Sierra County Visitors Guide

Sierra County, CA

PO Box 436
Sierra City, CA 96125

Sierra County Sheriff’s Office, Downieville: 289-3700
Call 911 for all emergencies.

As remote and sparsely populated as Sierra County is, we have a great Volunteer base. Volunteer Fire Departments are located in Alleghany, Pike, Downieville, ... of the towns also have active Fire Auxiliaries which are constantly putting on functions to support the Fire Departments.

Fire departments have ongoing training for the firefighters, and the EMT’s have continuous training to keep current on their skills & certifications. Even part-time residents can join the fire department, stop by the local firehouse.

At the sound of the siren, fire personnel including EMT’s and First Responders show up, seemingly out of nowhere to take care of you.

So while vacationing or visiting the area, play safe, but if faced with an emergency, rest assured, help is right around the bend.

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ALL PLANS SHALL BE PUT ON HOLD…
Give yourself a break! Just follow along to wherever the day takes you. It’s a lost art, this moseying business, so today let’s put it on the top of your list, where you can ... Life happens in the little things, so follow that ant trail, skip that rock and reconnect with your better self. Enjoy!


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Due to the covid-19 pandemic, most, if not all events have been cancelled or postponed through June and July 2020. We advise you to contact the organization/event coordinator(s) by phone or email before planning to attend an event in Sierra County in 2020. You may also contact the Chamber by email: info@sierracountychamber.com or visit our website: www.sierracountychamber.com for any additional information. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this very difficult time for all of us.

