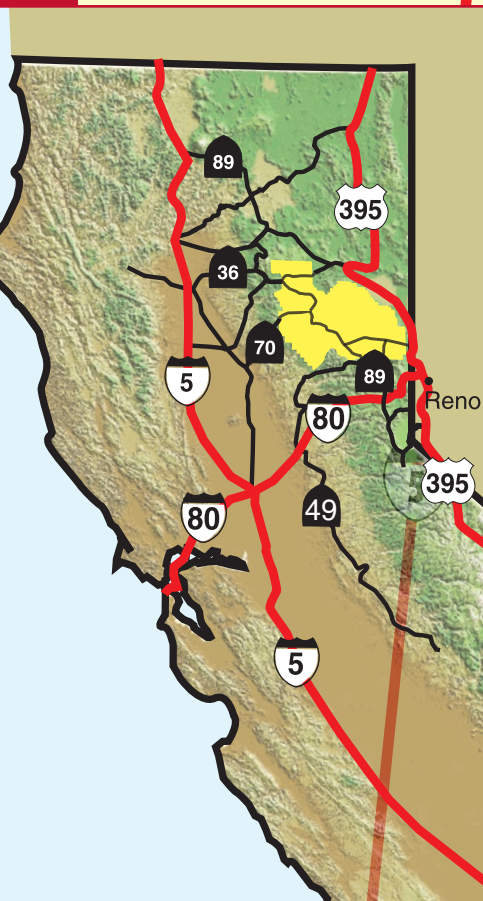
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For a detailed map of Plumas County call local chambers of commerce from the list on page 12.

For area road conditions, call (800) 427-7623 or go to [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com) and click on Weather.



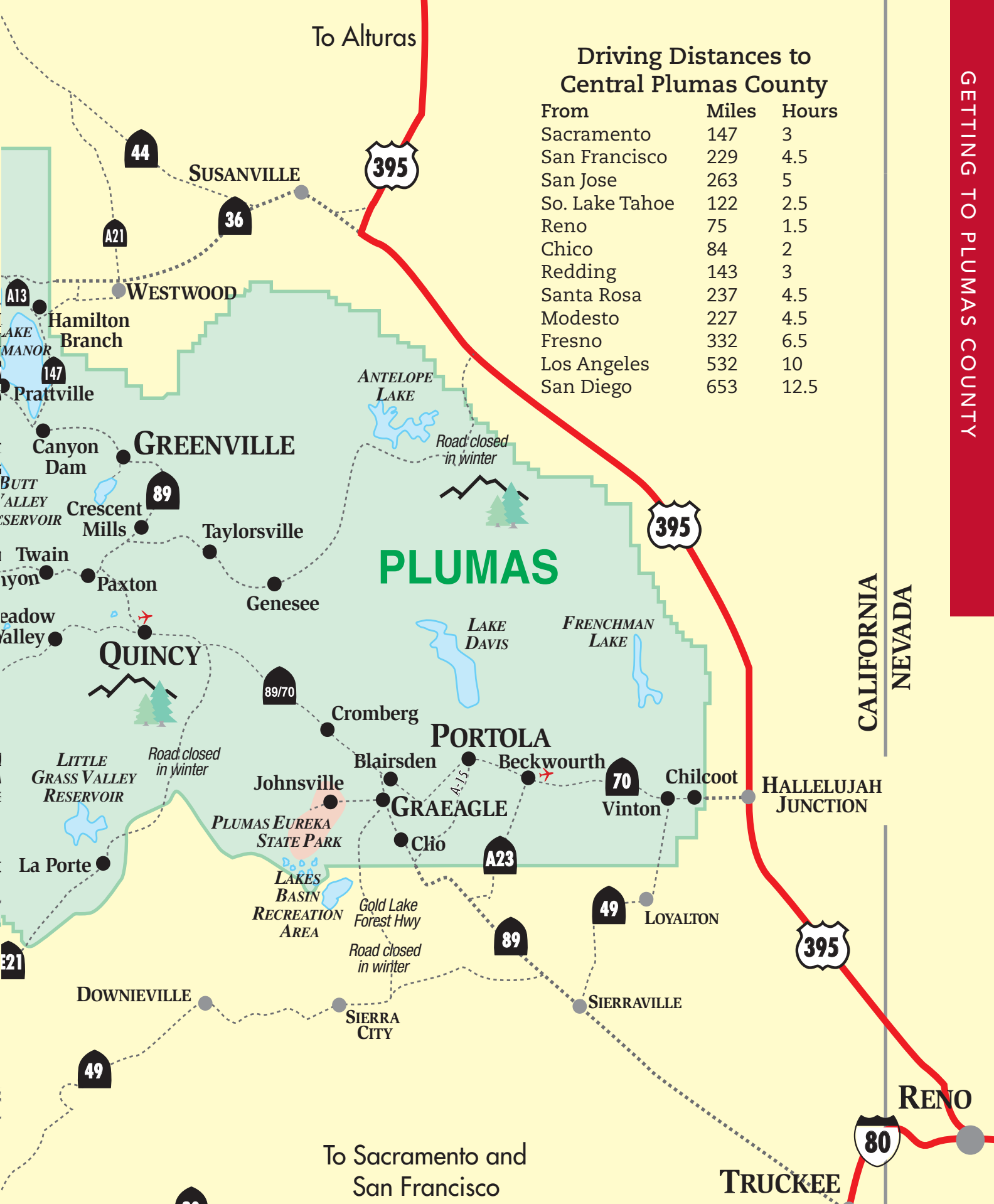
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From	Miles	Hours
Sacramento	147	3
San Francisco	229	4.5
San Jose	263	5
So. Lake Tahoe	122	2.5
Reno	75	1.5
Chico	84	2
Redding	143	3
Santa Rosa	237	4.5
Modesto	227	4.5
Fresno	332	6.5
Los Angeles	532	10
San Diego	653	12.5





# VISITOR *information*

Stop in, call, or visit the websites of the following locations for maps, brochures, area information, and friendly travel advice.

Walk-in service to visitors also is available at U.S. Forest Service offices and at the county's museums on page 105.

## **Plumas County Museum**

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Quincy, CA 95971  
(530) 283-6320  
[www.plumasmuseum.org](http://www.plumasmuseum.org)  
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525 Main St., P.O. Box 600  
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(530) 283-3402  
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310 Johnsville Road  
P.O. Box 1148  
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[www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=507](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=507)  
[www.plumas-eureka.org](http://www.plumas-eureka.org)

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278 Main St., Chester, CA  
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Junction of Hwys. 89 and 70  
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Blairsden, CA 96103  
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## **Portola Visitors Center Williams House Museum**

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Portola, CA 96122  
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[www.ci.portola.ca.us/portola-visitors-center.html](http://www.ci.portola.ca.us/portola-visitors-center.html)

## **Lassen National Forest Almanor Ranger District**

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W of Chester  
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[www.fs.usda.gov/lassen](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lassen)

## **Plumas National Forest Headquarters**

159 Lawrence St.  
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[www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas)

## **Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District**

P.O. Box 7  
23 Mohawk Highway Road,  
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[www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas)

## **Plumas National Forest Feather River District**

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## Looking to have fun on a budget?

Looking to have fun on a budget?

Then be sure to visit  
[www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org)

This website offers a plethora of attractions and activities for visitors to see and do.

It's comprehensive and user friendly and offers visitors quick advice on free or low-cost ways to have fun while visiting Plumas County an

There is a detailed list of more than 100 things to do conveniently divided into sections including outdoor recreation, arts and culture, fall foliage viewing, forests/wilderness, self-guided tours, hiking, hunting, biking and much, much more.

[www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org)



Crescent Mills ~ Photo Courtesy of Paul Bernard



**TOTAL AREA**

- 2,618 square miles
- 2,553 square miles of land
- 48.4 square miles of water
- 1,644,800 acres

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 WEATHER	Mean annual temperature	Mean January minimum temperature	Mean July maximum temperature	Normal precipitation (Inches)	Annual snowfall (Inches)
Chester Elevation: 4,550 feet	47	20	85	32	128
Greenville Elevation: 3,600 feet	49	24	91	39	52
Portola Elevation: 5,000 feet	46	19	86	23	60
Quincy Elevation: 3,423 feet	50	24	91	40	55

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 Feather River College . (530) 283-0202

**Plumas Charter Schools**

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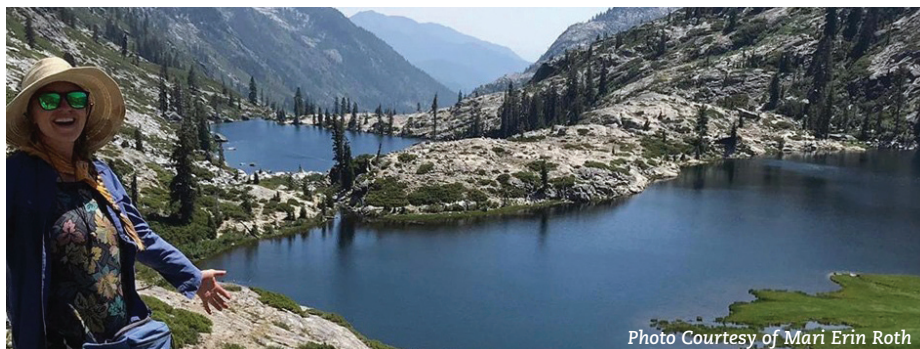


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# *rich in* HISTORY



Playing croquet at Forest Lodge near Greenville, 1930 - Photo courtesy of Plumas Co. Museum Archives

Prior to the California Gold Rush, the area now known as Plumas County was inhabited by the Mountain Maidu Indians who still live here today.

Living in small groups, they gathered roots, berries, grasses, seeds and acorns, supplementing these staples with game and fish.

Their existence was suddenly disturbed in the spring of 1850 when a flood of gold-seeking miners poured into the canyons and valleys of the region in search of a fabled "Gold" Lake.

Overnight, mining camps sprang to life. Rivers were turned from their beds, ditches were dug to bring water from distant sources to the diggings and the land was turned upside down.

A sizable Chinese population took up residence here and remained until the early 1900s when, with the decline in mining, most left the area.

The North, Middle and South forks of the Feather River were named in 1821 by Captain Luis Arguello as the Rio de las Plumas (River of Feathers) after the Spanish explorer saw what looked like bird feathers floating in the water.

"Plumas," the Spanish word for "feathers," later became the name for the county.

The river and its forks were the primary sites of early mining activity,

with many smaller camps located on their tributaries. Over the next five decades, gold mining remained the main industry of the county.

In 1850, the famous mountain man, James P. Beckwourth, discovered the lowest pass across the Sierra Nevada and the following year navigated a wagon trail for California-bound immigrants from western Nevada, through Plumas County, to the Sacramento Valley.

Several years later, in March of 1854, Plumas County was formed from the eastern and largest portion of Butte County with the town of Quincy chosen as the county seat after a heated election.

In 1864, a large part of northern Plumas County was carved off to form present day Lassen County.

Following this, Plumas County annexed a small portion of Sierra County, which included the town of La Porte.

In the late 1850s, Greenville came into existence as a mining and farming community at the head of Indian Valley; Chester, near Lake Almanor, was born as a result of damming Big Meadows and the lumber potential from the timber stands blanketing the area.

Soon after the turn of the century, and with the construction of the expanding Western Pacific Railroad in 1910, Portola came into existence.

With the railroad for transportation, the timber industry began to emerge as the primary economic force in the county. Until that time lumber was milled strictly for local use. Finished lumber could now be shipped nationwide from Plumas forests. The timber industry contributed enormously to the growth and prosperity of Plumas County and continues to do so to this day.

Along with the railroad's construction up the Feather River Canyon came some of the earliest tourists to the county. Resorts and lodges popped up at intervals along the "Feather River Route" to accommodate fishermen, hikers and sightseers.

The last passenger train ran in 1970, and the line is now devoted to freight traffic, with an occasional sight-seeing train sneaking through the area. In 1937, the Feather River Highway, touted as an "all weather route," was completed through the Feather River Canyon from Oroville to Quincy, linking Plumas County year-round to the Sacramento Valley.



# Plumas-Sierra County FAIRGROUNDS

The Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds, on the east side of Quincy, is a year-round destination for a multitude of events.

The fairgrounds hosts one of the state's oldest county fairs. The five-day event, scheduled for July 28-31 this year, features the efforts of Plumas and Sierra county residents: home-baked and canned goods, quilts, art, horticulture and agriculture, livestock shows and more. In addition to the ever-popular midway with rides, games and vendors, live music and entertainment highlight family fun at the fair.

Visit the **Peppard Cabin and Pioneer Schoolhouse** and step back into living history with volunteers from the local museum to hear about pioneer life in the mountains.

Beginning in April, the **American Valley Speedway** kicks off the season with a series of car racing events that continue through September.

A **Children's Fair** occurs in May and the annual old-fashioned **County Picnic** gets the summer action started the first Saturday in June.

The **High Sierra Music Festival**, normally held around July 4, turns the fairgrounds into a musical meeting place for

campers and music fans with their families for a long holiday weekend ([www.highsierramusic.com](http://www.highsierramusic.com)).

The annual **Plumas Homegrown American Festival** is set for Labor Day weekend.

October brings the Plumas Arts-sponsored **Mountain Harvest Festival** ([www.plumasarts.org/calendar/2016/oct.html](http://www.plumasarts.org/calendar/2016/oct.html)).

The grounds and buildings are available for rental for anything from weddings and reunions to meetings, wine pairings, auto racing and rodeos.

Ample room for camping, RV hookups and parking is available in and around the 54-acre facility at reasonable prices. There's also a public park, skateboard park, bike paths, playground and outdoor swimming pool adjacent to the fairgrounds.

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*Some events may be rescheduled or canceled. For current information on any event, visit [www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net](http://www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net) or call (530) 283-6272.*



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Visitors will find a rich and full complement of activities featuring quality local art and culture, along public buildings throughout the county and at various events.

**Plumas Arts** is the county's local arts agency, working in partnership with the **California Arts Council**, and is one of our region's primary cultural events producer, promoter and information resource. Plumas Arts renovated the historic (circa 1885) Capitol Saloon on Main Street in Quincy, breathing new life into the facility by transforming it into a cultural center and gallery that features a changing monthly schedule of exhibitions.

Other arts groups in the county include: **Main Street Artists** in Quincy, and **Blue Goose Art Gallery** in Chester.

Quincy and Chester galleries host artist receptions the first Friday of most months from February to November. **Quilting groups** in various Plumas County communities display their creations at shows held throughout the year, and the area's annual **Almanor Arts and Graeagle Fine Art and Craft shows** are well-respected in the Northern California arts scene.

Boasting home-grown and world-class musicians working in styles from jazz to bluegrass, rock to blues, traditional, classical and more. Plumas County has a thriving musical scene.

The **Town Hall Theatre** in Quincy has been celebrating the best of community and the arts since the 1800s. Historically, this has been the place where residents and visitors alike gather for meetings, traveling shows, movies, concerts and performances.

Under the management of Plumas Arts, that lively tradition continues. The theater enjoys spirited community support. The Town Hall Theatre hosts a wide range of special screenings, dramatic productions, performers and speakers from places far and wide. Call 283-1140 or visit [plumasarts.org](http://plumasarts.org) for the current schedule.

The **West End Theatre**, also on Quincy's Main Street, opened in 2012. It houses theater programs for children and teens, as well as offering plays, concerts and other performances by local and touring artists.

You will find live music Friday evenings at **The Brush Wine Bar** in Quincy. **Portola Park** offers free concerts Friday evenings in July and August. On summer weekends, **Lake Almanor Country Club** hosts concerts at the band shell. Wednesday evenings, summer into fall, local bands play live at the **Graeagle Millpond**. The **Chester Community Chorus** and **Bell Ringers** take the stage for a series of well-loved performances each May and December. Many restaurants and pubs feature live music and special events throughout the year.

"**Words & Music**," presented by Plumas Arts, is held monthly during the fall, winter and spring in Quincy on every



Photo Courtesy of Mari Erin Rotter



Photo Courtesy of Michael Clawson - Lacy J. Dalton Concert

# a VIBRANT

second Thursday. Each session includes a featured performer and an open stage sign-up to share acoustic music or other performance art.

For those interested in culinary adventures, local restaurants show off their artistry at **Taste of Plumas**, an annual event that also includes local and regional wines and microbrews, music and an auction. June in Chester presents **Mid-Summer Madness Wine & Food Tasting** and in October the **Mountain Harvest Festival** in Quincy blends microbrew tasting and music.

No matter the season, Plumas County offers events to capture the imagination of visitors of all interests and inspire return visits year after year.

From June through September, **farmers' markets** offer local and regional produce, meat and prepared foods.

Music and art festivals punctuate the beauty of these mountains and highlight local talent. Locals also show off their skills in community chili cook-offs, fishing derbies and pancake breakfasts — and their automobiles in the classic car exhibitions featured at many local celebrations. Avid athletes turn out for races on foot, bicycle, ski, horseback,





Quincy Farmers Market - Photos Courtesy of Mari Erin Roth

# CULTURAL *scene*

racecar or sailboat; while golfers, ball players and horseshoe pitchers compete in tournaments.

Townfolk and tourists alike celebrate in droves on the **Fourth of July**, when every town organizes parades, concerts, activities and fireworks.

Quincy is the home of the **High Sierra Music Festival** over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. On the **Feather River, Belden Town Resort** hosts several additional festivals in the summer and fall.

The flavor of the Old West lives on at **Vinton's cowboy poetry show** and the **Silver Buckle Rodeo in Taylorsville**.

Old-fashioned family fun is highlighted at the **County Picnic** in June, and the **Plumas-Sierra County Fair**. The fair, which is held in July at the fairgrounds in Quincy, features a two-county sampling of art, agriculture, cooking, crafts, history and more.

The **Almanor Art Show**, the first weekend in August, provides summertime browsing on the lawn. The glorious fall color in Plumas County inspires a variety of small-town events, "leaf peeping" and craft bazaars. The **Mountain Harvest Festival** pairs microbrew tasting and spirited music

on a clear, crisp October afternoon.

The chill in the air for the **holiday season** dampens no one's spirits; snow or shine, everyone comes out for Christmas tree lightings, caroling and other performances, open houses and friendly gatherings in all corners of the county.

Snow season fun is celebrated on the mountains, too. A highlight is the **Historic Longboard Revival Series**, held three times a year at the **Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl** where participants race on 12-foot (and longer!) wooden skis.

Benefit balls, concerts, dinners and activities in support of local organizations and causes fill out the area's cultural calendar every month of the year offering a variety of events for locals and visitors alike.

To learn more about local art, culture and special events, turn to the calendar on page 18, contact Plumas Arts at (530) 283-3402 or visit [www.plumasarts.org](http://www.plumasarts.org). Information is also available at [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com), [www.plumascountyevents.com](http://www.plumascountyevents.com) or [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org).



# CALENDAR

## 2022 INTO 2023

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## 2022

### AMERICAN VALLEY SPEEDWAY RACES

Quincy: April - Sept.