JUNE 2020
June 2 - Cast & Go Bright Bridge Dedication, 7pm, Lions Park, Downieville. Postponed – new date to be determined. Email: downsfeet@brown.com or go to brown.com for more information.
June 5 - Millerton Golfers Museum Open, 6:30am School Street, Loyalton. Closed this year. Not to be opened by appointment. Contact Jackie Mitchell, 493-4012 or Loyalton City Hall. Cancelled at the request of the Museum Curator or the City of Loyalton to confirm the course opening date.
June 5 - Sierra Valley Event Center at Mushroom Park. Open all year round. Round 24, Loyalton.
June 23 - Memorial Day Weekend - Kentucky Mine Park. 8am-3pm $7 per car. Free Concert. 11am-4pm. 289-3010. This event has been cancelled.
June 26 – Movie Night at the Yuba Theatre. Step into the past and enjoy an old-time movie experience at the Historic Yuba Theatre. The program is delicious, no! 87 suggested donation. 7:30 pm. Downieville. Contact 289-6082 or www.serran countyarts.org. This event has been cancelled.
June 27 – More & The Kentucky Mine. The Good Rap. 7:30 pm 631-1520 for info. This event has been cancelled.
July 5 – Home Grown Talent. Open Mic. Come share your talent on the stage of the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7:30 pm. 289-6082 or www.serran countyarts.org. This event has been cancelled.
July 5 – Downieville 6th of July Parade & Fire Races. Noon. Watch it coming and going up and down Main Street. All parade entries welcome! Enter your kids, dogs, families, cars. It’s exciting for all ages! Be creative. The smallest town parade ever with the smallest “Downieville Parade Floats”! Enter the last race down Main Street. All ages welcome from one to one hundred. Pull up a cart and watch. Family fun in a traditional small town celebration style. Contact Mindy Sine 550-9571 or register form is found on facebook.com or sierracountyarts.org. This event has been cancelled.
July 6 – Loyalton 6th of July Parade. 9am. Main Street. Loyalton. Contact 935-4042 or 935-4570. This event has been cancelled.
July 6 – Rotary Club of Loyalton Auction @ BBQ. Immediately following 6th of July Parade. Park. Smithneck Road, Loyalton. Contact 935-4041 or 935-4570. This event has been cancelled.
July 6 – Downieville Independence Day Celebration BBQ and Street Dance. Freeman’s Freeze Board. Dinner hosted by the Downieville Fire Department Auxiliary at the Community Hall. In the evening, dance the night away on a family-friendly lawn provided by the DVDG 535-9570. This event has been cancelled.
July 6 – Community Market Bazaar Meet n Greet. 10am to 2pm. At the Chamber Kiosk located at the corner of Hwy 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com
July 11 – Kentucky Mine Concert Series. Co-sponsored by Sierra County Historical Society and Sierra County Arts Council. Mumbo Gumbo. Kentucky Mine Amphitheater. Sierra City. Contact 493-3003. This event has been cancelled.
July 12 – Loyalton 6th of July Fire Races. Noon-12:30 PM. Smithneck Road, Loyalton. 935-4041 or 935-4570. This event has been cancelled.
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July 17 – July 4th Fire Races. Parker Lake. Sign-ups start at 8am and event conclusions at Noon. Rolls, treks and mats has are provided. Prizes and raffles included. Contact Marilyn Tierney 288-3231. This event has been cancelled.
July 18 – Downieville Mountain Brewfest scheduled for July 18 has been cancelled due to COVID-19. In an effort to keep people connected and mental and physical. As an alternative, we are hosting a Virtual Mountain Brewfest that can be enjoyed in the comfort of your home. So, grab your favorite seat, back and sign up to watch in the Virtual Downieville Mountain Brewfest. This event is a free online event beginning at 1 pm. Representatives from our breweries are invited to be panelists to provide short updates on their brands and how their breweries are handling the current market and challenges. The brewfest Calendar will provide a short overview and history of Downieville along with an update on how this small mountain town is coping with this unique time. To register go to www.downievillebrewfest.com and follow instructions to access the Zoom webinar “Sunset brewfest Downieville.”
July 18 – 23rd to 25th – Creative Encounter Ministries Agape Ride around Sierra Valley. Contact 208-0167 or sierracountyarts.org. This event has been cancelled.
July 19 – Wine at the Woods. Sierra’s Garden, 205 Main St., Sierra City. 3pm-5pm. Taste a variety of premium wines accompanied by delicious food in a beautiful garden setting. $30. Benefits Sierra County Search and Rescue and Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department. Featuring music by Oso Blue. Contact 1-888-1801 for tickets and info. This event has been cancelled.
July 25 – Music at the Kentucky Mine. Sierra City. Red Dirt Ruckus. 7:30 pm. 862-1310. This event has been cancelled.
July 25 – 29 – Ag Downieville Classic Bike Race. Cross country and downhill race, music & street dance the night away at a family-fun street dance sponsored by Santa Cruz Bicycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-9pm. This event has been cancelled.
July 29 – 30 – July Night Event sponsored by Santa Cruz Bicycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-9pm. This event has been cancelled.
July 30 – Ag Downieville Classic Bike Race. Cross country and downhill race, music & street dance the night away at a family-fun street dance sponsored by Santa Cruz Bicycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-9pm. This event has been cancelled.
July 31 – August 2 – Downieville Classic Bike Race. Cross country and downhill race, music & street dance the night away at a family-fun street dance sponsored by Santa Cruz Bicycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-9pm. This event has been cancelled.
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AUGUST 2020
July 30 – Aug 2 - Downieville Classic Bike Race. Cross country and downhill race, music & street faire. Downieville. 289-3010. This event has been cancelled.

AUGUST 2 - Country Market Bazaar Meet & Greet. 10am to 2pm. At the Chamber Kiosk at the corner of Highway 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com

AUGUST 7 - Movie Night at the Yuba Theatre. Step into the past and enjoy an old-time movie experience at the Historic Yuba Theatre. The popcorn is delicious, too! $7 suggested donation. Downieville. 7:30 pm. Contact 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org. This event has been cancelled.

AUGUST 8 – Music at the Yuba Theatre. TBA Downieville. 7:30 pm. Contact 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org. This event has been cancelled.