IMCA Modified, Hobby Stocks,  
IMCA SportMods, A-mods  
Pure Mini-Stocks, Dwarf Cars  
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## MAY

Friends of NRA  
Dinner & Auction  
Graeagle 530-249-2848

Fishing Derby for 12 & Under  
Trout Unlimited, Feather River  
Chapter.  
Mill Pond, Graeagle.  
530-249-0444  
[frtu.org](http://frtu.org)

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta  
Graeagle Fire Hall  
[plumasruralservices.org/mcrrc](http://plumasruralservices.org/mcrrc)

Children's Fair  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-7045

Pancake Breakfast  
Plumas Pines Fire Station  
530-836-0532

Production Horse Sale  
Feather River College, Quincy  
[frc.edu/equineStudies](http://frc.edu/equineStudies)

Early Dawn Chorus & Naturalist  
Exploration  
Sierra Valley Preserve  
530-283-5758  
[frlt.org](http://frlt.org)

Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony  
Dame Shirley Plaza, Quincy

Annual Memorial Day Shop Hop  
Downtown Graeagle  
[graegalemerchants.com](http://graegalemerchants.com)

Lake Almanor Memorial  
Weekend Craft Fair  
Rotary Club of Chester  
530-249-2516

## JUNE

Sierra Nevada Conservation &  
Wilderness Medicine Conference  
Quincy  
[www.pdh.org/wildernessconference](http://www.pdh.org/wildernessconference)

Art & Craft Marketplace  
Handcrafts, live music & food.  
Mill Creek Resort  
916-705-2652  
[artistandcrafters.com](http://artistandcrafters.com)

Street Rodders Car Show  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
(530) 836-2200

Lost and Found Gravel Grinder  
Graeagle  
[lostandfoundbikeride.com](http://lostandfoundbikeride.com)

Solstice Garden Stroll  
Soroptimist International  
of Quincy  
530-927-9901

Paws on Parade  
Graeagle Park  
530-832-4727

Annual Mile High Bike Ride  
Chester  
register: [www.milehigh100.com](http://www.milehigh100.com)

County Picnic  
Family fun, Lions pancake break-  
fast. Plumas-Sierra County Fair-  
grounds, Quincy  
530-283-6272

Tour De Manure  
Sierraville  
[TourdManure@gmail.com](mailto:TourdManure@gmail.com)

Fathers' Day weekend Fishing Derby  
Lake Davis  
530-832-0270

Summerfest at White Sulphur  
Springs Ranch  
Clio  
[WhiteSulphurSpringsRanch.com](http://WhiteSulphurSpringsRanch.com)

Lake Almanor Veterans  
Guided fishing tour & barbecue  
[Almanorfishing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Almanorfishing@sbcglobal.net)

Stilldream Music Festival  
Beldon Town Resort, Highway 70  
530-283-9662  
[www.beldentown.com](http://www.beldentown.com)

Almanor Art Show.  
Collins Pine lawn, Chester  
530-283-3402

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CONCERT SERIES**  
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## JULY

High Sierra Music Festival  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
510-420-1529.  
[highsierramusic.com](http://highsierramusic.com)

Mohawk Valley  
Independence Celebration  
fireworks, parade, concert,  
5k/10k Fun Run,  
Graeagle  
530-836-6811

Pancake Breakfast  
Graeagle Fire Hall

4th of July Parade  
Hotdog Social at the firehouse  
after parade  
Meadow Valley

5K & 10K fun run  
Graeagle  
530-836-6811

Silver Buckle Rodeo & Roping  
cowboy breakfast, parade  
Taylorsville  
530-284-7670  
[taylorsvilleroodeo.com](http://taylorsvilleroodeo.com)

Chester Parade,  
craft fair, fun run,  
bike-a-rama, duck race  
Chester  
530-258-2426

Cowboy Breakfast  
Indian Valley Museum  
Taylorsville  
530-284-1046

JackPot Team Roping  
Taylorsville  
530-284-1472  
[taylorsvilleroodeo.com](http://taylorsvilleroodeo.com)

Street Dance at the Barn  
Graeagle

Paul Bunyan Mountain  
& Blues Festival  
Live music,  
logging show, crafts fair  
Westwood Park  
530-256-2456

Pints for Pups  
The Brewing Lair  
Blairsden  
530-832-4727

Clear Creek Arts & Craft Faire  
Clear Creek Park  
916-705-2652

Gold Discovery Days  
Plumas-Eureka State Park  
530-836-1995

Gold Digger Days  
street faire, parade, street dance,  
horseshoe & softball tournaments.  
**TBD as of press time.**  
Greenville  
530-284-6633

Graeagle Arts & Crafts Show  
Graeagle  
[greatamericancraftfairs.com](http://greatamericancraftfairs.com)

4th Annual Poker Paddle  
Lake Almanor  
[www.yourarpd.org](http://www.yourarpd.org)

Bidwell Arts & Crafts Show  
Chester  
916-705-2652

Plumas-Sierra County Fair  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-6272

Quincy Fire Department's  
pancake breakfast  
Quincy Fire Station

### PORTOLA CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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Friday night in Portola City Park  
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## AUGUST

Bidwell Arts & Crafts Show  
Chester  
916-705-2652

Discover Lassen Hike-a-Thon  
Lassen Volcanic  
National Park  
530-595-4480

Stargazing Campout  
Sierra Valley  
530-283-5758  
[frlt.org](http://frlt.org)

Lassen Dark Sky Festival  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
530-595-4480

The Vet Stand Down  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-6272

Dinner in the Park  
Dinner, auction  
Plumas Eureka State Park

Art & Craft Marketplace  
Handcrafts, live music & food  
Graeagle Park  
916-705-2652  
[artistandcrafters.com](http://artistandcrafters.com)



## SEPTEMBER

Art, Wine & Brew  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
530-595-4480

Pancake Breakfast  
Plumas Pines Fire Station  
530-836-0532

Westwood Chili Fest  
Westwood  
530-2562456

Calpine Marketplace  
Fun for the whole family  
530-562-7736

Street Rod Extravaganza  
Hot rod cars, trucks and motorcycles  
Chester

Antiques &  
Collectibles Fair  
Graeagle  
530-836-6811

Plumas Homegrown  
Americana Festival  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-6272

Arts & Crafts Faire  
Lake Almanor Country Club  
530-596-3282

A Grave Occasion  
Mohawk Valley Cemetery  
Plumas County Museum  
530-283-6320

Frontier Day Breakfast  
Indian Valley Museum, Taylorsville  
530-284-1046

Rotary Club of Portola's  
Annual Fly-In Breakfast  
Nervino Airport, Beckwourth  
[RotaryClubofPortola.com](http://RotaryClubofPortola.com)

Wild & Scenic Film Festival  
Quincy  
530-283-3402

Lost Sierra Hoedown  
Fundraiser for Johnsville  
Historic Ski Bowl  
[lostsierrahoedown.com](http://lostsierrahoedown.com)

Randy Fossum Memorial  
Wheel Around Lake Almanor  
Handcycle Challenge  
Lake Almanor  
530-258-9447

Public Lands Day  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
530-595-4480

Sierra Valley Art & Ag Trail  
Sierra Valley Preserve  
[sierravalleyartagtrail.org](http://sierravalleyartagtrail.org)

911 Remembrance  
Blue Star Moms and  
Chester Rotary Club  
Chester  
530-249-2516

## OCTOBER

Fall Festival  
Grange Hall, Taylorsville  
(530) 284-7532

Mountain Harvest Festival  
Microbrew Tasting  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-3402

## NOVEMBER

Elks Craft Fair  
Calpine Elks Lodge, Hwy. 70  
530-832-5785

Quincy Merchants' Holiday Preview  
530-283-2266

Holiday Shopping Tour  
Lake Almanor  
530-258-2426

Peace Tree Lighting  
Chester Library Parking Lot  
530-258-2426

Merchants' Night &  
Pictures with Santa  
Chester

Mohawk Community Art Faire  
Graeagle  
530-836-0446  
[plumasruralservices.org](http://plumasruralservices.org)

Sierra Hospice Tree Lighting  
Chester  
530-258-3412

Light Parade  
Taylorsville  
530-284-9985

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## DECEMBER

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tree lighting, light parade  
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Christmas in Old Town Portola  
Holiday tree lighting festivities  
530-836-681

Community Christmas Sing  
Courthouse, Quincy

Christmas in the Mountains  
Crafts, food, entertainment  
Westwood  
530-256-2456

Graeagle Holiday Festival  
Tree lighting, carolers, horse drawn  
trolley, live music  
Graeagle  
530-836-6811

Taylorsville Fireworks Show  
Main Street  
Palmaz Family

New Year's Eve Fireworks.  
Chester/Lake Almanor  
530-258-2426

## FEBRUARY

Groundhog Fever Festival  
Quincy  
[www.quincychamber.com](http://www.quincychamber.com)

Snowmobile Poker Run  
Bucks Lake  
Buck Lake Snowdrifters  
530-283-3519

Snowmobile Poker Run  
Lake Almanor  
530-596-4354

Plumas Co. Mule Deer Foundation  
Dinner & auction  
530-283-2233

## MARCH

Cowboy Poetry Show  
Vinton  
831-801-3719

## APRIL

Artists Opening Reception  
Plumas Arts Gallery  
Quincy  
530-283-3402

Taste of Plumas  
Fairgrounds, Quincy  
530-283-3402

# 2023

## JANUARY

Chowder Cookoff  
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Westwood  
530-256-2456

Calpine Elks Crab Feed  
Advance ticket sales only  
530-218-1828 or 530-836-2406

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## LONGBOARD RACES

Historic Longboard Revival Series races held at  
Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl on the third Sunday  
of January, February and March.

**Log in to [plumasskiclub.org](http://plumasskiclub.org) for current dates.**

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- Take a day trip to nearby Lassen Volcanic National Park and learn about the area's unique geology with all four types of volcanoes.
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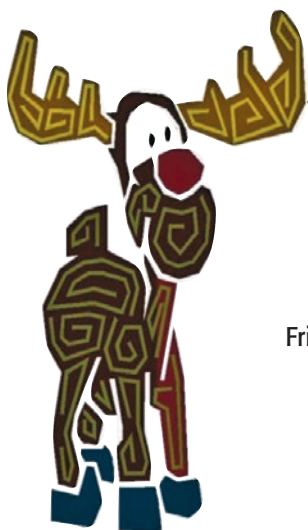


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The Almanor Basin is also a pristine jewel for winter recreation, including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, sledding and snowshoeing.

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In September, the **Street Rod Extravaganza** and the **Wheel Around Lake Almanor Handcycle Endurance Ride** are among many special events featured each year.

Services for visitors are also available in small communities along the lake, including **Prattville**, **East Shore**, **Lake Almanor Peninsula**, **Hamilton Branch** and **Bailey Creek**.

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The surrounding **Lassen National Forest** maintains two nearby wilderness areas, the **Caribou** and the **Ishi**, which are easy to explore and offer breathtaking scenery.

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For more information about the area, contact the **Lake Almanor Area Chamber** at (530) 258-2426 or [info@lakealmanorarea.com](mailto:info@lakealmanorarea.com).



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# INDIAN VALLEY, *showing its*

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Despite the ravishing of the Dixie Fire on **Indian Valley**, pockets of the community survived — notably **Taylorsville** and **Crescent Mills**, where the bulk of restaurants, stores and the museum are still thriving.

Visitors to the Indian Valley can now witness the region as it recovers from the fire and the resilience of the community to bounce back from the devastation.

In **Crescent Mills**, the first small sawmill in decades in California — a joint venture between the Sierra Institute and J & C Enterprises — opened in 2022 to harvest and mill lumber from the Dixie Fire, and help locals rebuild in the process.

**Downtown Greenville** will be home to a circle known as The Spot where local restaurant owners are

opening up food trucks to serve the public while waiting for their rebuilds to begin.

Many of those remaining in Greenville have formed a group called the Dixie Fire Collaborative ([www.dixiefirecollaborative.org](http://www.dixiefirecollaborative.org)) with ongoing events and projects to aid recovery for those who want to help.

Nature is still very much present in the area — which is still sporting a variety of bird sightings along Stampfli Lane and Wolf Creek.

While annual events in Greenville are likely on hold for awhile, there's now opportunity for every visitor to be part of the recovery and witness the positive changes as Greenville, and Indian Valley as a whole, gets back on its feet.

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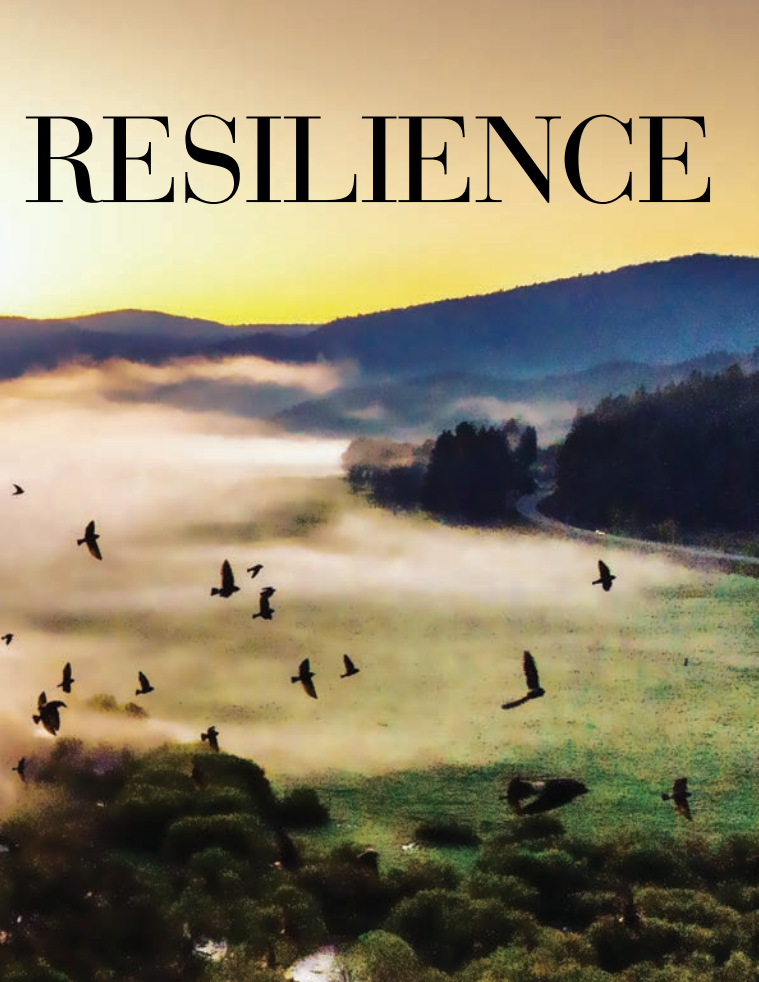
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# QUINCY *California...*

*Plumas County Court House in Quincy - Photo courtesy of Shelley Hunter*

**Quincy, the Plumas County seat**, is nestled against the western slope of the Sierra Nevada and tucked at the edge of the lush American Valley.

The largest community in Plumas County, it is located midway between Oroville and Reno on the **Feather River National Scenic Byway** (State Route 70).

Quincy's Main Street is known for the attractive and historical downtown buildings that have been the focus of preservation and restoration.

Quincy is also home to the **Plumas County Museum**, located behind the county courthouse. Call (530) 283-6320 for open days and hours.

The **four-story courthouse building** on Main Street is the county's most dominant and impressive structure. Built in 1921, it features huge marble columns and staircases. Outside, expansive grassy areas with sitting areas are a favorite location for resting, walking and playing with kids and dogs. The courthouse lawn is the site of the town's tree lighting during the **Quincy Main Street Sparkle** the first Friday in December.

This enchanting town demonstrates a strong commitment to the arts, with numerous films and musical and dramatic events being staged at the historical **Town Hall Theatre and West End Theatre**, both on Main Street. The West End Theatre is also home to **Quintopia**, the town's brewery.

**Plumas Arts** is headquartered in Quincy, in the renovated

Capitol Saloon building, and is one of several Main Street galleries that feature changing displays of work by local and regional artists.

As the weather cools in the fall, Quincy's tree-lined streets and surrounding native forest produce an impressive array of fall foliage, making it a popular hub for **"leaf peepers"** who come to witness the county's fall color show.

Quincy offers an abundance of services and shopping opportunities, including food, home furnishings, gift and thrift shops.

Numerous motels, cottages, bed-and-breakfast inns and a variety of restaurants are ready to accommodate visitors.

Just west of Quincy is **Feather River College**, a two-year community college set on a hill overlooking the valley. FRC is well known for its outdoor recreation, equine studies and natural resource curricula. The college offers a bachelor of science degree in equine and ranch management. A walking/bike trail connects the college with **Gansner Park** and Quincy's bike path.

Quincy also is home to the **Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds** (see page 15), located on the eastern side of town off Highway 70.

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*For more information about Quincy and the Central Plumas area, call the Quincy Chamber of Commerce at (530) 394-0541.*





# *the* COUNTY SEAT

*Peaceful Evening in Downtown Quincy - Photo courtesy of Michael Beatley*



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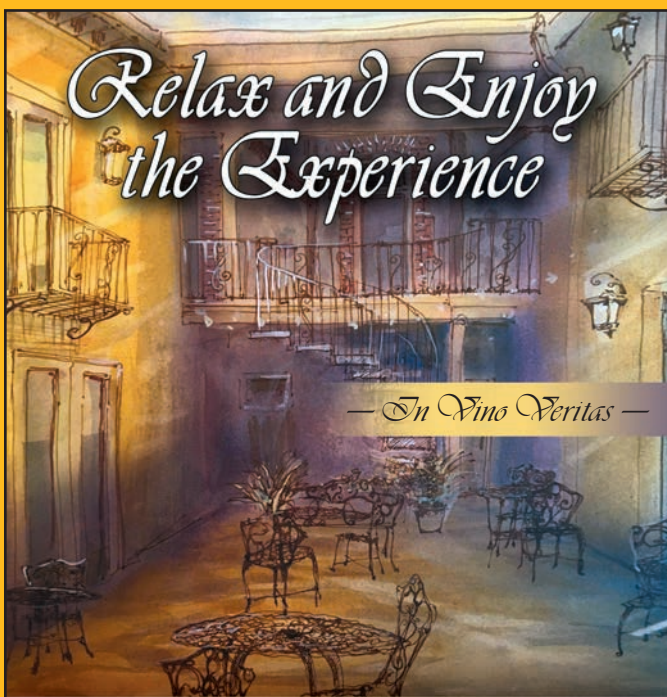
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Plenty of mountain biking opportunities also exist in the adjacent forest. Hiking trails abound in the Bucks Lake Wilderness, with access to the **Pacific Crest Trail**.

Stunning red dogwood and golden

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Bucks Lake in winter is a premier destination for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers, with staging facilities and 100 miles of groomed trails. A popular snowmobile poker run is held at Bucks Lake each February.

During the winter, Bucks Lake Road is plowed only to Bucks Summit, three miles from the lake, but the area remains open as a winter retreat and is used for snow play, snowshoeing and sledding.

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adventurers can take a self-guided auto tour of historic mining town sites along Forest Service roads surrounding La Porte, once with a 10,000 population.

The area is known for its winter recreation and was the site of the nation's first organized downhill ski racing on 12-foot "snowshoes" in the late 1800s.

The La Porte area hosts miles of terrain for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing/snowshoeing as well as staging areas and warming huts. A snowmobile poker run is held each

year in February.

The community features the historic Union Hotel Sierra Retreat (open for groups), along with cabin rentals, a restaurant/tavern, a general store, deli, gas station, and small museum. A popular Fourth of July parade, one of the world's smallest, is staged along La Porte's one-block downtown.

La Porte is accessible from Quincy via the paved La Porte/Quincy Road (unplowed in winter) or year-round from Marysville via Highway 20 and County Road E-21.



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Visitors also come to enjoy a variety of other outdoor pursuits including hiking, camping, fishing, horseback riding and winter recreation.

Several fine dining and lodging establishments in the area cater to visitors and homeowners year-round. It serves as the southern gateway to the county and is only an hour from both Truckee and Reno.

Graeagle was originally a lumber mill town. It features an array of quaint red buildings that house a wine-tasting room, gift shops, a bike rental shop and restaurants. The **Graeagle Millpond** is a popular swimming and picnicking site during the summer and the site of the free summertime concert series featuring performances by local bands every Wednesday evening. The town's annual **Mohawk Valley Independence Day** celebration is a patriotic multi-day event held the first weekend in July featuring fireworks, a parade, a barn dance, a fun run, bike race and triathlon.

Arts and crafts fairs held during the summer in **Graeagle Park** also bring lots of visitors to town. Other popular yearly events include the **Holiday Festival**, antique fairs, a kids' fishing derby, a food/wine tasting, and various other

entertainment events.

Neighboring **Blairsden** offers a small retail center and includes the **Plumas Eureka Estates** residential area. A dirt driveway just to the east of the junction of highways 70 and 89 leads to **The Brewing Lair of the Lost Sierra**, one of three Plumas County breweries, which features a variety of beers and ales to sample in a forest setting and a free disc golf course and barbecue area.

At the base of **Eureka Peak**, 5 miles west, is the historic town of **Johnsville** in the heart of **Plumas-Eureka State Park** that offers living history demonstrations in the summer and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter.

Johnsville was an early mining town that today contains a few picturesque, unrestored Gold Rush-era structures alongside modern homes. It also features a historical cemetery, a church — that also houses a museum — and a dinner house, its only commercial establishment.

**Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl** above Johnsville attracts history buffs as well as cross-country and backcountry skiers. The site is near the oldest recorded ski racing area in the Western Hemisphere and hosts the annual **Lost Sierra Hoedown** music festival in the summer as well as **Historic Longboard Ski Revival Series** races organized by the Plumas Ski Club in the winter. Plans are underway to revitalize the area as a family ski destination.

South of Mohawk Valley, the **Lakes Basin Recreation Area**

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The **Gold Lake Highway** goes through the Lakes Basin area and is not plowed during the winter, making it a popular playground for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers.

Resorts, vacation rentals, motels, bed and breakfast inns and campgrounds are among the choices for vacationers throughout the Graeagle area. The small community of **Clio** (to the south) offers nearby camping and lodging, and is near the residential and resort developments of **Whitehawk Ranch**, **Valley Ranch Estates** and **Mohawk Meadows**.

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# JOHNSVILLE & PLUMAS EUREKA *state park*

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Perhaps the best-kept secret of the California state parks, **Plumas-Eureka State Park** is steeped in history and is rich with recreation opportunities and natural resources. Located 5 miles west of Graeagle on Johnsville Road (County Road A14), the 4,500-acre park rests at the foot of **Eureka Peak** (originally called Gold Mountain), which produced some \$25 million in gold from hard-rock mining during the 1800s.

The park features unmatched landscapes, a network of hiking trails leading to four lakes, and a 67-site campground along **Jamison Creek** underneath towering pines. Be sure to visit the park's indoor-outdoor museum, which includes early gold mining equipment and relics, a complete blacksmith shop, a partially restored stamp mill and a restored miner's home. Visitors can also peer inside the entrance to the **Eureka Tunnel** and see the old timbers.

The park surrounds the historic former mining community of **Johnsville**. At an elevation of 4,720 to 7,447 feet, it spans a range of habitats and hosts an abundance of plant and animal life.

Interpretive events such as campfire programs, nature walks, and history and mining tours are offered during the summer season. Supervised gold panning is also offered.

Park docents in period attire re-create a miner's lifestyle during **Gold Discovery Days**. Blacksmith demonstrations, mining lore and home tours help take visitors back to the 1890s. A pancake breakfast is also part of the fun.

In the wintertime, the park is transformed into a seasonal paradise. Visitors can drive the well-cleared roads to enjoy the various cross-country ski loops, including the 2.5-mile groomed **Jamison Canyon Ski Trail** that starts or ends at the museum. Skiers and snowshoers can also follow the road until it ends at **Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl** to access more backcountry skiing, snowshoeing and a popular sledding area.

The historic ski bowl is near the site of the first recorded downhill ski races in North America. The **Plumas Ski Club** organizes the **Historic Longboard Revival Series** races at the bowl in January, February and March. Participants compete for the "world record" on 12- to 16-foot handmade wooden skis.

Efforts are ongoing to replace the ski lift and open the Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl as a family ski hill again.