AUGUST 12-16 - Plumas Sierra County Fair. Theme “Young at Heart.” Come visit us at the Chamber booth. Fun & games! A good old-fashioned country fair. Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds. Quincy. 283-6272

AUGUST 15 – Music at the Kentucky Mine. Sierra City. One Grass Two Grass. 7:30 pm. 862-1310. This event has been cancelled.


AUGUST 29 – Native Daughter’s Ice Cream Social. Noon. Native Daughter’s Hall. 320 Commercial Street, Downieville. Annual fund raising event raising delicious homemade cookies and a competition for the best homemade ice cream. Raffle. For entry and event information, contact Karen Galan, 289-3595 or Earlene Folsom 289-3353. Come taste and vote for your favorite delectable frozen treat!

AUGUST 31 – 4th Annual Yuba River Rib Cook-Off And Street Dance. Main Street, Downieville. Come taste the variety! Cash prizes! Jenny Varn 530-913-7902 or email jenva72@hotmail.com to sign up to enter and for more info

SEPTEMBER 2020
September 4 – Movie Night at the Yuba Theatre. Step into the past and enjoy an old-time movie experience at the Historic Yuba Theatre. The popcorn is delicious, too! $7 suggested donation. Downieville. 7:30pm. Contact 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org. This event has been cancelled.

September 6 - Home Grown Talent. Open Mic. Come share your talent on the stage of the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7:30 pm. 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org for info. This event has been cancelled.

September 6 – Music at the Kentucky Mine. Sierra City. The Sweet Lillies. 2pm. 862-1310 for info. This event has been cancelled.

September 6 – Country Market Bazaar Meet & Greet. 9am to 2pm. At the Chamber Kiosk located at the corner of Highway 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com for info.

September 11 & 12 - Sierra City Big City Rod Run & Car Party. 100+ hot rods, muscle & vintage cars. Live music, raffle, poker walk & over 40 unique awards from local businesses. Sierra City. 862-1170

September 12 – Annual Calpine Marketplace. 10am to 4pm. Calpine Community Park, 131 County Road, Calpine. Professional vendors, classic car & truck show, BBQ, all day raffle, bake sale, kids’ corner with prizes, dunk tank & live music. 530-616-0630 for info

September 13 - Sierra County Historical Society Annual Meeting & Picnic. Location to be determined. 1pm Public welcome to attend. 862-1310 for info

September 29 - Sierra Valley Art and Ag Trail. A free self-guided tour of market farms and working ranches (many featuring 100+ year old dairy barns) and other historic buildings where local artists and their works of every color - wood, paint, glass, ceramic, metal, fiber and more - are hosted for the day. Start the day at one of three “Trailhead” information centers located near entry points to Sierra Valley. Be sure to purchase a keepsake event passport to join in the fun of collecting stamps from sites and artists along the Trail. Contact www.SierraValleyArtGArtTrail.org

OCTOBER 2020
October 3 - Swing for the Schools Golf Tourney. Plumas Pines Golf Resort. Contact www.SierraSchoolsFoundation.org

October 10 - Oktoberfest. Street crafts fair, live music, brats & sauerkraut along with fresh squeezed apple cider. 10am-6pm. Downtown Sierra City. 289-3417

October 16 & 17 - Sierra Turnpike Players Performance. A melodrama featuring local talent. Fun for everyone! Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7:00 pm. 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org

October 18 - Forest City Annual Applefest and General Meeting. 9:11 am meeting. 11am-5pm cider pressing, stamp mill demos, (ECV), apple dessert contest, raffle, potluck, local musicians, t-shirts and note cards for sale. Call Cheryl Durrett at 287-3133

October 25 - Harvest Market Pumpkin Carving Meet & Greet. 9am to 2pm. At the Chamber Kiosk located at the corner of Highway 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com

October 30 - Downieville School Halloween Carnival. Downieville. 289-3473

October 31 – Buckstar. The Old School Gymnasium. Alleghany. Contact www.undergroundgold.com or info@undergroundgold.com for further information.