Ranger-led snowshoe nature hikes also are offered during the winter on weekends. Call (530) 836-2380 to verify museum hours. (See page 105)

Museum admission is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated. The park has consistently attracted a loyal following among its longtime campers and it has a strongly committed volunteer corps. The **Plumas-Eureka State Park Association**, which supports the park, relies heavily on donations for funding.

For more information, call the park at (530) 836-2380 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) or [www.plumas-eureka.org](http://www.plumas-eureka.org).



## BEST BETS

## Plumas-Eureka State Park

- Join in the fun at Gold Discovery Days.
- Take a docent-led historic walk on old mining roads.
- Explore the museum's hands-on exhibits.
- Learn about nature through junior ranger programs and campfire talks.
- Experience the zany fun at the longboard ski races in January, February and March.
- Go sledding or back-country skiing.
- Look for black bears, minks, mountain beavers, goshawks, and bald eagles.

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Plumas-Eureka State Park Association (PESPA) is a 501-C3 nonprofit cooperating association that supports the interpretive and educational programs at the Park.

Visit: [www.plumas-eureka.org](http://www.plumas-eureka.org)

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# PORTOLA *and Sierra Valley*

**Portola** is Plumas County's only incorporated city and is intersected by the Union Pacific Railroad and the Middle Fork Feather River.

**Lake Davis**, well known for excellent trophy trout fishing and camping, is only a few miles away. The lake area is also ideal for viewing wildlife and spring wildflowers. There is an eight-mile hiking trail along the east and south shore of the lake that will eventually be expanded to continue around the entire lake.

Portola is home to the world-renowned **Western Pacific Railroad Museum**, where visitors can climb aboard an extensive collection of train cars and locomotives that includes the actual Zephyr train that ran between Denver, through Portola, to Oakland from 1949 to 1970. Visitors can also have the chance to drive a diesel locomotive.

A log home on Highway 70, on the east end of Portola, houses a visitor's center and the **Williams House Museum**. The 1931 house, on the **California Historical Register**, displays the history of Portola and the surrounding area.

Portola's **Riverwalk** features a paved path that meanders a short distance along the north bank of the Middle Fork Feather River, with additional access from the Williams House. This pleasant stroll or bike ride, with views of Beckwourth Peak, begins at Beckwith Street and Riverside Avenue in Portola. It continues through the Forest Service picnic area off Highway 70 to Rocky Point Road, where

walkers and riders can continue along the river.

There are also ample quiet roadways near Portola, Lake Davis and into Sierra Valley that are popular with bicyclists. During winter, these routes provide great terrain for skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers.

East of Portola is the **Jim Beckwourth Museum**, a log cabin trading post built by the legendary pioneer James Beckwourth, who discovered the route through the Sierra Nevada now followed by Highway 70.

## Portola - Sierra Valley

- Go canoeing or paddling on the headwaters of the Feather River.
- Spend a day museum-hopping at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum, where you can drive your own locomotive, then visit the Williams House Museum and Beckwourth Cabin.
- Get close to nature by birding, fishing or wildlife watching at Lake Davis, the Sierra Valley and Frenchman Lake.
- Take a stroll, jog or bike ride along Portola's scenic Riverwalk or on one of the many trails identified at the City Park.
- Shop for gifts or find bargains at one of the stores found in Portola's historical downtown Commercial Street and browse the shops along Hwy. 70.
- Explore the mountain roads above Sierra Valley and Lake Davis on a guided ATV or snowmobile tour.

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**Grizzly Ranch Golf Club**, a residential community, is located east of Portola along Grizzly Road on the way to Lake Davis. Annual events like **Santa Train**, **sled dog races** and the **Lake Davis Ice Fishing Derby** attract many visitors to Portola.

A variety of restaurants and lodging options, shops and other amenities can be found both along Highway 70 and across the Feather River in the historical downtown area.

The city's downtown park hosts a number of outdoor concerts, festivals and events that include a summer concerts series. It has a skateboard park, swimming pool, horseshoe pits, baseball/ softball fields, basketball, tennis courts, grass and sand volleyball courts, playground and picnic area.



Farther east along Highway 70, the vast expanses of the **Sierra Valley** occupy a large portion of eastern Plumas County and play a major role in the county's cattle-producing industry.

Here are situated the towns of **Beckwourth**, **Vinton** and **Chilcoot**, the latter being the gateway to **Frenchman Lake**, a popular trout fishery and camping area.

A **cowboy poetry and music show** is held in Vinton in March.

The headwaters of the Feather River are located in Sierra Valley and this wetland habitat has made it a prime location for bird watching. Many species, including waterfowl and raptors, can be spotted along the county roads south of Highway 70.

The junction of two mountain ranges (the Sierra Nevada and the Cascade Range) with the Great Basin to the east makes this a geological treasure trove for rock hounds. Fossils, quartz and sculptures of natural volcanic rock, such as those found in **Little Last Chance Creek Canyon** near **Frenchman Lake**, are evidence of the valley's unique geological formations.

For more information, call the Portola Visitors Center, (530) 832-0671, the Lost Sierra Tourism Center & Chamber of Commerce, (530) 836-6811.

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**Plumas County** boasts spectacular fall colors that dazzle year after year. Masses of burnished golds and sunlit yellows flecked with brilliant reds and rich magentas, set against the majestic greens of the mountains and the royal blue sky, qualify Plumas County as a must-see destination for nature lovers and camera buffs during late September, October and early November.

The season is also a good time to take in the crisp mountain air, enjoy a quieter pace, and join in the fun of harvest festivals and other events.

Plan to be here this fall, and don't forget your camera. Take one or more of the easy scenic drives described here, and be treated to some of the most dazzling fall foliage in California.

The following self-guided tours are worth exploring. You also may want to obtain a free copy of the **Plumas County Fall Color Guide**, a map that outlines the best routes in the county, illustrates common species and explains why leaves change color. Pick one up at one of the visitor information centers listed on page 12.

The **Feather River Canyon. Scenic Byway Highway 70**, from north of Oroville to its intersection with Highway 395 northwest of Reno, offers one of California's most glorious

drives any time of year, but it is particularly stunning during the autumn season.

Arrays of golden oak flanked by blazing dogwood and occasional quaking aspen ranging in color from chartreuse to flaxen yellow, all intermixed with evergreens, make the drive along the Feather River a breathtaking experience.

As you head east, the oaks become sparser and the clusters of aspen and other deciduous trees stand out among the cedar, fir and ponderosa pine.

**Lake Almanor Area.** The lake, with Mt. Lassen looming in the background, is a scenic masterpiece year-round.

Autumn brings miles of reddened dogwood on Highway 36, thickets of glowing birch and aspen along Juniper Lake Road and Warner Valley Road to Drakesbad.

The meadow by the causeway east of Chester glows with hues of gold from late September through October. The Benner Creek area north of Chester is a good place to see the stunning dogwood.

Another beautiful drive is along **Highway 32**, which parallels Deer Creek and offers many opportunities to pull off and enjoy the alders, oaks and other brilliant trees.

**Quincy/Oroville Road.** From Quincy, drive southwest for



# FOLIAGE GUIDE

about 16 miles on Bucks Lake Road—also known as the Quincy/Oroville Road.

If you take the Big Creek route to the top, you'll be treated not only to some of the largest concentrations of dogwood in the county, but also to an incredible view of the valley below.

Near the top there are several meadows with groves of aspen and creek willow.

Coming north from Oroville, the road climbs from 200 to 5,100 feet, offering an incredible array of brilliant hardwoods, including big-leaf maples, set against the dark green backdrop of conifers.

A popular, longer loop tour brings you up this road to **Bucks Lake** and Quincy and back down again the following day via the Feather River Canyon.

**Quincy/La Porte Road.** Quincy is the county seat and the courthouse on Main Street is surrounded by a fortress of maples, sycamores and liquid ambers.

Coming into town southeast on Highway 70, travelers will be treated to a montage of oak, maple and poplars sprinkled among the homes that rest against the backdrop of the western Sierra.

Going east through Quincy, turn right on La Porte Road. Less than a mile south on the old Thompson Ranch stands a stately English maple. The only one of its kind in the area, its leaves turn incredible shades of champagne pink and deep scarlet.

The drive to the historical town of **La Porte** winds through canyons, crosses the Middle Fork of the Feather River and is a spectacular color excursion.

**Lakes Basin Recreation Area.** South of Graeagle between Highways 89 and 49 is the Lakes Basin Recreation Area.

Over 9,000 acres of wilderness, lakes, streams and bountiful trees comprise this beautiful and rugged part of the county.

Because of the high altitude, the quaking aspens are some of the first trees to turn in the fall and provide splashes of luminous color throughout the area.

**Portola/Sierra Valley.** The drive up to Lake Davis and Frenchman Lake in the eastern section of the county takes you past stunning groves of quaking aspen and cottonwood that jump out against the dark green conifers. Spectacular foliage can also be seen along Rocky Point Road in Portola, which parallels the **Middle Fork Feather River**.

**Off-road color.** Some of the county's best color is hidden off the roadways. You can view some glorious autumn leaves on a hike, on horseback, on a mountain bike, while hunting, or while fishing or boating.

## ~ when the colors peak...

Check the "Awesome Autumn" blog at the website [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org) for up-to-date reports on fall color and the best places to find it. We post "leaf peeper" reports as soon as fall colors appear, beginning around the last week in September.

The reports continue as long as the color lasts, usually through mid-November, depending on weather and elevation. If you're planning a trip around the fall colors, you may also call the visitor centers listed on page(s) 12-13.



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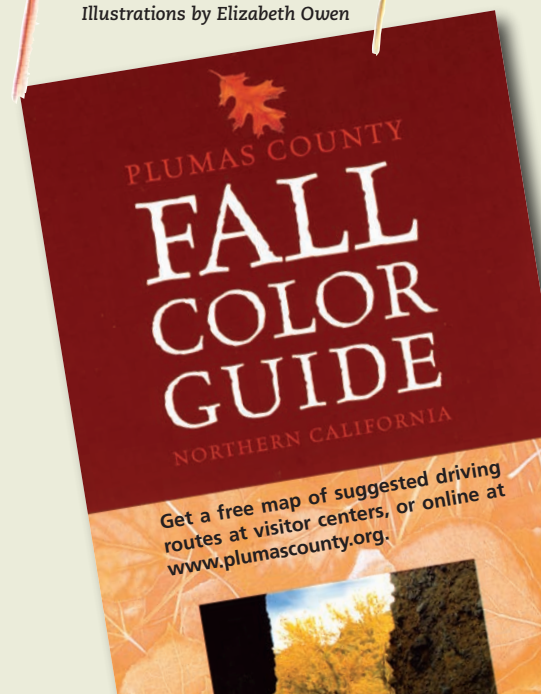
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Colorful wildflowers can be seen along major **Plumas County** roads during the late spring and early summer. Coniferous trees make up the most prominent part of the county's landscape, but the forest also supports some 2,000 species of plants, most of which are flowering.

Among the best places to spot color are:

**The Feather River National Scenic Byway** (Highway 70 through the Feather River Canyon) is especially showy from April through June with a constantly changing display of wildflower color. Early color may be seen in the yellows of the delicate Buttercups and the reds of the Redbud shrub. Later color may be seen in the salmon-colored Bush Monkeyflower and in the blues of the shrubby Silver Lupine. June is particularly spectacular with the lavenders and magentas of special species of *Clarkia* lining the highway.

The roads near **Taylorsville** and along both sides of the **North Arm** also are good for wildflower viewing. The road from Taylorsville through **Genesee Valley** and up to **Antelope Lake** is magnificent in the spring.

Another hot spot is along the roadside of Highway 32 south of Chester where riparian areas support an abundance of wildflowers. Look for Mountain Dogwood and purple-flowered Ceanothus in early spring, and orange Canyon Delphinium and the pink Redbud during the summer months.

**Bucks Lake Road** (Quincy-Oroville Highway) from Bucks Summit to Bucks Lake Lodge has beautiful flowers, especially in the wet areas around Whitehorse Campground.

In June, the meadows in the eastern part of Plumas County, especially around **Lake Davis** and **Red Clover Valley**,

# BOUNTY

*nature's*



Photo courtesy of Kimberly Eliason

put on a vivid display of purple Camas and Larkspur, yellow meadow Buttercups, Butterweed and others.

If you're willing to explore away from the roads, the **Butterfly Valley Botanical Area** north of Quincy is amass with color in June. The area has a large variety of species, including the unique and rare California Pitcher Plant, a greenish-yellow plant that traps insects and digests them. A tour map and information sheet on the area is available at the **Mt. Hough Ranger Station**.

The **Lakes Basin Recreation Area** offers the area's best show of wildflowers from June through August. The network of good trails in this area pass through colorful meadows and open ridges of wildflowers, all with great views of the craggy Sierra crest and the many lakes within the basin.

There is also a book available to guide hikers, *Wildflower Walking in the Lakes Basin*, available at area bookstores.



California Poppy  
Photo courtesy of Heather Way



Snow Plant  
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Pitcher Plant Flower with Spider  
Photo courtesy of Alexandra Hunt





## *an abundance of* **WILDLIFE**

*Beautiful Elk* - Photo courtesy of Paul Bernard

With so much forest around, you are sure to spot some of **Plumas County's wild creatures**. Viewing wildlife in their natural habitat is one of the area's best (and free) attractions.

Deer, bald eagles and waterfowl are among the most popular and easy species to observe, and you can often spot them along the roadsides right from your car.

Each of the county's lakes is home to at least one breeding pair of bald eagles, while **Lake Almanor** hosts the largest population of wintering eagles and osprey.

Mule and black-tailed deer are easy to spot throughout the county, but the big bucks can be found at the **Dixie Mountain, Smith Peak and Mount Hough** state game refuges located in the eastern and central parts of the county.

Two locations in Plumas County are part of the **Watchable Wildlife** national network of viewing sites, identified by the brown road sign with the white binoculars symbol.

The **Antelope Lake-Indian Creek Wildlife Viewing Site**, with

its surrounding wet meadowlands, is an excellent place to see migratory waterfowl from April through November. Birds of prey and beaver can be seen year-round.

The **Lake Davis Wildlife Viewing Site**, also bordered by meadows and pines, offers nesting Canada geese, tundra swans, pelicans, bald eagles and ospreys, with best viewing in spring and fall. Deer and bats are also common.

Other forest creatures that are easily seen are coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks and skunks.

Far more reclusive and harder to spot is the county's population of black bears, bobcats and mountain lions, but trained observers can find their tracks.

Remember that the best times to observe wildlife are at dawn or dusk.

Use a pair of binoculars to extend your view, maintain a safe distance, move quietly, and respect the wildlife.



*Young Brown Bear*  
Photo courtesy of Heather Way



*Snacking Chipmunk*  
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*Male and female Northern Pintail Ducks*  
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Cascading waterfalls and wildflowers in the spring and brilliant colors in the fall highlight the canyon's natural beauty. The area also showcases the marvels of power plants, railroad and highway engineering, between the steep, rugged canyon walls that drop down to the **North Fork Feather River**.

The historic **Pulga and Tobin bridges** — highway and railroad bridges that cross over each other — and three tunnels blasted through granite are among the most frequently photographed sites. Seven hydroelectric powerhouses make up the "Stairway of



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Bridges, tunnels, trains, powerhouses, waterfalls and rivers are a few of the sights to see along the Feather River Canyon Highway.

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**Power** along the river with excellent views of the process in action.

Numerous hiking trails (including the **Pacific Crest Trail**) are accessed in the Canyon, while the river provides opportunities for gold panning, camping and springtime rafting and kayaking.

Recreational flow releases on the **North Fork Feather River** increase the opportunities for whitewater enthusiasts (see Water Sports) on select weekends from May to October. There also are

numerous fishing holes along the creeks that intersect the river.

The small communities of **Belden, Feather River Hot Springs, Twain, Pine Aire, Tobin and Caribou** offer lodging, camping, convenience stores and places to eat. Belden draws visitors with a series of music festivals and concerts staged on summer weekends.

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# a fisherman's PARADISE

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With more than 100 lakes and 1000 miles of streams in the Plumas County area, there is an abundance of opportunities for fishermen to test their skills on the water.

Plumas County's 1,000 miles of streams and more than 100 lakes of the Feather River watershed make for a wonderful, varied and famous fishery. Every type of angler will find plenty of awe-inspiring places to reel them in.

Rainbow trout are the predominant game fish, but brown trout and brook trout have also been established in many waterways. A special strain of trout, known as Eagle Lake rainbow trout, is found in many of the major lakes.

Trophy Mackinaw (lake trout) are a big draw at Bucks Lake and Gold Lake. Smallmouth bass have become a big attraction at Lake Almanor. Other local species include kokanee and king salmon, largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish.

**Fishing season:** Lakes are open to fishing year-round. The stream season usually opens on the last Saturday of April and closes in the middle of November.

Some streams, such as tributaries to Lake Almanor and Bucks Lake, are not open until the end of May and close at the end of September.

Some waters, like Yellow Creek, have special barbless catch-and-release provisions.

Check the current California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations pamphlet for specific dates and limits. Regulations are also available on line at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>. The website is an excellent resource with maps, fish planting schedules, fish and wildlife news, and on line license purchasing.

## LAKES

All of the larger lakes and some of the smaller ones have boating facilities.

Most of the lakes are subject to strong afternoon winds, so use caution with small boats or float tubes.

Most of Plumas County's lakes have rainbow trout and most types of bait, lures and fly-fishing work well from shore or from boats.

Deep trolling with lead core line or downriggers is usually an effective way to take large browns, rainbows, salmon and Mackinaw as the water warms during the summer.

Check with local sport shops to find out what is happening at the moment. Explore and experiment!

**Lake Almanor** is the largest lake in Plumas County. Fishing is generally good year-round, but fall and winter (if it is not frozen over) can be outstanding.

Pond smelt — tiny, silvery bait fish — abound in Almanor, and also in Butt Valley Reservoir to the southwest. Small white jigs or iridescent pond smelt fly patterns can be very effective.

Most years, from the June to the mid-July, there is a hatch of Hexagenia mayflies. These very large bugs emerge from muddy lake bottoms and can put the larger fish into a feeding frenzy just before dark.

A successful fish cage program is operated by the Almanor Fishing Association and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Fingerling rainbow trout are raised at Hamilton Branch and 50,000, each weighing about a pound,



are released in May. A fish hatchery program that supplies fingerling trout to Lake Almanor waterways is also operated at nearby Chester High School.

The focus always seems to be on popular game fish; however, Lake Almanor also has a substantial carp population and the annual spring carp shoot is a popular event.

A public boat launch that is open year-round is located at the southwestern end of the lake just north of the dam.

**Butt Valley Reservoir** is noted for large rainbows and browns.

Butt Valley is at its best with flies, jigs and small lures in the inlet when the powerhouse is running.

**Round Valley Reservoir** near Greenville is a small lake with lots of bluegill and a few big bass. Ideal for serious bass anglers, this is a great place for children to fish from shore for bluegills, too. A youth fishing derby is traditionally held in September.

**Bucks Lake** is a good all-around lake that is especially noted for trophy-size Mackinaw trout (16-plus pounds), although the current lake record is more than 30 pounds! Trolling for feisty kokanee salmon is a big draw in late summer.

Fall fly-fishing for rainbow, brown and brook trout is often spectacular in middle to late afternoon — look for hatches of a small, sooty-black caddis fly.

**Little Grass Valley Reservoir** is good for rainbow and brown trout, and Antelope Lake is popular for trout, catfish and bass.

**Lake Davis** and **Frenchman Lake** are excellent trophy rainbow waters. Fly-fishing from the west shorelines, either wading or using float tubes, is good in both spring and fall.

Damselfly nymphs or dry flies are usually a good bet. Midges are also very productive. Trolling woolly buggers or J. Fair's Trolling Flies often works well.

Both of these lakes are popular for ice fishing during the wintertime.

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### Fishing Events - 2022-2023

April - Caribou Crossroads Derby . . . . . N. Fork Feather River  
May - Junior Fishing Day . . . . . Graeagle Mill Pond  
June - Lake Davis Fishing Derby . . . . . Lake Davis  
July - Free Fishing Day . . . . . All of Plumas County  
July - Packer Lake Kids Fishing Derby . . . . . Packer Lake  
August - Lake Davis Fishing Derby . . . . . Lake Davis  
Sept. - Free Fishing Day . . . . . All of Plumas County  
Feb. (2023) - Lake Davis Fishing Derby . . . . . Lake Davis

*These events traditionally take place in the months noted above.  
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## STREAMS AND FLY-FISHING

Both fly anglers and those who prefer to use lures and bait will find plenty of good action and surprisingly large trout in some very small creeks.

The most common natural aquatic insects of the **Feather River** are several species of mayflies, caddis flies and stoneflies. There are others, of course, as well as terrestrials (ants, grasshoppers).

Exploring a stream, you may see trout rising to an active hatch of insects. Try to capture or at least get a good look at an insect for size and color.

Mayfly and caddis, onefly patterns and caddis patterns in appropriate sizes and body colors can be good choices. Terrestrials, like flying ants and grasshoppers, are also effective, especially on breezy summer days.

If nothing is hatching, nymphs worked along the bottom are probably the best bet. Small nymphs such as the bird's nest or pheasant tail patterns work well. Fishing a sinking nymph below a floating indicator fly makes it easy to detect subtle takes from hungry trout.

Ants and dark-bodied fly patterns work well in the middle of the day if nothing obvious is happening. Either fish these dry (floating on the surface) or let them sink just under the surface film.

A good trick is to cast at an angle upstream and then at the end of the downstream drift tuck the fly underwater and swim it back upstream, then, hang on to your pole!

The **North Fork of the Feather River** and **Hamilton Branch** flow into Lake Almanor. These and their smaller tributaries are good trout waters. A new fishing access area with restrooms and trails is now in place at Hamilton Branch.