NOVEMBER 2020
November 7 - E.C.V. Candle Light Doins. Grandiose evening initiation for gentlemen over 50. Main Street, Downieville. www.downie1849.com

November 11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony. Gathering at Noon with lunch afterwards. Bell Tower. Downieville

November 14 - Jolly Holiday Bazaar. 9am-3pm. Sierra City Community Hall. 862-1580

November 26 - Miss Jody's Thanksgiving Dinner. A holiday dining event at the Downieville Community Hall for all locals, visitors and families. Sponsored by the Downieville Lions Club, the United Methodist and the Assembly of God Churches. All donations and contributions benefit the Western Sierra Food Bank. Dinner served from 1pm-4pm. Donations of turkeys, hams, desserts and money are needed and can be given or ordered at the Downieville Grocery Store and the Sierra City Country Store. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and all the trimmings and serve on Thanksgiving Day. Contact Liz Fisher 289-3632 or Ann Hutchinson 862-1052

November 26 - Full free thanksgiving dinner. Loyalton Senior Center. 3pm. 993-4770

November 26 - Turkey Trot. Loyalton City Park. 1 or 2 mile fun run/walk. 9am. Contact Amy Filippini, 993-4182

DECEMBER 2020
December 5 - Holiday on Main Street Craft Show. Come celebrate holiday magic in Downieville. 10am-4pm. Take a free ride with Santa Claus in a historic fire engine. Free stockings for the little ones. Listen to Christmas music as you shop the vendors in the warmth of the Downieville Community Hall. Enjoy good food, unique shops and the enchanting historic Main Street decorated with holiday lights. Sponsored by the Downieville Fire Auxiliary. Contact Mindy Strine 350-955-5710 for more info

December 5 – Pet Parade for Animal Relief Fund. Noon. Downieville Firehouse

December 5 - Downieville School Holiday Show & Baked Goods Auction. 5pm. Yuba Theater. Downieville. 289-3473

December 5 - Loyalton's Christmas Crafts Fair. Assembly of God Church Hall. Loyalton. Two floors of fantastic shopping. 10am-4pm

December 5 - Loyalton Senior Center Soup Kitchen. 301 First St. Serving from 5pm-8pm. 993-4770


December 5 - Spaghetti Dinner. Golden West Dining, Loyalton. Bring a new or gently used toy for free dinner

December 19 – Sierra City Children's Christmas Potluck & Party. Sierra City Community Hall. 6pm. 862-1347

JANUARY 2021
January 16 - Crab Feed. Sponsored by the Sierra City Fire Auxiliary. Community Hall. Sierra City. 862-1580

FEBRUARY 2021
February 13 - Cabin Fever Spaghetti Feed. Downieville Community Hall. Downieville.

February 13 - Home Grown Talent. Come share your talent on the stage of the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7:30 pm. 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org

MARCH 2021
March 6 - Chili Cook-Off. Top of the Yuba Pass. 289-3262

March 12 & 13 - Cowboy Poetry & Music. Sierra Valley Grange Hall. Vinton. Friday Show at 7:30pm. Friday Dinner - Corn Beef & Cabbage. Saturday Matinee 2pm. Saturday Evening Show 7:30pm. Saturday Dinner Roast Beef. Contact vintoncbpoetry@yahoo.com or www.sierravalleygrange.org for tickets and info

March 13 – Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner. 6pm. Sierra City Community Hall. 862-1580

APRIL 2021
April 2, 3 & 4 - Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Enjoy thrilling mountain adventure and world culture from across the globe in the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 289-9822 or www.sierracountyarts council.org

April 24 - Native Daughter’s Mad Hatter Tea Party. Native Daughter’s Hall, Downieville. Fundraiser benefits the preservation of the historic and treasured 1864 building in Downieville. $10 donation to enjoy cakes, cookies, sandwiches, teas and other delicacies prepared by the sisters of Naomi Parlor #36. Drawing for wonderful prizes. Unique hats are optional but encouraged! Contact 289-3393

MAY 2021
May 1 - Springtime Ladies Champagne Luncheon Celebrate Mother’s Day. Sierra City Community Hall. 862-1580

May 8 – Cancer Awareness Walk. Registration at 8:30am. Walks begin at 9am at Downieville School Gym. Lunch, raffle and educational information included. Contact Downieville School 289-3473

May 15 – Downieville Clean Up Day. Gold Rush Park. 8am-Noon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sierra County is located in the heart of the northern section of the Sierra Nevada. It remains today much as it was 150 years ago when the gold-seeking argonauts worked the rivers and mountains in search of their fortune in gold. The rivers run free and the forests and meadows wrap their beauty around mountains that defy contemporary development. It’s beautiful in all seasons.

Sierra County provides recreation year-round, and the scenery that sparkles with each new season. For all its wilderness and pristine beauty, Sierra County is easily accessible throughout the year. All major highways in the county are maintained and plowed during snowfall.

Fishing, hiking and camping are available for all levels of interest and ability. Much of Sierra County is located within the Tahoe National Forest and residents and visitors alike benefit from the campgrounds, picnic areas, incredible nature experiences, and historic sites.

Bring your camera! Each season has its own character of beauty that can be captured in photographs. Spring melts the tapestry of a winter blanket, then gracefully captures the fields and rock crevices with a rainbow of color. Golds, reds, and yellows of fall adorn the alpine forests, river canyons, valleys, and mountain peaks. These beautiful mountain highways wander through some of the finest winter recreation sites in California.

Here shopping and dining is enjoyed in historic setting. Amenities range from campgrounds to lodging in comfortable historic buildings with modern conveniences, all surrounded by the rugged beauty of mountain forests, lakes, and rivers.

Sierra County is rich with beauty, natural resources and friendly people, but it has even more to offer. The Washoe and Maidu Indians, early gold miners, loggers, and ranchers left us with a priceless possession—a window to the past. Historic buildings provide a rare and unique look into American history as it spans time and into the present. When you visit, be prepared to take a step back, feel the adventure, sense the struggle, and experience the excitement of gold fever. Imagine the human spirit as it worked its way through this rugged country by foot or on horseback. You can almost hear the sound of creaking wheels and braying mules. Stop, listen, look.

No gasoline is available in Downieville or Sierra City. Gasoline is available along Highway 49 in Camptonville during business hours. Gasoline is available at Bassett Station (5 miles from Sierra City) during regular business hours. Over the Yuba Pass on Highway 49, gasoline is available 24/7 at Sierraville Service Station & Country Store, 126 Lincoln St./Highway 49 in Sierraville and at White’s Sierra Station, 508 Main St./Highway 49, Loyalton.

DO NOT RELY ON GPS or online map directions when traveling in Sierra County. Refer to the map in the center of this publication.
49 Things to do
along Hwy 49 in Sierra County

Sierra County is full of surprises, delights and fun adventures... Keep an eye out for the number in a circle, sprinkled throughout this Visitors Guide, for tips, ideas, and suggestions for things to do or see. Remember these are only 49 wonderful things to do in Sierra County. To see more adventures, visit www.sierracountychamber.com or eastsierravalleychamber.com.

The rugged Sierra Nevada is paramount in the mountains and canyons of Sierra County. The rivers, lakes, and forests combined provide recreational opportunities and scenic beauty all year long. To help you explore all that Sierra County has to offer, we have divided this visitors guide into sections representing five distinct regions or areas:

The Pliocene Ridge runs west-east along the southern end of the county, straddling a ridge where Henness Pass Road runs at an elevation around 5,000 ft.