The **Middle Fork of the Feather** has not been altered by dam building and is a federally listed **Wild and Scenic River** from the outflow of Sierra Valley most of the way to Lake Oroville. The wild river section

downstream from the **Quincy-La Porte Road** bridge is accessible by steep foot trails and provides excellent fishing for strong hikers. Fishing improves as the water level recedes from spring runoff. Bring plenty of water for the hike back up the hill.

Fall fishing, when there are fewer vacationers, is particularly good on the Middle Fork. Upstream, in the more easily reached scenic and recreation portion accessible from Highway 70 east of Quincy, the Middle Fork holds some nice, if sometimes angler-shy, rainbows and browns.

**Yellow Creek** is a stream restoration success involving fishing groups, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Barbless hooks and a restricted limit apply to Yellow Creek in Humbug Valley in order to keep it a trophy fishery. (Check CDFW regulations for current rules.)

Yellow Creek is a classic spring creek in the upper reaches where it flows through the beautiful Humbug Valley. The upper section is known for large fish and also requires some stealth and skill to hook wary fish. As the stream leaves the valley it resembles a typical freestone stream with alternating pools and riffles. The fish tend to be small here but also more eager.

Do some exploring to discover what may turn out to be your own favorite spots. The U.S. Forest Service map of the Plumas National Forest is useful in searching for locations and road access to the many streams within the Feather River system.

Solid blue lines on topographic and Forest Service maps indicate perennial streams and nearly all of these are fishable. Difficult places to reach can be worth some rough driving or tough hiking, but there is also some fine fishing close to major highways and paved roads.

## Fishing Locations

### FISH LEGEND

B: Brown Trout  
BG: Bluegill  
BR: Brook Trout  
C: Catfish  
K: Kokanee

KS: King Salmon  
LM: Largemouth Bass  
M: Mackinaw  
R: Rainbow Trout  
SM: Smallmouth Bass

		Lake/Stream	Boat Ramp	Boat Rentals	Marina	Bait/Tackle Shop	Camping	Lodging	Accessible
<b>NORTH COUNTY AREA</b>		<b>TYPE OF FISH</b>							
Lake Almanor	KS, R, B, SM, C	L	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Butt Valley Reservoir	R, B, C, SM	L	•				•		
North Fork-Feather River	R, B	S					•	•	
Yellow Creek	R, B	S					•		
Hamilton Branch	R, B, KS	S					•	•	
<b>INDIAN VALLEY AREA</b>									
Antelope Lake	R, B, LM, SM, C	L	•				•		
Taylor Lake	BR	L							
Round Valley Reservoir	LM, BG, C	L	•	•				•	
Homer Lake	R	L							
Crystal Lake	BR	L					•		
Indian-Wolf Creeks	R	S					•		
<b>CENTRAL COUNTY AREA</b>									
Bucks Lake	R, B, BR, M, K	L	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Little Grass Valley Reservoir	R, B	L	•				•	•	•
Nelson Creek	R	S							
Spanish Creek	R	S					•		
South Fork-Feather River	R	S							
<b>EAST COUNTY AREA</b>									
Middle Fork-Feather River	R, B	S					•	•	
Lake Davis	R, B, C	L	•				•	•	•
Jamison Creek	R	S					•		
Frenchman Lake	R, B, C	L	•				•	•	•
Little Last Chance Creek	R	S					•	•	
<b>LAKES BASIN AREA</b>									
Gold Lake	M, B, R, BR	L	•				•	•	
Salmon Lake	M, B, R, BR	L						•	
Sardine Lake	M, B, R, BR	L	•	•			•	•	•

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# the HUNTING season

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**Plumas County** offers a variety of challenges for hunters.

Deer, bear and duck hunts are most popular. But hunters also can bag geese, quail, bandtailed pigeons, grouse, chukar and squirrels.

The county ranks among the top counties in the state for annual bear harvests. **The California Department of Fish and Wildlife** issues tags for California black bear by a quota system.

The deer hunting spreads throughout the county in three main zones: D3, X6a-b and C4. Hunters must draw for a limited number of tags in the highly prized X zones. Both X zones are toward the eastern end of Plumas County and on into Lassen County.

Bird and waterfowl hunters can have a field day as well in Plumas County.

There is some tremendous mountain quail hunting, especially during the first week of the opener. The season begins in fall and extends through January.

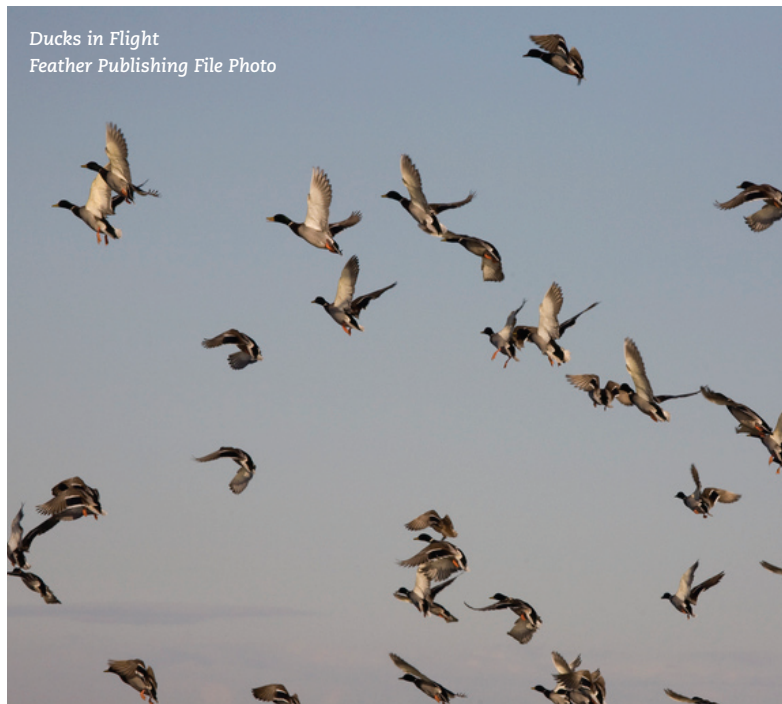
Excellent duck and geese hunting is offered at the north end of Lake Almanor near Chester. Other good spots for ducks are Lake Davis, Frenchman Lake, Antelope Lake and Round Valley.

Sportsmen should check their CDFW booklets for the boundaries of these zones and for season opening dates.

For more hunting information, visit the CDFW website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

Visitors who might want to practice their marksmanship are invited to join local gun clubs that hold trap and target shooting events and junior trap shoots. These include the

Ducks in Flight  
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**Quincy Sports Shooters Association** (Gopher Hill Range), (530) 394-8390, [www.quincyshooting.com](http://www.quincyshooting.com); the **Sierra Valley Gun Club** (Beckwourth Range), (530) 832-5959 and the **Westwood Rifle and Pistol Club** (Westwood-Lake Almanor Range), (530) 596-4116.





Paddle Boarding at Bucks Lake - Photo courtesy of Kimberly Eliason

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## BOATING AND SWIMMING

Water sports abound in the **Plumas County** area within its more than 100 lakes and 1,000 miles of streams.

Waterskiing, boating, sailing, kayaking, swimming, paddleboarding, windsurfing, and jet skiing are among the more popular water sports available at the larger lakes, including **Almanor, Bucks, Antelope, Little Grass, Gold** and **Frenchman**. (Lake Davis does not allow jet skiing.)

Boats and equipment may be rented from marinas on **Bucks Lake** and **Lake Almanor**.

Swimming is also popular at some of the smaller lakes, including **Butt Valley Reservoir**, the **Lakes Basin area** and the **Graeagle Mill Pond**, which has an adjacent facility with non-motorized watercraft rentals and free internet.

There are many swimming holes to be found in the rivers and streams. There also are a number of public swimming pools located in the major communities.

## RIVER RAFTING

Experienced kayakers and rafters can find plenty of excitement on the world-class whitewater found along the Feather River in Plumas County. Beginner-level canoeing or float-tubing also is possible along the more gentle eastern stretches, or along some of its tributaries such as **Indian Creek**.

The rafting season runs from approximately January to April or May, depending on the flow. (Recreational summer

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[www.knottypine.net](http://www.knottypine.net)
- **Plumas Pines Resort** (see page 24)  
300 Almanor Dr. West, Lake Almanor (530) 259-4343  
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### QUINCY & BUCKS LAKE

- **Bucks Lake Marina** (see page 46) 16001 Bucks Lake Rd., Quincy (530) 283-4243
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Kayaking on the Feather River - Photo courtesy of Mari Erin Roth

flow releases will be offered on the **North Fork Feather River**; see box next page.) By early July, flows are low enough that inner tubes and air mattresses are the usual mode of travel for short float trips on the upper stretches only.

Experienced whitewater enthusiasts can bring their own

equipment. Tubes also are available for sale at area sporting goods stores and tire shops.

The North Fork of the Feather River along Highway 70 from the intersection of Highway 89 (Greenville "Y") to **Twain** or **Virgilia** is suitable for canoes or beginner kayakers, with moderate ratings of Class II and III. The stretch from **Virgilia** to **Rich Bar** is recommended for experts only.

From **Rich Bar** to **Belden** is a popular Class III stretch of about five miles, with take out at the rest area or resort. Below Belden, there are intermediate and advanced runs that are accessible during the recreational summer flows (*see box below*).

The **Middle Fork of the Feather River** at its upper stretches is gentler, with easier access. From the little town of **Clio** to the **Mohawk Bridge** near **Blairsdon** is a slow Class I and II, suitable for beginner canoeing. During the spring runoff, Class II and III rafting and kayaking is recommended from **Mohawk to Sloat**, or from Sloat to the **La Porte Road Bridge**, with take out at the campground.

The **Wild and Scenic Zone** of the **Middle Fork** past the La Porte Road Bridge is for teams of expert rafters and kayakers only.

The renowned 32-mile, three-day trip to **Milsap Bar** is an extremely difficult wilderness adventure that takes experts past deep canyon walls, numerous boulders and waterfalls.

Experts regard this remote and scenic stretch as the most spectacular multi-day kayaking trip in the entire state of California.

No matter what level of river sport you're planning, be sure to take caution by wearing a flotation device and helmet at all times.

Remember the river can change from year to year, depending on winter floods. Watch for fallen trees, sand bars, rocks and other obstacles, and always scout rapids when possible.

## Summer Whitewater Flows

**Whitewater enthusiasts take note!** The North Fork Feather River has recreational flow releases on the Rock Creek section below Belden along Highway 70.

On select weekends each summer, PG&E releases more water in the Rock Creek Reach of the North Fork Feather River so as to provide whitewater recreation along this 8.3-mile stretch. While the higher flows are typically done the last weekends of June, July, August and September, that depends on the type of water year. Major events with public safety concerns such as active wildland fires can also affect the schedule. Please visit [www.americanwhitewater.org](http://www.americanwhitewater.org) for an up-to-date schedule.

The flows in previous releases have been 1,100 cubic feet per second on Saturdays and 900 cubic feet per second on Sundays. The releases usually take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturdays and until 1 p.m., on Sundays. Pacific Gas and Electric might adjust the flows, depending on the water conditions.

**American Whitewater** hosts its annual **Feather River Festival** with camping, races, clinics, a film festival and a party at **Indian Jim Campground** that coincides with the September release from Rock Creek Dam. Come join kayakers, rafters and spectators for a weekend of wet, wild fun on the river during California's biggest whitewater festival in late September.

**For more information, go to the American Whitewater website:** [americanwhitewater.org](http://americanwhitewater.org).



# make some SNOW tracks



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**Plumas County** is a haven for snowmobilers! It's no wonder that the county has one of the largest number of registered snowmobiles in the state.

Visitors, as well as locals, enjoy hundreds of miles of groomed trails throughout the forest, plus plenty of warming huts and maintained staging areas. Year-round resorts, shops and restaurants cater to wintertime guests, making Plumas County an ideal destination for a snowmobiling trip.

If you don't own a snowmobile, but want to try out the sport, there are guided snowmobile tours available in the **Graeagle/Portola** area.

For a list of suggested trails, maps and rental information, contact the local visitor centers on page 12, or the **Plumas National Forest** (530) 283-2050 or the **Lassen National Forest** (530) 258-2141.

**Bucks Lake** is located 17 miles southwest of Quincy on Bucks Lake Road (Quincy-Oroville Road). Bucks Lake has long been considered one of the finest snowmobile destinations in the West. Up to 100 miles of groomed snowmobile routes are maintained during winter, and there are hundreds of ungroomed routes marked for snowmobiling throughout the forest. Snowmobiling is not allowed, however, in the Bucks Lake Wilderness Area.

Two staging areas are in the vicinity—**Bucks Summit** and **Big Creek**—and there is year-round lodging. Travel into the resorts is via snowmobile, snowcat or cross-country skiing, as the Bucks Lake Road is not usually plowed past the summit.

Historic **La Porte** also is renowned for its excellent snowmobiling opportunities, with more than 80 miles of marked, groomed trails, a staging area with warming hut and restrooms, and four trailside warming huts.

The **Quincy/La Porte Road** is not plowed from Quincy in the winter. Access is from the southern route from Marysville or Oroville, via Highway 20 and County Road E-21.

The **Almanor Basin** offers an abundance of scenic snowmobiling areas. Near **Chester** are five staging areas —

**Chester-Lake Almanor Snowmobile Park, Swain Mountain, Morgan Summit, Jonesville and Fredonyer** — which lead to many miles of both groomed and ungroomed trails. A lesser maintained trailhead begins at the boat launch just north of **Canyon Dam** and continues across to the west side of Highway 89. Another popular area off Highway 89 is **Humboldt Road**, which offers access to a trail leading to restaurants and lodges along Highway 36 west of Chester.

**Indian Valley** offers stunning scenery on marked ungroomed routes. Popular rides include the unplowed road from **Genesee to Antelope Lake**, the **Lights Creek Trail** north of **Taylorville**, and **Old Haun Road** north of **Greenville**.

**Gold Lake Highway**, which winds through the **Lakes Basin Recreation Area** south of **Graeagle**, has spectacular beauty and diverse terrain that has made it a primary snowmobiling destination for many years.

The **Gold Lake Staging Area** is located five miles south of Highway 89 on **Gold Lake Highway**, which connects with Highway 49. From the staging area, the road is unplowed, groomed and marked.

Snowmobilers can choose from many trails that branch off the road, including a groomed trail to **Mills Peak Lookout**, or continue south to the staging area at **Bassett's Station**. Several ungroomed routes lead to the area's remote lakes and meadows.

Farther east, the trout fisheries of **Lake Davis** and **Frenchman Lake** near **Portola** become excellent locations for snowmobiling during the winter. Ungroomed trails run around both lakes, and there's a convenient parking area off **Grizzly Road**.

Several annual snowmobile poker runs take place during February. They are held in Chester, Lake Davis, La Porte and Bucks Lake.

For more information about these snowmobile events, refer to the calendar on pgs. 18-19 or contact the visitor centers on page 12.





Historic Longboard Revival Series Races - Photo courtesy of Michael Clawson

## JOHNSVILLE HISTORIC SKI BOWL

Formerly known as **Plumas Eureka Ski Bowl**, this historic facility is owned by California State Parks and operated under contract by **Eastern Plumas Recreation District** and is located in **Plumas-Eureka State Park** above **Johnsville**.

Currently, the area is operating as weather permits offering machine groomed runs for sledding, snowboarding and skiing, and an ongoing plan is underway for the installation of a surface lift in the near future.

Local historians believe pioneer miners used ore buckets on Eureka Peak in the 1870s, which would make this the first ski lift in America. With easy access and a large parking lot, it's a favorite area for sledders and cross-country skiers in the interim.

The area, if reopened, features beginner to advanced runs for Alpine and telemark skiers and snowboarders.

The annual **Historic Longboard Revival Series** races continue to be staged there on the third Sundays of January,

February and March, depending on snow. These colorful races highlight pioneer longboard skiing and the birthplace of ski racing and ski clubs in America dating back to the 1850s. Spectators and new racers are welcome.

The Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl features a maximum vertical of 675 feet, rising from 5,500 feet base elevation to 6,175 feet. **Eureka Peak** has long been a destination for telemark ski descents.

A rustic lodge up the hill from the parking lot features a café, a warm fire and rest rooms during operation and longboard events.

From Highway 89 in Graeagle, take Johnsville Road (County Road A-14) about five miles, continue through the village of Johnsville a half mile until the road ends at the ski area parking lot.

Visit [www.plumasskiclub.org](http://www.plumasskiclub.org) or call (530) 283-3381 or the Plumas County Museum (530) 283-6320 for more information about the races.



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Wintertime in **Plumas County** is serene and beautiful, as snow covers the landscape and things relax. This tranquil season offers a terrific way to view nature's landscapes while getting great exercise and having some inexpensive winter fun.

Virtually the entire forest is open for snowshoeing and Nordic skiing, with options ranging from beginner-level flat, groomed track to challenging peaks and backcountry calling for more advanced telemarking skill. Before venturing off, especially in an unmarked area, make sure to check weather conditions, bring adequate clothing, gear, food and water, and let someone know (a park ranger, friend or relative) where you're headed.

For a list of suggested trails and directions, contact the local visitor centers on page 12. For maps and more details on the areas listed below, call the Plumas National Forest (530) 283-2050 or the Lassen National Forest (530) 258-2141.

**Lassen Volcanic National Park** is just 35 miles from **Chester** on Highway 36/89. **Lassen Volcanic National Park** boasts over 150 miles of marked and unmarked trails for nonmotorized winter sports. Ranger-led snowshoe walks are held Saturdays and Sundays during the winter. Contact Lassen Park (530) 595-4480 for details.

In the **Chester-Lake Almanor Area**, the **Lassen National Forest** also leads various snowshoe tours for the public as snow permits. Call (530) 258-2141 for a current schedule.

An interpretive recreation trail on the west shore of **Lake Al-**

**manor** provides miles of great scenery and easy access. The **McGowan Ski Area**, **Colby Meadows**, **Childs Meadow**, **Warner Valley Road** and the **Caribou Wilderness** all afford quiet excursions near **Chester**.

In **Indian Valley**, several unplowed roads and trails offer excellent routes for snowshoers and skiers. A favorite is the road leading out to **Antelope Lake**, beginning just past **Genesee**.

In the eastern portion of the county, beginner ski trails are offered in **Plumas-Eureka State Park**, including the 2.5-mile groomed **Jamison Canyon Ski Trail** that takes off from the park museum parking lot. Other trails begin at the **Johnsville Historic Ski Bowl** ski area, and more advanced terrain suited for telemarking leads to **Eureka Peak**. Ranger-led snowshoe nature hikes are held on weekends during the winter.

The **Lakes Basin Ski Trail** takes off from the **Gold Lake Staging Area** south of **Graeagle** in the **Lakes Basin Recreation Area**. Open only to non-motorized users, the marked and groomed moderate trail continues 1.5 miles, paralleling **Graeagle Creek**.

Intermediate and advanced unmarked routes are featured elsewhere in the Lakes Basin, which is also a popular destination for snowmobilers.

The **Bucks Lake Area** near **Quincy** is a popular winter sports staging area that offers skiers and snowshoers a marked loop trail as well as miles of backcountry groomed and ungroomed trails. Vehicles are excluded on the Bucks Summit Loop Trail, and within the Bucks Lake Wilderness Area, including the trail to Spanish Peak. Skiers share the remaining trails with snowmobilers.

Other areas near Quincy include **Snake Lake** and **Argentine Ridge**. The **La Porte** area also offers good winter sports terrain and staging areas. During winter, La Porte is generally accessible only from the southern route (from Marysville/Oroville, via Highway 20 and County Road E-21). Skiers and snowshoers can follow groomed snowmobile trails along **Little Grass Valley Reservoir** and can find other shared trails at Lexington Hill.

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**Feather River Outdoors**  
373 Main St., Quincy (530) 283-0455.

**Snowshoes** may be rented at **Bodfish** in **Chester**, **Feather River Outdoors** in **Quincy**, and **Mountain Hardware** in **Blairsden**.





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# FUN!

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Snow is made for playing! Take your kids sledding down a snowy hillside or treat your dog to a romp through some freshly fallen snow. If the weather's been cold with no snow, there are frozen ponds, lakes and creeks ideal for ice skating if you have your own skates. Check with local Forest Service offices for favorite spots and conditions.

If you're not into exercise, you can still experience winter's beauty on a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Sled dog racing and longboard ski races are popular spectator sports for visitors in winter.

Each President's Day weekend in February, snowmobile poker runs are held in Chester-Lake Almanor and in Portola at Lake Davis. Bucks Lake also holds a poker run in early February.

*For a complete and more updated list of winter activities and events, contact local visitor centers listed on page 12 and visit [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org) or [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com).*



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## Winter Driving

Plumas County roads are generally well-maintained and passable during the winter. Chain requirements are far less frequent than other mountain destinations due to the lower elevations.

If it's snowing, we advise traveling via the Feather River Canyon on State Route 70. This lower elevation route offers a safe alternative to travel to and from Plumas County even when Interstate 80 or other routes are closed. You're less likely to ever need chains if you have four-wheel drive or snow tires. For all vehicles, it's a good idea to always carry chains.

**Call (800) 427-7623 for road conditions. Complete weather and road conditions can be found at [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com).**

**Remember to drive slower during the winter, and allow plenty of time to arrive at your destination.**



# take a HIKE on the wild side

There is no better way to enjoy the beauty of the area than by exploring it first-hand and on foot. Whether you take a leisurely stroll, a strenuous hike, rock climb, or choose a walk/run event (see box next page), you'll experience the magnificence of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges along an extensive system of trails. There are literally thousands of worthwhile excursions in Plumas County. The most accessible hiking areas are described below.