The River Canyon is the western middle part of the county, the area from where Highway 49 crosses the North Yuba River and starts running parallel to the river past Goodyears Bar and through Downieville all at around 2,000–3,000 ft.

As the highway climbs in elevation up the North Yuba River Canyon, you come into the Sierra Buttes area, where Loganville and Sierra City sit at the foot of the Buttes at about 4,200 ft. The Buttes themselves are almost 8,600 ft.

At Bassetts, Highway 49 meets the Gold Lake Highway which meanders around the north-east side of the Sierra Buttes, taking visitors to the Lakes Basin recreation area, where over 45 alpine lakes provide year-round recreation and scenic beauty.

If you continue on Hwy 49 over the Yuba Pass, at 6,702 ft., you drop into the majestic Sierra Valley. Situated at approximately 5,000 ft. this is one of the largest sub-alpine valleys in the U.S., famous for its history of ranching and amazing wetlands—a stop over for thousands of migratory birds each season.

Welcome to the best kept secret of the Sierra Nevada.

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#9   RAISE YOUR GLASS...
and toast the many hearty souls that came before us. As you enter one of the old Gold Rush-Era saloons that found their home along Hwy 49, you will step back to a time of “free for all” feverish migration, where the merchants were the ones who made their fortune.

#31   RED, WHITE & BLUE...
From parades to street dances and carnivals to dunk tanks, we are sure you’ll find a fun way to celebrate your Fourth of July weekend. Be sure to check our event calendar for locations and activities.

#48   HIKE TO A WATERFALL...
There are many waterfalls to be found throughout the county, but one in particular is an especially easy hike: Loves Falls, just east of Sierra City. As you head out of town going east, watch for a brown Pacific Crest Trail sign on your right. A bit further and you will see a large area to pull over and park on the right-hand side. To your right you will see two large trees with a chain running between them. Beyond the chain you will find a trail to the left, follow it along the ridge down to the bridge. The bridge over the falls are a part of the Pacific Crest Trail. The pool below the falls is a great swimming hole later in the summer.

MORE INFO: worldwaterfalldatabase.com

#26   TAKE A STROLL...
Through one of Sierra County’s historic towns that you’ll find along Historic Route Hwy 49. The best way to experience California’s Gold Rush history is to explore our wonderful towns and rural areas. Also look on the map for old ghost towns, though beware, many are accessible only with a 4WD vehicle and reading a paper map. GPS doesn’t work well around here; neither do cellphones.

#25   KEEP CALM AND PEDAL ON...
The Tour De Manure will be held on June 20, 2020. Tour de Manure is CANCELLED for 2020. Plans are in process for the event to be held on June 19, 2021. www.active.com.

MORE INFO: 916-320-5711 or: tourdemanure.org

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Sierra County is divided by the Pacific crest at the midpoint, with the western side of the county made up of steep canyons and forested ridges. The county was home to both Maidu and Washoe Indians, but its modern history is tied to the California gold rush. The discovery of gold, and subsequent gold rush, resulted in some 16,000 miners settling within the county between 1848 and 1860.

Dozens of communities with colorful names such as Brandy City, Poker Flat, Poverty Hill and Whiskey Diggins, were settled and, thrived for a period. The population increased rapidly, and the county doubled in people in just 10 years. As the gold rush waned, Sierra County’s population slowly diminished to its present number of a little over 3,000.

The most visible relic of the history of those years is the Sheriff’s Gallows from 1885 that remain standing adjacent to the County courthouse today. Built for the specific execution of a young murderer, James O’Neill, the structure was used only once.

The eastern side of the Pacific crest also has deep canyons and timberland, and, in addition, opens out to the great Sierra Valley, one of the largest sub-alpine valleys in the Sierra Nevada range.

During the gold rush, communities on the eastern side of the county developed to provide commodities to the growing gold camps, with agriculture as their base. A number of century-old ranches still continue the tradition of cattle ranching in the Sierra Valley.