Before you set out, pick up a free copy of the **Plumas County Hiking Guide**, which offers more details on the most popular hikes, including the trail length, difficulty and approximate hiking times. The guide is available at local visitor information centers. Two locally-authored guidebooks on area hiking trails also are available for sale.

For other information on area hiking trails, contact the **Plumas National Forest (530) 283-2050** or the **Lassen National Forest (530) 258-2141**. If you're going on one of the more remote trails, it's best to bring along a compass and a Forest Service map.

Dogs are welcome (leash preferred) on all national forest trails. Within **Plumas Eureka State Park**, dogs are only allowed on the Grass Lake trail, and **dogs are not allowed** on trails in **Lassen Volcanic National Park**.

About 80 miles of the **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT)** stretch across Plumas County, with elevations ranging from 2,400 to 7,000 feet. This famous West Coast trail, open to foot and horseback traffic only, encompasses a total of 2,650 miles, from Mexico to Canada. The Plumas County section can be accessed six miles west of Chester, at Belden in the Feather River Canyon, at Bucks Summit on Bucks Lake Road, off Big Creek Road near Bucks Lake, along the Quincy/La Porte Road, and in the Lakes Basin Recreation Area. You don't have to disappear for months to enjoy the PCT. Most people are out for less than a week and the trail provides for a rich lifetime of day, weekend and week-long trips. A Plumas County section of



Deer Lake Trail - Photo courtesy of Bill Obernesser

the PCT can be rewarding.

The **Almanor Basin** offers a myriad of hiking opportunities, including the paved Lake Almanor Recreation Trail that follows the west shore of the lake. The Almanor area also is close to some magnificent hikes within **Lassen Volcanic National Park** and the nearby **Caribou Wilderness Area**.

The **Feather River Canyon** affords hikers the opportunity to hike lower elevations near one of the most beautiful waterways in the state, as well as to marvel at many of man's engineering feats.

In the **Bucks Lake Wilderness Area**, one trail follows the lake while several others take hikers to remote mountain lakes higher up.

The **Lakes Basin Recreation Area** in the southeastern part of the county near Graeagle has 47 great trails, including a loop trail that leads past nine mountain lakes. Ambitious hikers can climb to the top of the Sierra Buttes, Mt. Elwell or Eureka Peak, while others may prefer a less strenuous stroll to Madora Lake, located within **Plumas-Eureka State Park**.

**Lake Davis Recreation Area** north of Portola has an 8-mile hiking trail along the east and south shore of the lake that accesses the campgrounds, and work continues to expand the trail, with the ultimate goal being a loop around the entire lake.

## WALK / RUN EVENTS 2022

June	4th of July Fun Run	.....Graeagle
June	Reach Higher Trails Challenge	.....Lassen Volcanic National Park
July	Chester Classic Fourth of July 5K Run/Walks	.....Chester
July	Graeagle 5K/10K Fun Run	.....Graeagle Soccer Field
Aug	Round Valley Lake Run & Walk	.....Round Valley Lake
Aug	Courage Triathlon	.....Lake Almanor
Nov	Turkey Trot	.....Lake Almanor

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*To join local trail making events, visit the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship at [www.sierratrails.org](http://www.sierratrails.org).*



# SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP LAUNCHES CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

*Creating a long distance multiuse trail that everyone can enjoy to help revive mountain communities.*

To support the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) mission of building sustainable, recreation-based communities, the Lost Sierra Trails Master Plan will change the economic future of Sierra, Plumas, Lassen and Butte County forever. “Connected Communities” will be a historic collaboration and partnership between federal land managers, regional government, local businesses and engaged citizens to connect 15 disadvantaged mountain communities together by approximately 300 miles of motorized and non-motorized trails.

SBTS is a Quincy, California-based 501c3 focused on building what the organization calls #dirtmagic – multiple-use motorized and non-motorized trails for public use – in the Lost Sierra region of the Northern Sierra Nevada range. Since its founding in 2003, SBTS has built 93 miles of new trail and maintained 1,163 miles of existing trail while employing a full-time Professional Trail Crew and contributing 89,800 miles of volunteer labor.

Connected Communities is an estimated 10-year long project, linking Loyalton, Sierraville, Sierra City, Downieville, Quincy, Graeagle, Portola, Taylorsville, Greenville, Chester, Westwood, Susanville, Jonesville, Truckee and Verdi, Nevada, providing a world-class network of trails that all user groups can enjoy. This trails-focused effort will support severely disadvantaged communities through recreation-based economic growth.

SBTS is using The John Muir Trail as a model for this project, an iconic hiking trail running 211 miles through the Sierra Nevada, constructed between 1915 and 1938. But where the John Muir trail is located in extremely rugged and remote terrain, Connected Communities will bring trails to “Main Street” of each town so that visitors enjoy restaurants, accommodations and services, as well as enabling residents to easily access their local public lands without the use of a vehicle.

The Lost Sierra is the home of both the Yuba and Feather Rivers: critical watersheds delivering more than 65 percent of California's clean drinking water. Proposition 68, The Clean Water and Parks Act, was passed on June 6, 2018, authorizing \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects and water infrastructure projects. Through Proposition 68 grant funding, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy awarded SBTS a \$360,000 planning grant in late 2019 to start Phase 1 Planning of the Connected Communities project.

For more information about Connected Communities and upcoming project community meetings visit [sierratrails.org](http://sierratrails.org).

## SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP



### DIRT MAGIC 2022

Come and join us! @SierraTrails

<b>Apr/May</b> 29-01	<b>Quincy Epic</b> Trailwork + BBQ + Campout + Adventure	
<b>May</b> 13-15	<b>Quincy Epic</b> Trailwork + BBQ + Campout + Adventure	
<b>June</b> 03-05	<b>Lost &amp; Found</b> Gravel Bike Festival in Portola	
<b>June</b> 24-26	<b>Graeagle Epic</b> Trailwork + BBQ + Campout + Adventure	
<b>Aug</b> 05-07	<b>Downieville Epic</b> Trailwork + BBQ + Campout + Adventure	
<b>Sep/Oct</b> 30-02	<b>Quincy Epic</b> Trailwork + BBQ + Campout + Adventure	



# ROCK'n and ROLL'n

Biking is a favorite pursuit for a rapidly growing segment of visitors to Plumas County.

Miles and miles of backcountry roads in and around the county's quiet communities appeal to bicyclists of all ages. Check a county or community map or ask at visitors centers for the safest, most scenic and best-known routes.

The surrounding forestland also provides many miles of mountain biking opportunities, including abandoned logging roads, trails and some backcountry routes, offering a good cross-section of terrain and topography.

Pick up a free copy of the **Plumas County Mountain Bike Guide**, which details some of the area's best forest routes and other trails. The guide is available at visitor information centers.

Maps of these trails are also available at **Plumas National Forest offices**; call (530) 283-2050. There are also **Downieville/Lakes Basin/Graeagle** and **Mount Hough/South Park/Quincy** area waterproof and tear resistant trail maps available from **Yuba Expeditions** with locations in **Quincy** at (530) 283-2426 and **Downieville** at (530) 289-3010 or online for purchase at **yubaexpeditions.com**. For the trails listed in the Almanor area or for information on weekend club rides in the Almanor area, contact **Bodfish Bicycles** in Chester at (530) 258-2338.

Mountain biking is not permitted in designated wilderness areas or on the **Pacific Crest Trail**.

In the **Eastern Plumas** area, mountain bikers can find plenty of challenging terrain in the **Lakes Basin Recreation Area**, including a new trail that leads to a tremendous view from a lookout tower at 7,340 feet on **Mills Peak**.

Starting in **Portola**, mountain bikers have a choice of a rugged mountain or a rolling meadow trail. **Lake Davis** near Portola has a flat trail with good bird and wildlife viewing opportunities. The **Sierra Valley** offers great road biking, with a popular loop route leading into the Lakes Basin area. Contact **Yuba Expeditions** in Quincy at (530) 283-2426 and **Downieville** at (530) 289-3010 for rentals and ride information.

The **Central Plumas** area boasts a singletrack loop just over **Bucks Summit** on the way to **Bucks Lake**, west of Quincy. **Snake Lake**, also off Bucks Lake Road, is home to a scenic, moderate loop on dirt roads. A number of moderate loop



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## Annual Biking Events - 2022

June	<b>Lost and Found Gravel Grinder</b> . . . . .	Portola
June	<b>Mile High Century Ride</b> . . . . .	Lake Almanor
June	<b>Tour De Manure</b> . . . . .	Sierraville
June	<b>Lost &amp; Found Sierra Nevada Gravel Grinder</b> . . . . .	Graeagle
July	<b>5th Ann. Lost Sierra Electric Bike Festival</b> . . . . .	Beckwourth
July -Aug.	<b>Downieville Classic</b> . . . . .	Downieville
Aug	<b>Courage Triathlon</b> . . . . .	Lake Almanor
Sept	<b>Randy Fossum Memo</b>	
	<b>Wheel Around Lake Almanor</b> . . . . .	Chester
Sept	<b>Mountains to Meadows</b> . . . . .	Quincy
Sept	<b>Gravelation</b> . . . . .	Quincy

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## Bike Rentals

**Mountain and road bikes may be rented at the following locations:**

- **Bodfish Bicycles, Quiet Mountain Sports**  
149 Main St., Chester, (530) 258-2338.
- **Feather River Outdoors**  
373 Main St., Quincy, (530) 283-0455.
- **Yuba Expeditions Quincy & Downieville** (see ad right)  
550 Crescent St., Quincy, (530) 283-2426.  
208 Main St., Downieville (530) 289-3010  
[www.yubaexpeditions.com](http://www.yubaexpeditions.com)





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options are available just outside of **Quincy** off **Chandler Road** in an area known locally as “**South Park.**” Here, the **Cascade Trail** follows the banks of a creek. Santa Cruz demo bikes and shuttles to the top of **Mount Hough** to enjoy the fun and scenic descent down Mount Hough Trail and the slightly more challenging **Berry Creek Trail** are available from **Yuba Expeditions** in Quincy at (530) 283-2426. Contact **Feather River Outdoors** in Quincy (530) 283-0455 for rentals and ride information too.

For riders seeking the ultimate challenge of both fitness and off-road bike handling skills, the **Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship** offers three races in the area consisting of the **Lost and Found Gravel Grinder** in Portola, the **Downieville Classic**, and the **Mountains to Meadows in Quincy**. These races promise to be a fun and challenging endeavor for all participants.

More difficult routes are located outside of **Greenville**, near **Antelope Lake**.

The 13-mile singletrack trail around **Little Grass Valley Reservoir**, near **La Porte**, is a popular route.

The **Almanor Basin** area in the north end of the county features the **Lake Almanor National Recreation Trail** a paved route that follows the beautiful west shore of **Lake Almanor**.

Another flat loop trail suitable for families follows the upper reaches of Lake Almanor as well as a creek. West of Highway 89, a Forest Service road leading to **Humboldt Summit** and **Humbog Valley** is a popular ride.

For mountain biking events and trail information, visit Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship at [www.sierratrails.org](http://www.sierratrails.org).

The **Plumas-Sierra Bicycle Club** hosts rides throughout the county on both paved and unpaved routes. Visitors are welcome! For information or a schedule, call (530) 832-1612 or check [www.facebook.com/PlumasSierraBicycleClub](https://www.facebook.com/PlumasSierraBicycleClub).

Note: Following snowstorms, the club switches to cross-country skiing.

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# our majestic FORESTS

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The beauty and solitude of nature is what Plumas County is all about. There is plenty of quiet, open space and fresh air. You won't find it crowded with tourists.

More than three-quarters of Plumas County's 2,618 square miles is national forest land.

The **Plumas National Forest** encompasses the majority of that, while the **Lassen National Forest** takes in part of the northern end of the county, and the **Tahoe National Forest** touches into the south and east. The Plumas National Forest occupies 1.2 million acres of scenic mountain lands in the northern edge of the Sierra Nevada, just south of the Cascade Range. Known for its high alpine lakes and thousands of miles of clear-running streams, the forest sits at the top of the watershed that supplies water to many California citizens.

Trees within the forest are mostly grand conifers, which reach high into the sky and are beautifully latticed with snow

during winter, and various hardwoods that turn brilliant colors in the fall.

Outdoor enthusiasts are attracted year-round to the national forest and its waterways, beautiful deep canyons, rich mountain valleys and lofty peaks.

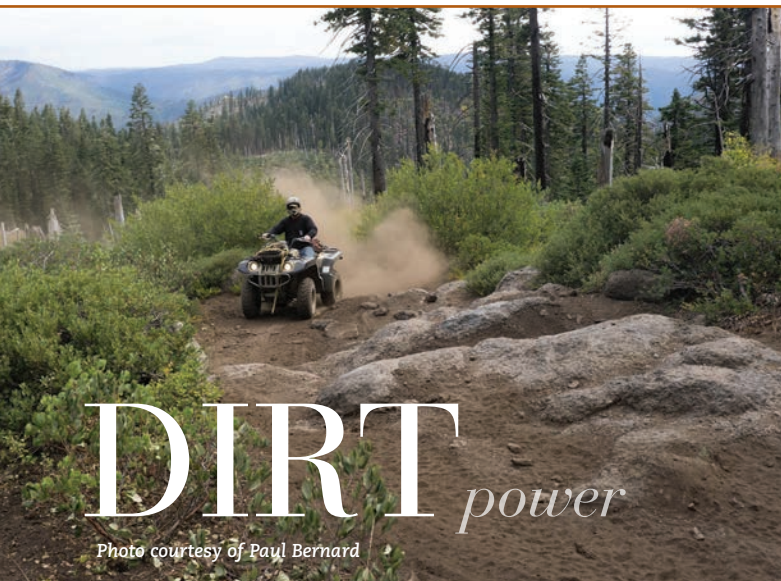
There are hundreds of maintained campsites and numerous picnic spots to choose from.

Recreational opportunities are available in every season.

Some 500 miles of trails are maintained throughout the forest, including the nationally treasured Pacific Crest Trail.

The forest and the sparsely populated rural communities that surround it provide a feeling of seclusion and tranquility. If you need to rest, reflect and get away from it all, this is the place.

**Visit Forest Service offices listed on page 12 of this guide.**



## DIRT *power*

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Sport utility vehicle owners take note! Plumas County has thousands of miles of well-maintained, unpaved Forest Service roads that lead to lakes, fishing spots, lookouts and picnic sites. The roads access some 1.2 million acres of public land that can keep intrepid explorers happy for days on end.

Brochures have been developed featuring four popular backcountry road adventures, designed with SUVs in mind.

If you're looking for more rugged off-highway adventure, head for one of the 4x4 routes, staging areas or campgrounds developed specifically for off-highway vehicles.

The Plumas National Forest visitor map is available for sale to help guide off-highway users. To avoid fines, stay on designated roads and trails.

**Contact visitor centers to request maps, brochures or more information. Or contact the various forest service offices listed on page 12 of this guide.**



# into the WILD

Near Taylor Lake - Photo courtesy of Jeremy Griffin

## Cloud Watching and Star Gazing



Graeagle Stars - Photo courtesy of Michael Clawson

Brilliant star-filled skies are one of the first things visitors notice about Plumas County, with its lack of city light glow.

The county is located midway into the Northern latitude, and visitors can enjoy an amazing 360-degree view of the nighttime sky. The air in the remote Northern Sierra is also quite clear, making for better viewing overall.

Plumas County's varied microclimates and weather conditions also make for some dramatic cloud formations, sunrises and sunsets, attracting photographers and cloud spotters.

Special wilderness areas of the forest are managed to protect and preserve their pristine natural values. These areas offer excellent hiking, backpacking and horseback riding in a primitive, completely undeveloped setting.

In the **Plumas National Forest**, the 23,958-acre **Bucks Lake Wilderness** near **Bucks Lake** has a broad diversity of plant life, trees and landscape features. Ranging from 2,000 to 7,017 feet in elevation, Bucks Lake Wilderness includes gentle slopes, steep canyons and sheer cliffs. Most of it is rugged with human access difficult.

The **Pacific Crest Trail** crosses the wilderness, and **Lassen Peak** is visible on clear days, 40 miles to the north.

The **Caribou Wilderness** area is located in the **Lassen National Forest** just north of the **Almanor Basin**. This is a gentle, rolling forested plateau dotted with mountain lakes, cratered peaks and cinder cones, evidence of Caribou's volcanic past. Hiking here is generally easy.

No permits are needed to visit these wilderness areas, but fire permits for primitive camping are required. Visitors to these areas are asked to tread lightly and leave nothing behind. Mechanical vehicles (including mountain bikes) are not allowed.

Contact the Plumas and Lassen National Forest offices listed on page 12 of this guide for wilderness camping rules and to obtain maps.



## Christmas Tree Cutting

Start an old-fashioned family tradition and come to Plumas County to cut your own Christmas tree! Bring your saw, your vehicle and the kids, and set out for the woods to find the perfect tree. You can make a weekend of it, playing in the snow, shopping quaint town stores, eating out, and relaxing in a cozy rented cabin in the woods.

You'll find a variety of aromatic evergreens on designated sections of the Plumas and Lassen national forests.

Tree permits are for sale at Forest Service offices and by mail. The tree-cutting season begins at the latest by Nov. 1.

For more information contact the Forest Service offices listed on page 12 of this guide.





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# PICNIC *and* PLAY

While traveling in Plumas County, you're welcome to stretch your legs, toss a ball, or pull over for a picnic at one of several community parks and Forest Service day use areas.

Most parks have restrooms and playground facilities; some offer public swimming pools and skateboarding ramps.

**Chester Park**, on Hwy. 36 along the Feather River, offers picnic tables, a playground, ball fields, basketball court and restrooms. An ice skating rink is adjacent to the park during winter.

The **Collins Pine Company lawn**, situated on West Main Street next to the Butt Lake dinky, is the gateway to the Collins Pine Museum and is the setting for the Fourth of July Chester Classic 5k Fun Run and the Almanor Art Show in August.

The town of **Taylorsville** has a swimming pool and picnic spots at the campground.

In **Quincy**, travelers can enjoy playgrounds, picnic tables and ball fields at **Gansner Park**, located north of town off Hwy. 70 behind the airport. Or, they'll find a playground, a swimming pool, skateboard park, bocce ball courts and a group barbecue pavilion at **Pioneer Park**, on Fairgrounds Road off Hwy. 70 east of downtown.

**Dame Shirley Plaza**, just west of the Plumas County Courthouse on Main Street, has shaded picnic tables and a grassy play area within view of Quincy's historic downtown.

**Lowell Bader Park** in Meadow Valley is a nice stop on the way to Bucks Lake, about five miles west of Quincy. The rustic

park offers a playground, picnic and barbecue area and basketball and tennis courts.

The **Graeagle Mill Pond** off Hwy. 89 has picnic tables, along with paddleboat rentals and swimming, while the **Graeagle Picnic Grounds**, located in the housing area across from the gas station, has ball fields and a bandstand.

**Portola's City Park** is located a half mile south of Hwy. 70 across the Gulling Street Bridge. It features a swimming pool, playground, bandstand, skate park and tennis and volleyball courts.

Also in Portola, the accessible **Riverside Picnic Area** is located at the end of the Riverwalk paved trail off Rocky Point Road.

Great spots for picnics or rest stops can also be found along the west and east shores of **Lake Almanor**, at **Hamilton Branch**, and at Forest Service day use areas at major lakes including **Butt Valley**, **Bucks**, **Little Grass Valley**, **Antelope**, **Round Valley**, **Davis** and **Frenchman**. You'll also find sites in the Lakes Basin Recreation Area, **Plumas-Eureka State Park**, along the Feather River and in the **Feather River Canyon**. A \$5-\$10 day use fee is charged at Lower Bucks, Antelope, Davis and Frenchman; all other sites are free of charge.

*For more information on Plumas County parks, playgrounds, picnic areas and pools, contact area chambers of commerce or forest service offices listed on Page 12.*

## GEOCACHING

Vast amounts of public forest land makes Plumas County a prime destination to search for caches using hand-held Global Positioning System devices.

This modern form of treasure-hunting, using coordinates posted online, continues to grow as a popular family sport, with over 2.8 million caches worldwide being sought by more than 15 million geocachers.

Over 3,500 geocache sites are now listed on the geocachers' official website

([www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)) within a 50-mile radius of Quincy, the Plumas County seat.

The caches, containing usually a trinket or small toy and a logbook, have been typically placed in beautiful natural settings or near interesting historic landmarks. Once the cache and reward is discovered, visitors are asked to sign their name and leave something in the cache for the next person.

While finding the cache is the goal, getting to them is the real fun and challenge. Geocachers exploring Plumas County can choose hunts that vary in difficulty, based on elevation, terrain or

season. Some coordinates will take you to the tops of mountains, to islands on lakes or to the edge of waterfalls.

There's a series of railroad-themed caches and another series that links local churches.

If you're new to the sport, check out the above website for information and helpful tips on finding local caches. You'll discover hundreds of interesting places overlooked by the casual visitor while getting great exercise and enjoying mountain scenery and fresh air. And with the quantity of caches offered throughout the area, you'll have fun searching for weeks.



# SEEK *and ye shall* FIND!



From the Gold Rush to the present day, treasure seekers enjoy the hunt.

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**Gold panning and mining** have been popular activities in Plumas County since the 1800s. Although most of the camps that sprang up during the Gold Rush are now gone, there are some spots where visitors can relive history and even find a few remaining flakes of gold..

Experienced gold panners with equipment are welcome to seek gold anywhere on public national forest land that has not been staked (usually where posted). However, since most of the land is staked, you'll need to do some research during the week at the County Recorder's office, which keeps mining claim locations on file.