Loyalton, the county’s only incorporated city, today has about a thousand residents.
SIERRA COUNTY CHURCHES

DOWNIEVILLE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
114 Main Street, Suite 1
289-3125
Meets at Downieville School Gym
Sunday, 10am Services
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
110 Sunnyside Drive
289-3102
Sunday, 11:30 am Services
DOWNIEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
343 Commercial Street
289-3140
Sunday, 10:30 am Services

SIERRA CITY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
See Listing for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for information
SIERRA CITY METHODIST CHURCH
115 Butte Street
289-3140
Sunday, 9am Services

LOYALTON
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
803 Main Street
993-0709 for information and service times
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
61600 Highway 49
993-4366 for information and service times
HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
614-4th Street
832-5006
Sunday, 10:30 am Services
LOYALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
601 Lewis Street
993-4411
Sunday, 10:30 am Services

SIERRAVILLE
SIERRAVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
424 S. Lincoln Street
994-3708 for information and service times

SIERRA COUNTY VISITOR CENTERS

DOWNIEVILLE
GOLD RUSH PARK
Contact email: info@sierracountychamber.com or website: sierracountychamber.com for further information
SIERRA CITY
BUTTE STREET - OFF OF HIGHWAY 49 MAIN STREET
Contact email: info@sierracountychamber.com or website: sierracountychamber.com for further information

LOYALTON
CHAMBER KIOSK IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 49 AND 2ND STREET
Contact email: info@eastsierravalleychamber.com or website: eastsierravalleychamber.com for further information
SIERRAVILLE
KIOSK IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HWYS 49 AND 89
Contact email: info@eastsierravalleychamber.com or website: eastsierravalleychamber.com for further information
At the vista point overlooking the town of Downieville sits a cannon which was purchased by Dr. E. G. Bryant in San Francisco, and brought to Downieville on July 1, 1862. It weighs twelve hundred pounds, fires a twelve pound ball and was used for celebrations, special events, and Independence Day, to add a bit of excitement to the day. It once proved to be deadly, due to a premature discharge. Today it sits as a silent sentry at the entrance of Downieville.

The Middle Yuba River forms the southwestern border of Sierra County. This remote stretch of river winds through several box canyons and is rich in mining history. The Pliocene Ridge Road off Highway 49 near Camptonville takes you up the Pliocene Ridge above this river, where the towns of Pike, Alleghany and Forest City are nestled in the forest along the crest.

HISTORY
The Maidu and Washoe Indians are the first known residents of the Sierra Nevada. Their permanent homes were in the foothills where the snow wasn’t too deep during the winter. But, in the spring they moved up high into the Sierra to gather roots and berries, hunt and fish throughout the summer. As the Europeans began exploring the area and discovered gold, emigration from around the world brought a new cultural era to the region. Mining camps and towns sprang up in Sierra County with each gold discovery. Many of these towns have since disappeared and been reclaimed by the forest, but some still exist today. On the Pliocene Ridge, Alleghany and Forest City remain as windows to our past.

Alleghany developed into a town from the consolidation of several mining locations of the early 1850s. There were hydraulic mining operations here as well as drift tunnels that cut into the mountain ancient river beds. The still-working Original Sixteen to One gold mine is located in Alleghany.

Forest City was established in 1852 and within two years had a population of over 1,000. The exceedingly rich and easily accessible claims continued to pay until the 1860s when much of the gold was worked out of the gravel deposits. Like most early settlements, fires ravaged the town during its early years, but there are still many historic buildings and sites to see and explore.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS
The Underground Gold Miners Museum in Alleghany is only open by appointment or during special events. Bring your group or club to the museum for a unique local history presentation including information on the local mines and geology. You also find the famous Original Sixteen to One Mine, which has been in operation for over 100 years, in Alleghany. During the annual gold celebration they do guided tours of the mine, as well as historical walks of Alleghany.