A few areas exist where claims are not allowed and recreational gold panning is permitted. Contact the Plumas,

Lassen and Tahoe National Forest offices for more details on gold panning regulations.

If you're interested in learning how to pan for gold on your own, the **Plumas County Museum**, located behind the courthouse in Quincy, has a good reference book for sale.

The book explains how and where to pan, what equipment is needed, safety tips, and includes diagrams, drawings and photos.

Equipment for gold panning can be purchased at area sporting goods and department stores.

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**For more information about gold panning and mining, contact one of the visitor centers listed on page 12.**

## ROCKHOUNDING

Plumas County is renowned for its rocks and unique rock formations. Rockhounds can find treasures in natural quartz crystals, rose quartz, fossils and petrified wood

The area's diverse geology is caused by the meeting of two mountain ranges (Sierra Nevada and Cascade) and the Great Basin to the east, with a close proximity to an active volcano, Mount Lassen, located on the north side of the county.

Such geology has produced truly unique formations, including giant layers of exfoliating granite in the Feather River Canyon and towering lava conglomerates in Little Last Chance Creek Canyon on the way to Frenchman Lake.

Other geological treats include deposits of columnar basalt and gold-bearing gravel.

There are good fossil hunting opportunities from Mount Hough and Mount Jura in the Indian Valley area to Clover Valley in Eastern Plumas, and petrified wood has been found in the

area of Hartman Bar Ridge.

Rose quartz is commonly found on Last Chance Creek east of Antelope Lake.

To see a large display of local minerals visit the Mt. Jura Gem & Museum Society in the Indian Valley Museum in Taylorsville, open weekend afternoons during summer or visit the Plumas-Eureka State Park Museum in Johnsville, open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in summer.

**Contact information can be found under Museums, page 12 or 105.**



# over 310 species of BIRDS

Plumas County offers rewarding bird-watching opportunities for both the novice and experienced birder. The best birding in the county is during the spring and fall, but numerous species can be found any month of the year. Over 310 different bird species occur in Plumas County because of its diversity of habitats including lakes, meadows, marshes, streams and forest.

There are many spots with easy access for those who wish to bird by vehicle as well as developed hiking trails for more adventurous birders.

**Sierra Valley**, east of **Portola**, is designated an **Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society**.

This 130,000-acre valley, the largest in the **Sierra Nevada**, is home to over 260 bird species alone. Although most of the land in the valley is privately owned, county roads such as Marble Hot Springs Road, between County Roads A23 and A24, will take you through the heart of the valley past wet meadows and wetlands. In the fall and winter, Sierra Valley is well known for its large population of raptors. A drive through the valley can provide close-up views of bald eagles, golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, rough-legged hawks, prairie falcons, American kestrels and long-eared owls. Migrating flocks of waterfowl and songbirds are also a common sight during the fall.

The **Feather River Land Trust** provides public access to Sierra Valley wetlands for birding. From Highway 70 turn south on A24 and drive 1.75 miles to a wooden corral on the right side of the road. Park in the big dirt pullout. Walk in about 1/8 of a mile to access the birding platform.

**For more information contact FRLT at (530) 283-5758.**

Spring birders can spot white-faced ibis, sandhill cranes, American bitterns, black-crowned night herons, Canada geese and a variety of ducks and songbirds.



Diving Osprey at Bucks Lake - Photo Courtesy of Kimberly Eliason



Snow Hawk - Feather Publishing File Photo

**Plumas-Eureka State Park** near **Graeagle** is worth checking for a variety of montane bird species including willow flycatchers.

Nesting osprey and bald eagle can be found at nearly all the county's major reservoirs, including the largest, **Lake Almanor**. The causeway, east of **Chester** on Hwy. 36, is the best place to see large numbers of waterfowl including tundra swan, double-crested cormorants, great blue heron, and American white pelicans. Lake Almanor supports one of the largest breeding populations of Clark's and Western Grebe in California. Another good viewing spot is along the west shore, near the campgrounds and along the recreation trail, where birders can enjoy forest-dwellers such as pileated and white-headed woodpeckers, flycatchers, brown creepers and white-breasted nuthatches.

Other lakes to visit are **Antelope Lake**, **Bucks Lake**, **Little Grass Valley Reservoir**, **Frenchman Lake** and **Lake Davis**, all of which support a diversity of bird species and habitats.

**Snake Lake**, a short drive from **Quincy** off of Bucks Lake Road, is a popular picnic spot and a good place to view wood ducks, American white pelicans, osprey, grebes and great blue heron. A walk along the forested edge of the lake can turn up a number of forest bird species: hairy woodpeckers, brown creepers, red-breasted nuthatches, warbling vireos and many others.

Osprey and bald eagle, hunting for fish, may be seen on a drive through the Feather River Canyon along the North Fork Feather River. The reservoirs in the canyon are also home to migrating bufflehead, goldeneye, ruddy ducks and nesting common mergansers.

Plumas County's many rivers and streams also host populations of other riparian bird species: wood ducks, yellow warblers, lazuli buntings, American dippers, downy woodpeckers, red-breasted sapsuckers and others can be found during a pleasant stroll along the waterways.

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To contribute to local bird sightings, you may report them at <http://www.plumasaudubon.org/bird-sightings.html>.

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The Plumas Audubon Society chapter offers many events and guest speakers throughout the year. For current information, go to [plumasaudubon.org/calendar](http://plumasaudubon.org/calendar). For a free Plumas County bird list produced by the Audubon Society, go to [plumascounty.org](http://plumascounty.org), Outdoor Recreation, and click on Bird Watching.



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# a GOLFER'S dream come true



Nakoma Golf Resort - Photo courtesy of Rick Barlupi

Plumas County's golf courses are renowned for their lush, wooded settings and spectacular mountain backdrops.

Three are located on the pristine shores of Lake Almanor, while the others lie in tranquil high mountain valleys.

Golfers can usually get on the course of their choosing without much difficulty, but it's best to make tee times in advance in

summer months. Enjoy a round while the kids take part in one of the summer golf camps offered.

Some of the golf courses offer packages, and most have condos, vacation homes, motels or resorts nearby. Golfers can also choose from a variety of fine dining establishments, some of which are located right at the golf course.

What makes Plumas County such a rare golf destination is the

plethora of other recreation activities nearby. Fishing, boating, hiking, history, events and festivals abound. This combination of natural beauty, first-rate golf, reasonable rates and friendly communities makes Plumas County a must for any golfer.

**For more golf and a listing of golf courses, continue to next pages.**

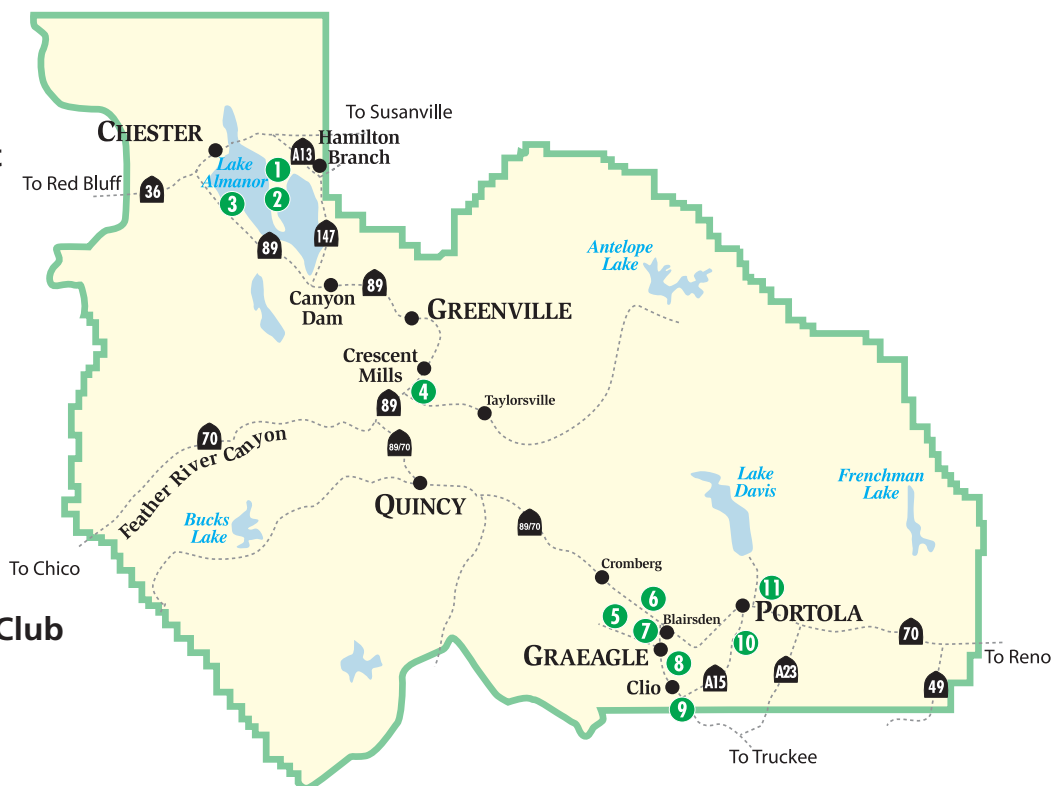


Plumas Pines - Darby Hayes Photography



# Golf Course Locator Map for Plumas County

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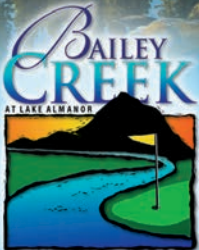


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Bailey Creek Golf Course - File Photo

# Lake Almanor Country Club

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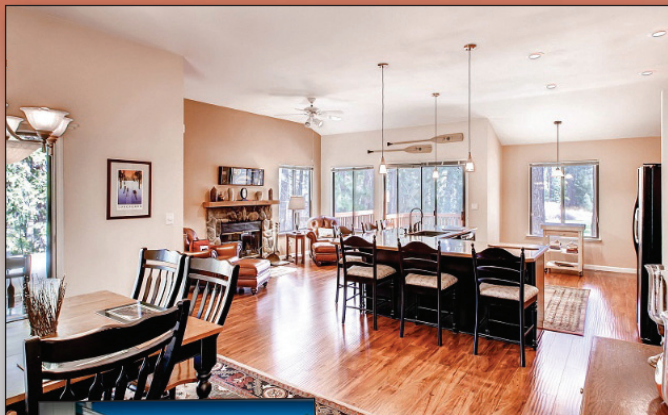
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## Golf Courses

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<b>Bailey Creek</b> 433 Durkin Dr. Lake Almanor Peninsula (530) 259-GOLF <a href="http://www.baileycreek.com">www.baileycreek.com</a>	●	18	72	●	●	●	Grill  95	●	Mid-day, twilight, off-season discounts
<b>Lake Almanor Country Club</b> 951 Clifford Dr. Lake Almanor Peninsula (530) 259-2868 <a href="http://www.lacchoa.com">www.lacchoa.com</a>	●	9	35	●	●	●	Restaurant  96	Nearby	Open to public by reservation.  Call for specials.
<b>Lake Almanor West</b> Hwy. 89, west shore (530) 259-4555 <a href="http://www.lakealmanorwest.org">www.lakealmanorwest.org</a>	●	9	36	●	●	●	Restaurant  95	Nearby	Twilight, junior discounts, golf/lunch specials, golf clinics, daily specials
<b>Mt. Huff</b> Highway 89, Crescent Mills (530) 284-6300 <a href="http://www.mthuffgolfcourse.com">www.mthuffgolfcourse.com</a>	●	9	33	●		●	Restaurant	RV Park	Open year-round, weather permitting, Twilight, member, & monthly discounts
<b>Plumas Pines Golf Resort</b>  Johnsville Rd, Graeagle (530) 836-1420 <a href="http://www.plumaspinesgolf.com">www.plumaspinesgolf.com</a>	●	18	72	●	●	●	  97	●	Twilight, off-season discounts, stay/play packages, golf schools
<b>Feather River Park Resort</b> Hwy. 89 & A-14, Graeagle (530) 836-2328 <a href="http://www.featherriverparkresort.com">www.featherriverparkresort.com</a>	●	9	35	●			Snack bar	●	Senior discounts
<b>Graeagle Meadows</b> Hwy. 89, Graeagle (530) 836-2323 <a href="http://www.playgraeagle.com">www.playgraeagle.com</a>	●	18	72	●	●	●	Restaurant  93	●	Twilight and off-season discounts
<b>Whitehawk Ranch Golf Club</b> Hwy. 89, 6 miles S of Graeagle (530) 836-0394, (800) 332-4295 <a href="http://www.golfwhitehawk.com">www.golfwhitehawk.com</a>	●	18	71	●	●	●	Snack bar	●	Twilight, off-season specials Golf/dine packages.
<b>Nakoma Resort</b> 34 Bear Run, 7 miles E of Graeagle, 3 miles W of Portola (530) 897-2300 or <a href="http://www.NakomaResort.com">www.NakomaResort.com</a>	●	18	72	●	●	●	Restaurant  55	●	Group facilities at the Clubhouse & Lodge, Twilight, off-season specials, stay/play/dine packages
<b>Grizzly Ranch Golf Club</b> 250 ClubHouse Dr. Portola (530) 832-4200 <a href="http://www.grizzlyranchgolfclub.com">www.grizzlyranchgolfclub.com</a>	●	18	72	●	●	●	Restaurant	●	Twilight, off-season, season specials

See locator map on page 92.





Plumas County Dining - Composing Reality Photography

## *a taste for every* **PALATE**

From upscale dinner-houses to cozy outdoor cafes, Plumas County and neighboring communities have a variety of restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets.

Whether you're in the mood for gourmet mountain cuisine or just a quick burger, you'll find a menu, atmosphere and service that will make your vacation complete.

Dine beside a lake or golf course, in the forest, in an elegant setting, or at a more casual spot.

Try a mountain martini, a fresh beer on tap, or enjoy an extensive selection of fine wines. Many of the restaurants offer cocktail lounges, outdoor seating, and live music for dancing.

You will find cuisine ranging from traditional steak and seafood fare, French, Italian and Asian to Mexican, German, California-style, sushi, vegetarian and more. There are delicatessens, take-out burgers, salad bars, pizza and espresso shops as well.

A free **Plumas County Dining Guide** is available at most of the lodging facilities, mini-markets, real estate offices, and at the county's chambers of commerce and it's available online at [www.plumasnews.com](http://www.plumasnews.com).



Time to Eat! The Knook, Quincy - Photo Courtesy of Mari Erin Roth





Photo courtesy of Mari Erin Roth

Take a horseback ride into Plumas County terrain that brings you to pristine lakes, trout-filled streams, towering pine forests, grassy meadows and back in history.

Wranglers from numerous stables offer guided trips ranging from novice hour-long rides to overnight pack trips complete with meals. Or, if you prefer, the guides will pack you in and out on horses, leaving you to enjoy the campsite on your own. *(See listings on next page.)*

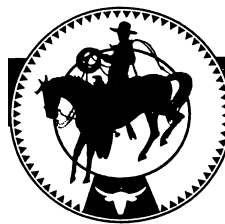
Want to experience the Old West in comfort and style? Try a horse-drawn wagon ride that includes a barbecue dinner served outdoors.

Several annual rodeos are also scheduled around the county; check the calendar on page 18-19 for more information.

In the winter, you can sing carols and snuggle together on sleigh rides pulled by draft horses.

Visitors who bring their own horses also will find miles of unfenced trails to explore, and plenty of campsites and stables to accommodate them. *(See info next page.)*

Check with the Plumas or Lassen National Forest Service offices on page(s) 12-13 for specific trail and campsite information.



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(See Reid Horse & Cattle ad previous page)

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### Graeagle Stables

(See Reid Horse & Cattle ad previous page)

Hwy. 89, Downtown Graeagle

(530) 836-0430 • [www.reidhorse.com](http://www.reidhorse.com)

One-hour and one-and-a-half-hour family horseback trail rides. Horseback riding lessons and children's horsemanship camps. Short-term horse boarding. Reservations preferred. Seasonal, May through September.

### Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch

2116 Greenhorn Ranch Road, 10 miles east of Quincy

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Beginning through advanced trail rides for adults and kids, pony rides, wagon rides, guest rodeos, ride-in cookouts, bonfire sing-alongs, roping practice, "cowgirl bootcamp." Equine Guided Leadership workshops available May – October. Trail rides available in daily, weekly, weekend ranch stay packages and separately. Available for special and group events. Reservations required. Hourly rides available spring through fall.



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## Equestrian Camping

### Snake Lake Campground - Equestrian Campsites,

located 6 miles outside of Quincy off the Bucks Lake Rd, with 8 corrals and campsites for equestrians. Semi primitive with vault toilets and no piped water. Day use picnic area, group BBQ, picnic tables and fire ring. Call Mt Hough Ranger District (530) 283-0555 for more information. .

### Whitehorse Campground - Equestrian Campsites,

3 new sites near Bucks Lake. No corrals, limited parking. Reserve at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call Mt. Hough Ranger District (530) 283-0555. This is a trial program.

### Meadow View Equestrian Campground,

located 6 miles above Doyle at the top of Doyle Grade. Location of the historic Meadow View Guard Station. 6 corrals near campground and multi-use campsites for equestrians. Vault toilets and hand pumped water. Call Beckwourth Ranger District for more information (530) 836-2575.

### Horse Camp,

located on the South Fork of Feather River, 1/8 mile from Little Grass Valley Reservoir near La Porte. Call Feather River Ranger District for more information at (530) 534-6500.

### Packsaddle,

located in the Packer Lake area near the Sierra Buttes. Yuba River Ranger District (530) 288-3231.



Layman Horse Camp - Feather Publishing File Photo



# SO MUCH *to* SEE *and* DO!

## While you're here...

The following summary offers a brief description of what visitors can find while roaming around beautiful Plumas County. Several self-guided tours are available online at [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org).

**Fall in Love with Plumas County:** View spectacular fall foliage in the Northern Sierra (Sept-Oct). Includes Feather River Canyon, Quincy, Lake Almanor, Indian Valley, Graeagle, Portola. Plus museums, walking tours, shopping, fine dining and more.

**Gold Rush and the Great Outdoors:** Explore Oroville's historic gold mining attractions, then head for the tiny hamlet of La Porte for hiking, skiing or snowmobiling. Includes museums, Lake Oroville, Feather Falls.

**Volcanoes and Lakes in the Shasta Cascade:** Mount Shasta and Lassen Volcanic National Park dominate the landscape on this tour of Redding, Red Bluff, Chester, Lake Almanor and Westwood. Victorian homes, shopping, hiking, winter sports, and more.

**Architecture, Quaint Towns and Scenic Byways:** Travel two scenic byways on sightseeing adventure from Chico to Plumas County. Tours of Bidwell Mansion and Nakoma Resort (by Frank Lloyd Wright), trains, museums, hikes, lakes, and shopping.

**Seasonal Pleasures and Small Town Treasures:** The Northern Sierra village of Graeagle is the base for trips to Bucks Lake, Quincy, Western Pacific Railroad Museum, Plumas-Eureka State Park, and a cattle ranch. Plus birding, fall foliage, walking tours, shopping.

**Historic Mountain Towns in the Northern Sierra:** Discover off-the-beaten path Sierra getaways linked with Gold Rush legacy: Downieville, Graeagle, Quincy and Portola. Walking tours, museums, birding, Plumas-Eureka State Park, train attractions, Nakoma Resort (by Frank Lloyd Wright.)

**Wonders of the Railroad World:** A rail fan's dream come true along Hwy. 70 from Oroville to Reno Junction. See unique bridges and tunnels, the Keddie Wye, William's Loop, and drive a locomotive at Portola's Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

**Birding and Wildlife Viewing:** Spot an amazing variety of species in pristine Northern Sierra habitat, including Gray Lodge, Indian Valley, Antelope Lake, Feather River Canyon, Lake Davis and the renowned Sierra Valley (Important Bird Area.)

**Winter Fun on Foot in Plumas County:** An invigorating tour of snow-covered forests on skis and snowshoes! Choose from groomed or backcountry trails and accommodations near Graeagle, Bucks Lake, or Lassen Volcanic National Park, with equipment rental available.

**Snowmobiling in Plumas County:** Check out spectacular winter beauty in one of California's finest snowmobile destinations. Ride miles of mountain trail in Chester-Lake Almanor, Bucks Lake, La Porte or Graeagle, relax in cozy accommodations.

**Historic Plumas County:** Explore the past in Northern Sierra small towns, from Maidu Indians and explorer James Beckwourth, to gold mining, railroading and timber. Follow historic auto routes and walking tours, visit unique museums and sites.



Heart K Barn - Photo Courtesy of Jeff Titcomb





Cascades Trail - Photo Courtesy of Heather Way

**Diversity in Northeastern California's Past:** The Northern Sierra's multicultural heritage is celebrated on this Quincy and Oroville-based tour that highlights the Mountain Maidu and Yahi Indians, African-American explorer James Beckwourth, Chinese laborers, and Swiss-Italian dairy farmers.

**Auto and Motorcycle Clubs:** Scenic touring Along Roads Less Traveled: Drive quiet rural byways and backcountry roads with breathtaking mountain vistas and charming small towns in the Northern Sierra near Quincy. Choose from several auto tours off of California Routes 70 and 89.

#### Historic Gold Mining Sites

A two-hour auto tour of former gold rush mining settlements has been developed for the La Porte area.

The 30-mile tour on dirt roads features remnants of mining activity in six locations, marked with interpretive signs. A brochure, Auto Tour of Historic Town Sites on the Plumas National Forest, features photos, descriptions and a map.

#### Feather River Scenic Byway

A self-guided driving tour brochure and map, Feather River Scenic Byway, highlights 17 natural, historic and manmade features of this 130-mile stretch of State Highway 70 from Oroville to Hallelujah Junction. The map also points out rest areas, vista points, campgrounds, historic monuments and visitor information centers throughout Plumas County. A

more detailed regional map of the Feather River Scenic Byway also is available for sale.

#### Backcountry drives

Owners of four-wheel drive vehicles looking to get off the beaten track can explore four Plumas County backcountry routes. A series of brochures, Plumas County Backcountry Drives, details the historical and natural attractions of each route, and provides mileage, directions, maps and photos.

The series includes the Humboldt Summit-Humboldt Valley Loop, the Indian Valley-Antelope Lake Loop, the Beckwourth-Antelope Lake Indian Valley Route, and the Quincy-La Porte-Johnsville Route.

#### Barn Quilt Trail

Following the Barn Quilt Trail will reveal the history and beauty that 1850s settlers found during those crazy gold rush days. It will enrich your sense of wonder at their courage. It will also bring you unexpected delight as you travel throughout the county, taking in meadows filled with wildflowers in the spring, awesome fall colors, lush fields filed with grazing horses and cows, all on our traffic-free back roads and highways.

**For more information, contact one of the local visitor centers found on page 12.**



# *all* ABOARD!

Plumas County is rich in train history and is renowned for its unique railroad engineering along the Feather River.

Magnificent bridges and tunnels, a unique railroad wye and a section of track that crosses over itself in a one-mile loop in order to gain elevation are among the features that attract train buffs to the area.

The last spike of the **Western Pacific Railroad** was driven into a trestle at **Keddie** in 1909, becoming the last transcontinental railroad to be built across the Sierra, connecting California to the rest of the nation.

Learn more about the area's railroad history and engineering feats in a pamphlet, **Plumas County's Seven Wonders of the Railroad World**, available at [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org).

The world-renowned **Western Pacific Railroad Museum** in **Portola** and its Run-a-Locomotive program is a must-see "hands-on" attraction for anyone interested in trains or railroads.



Santa Train, Portola - Photo Courtesy of Michael Clawson



Portola Train Museum - Photo Courtesy of Michael Clawson



# MUSEUMS

**Plumas County Museum** - 500 Jackson St., Quincy. (530) 283-6320, [plumasmuseum.org](http://plumasmuseum.org). Call for days and hours. Admission \$5 for ages 12 and up, and free to younger children and members.

One of the most comprehensive, well-presented museums in rural California. Cultural and natural history displays are complemented by the Industrial History wing, featuring agriculture, gold mining, logging and railroad history. In accordance with the "living museum" philosophy, most exhibits are changed periodically.

Collections include Maidu Indian basketry, pioneer weaponry, archeology and natural history. Outdoors is a working blacksmith shop and gold miner's cabin, along with the larger mining and logging equipment and agricultural implements.

The Stella Miller mezzanine gallery features exhibits of local artisans and an outstanding archival library is utilized under supervision for research projects.

During summer/fall, the museum offers guided history and donkey walkabout tours around the county.

Area literature, histories, artwork and other items are on sale in the museum bookstore and online.

**Historic 1878 Variel Home** - 137 Coburn St., Quincy, next to Plumas County Museum, (530) 283-6320.

Built by Beckwourth Trail emigrant Joshua Variel in 1878, this restored three-story Victorian is furnished from the museum's collections to represent a middle-class family home in turn-of-the-century Plumas County. Old-fashioned gardens around the home provide a delightful rest stop. Open for tours from May through September (call for schedule).

**Indian Valley Museum** - Located at the Mt. Jura Gem & Museum Society Building on the corner of Main St. and Cemetery Rd., east of Taylorsville, (530) 284-1046. Call for hours. Donations accepted.

The Indian Valley Museum features displays that relate to the rich traditions of mining, ranching and logging in Indian Valley. These traditions and more are depicted in recently restored historic photos that are now on display. One room, dedicated to the native Maidu culture, features a fine collection of Maidu baskets. Other artifacts represent the early settlers of the Indian and Genesee Valleys from 1850s to the present.

The rock room continues to be a big draw for the museum with its impressive display of rocks, minerals and mineral carvings. Mining equipment is on display outside the museum, along with a blacksmith shop. A museum annex features larger exhibits, including a 1932 fire engine and dairy equipment. Rocks, minerals and books are available for sale.

**Frank C. Reilly Museum** - Main St., La Porte, (530) 675-1922 or (530) 675-2841. Call for hours.

Features displays of La Porte's gold mining and ski-racing history. Named after a longtime La Porte resident, the museum was founded by the Frank C. Reilly chapter of the Clampers, a historical organization of which Reilly was a member. The club's archives are in the museum, along with local artwork

and a "hodgepodge" of other items, including an extensive butter dish collection.

**Chester-Lake Almanor Museum** - 210 First Ave., Chester, (530) 258-2767. Call for hours. Free admission.

The photographs and memorabilia focus on the history of the Lake Almanor Basin from 1850 to 1950. It includes an outstanding collection of Maidu basketry and artifacts.


**Collins Pine Museum** - 500 Main St., Chester, east of Collins Pine Co. offices, (530) 258-4441, [collinsco.com/museum](http://collinsco.com/museum). Call for hours. Free admission.

The museum building, completed in 2007, was constructed to look like the old sawmill building operated by Collins Pine Co. from 1943-2001. The open-beam structure provides an appealing space where different species of wood from the area are featured. Inside are information panels and interactive displays on lumbering, forestry, wood identification, principles of sustainability and the history of Collins Pine. Visitors can view a film on forestry-related topics in the museum's small theater.

Outside the building is a short viewing path featuring trucks and equipment used by Collins Pine during the 1940s-1960s. There is also a 400-year-old Sugar Pine cross section dating back to 1620.


## Collins Pine Museum

*Featuring exhibits on lumber grades, forest stands, old photos and implements, the mission is to teach principles of lumbering, forestry and sustainability and there is no admission fee.*



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## Collins

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A compact, century-old steam locomotive known as “Dinky” is also on display on the Collins Pine Co. lawn along Main Street. “Dinky” was discovered at the bottom of nearby Butt Valley Reservoir during repairs to the dam. It was used in dam construction from 1910 - 1920.

**Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola** - Off A-15, in downtown Portola, 700 Western Pacific Way, (530) 832-4131, and **Run-a-Locomotive program**, (530) 832-4532, [wplives.org](http://wplives.org). Call for hours and admission prices.

The Feather River Rail Society established this world-renowned museum in 1983. It preserves general railroad history, equipment, photos, artifacts, historical information and data with emphasis on Western Pacific Railroad and its subsidiaries. Housed in a former Western Pacific diesel shop, it has approximately 12,000 feet of track on 39 acres, and 170 pieces of equipment.

Visitors can climb aboard an extensive collection of train cars and locomotives and can even run a locomotive themselves (reservations recommended.) Train rides in cabooses are offered around a one-mile balloon track on weekends from May to September. The popular Santa train delights youngsters on the first three Saturdays in December.

**Plumas-Eureka State Park Museum** - Located five miles west of Graeagle on Johnsville Rd., A-14 west of Highway 89, (530) 836-2380. Call for hours. Free admission. Website: [plumas-eureka.org](http://plumas-eureka.org).

This indoor-outdoor museum within Plumas-Eureka State Park preserves the rich heritage of the Feather River Country's gold mining legacy. Housed in a restored miner's boarding

house, this museum displays mining tools, photographs, pioneer household items, working models of antique mining machinery and antique skis, as well as animals native to the park. The rustic, five-story Mohawk Stamp Mill, which processed raw, gold-bearing quartz, is among the buildings nearby, which include a blacksmith shop, a bunkhouse and a miner's home. Supervised gold-panning programs are offered in the summertime.

Docents in period attire re-create the life of a miner's family and the period represented during Gold Discovery Days, held the third weekend of July. Blacksmith demonstrations, mining lore and a home tour help bring visitors back to the 1890s.

**Jim Beckwourth Museum** - Rocky Point Rd., east of Portola, (530) 249-6913. Call for hours. Free admission.

Plumas County pioneer Jim Beckwourth's authentic 1850s log cabin trading post and “hotel,” featuring V-notch construction.

Beckwourth was one of the few pioneer leaders of African-American descent. He discovered the lowest pass over the Sierra Mountains, located in eastern Plumas County.

**Williams House Museum** -

424 E. Sierra Ave., Highway 70, Portola, (530) 832-0671. Call for hours. Free admission.

This 1931 log home, on the California Historical Register, was a former residence and gas station owned and operated by a prominent Portola couple, Sam and Ethel Williams.

Exhibits, documents, photographs and quilts depict local family history and tell the story of the area's lumber, mining and railroad industries.

## Chester-Lake Almanor Museum



- Featuring over one hundred-fifty years of Almanor Basin history
- Historic photographs, maps, and artifacts
- Native Maidu baskets, beadwork and tools
- Lassen's eruptions
- Ranching and rodeos
- Creation of Almanor and Butt Lakes, beginning the Feather River's "Stairway of Power"

**Open Monday through Saturday during library hours, or by appointment.**

Call museum director Marilyn Quadrio at 530.596.3011 or the Chester Library at 530.258.2742 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



# rest, RELAX and REVIVE

When you want to get away from it all, you'll find the perfect place to relax and regroup in **Plumas County**. Choose from a luxurious lakefront home, a rustic cabin in the woods, a cozy bed and breakfast inn, a condo on the golf course, or something in between. Want to

sleep under the stars, on the top of a mountain in a former forest lookout, in a secluded forest campground, in a cabin in the woods, next to a lake, in an RV park or in an elegant Bed and Breakfast? You won't have any trouble finding the perfect spot.

On pages 114-122, you'll find a complete list of accommodations and camping areas.

They have a lot in common: clean, comfortable, reasonably priced and run by friendly, caring hosts. Many offer data ports and high-speed wireless Internet.



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## Play safely while the water works

**Fish, boat and swim with a friend for safety.**

**Be aware of your surroundings.** Hydro operations can unexpectedly change water depth, flow speeds and temperatures. Know a path to higher ground.

**Obey all signage.** Signs are posted for your safety.

**Pay attention to boat warning markers.** Stay clear of restrictive cables and buoys.

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# visit an active VOLCANO

Lake Helen, Lassen National Volcanic Park - Photo courtesy of Dolly Jaynes

Boiling springs, belching mudpots and hissing steam vents are just a few of the wondrous sights awaiting visitors to beautiful **Lassen Volcanic National Park**.

The rugged peaks and massive craters tell the story of its eruptive past while hot water, steam vents and pressure from below continues to mold the terrain.

LVNP is a mere 35-minute drive from the **Chester-Lake Almanor** area and offers great day trip opportunities.

LVNP, established in 1916, is one of the oldest national parks in the **National Park System**. It remains a treasure trove of hydrothermal activity and scenic wonders. All four types of volcanoes found in the entire world are represented. Volcanoes found in the park include shield (**Prospect Peak**), plug dome (**Lassen Peak**), cinder cone (**Cinder Cone**), and composite (**Brokeoff Volcano**) volcanoes.

**Lassen Peak** is located at the southernmost end of the Cascade Range, which extends to Canada.

The western part of the park features lava pinnacles and volcanoes, while the eastern part features small cinder cones forested with conifers and studded with small lakes.

Visitors can observe some hydrothermal activity from the road, or choose short strolls to medium length hikes through some of the most pristine, untouched wilderness in the country.

A stroll through the **Devastated Area**, which exhibits remarkable land recovery since Lassen Peak's last eruption in 1921, is about a half-mile round-trip with little elevation change.

The most popular short hike is the 1.5-mile route to **Kings Creek Falls**, off Highway 89 - about half way (16 miles) between the north and south park entrances.

The hydrothermal area called **Bumpass Hell** features a trail

that is three miles round-trip and approximately 300 feet in decent/climb to view the boiling mud pots. **Devils Kitchen** is the second largest thermal area with many small fumaroles and hot pools, and one that receives far fewer visitors than the main region at Bumpass Hell. It is reached by an easy trail from the nearby **Drakesbad Guest Ranch** on the south side of the park, via the town of **Chester**.

For a more challenging trek visitors can climb to the top of **Brokeoff Mountain**, elevation 9,235 feet, on a scenic seven-mile round-trip journey that ascends 2,600 feet.

Be sure to pick up a map at either park entrance and consider exploring the listed trails. These walks are a great way to see just a few of the 700 species of flowering plants and 250 species of wildlife in the park.

In addition to the landscapes, there are breathtaking views of the entire **Lake Almanor Basin**, and, on a clear day, hikers can see Mount Shasta from Lassen Peak and Brokeoff Mountain.

The park itself is open 24 hours a day year-round.

The **Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center**, located at the park's southern entrance, is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. year-round with the exception of Christmas Day and Monday and Tuesday between Nov. 1 and March 31.

Visitors are welcome to stroll through the exhibit hall, view the spectacular park film and browse in the bookstore.

The concession cafe and gift shop are open daily in the summer and on certain weekends and holidays in the winter. The center receives its name from the **Mountain Maidu** name for **Lassen Peak**, which means "Snow Mountain."

The historic **Loomis Museum**, located at the northern entrance of the park, operates Memorial Day weekend through

## LVNP Special Events

### JUNE

RANGER PROGRAMS BEGIN

### JULY

DISCOVER LASSEN PARK  
HIKE-A-THON

### AUGUST

DISCOVER LASSEN PARK  
HIKE-A-THON  
LASSEN DARK SKY FESTIVAL

### SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC LANDS FREE DAY

*These events have traditionally taken place in the months listed above. Some could be subject to change or cancelation. For current information, call the visitor center at 530-595-4480 or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/lavo](http://www.nps.gov/lavo)*



Oct. 31. It too offers an auditorium, bookstore and exhibits.

During the winter, park rangers lead snowshoe walks that enable visitors to explore the beauty of the park year-round. Snowshoers and cross-country and backcountry skiers can also explore on their own from the **Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center** or the **Manzanita Lake area**.

There is a pass fee of \$30 per vehicle, \$25 per motorcycle (regardless of the number of passengers), and \$15 per visitor traveling by foot or bicycle or for individuals traveling together in a vehicle as a non-commercial, organized group to enter **Lassen Volcanic National Park**. This pass is valid for up to 7 days. Annual pass: \$55. The park road (which connects with Highway 89 north and south of the park) covers 30 miles and takes approximately an hour to drive. The best time to visit the park for car touring or hiking is July – September. The road may be closed from late October to mid-June due to snow, but there is parking and access to the area at both the north and south entrances. Check the park's website for fee-free days..

Campground fees are \$12 – \$26 and sites are available both by reservation and on a first-come, first-served basis. Group sites cost more, check the website for more information. To reserve, call (877) 444-6777 or visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Lodging options within the park include **Drakesbad Guest Ranch** in the **Warner Valley**, at the park's southeast end, and camping cabins at **Manzanita Lake** near the park's northeast entrance. Reserve at [www.lassenrecreation.com](http://www.lassenrecreation.com).

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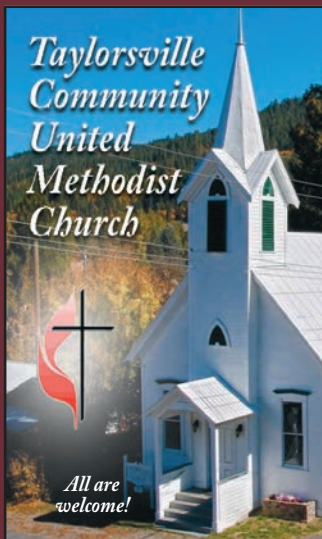
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










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QUINCY AREA LODGING																		
<b>ADA'S PLACE</b> • Boutique accommodations in downtown Quincy 562 Jackson St., Quincy • 530-283-1954		<b>47</b>		4	●	●					●		●			●		●
<b>GOLD PAN LODGE</b> • Next to the airport, continental breakfast 200 Crescent St., Quincy • 530-283-3686, 800-804-6541 • 3 smoking rooms		<b>41</b>		60	●	●	●		●		●		●		●	●	●	●
Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch • A family vacation experience 2116 Greenhorn Ranch Rd., Quincy • 530-283-0930, 800-33-HOWDY				28			●		●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●
Lariat Lodge • The quiet side of town 2370 E Main St., Quincy • 530-283-1000, 800-999-7199				20		●	●		●		●				●	●	●	●
<b>PINE HILL MOTEL</b> • The atmosphere you came to the mountains for! 42075 Hwy 70, & Golden Eagle Ave. • 530-283-1670		<b>43</b>		11	●	●	●				●		●			●		●
<b>QUINCY COURTYARD SUITES</b> • Luxury downtown suites 432 Main St., Quincy • 530-283-1401		<b>46</b>		4	●	●		●	●	●						●		●
<b>QUINCY FEATHER BED INN</b> 542 Jackson St, Quincy • 530-283-3000		<b>42</b>		7		●		●			●					●		●
<b>RANCHITO MOTEL</b> • Sleep by the babbling brook 2020 E Main St., Quincy • 530-283-2265		<b>42</b>		29	4	●	●				●		●			●	●	●
Spanish Creek Motel • Close to downtown 233 Crescent St., Quincy • 530-283-1200				29	1	●			●		●		●			●	●	●

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<b>BUCKS LAKE AREA LODGING</b>																		
Bucks Lake Lodge 1625 Bucks Lake Rd. • 530-283-2262				11	●		●				●	●	●			●	●	●
<b>BUCKS LAKE MARINA</b> 16469 Bucks Lake Rd. • 530-283-4243	<b>46</b>			8	●		●						●	●		●	●	
<b>BUCKS LAKESHORE RESORT</b> 16001 Bucks Lake Rd., Bucks Lake • 530-283-2848	<b>46</b>			8	●		●				●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Haskins Valley Inn Bucks Lake • 530-283-9667		<b>B&amp;B</b>		6				●			●		●			●		●
Timberline Inn Bucks Lake • 530-283-2262				12							●	●	●			●		●
<b>GRAEAGLE / BLAIRSDEN / CROMBERG AREA LODGING</b>																		
<b>CAMP LAYMAN</b> • Rustic cabins on the Feather River, "restored to original" 512 Camp Layman Rd. between Blairdsden and Cromberg • 530-836-1430	<b>57</b>			13	●		●						●				●	1
Chalet View Lodge • Relax. Rejuvenate. 72056 Highway 70, Graeagle • 530-832-5528, 800-510-8439				51	8	●	●	10		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Feather River Park Resort • Old-fashioned resort on the river 8461 Highway 89 • 530-836-2328				35	●		●	●		●			●		●		●	●
Graeagle Meadows Vacation Rentals & Sales • Adjacent to golf course 6934 Highway 89, Graeagle • 530-836-1100, 800-800-6282				60	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●
Graeagle Vacation Rentals • On and near golf course 26 Poplar Valley Rd., Graeagle • 530-836-2500, 800-836-0269				40	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
<b>LITTLE BEAR RV</b> • On the Feather River 102 Little Bear Rd., Blairdsden • 530-836-2774	<b>58</b>			10						●			●			●	●	●
<b>LODGE AND RESTAURANT AT WHITEHAWK RANCH</b> • Uniquely modern cabins 6 miles south of Graeagle on Highway 89 • 530-836-4985	<b>50</b>			14		●	●					●	●		●	●	●	●
<b>PLUMAS PINES VACATION HOMES AND RENTALS</b> • Golf getaways 307 Poplar Valley Rd., Graeagle • 530-836-0444	<b>96</b>			45	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Plumas Pines Vacation Rentals • On and near golf course 26 Poplar Valley Rd., Graeagle • 530-836-2500, 800-836-0269				40	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
River Pines Resort • Cottages, motel, restaurant, bar, pool and hot tub 8296 Hwy. 89, Graeagle • 530-836-2552, 800-696-2551				68	●	●	●		●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
<b>SIERRA DESTINATION REALTY</b> • Whitehawk Ranch vacation rentals Clio • 530-927-9566, 530-592-9606	<b>59</b>			3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●
<b>SIERRA SKY LODGE</b> • 58585 Highway 70, Cromberg • 530-836-2344	<b>57</b>			8	3	●	●	2					●		●	●		●
The Lodge at Nakoma • Hotel on A-15 between Clio & Portola 41 Village Trail, Portola • 530-897-2300 • (*\$125 non-refundable pet fee)				42			2*		●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Twenty Mile House • Groups of 10 or more only. Old Cromberg Rd., Cromberg • 530-836-0375				6	2		●	●			●		●		●	●		●

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<b>PORTOLA AREA LODGING</b>																			
Lake Davis Resort 7582 Buckbrush Dr. 96122, Portola • 530-832-1060				13															
<b>PULLMAN INN</b> • Old Town Portola 256 Commercial St., Portola • 530-832-0107		66	<b>B&amp;B</b>	6															
<b>SIERRA MOTEL</b> • On Highway 70 380 E Sierra St., Portola • 530-832-4223		66		27															
<b>SLEEPY PINES MOTEL</b> • Extensive Gift Shop 74631 Highway 70, Portola • 530-832-4291		66		10	2													1	
Wolf Tree Cabins • Multi-bedrooms & baths within the Grizzly Ranch Golf Club 4375 Grizzly Road, Portola • 530-832-9825				3															
<b>LAKES BASIN AREA LODGING</b>																			
<b>BASSETT'S STATION</b> • Gateway to Lakes Basin Area Highway 49 & Gold Lake Rd., Sierra City • 530-862-1297		58		3															
Elwell Lakes Lodge Gold Lake Rd. • 530-836-2347				10															
Gold Lake Beach Resort Gold Lake Rd. • 530-836-2491				12															
<b>GOLD LAKE LODGE</b> • Trailhead to the Lakes Basin Area Gold Lake Rd. • All meals included • 530-836-2350		56		12															
Gray Eagle Lodge • Trailhead to paradise Rate includes breakfast & four-course dinner • Gold Lake Rd. • 800-635-8778				22															
High Country Inn Highway 49 & Gold Lake Rd. at Bassett's, Sierra City • 530-862-1530			<b>B&amp;B</b>	4															
Packer Lake Lodge Packer Lake Rd., Sierra City • 530-862-1221				15	8													1	
Salmon Lake Lodge Gold Lake Rd., Sierra City • 530-852-0874				10															
<b>SARDINE LAKE RESORT</b> • At the base of the Sierra Buttes Gold Lake Rd., Sierra City • 530-862-1196		57		9															
<b>LA PORTE AREA LODGING</b>																			
La Porte Cabin Rentals • 1835 Pike Rd., La Porte 530-675-0850 • 916-300-6681				5			*												
Union Hotel • Group rental only 1915 Main Street, La Porte • 530-675-2860				22															

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Some are open year-round, but most, including those run by the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., and state and national parks are open seasonally and their dates of opening and closure vary. Pets are allowed at all campgrounds.

Generally, the campgrounds are open from April to October, with those at higher elevations opening in mid to late May.

## RESERVATIONS

You can reserve space at any of the privately-run parks by calling their individual numbers listed below.

Most of the **U.S. Forest Service and Lassen Volcanic National Park** nongroup campsites are on a first-come, first-served basis. However, reservations can be made (fee charged) at 877-444-6777, or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) at the following campgrounds: Almanor, Hallsted, Spanish Creek, Red Feather, Running Deer, Horse Camp, Lakes Basin, Chilcoot and all campgrounds located in the Lake Davis, Frenchman Lake and Antelope Lake recreation areas. At these campgrounds, concessionaires reserve roughly half the sites, while the other half remain first-come, first-served.

Most **PG&E** sites are first-come, first-served, however, several individual sites are now available for reservations. Group campsites are available only through advance reservations.

Reservations may also be made for campgrounds at **Plumas-Eureka State Park** (fee charged) at (800) 444-7275 or online at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Reservations are recommended during the peak season, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## AMENITIES AND FEES

For current **U.S. Forest Service** campground fees, contact [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or [OutdoorsinPlumas.com](http://OutdoorsinPlumas.com). Additional campground information can be found at [www.plumascounty.org](http://www.plumascounty.org).

Campgrounds identified as self-service require you to pack out your own garbage. Most national forest land is open to primitive camping, but campfire permits are required and cross-country vehicular travel is prohibited. Contact the nearest ranger station for more information and permits.

Go to [nps.gov/lavo](http://nps.gov/lavo) for fees for **Lassen Volcanic National Park**.

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<b>AR</b> = Almanor Ranger District.....530-258-2141																					
<b>LV</b> = Lassen Volcanic National Park For information: 530-595-4444, <a href="http://nps.gov/lavo">nps.gov/lavo</a>																					
CHESTER/CARIBOU WILDERNESS/LASSEN NATIONAL PARK AREA CAMPING																					
<b>Brookside RV Park</b> 286 Main St., Chester 530-258-7033			18	▲		▲	▲				▲						4				▲
<b>Cedar Lodge RV Park</b> Hwy. 36 and Hwy. 89, Chester 530-258-2904			15	▲			▲										▲				
<b>The Village at Childs Meadow</b> Hwy. 36, Mill Creek 530-595-3383			24	8	24		▲		▲	F	▲	▲	▲					▲	▲		▲
<b>Leisure RV Park</b> 124 Feather River Dr., Chester 800-589-1578, 258-2302			28		▲		▲	▲	▲	F	▲	▲	▲				▲			▲	▲
<b>Martin's RV Park</b> Martin Way & Hwy. 36, Chester 530-258-2407, 258-3000			14		▲		▲	▲	▲	F			▲				▲				▲
<b>Last Chance Creek</b> Off Hwy. 36, N of Chester (Includes Group)		<b>PG</b>	25	▲	▲					V	▲										
<b>Domingo Springs</b> Warner Valley Rd. to County Road 311, 8 mi. NW of Chester		<b>AR</b>	18	▲	▲					V	▲			▲							
<b>High Bridge</b> 5 mi. W of Chester off Warner Valley Rd. on N Fork Feather River		<b>AR</b>	12	▲						V				▲							
<b>Soldier Meadows</b> SW of Chester off County Road 308		<b>AR</b>	15	▲	▲					V				▲							
<b>Rocky Knoll/Silver Bowl Campground</b> E edge Caribou Wilderness at Silver Lake		<b>AR</b>	36	▲	▲					V	▲					▲					
<b>Warner Valley</b> 17 mi. NW of Chester - Inside Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park		<b>LV</b>	17	▲						V	▲			▲							▲
<b>Juniper Lake</b> 13 mi. N of Chester - Inside Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park, (corral)		<b>LV</b>	18	▲						V				▲							
<b>Juniper Lake Group</b> 38050 Hwy. 36E, Mineral		<b>LV</b>	2	▲						V				▲		▲					

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## LAKE ALMANOR AREA CAMPING

<b>Big Cove Resort &amp; Marina</b> 442 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor 530-596-3349		50	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	F				▲	▲	▲			▲		
<b>Big Springs Resort</b> 2655 Big Springs Rd., Lake Alm. 530-596-3390		16	8	▲	8	▲	▲	F											▲
<b>Lake Cove Resort &amp; Marina</b> 3584 Hwy. 147, Lake Almanor 530-284-7697		66	▲	▲	3	▲	▲	F	▲	▲	▲			▲			▲		▲
<b>Lake Haven Resort</b> 7329 Hwy. 147, Lake Almanor 530-596-3249		27		▲	8	▲	▲							▲					▲
<b>North Shore Campground</b> 2 mi. E of Chester on Hwy. 36, Lake Almanor 530-258-3376		131	▲	▲	5	▲	▲	F	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲			▲		▲
<b>Paul Bunyan Resort</b> 443 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor 530-596-4700		22	▲	▲		▲	▲	F	▲	▲						▲			▲
<b>Pine Cone Lodge RV Park</b> (long term) 414 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor 530-596-3348		24		▲		▲	▲		▲	▲				▲					▲
<b>Plumas Pines Resort</b> 3000 Almanor Dr. West, Canyon Dam 530-259-4343		63		▲	8	▲	▲	F	▲	▲			▲	▲		▲	▲		▲
<b>Vagabond Resort</b> 7371 Hwy. 147, Lake Almanor 530-596-3240		36		▲	1	▲	▲	F		▲				▲					
<b>Wilson's Camp Prattville Resort</b> 2932 Almanor Dr. West, Prattville 530-259-2267		28		▲	8	▲	▲	F		▲	▲			▲		▲	▲	▲	▲
<b>Camp Conery Group Camp</b> Canyon Dam, south side of Hwy. 89, just west of junction with Hwy. 147. Cabins (must reserve-50 people max). CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE.	<b>PG</b>	1	▲		5		▲	F	▲										▲
<b>Rocky Point Campground West Shore,</b> north of Canyon Dam, entrance on east side of Hwy. 89 530-284-1785	<b>PG</b>	131	▲	▲				V	▲		▲								▲
<b>Rocky Point North Group Campground</b> West shore 530-284-1785 (Group site, must reserve-6 people per site)	<b>PG</b>	5	▲	▲				V	▲		▲								
<b>Rocky Point South Group Campground</b> West shore 530-284-1785 (Group site, must reserve-6 people per site)	<b>PG</b>	19	▲	▲				V	▲		▲								
<b>Almanor West Shore Lake Almanor</b> Hwy. 89, 7 mi. S of Hwy. 36 (res. only)	<b>AR</b>	104	▲	▲				V	▲		▲			▲					
<b>Almanor Group Camp</b> Hwy. 89, 7 mi S of Hwy. 36 (Group site, must reserve - 100 people max)	<b>AR</b>	1	▲	▲				V	▲		▲			▲					
<b>Almanor Legacy</b> West shore Lake Almanor, Hwy. 89, 7 mi. S of Hwy. 36	<b>AR</b>	14	▲	▲		▲		V	▲		▲								

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## BUTT VALLEY RESERVOIR AREA CAMPING

<b>Cool Springs</b> East shore of Butt Valley Reservoir	<b>PG</b>	30	▲	▲				V	▲					▲					
<b>Ponderosa Flat</b> N end of Butt Valley Reservoir on east shore	<b>PG</b>	64	▲	▲				V	▲					▲					
<b>Ponderosa Flat Group Camp</b> N end of Butt Valley Reservoir on east shore	<b>PG</b>	18	▲	▲				V	▲					▲					

## FEATHER RIVER CANYON AREA CAMPING

<b>Belden Town Resort &amp; Lodge</b> Off Hwy. 70 530-283-9662		28	▲	▲	7	▲		▲	F						▲	▲	▲		
<b>Caribou Crossroads RV Park</b> Hwy 70, 2 mi N Belden 530-283-1384		18		▲	1	▲		▲	F	▲	▲				▲	▲	▲		
<b>Pine Aire Resort RV</b> Hwy. 70, Twain 530-283-1730		2		2	6	▲									▲				▲
<b>R &amp; R RV Park</b> 29186 Hwy. 70 at Woody's Hot Springs 925-783-2913		12	7	5	3	▲		V	▲										
<b>Twain RV Park</b> 130 Twain Store Rd off Hwy. 70 530-283-2130		9	▲	▲		▲		▲	F		▲	▲			▲	▲	▲		
<b>Gansner Bar</b> N Fork Feather River on Caribou Rd., off Hwy. 70	<b>MR</b>	17	▲	▲				F	▲		▲					▲	▲		
<b>Hallsted</b> N Fork Feather River, off Hwy. 70, W of Twain	<b>MR</b>	20	▲	▲				▲	F	▲	▲					▲	▲		
<b>North Fork</b> N Fork Feather River on Caribou Road, off Hwy. 70	<b>MR</b>	21	▲	▲				▲	F	▲	▲					▲	▲		
<b>Queen Lily</b> N Fork Feather River on Caribou Road, off Hwy. 70	<b>MR</b>	12	▲	▲				F	▲	▲	▲					▲	▲		

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**QUINCY AREA CAMPING**

<b>N. Calif. Facility Group Camp</b> 39285 Hwy 70, Quincy <b>530-283-0844</b>		13	3	2	8	▲		▲	F	▲	▲					▲			▲
<b>Pioneer RV Park</b> 1326 Pioneer Rd., Quincy <b>283-0769</b>		62				▲	▲	▲	F	▲	▲	▲			▲		▲		▲
<b>River Ranch RV Park</b> 42331 Hwy. 70, 1/2 mile N of Quincy near airport <b>530-283-1908</b>		31				▲		▲		▲					▲				
<b>Brady's Camp</b> 6 mi. E of Quincy, take Squirrel Creek Rd. 8 mi. towards Argentine Lookout	<b>MR</b>	6	▲					V				▲			▲				
<b>Deanes Valley</b> 6 mi. S of Meadow Valley	<b>MR</b>	7	▲	▲				V				▲			▲				
<b>Silver Lake</b> 16 mi. W of Quincy off Bucks Lake Rd.	<b>MR</b>	9	▲					V				▲		▲	▲				
<b>Meadow Camp</b> 10 mi. W of Quincy, take off 24N29 off Bucks Lake Rd.	<b>MR</b>	6	▲	▲				V				▲			▲				
<b>Snake Lake</b> 8 mi. NW of Quincy off Bucks Lake Rd. (8 Equestrian)	<b>MR</b>	17	▲	▲				V				▲			▲				
<b>Spanish Creek</b> 7 mi. W of Quincy off Hwy. 70 near Keddie	<b>MR</b>	24	▲	▲				V	▲										
<b>Spanish Creek Group</b> 7 mi. W of Quincy off Hwy. 70 in Keddie	<b>MR</b>	3	▲	▲				V	▲										

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**BUCKS LAKE AREA CAMPING**

<b>Bucks Lake Camp Bucks Lake Group</b> Camp up to 150		38	33	5				▲	F	▲									
<b>Bucks Lake Marina</b> Bucks Lake <b>530-283-4243</b>								V					▲	▲					
<b>Bucks Lakeshore Resort</b> Bucks Lake <b>530-283-2848</b>								F						▲		▲	▲	▲	
<b>Haskins Valley</b> S shore of Bucks Lake, on Bucks Lake Rd.	<b>PG</b>	65	▲	▲				▲	V	▲	▲			▲			▲	▲	
<b>Grizzly Creek</b> 2 mi. W of Bucks Lake on Oroville/Quincy Rd.	<b>MR</b>	11	▲	▲				V											
<b>Hutchins Group Camp</b> NE of lower Bucks Lake	<b>MR</b>	3	▲	▲				V	▲										
<b>Lower Bucks</b> Lower Bucks Lake Rd.	<b>MR</b>	7	▲	▲				V				▲							
<b>Mill Creek</b> Bucks Lake W shore, 2 mi. N of Bucks Lake Dam	<b>MR</b>	11	▲	▲				V	▲										
<b>Sandy Point - Day Use</b> 1.25 mi. N Bucks Lake Dam	<b>MR</b>							▲	F	▲				▲					
<b>Sundew</b> Bucks Lake W shore, 1 mi. N of Bucks Lake Dam	<b>MR</b>	22	▲	▲				V	▲										
<b>Whitehorse</b> 3 mi. E of Bucks Lake on Quincy/Bucks Rd. (3 Equestrian)	<b>MR</b>	20	▲	▲				V	▲										
<b>Lost Cove Boat Ramp - Day Use</b> La Porte Rd., Quincy														▲					
<b>Red Bridge Campground</b> 89 N. to Fruit Growers Blvd		5						V				▲							
<b>Rock Creek</b> 24 miles, via Bucks Lk Rd		6						V				▲							

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**LA PORTE/LITTLE GRASS VALLEY RESERVOIR AREA CAMPING**

<b>American House 4x4</b> Slate Creek, S of La Porte	<b>FR</b>	5	▲									▲							
<b>Black Rock</b> W end of Little Grass Valley Res.	<b>FR</b>	20	▲	▲				V	▲					▲					
<b>Cleghorn Bar</b> 4x4 13 mi. N of La Porte	<b>FR</b>	4	▲					V				▲							
<b>Horse Camp</b> S Fork of Feather River 1/8 mi. from Res. (Equestrian)	<b>FR</b>	10	▲	▲				V											
<b>Little Beaver, Red Feather, Running Deer</b> E end of Res.	<b>FR</b>	220	▲	▲				F/V	▲		▲			▲					
<b>Peninsula Tent, Tooms RV, Wyandotte</b> S end of Res.	<b>FR</b>	73	▲	▲				F/V	▲		▲			▲					
<b>Stag Point 4x4</b> Middle Fork Feather River	<b>FR</b>	5	▲					V				▲							

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**U.S. Forest Service** Reservations: 877-444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

**BR** = Beckworth Ranger District.....530-836-2575

Call Yuba Ranger District 530-288-3231 for Sierra County campgrounds Berger, Diablo, Packsaddle, Salmon Creek, Sardine and Snag Lake

DESIGNATION	# OF SITES (*hotel rooms)	TENTS OK / # OF SITES	RVs / # OF SITES	CAMPING CABIN	FULL HOOKUPS	TV / CABLE HOOKUPS	SHOWERS	TOILETS-Vault/Flush	PIPED WATER	LAUNDRY FACILITY	DUMP STATION	SELF SERVICE	BOAT RENTALS	BOAT RAMP	OPEN YEAR ROUND	RESTAURANT / BAR	STORE	PAY PHONE	INTERNET ACCESS	SEE AD PAGE #
<b>BLAIRSDEN/GRAEAGLE/CROMBERG/JOHNSVILLE AREA CAMPING</b>																				
<b>Camp Cromberg</b> Long Valley Cr. Rd. Cromberg 877-926-4199 <b>Group Site Only</b>	60	40	5	6			▲	F	▲	▲					▲			▲		
<b>Clio's River Edge RV Park</b> Hwy. 89 at Clio <b>530-836-2375</b>	200	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲	F		▲									▲	56
<b>Feather River RV Park &amp; Campground</b> 4 mi. E of Graeagle <b>530-836-2183</b>	99	▲	42	2	▲		▲	F		▲					▲		▲		▲	
<b>Golden Coach RV Park</b> Hwy. 70, Cromberg <b>530-836-2426</b>	52	▲	▲		▲	▲	▲	F		▲	▲				▲	▲	▲		▲	56
<b>Little Bear RV Park</b> Little Bear Rd., off Hwy. 70, Blairden <b>530-836-2774</b>	92	▲		10	▲	▲	▲	F		▲	▲						▲		▲	58
<b>Movin' West RV Park</b> County Rd. A-14, Graeagle <b>530-836-2614</b>	47	▲	▲	2	▲	▲	▲	F		▲	▲								▲	
<b>Pine Oak RV Park</b> Hwy. 70, Cromberg <b>530-836-2079</b>	25	5	20	1	▲		▲	F	▲	▲		▲							▲	
<b>Gold Lake Boat Ramp</b> Gold Lake Highway, Graeagle <b>530-836-2575</b>								V				▲		▲						
<b>Plumas-Eureka State Park</b> Johnsville, 5 mi. W of Graeagle on Road A-14 <b>530-836-2380</b>	<b>SP</b>	60	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲									
<b>Camp Lisa at Plumas-Eureka State Park</b> Group site, must reserve, 50 people max <b>800-444-7275</b>	<b>SP</b>	1	▲				▲	F												
<b>Sierra Springs RV Resort</b> E of Blairden Hwy. 70 <b>530-836-2747</b>		*9	2	3	2	▲	▲	▲	F		▲				▲		▲			

## LAKES BASIN AREA CAMPING

<b>Gold Lake Campground</b>	<b>BR</b>	37	▲	▲				V				▲		▲						
<b>Gold Lake 4x4 Camp</b> 10 mi S of Hwy. 49 off Gold Lake Rd.	<b>BR</b>	16	▲					V												
<b>Goose Lake Campground</b>	<b>BR</b>	10	▲					V				▲								
<b>Haven Lake Campground</b>	<b>BR</b>	4	▲					V				▲								
<b>Lakes Basin Campground</b> 4 accessible sites	<b>BR</b>	24	▲	▲				V	▲											
<b>Lakes Basin Group Campground</b> (25 people max)	<b>BR</b>	1	▲					V	▲											

## PORTOLA/LAKE DAVIS AREA CAMPING

<b>Crocker Springs RV Park</b> 2305 Grizzly Rd., Portola <b>530-249-3765</b>		20	▲		▲			▲							▲				▲	
<b>J &amp; J's Grizzly Store Campground &amp; Resort</b> <b>530-832-0270</b>		31	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲				▲	▲	▲			67
<b>Sierra Valley RV Park</b> Beckworth <b>530-832-1124</b> (with Community Garden)		43	▲		▲		▲	F	▲	▲	▲	▲			▲				▲	
<b>Sleepy Hollow Park</b> 3810 Grizzly Rd. <b>530-832-5914</b>		40	▲		▲										▲					
<b>Trails West Mobile Home Park</b> 73561 Hwy. 70, Portola <b>530-832-5074</b>		54	▲		▲		▲	F		▲					▲					
<b>Crocker</b> 6 mi. N of Beckworth	<b>BR</b>	10	▲	▲				V				▲			▲					
<b>Crocker Guard Station</b> east on Highway 70 for five miles to Beckworth, CA. Travel north on County Road 111 (Beckworth-Genesee Road) for six miles.	<b>BR</b>	1			▲			V												
<b>Grasshopper Flat</b> Lake Davis, 2 accessible sites (group site also)	<b>BR</b>	70	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲			▲				▲		
<b>Grizzly</b> Lake Davis, 2 accessible sites	<b>BR</b>	55	▲	▲				F	▲		▲			▲				▲		
<b>Lightning Tree</b> Lake Davis, 8 accessible sites (+40 overflow sites)	<b>BR</b>	40	▲	▲				V	▲		▲			▲	▲					
<b>Camp Five Boat Ramp</b> Lake Davis, accessible fishing	<b>BR</b>							V				▲		▲	▲					
<b>Mallard Cove Boat Ramp</b> Lake Davis	<b>BR</b>							V				▲		▲	▲					

## SIERRA VALLEY/FRENCHMAN LAKE AREA CAMPING

<b>J.D. Trailer Ranch</b> 92400 Hwy. 70, Vinton <b>530-428-5115</b>		15	▲		▲		▲	F	▲	▲					▲					
<b>Big Cove</b> 1 trail to Frenchman Lake, 11 accessible sites	<b>BR</b>	38	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲									
<b>Black Mountain Lookout</b> S of Milford, N of Hwy 70, E of 395	<b>BR</b>	1	▲		▲			V												
<b>Chilcoat</b> 4 mi. N of Chilcoat, 1 tent & 1 auto accessible site	<b>BR</b>	40	▲	▲				F	▲			▲								
<b>Conklin Park</b> 10 mi. S. of Milford off Hwy. 395	<b>BR</b>	9	▲	▲				V							▲					
<b>Cottonwood Springs</b> Frenchman Lake	<b>BR</b>	22	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲									
<b>Cottonwood Springs Group</b> 1 accessible site (50 people max)	<b>BR</b>	2	▲	▲			▲	F	▲		▲									
<b>Frenchman</b> Frenchman Lake, 2 accessible sites	<b>BR</b>	38	▲	▲				V	▲						▲	▲				
<b>Laufman</b> 3 mi. S of Milford off Hwy. 395	<b>BR</b>	6	▲	▲				V							▲	▲				
<b>Meadow View</b> 7 mi. W of Doyle off Hwy. 395, Horse Camp	<b>BR</b>	6	▲	▲				V												
<b>Spring Creek</b> Frenchman Lake 1 accessible site	<b>BR</b>	35	▲	▲				V	▲											
<b>Lunker Point Boat Ramp</b> Frenchman Lake	<b>BR</b>							V				▲		▲						

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