The tiny town of Forest City is its own open air museum. Most buildings date from the 1800s. Old buildings are being renovated on an ongoing basis. Tours of the museum can be arranged. There is a self-guided walking tour brochure available that detail the town history and sites. Pick up your copy at the mail box in front of the Forest City Dance Hall.

HOW ABOUT SOME APPLE PIE...
The Annual Apple Harvest Celebration will be held October 18th, at the Forest City Dance Hall. Featuring our regionally famous apple dessert contest in 3 categories, with live music, stamp mill firing, and BBQ lunch available for purchase. There will also be historic tours of the National Register Townsite and Museum.

IF YOU’RE FEELING LUCKY...
How about a real world outdoor treasure hunt game using GPS-enabled devices. You navigate to a given set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. Happy hunting!

MORE INFO: www.geocaching.com
The River Canyon is the area where Hwy 49 parallels the North Yuba River from the bridge just west of Indian Valley, past Goodyears Bar and into Downieville. The canyon walls and forested hillsides provide a dramatic backdrop to the river and its many seasonal waterfalls. As the river and road wind together through the canyon, recreationists have easy access to swimming, fishing, and camping.

Winter in the River Canyon is mild with just a light snow cover. Summers are warm but not overbearingly hot, and the river is right there in case you need a dip!

At Indian Valley you will find an Outpost Resort surrounded by 5 campgrounds on the North Fork of the Yuba River. The Outpost has been servicing campers and travelers since the 1930s.

**HISTORY**

The Maidu and Washoe Indians are the first known residents of the Sierra Nevada. In the summers, they came here to hunt and fish. During the fall and winter, they returned to the foothills and valley below. When gold was discovered, emigration from around the world brought a new era to the region. Mining camps and towns sprang up in Sierra County with each gold discovery. Some towns are memories, but many still exist today as windows to our past.

Downieville, county seat of Sierra County, is located on Hwy 49 at the fork of the North Yuba and Downie Rivers. Gold was discovered here in the summer of 1849. By May 1850, Downieville had 15 hotels and gambling houses, 4 bakeries, and 4 butcher shops. 5,000 men wintered in town that year. In the following spring, that population scattered into the surrounding hills and canyons in search of gold. As the population of the area grew, Downieville served as a trading center for the Northern Mines. By the mid-1850s, Downieville was California’s fifth-largest town. In 1852, Downieville lost the bid to be the State Capitol to Sacramento by 10 votes. Today, it retains much of its former character.

Goodyears Bar was named for two brothers, Miles and Andrew, who came looking for gold in 1849. In 1862, there were almost 5,000 people and 51 businesses in town, with gold being the main economy. Much of the town burned in 1864 and was never rebuilt, except for the post office which is still in operation. Historic buildings remaining include the Helm’s St. Charles Inn and the old Goodyear’s Bar Schoolhouse. Built around 1872, it is still used as a community gathering place. It’s now a museum, open to the public, featuring a few different exhibits.

**CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS**

The Downieville Museum building dates back to 1832 when it was built as a store by Chinese emigrants. Today it contains informative collections that depict life here from gold rush days to the present. It features a detailed model of turn-of-the-century Downieville as well as logging and mining exhibits. It’s open weekends mid-May through mid-October (weather permitting) 11 am–4 pm, daily 11–4 from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Yuba Theatre was built in 1940 as a movie theater. Since 1996, it has been the home of the Sierra County Arts Council. It currently has fixed seats for 184 and has been transformed into a professional performing arts venue. Year-round events include presentations of live music, community theater, dance, school drama productions, book-signings, slide shows, and film. The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour comes to Downieville.

Main Street in Downieville is narrow, full of character and lined with trees, wooden boardwalks, historic buildings, and benches for a little rest. It’s considered the least changed of all the gold rush towns in California. There is a self-guided walking tour brochure available for Downieville that details the town’s history and sites.

**AND THE SHOW MUST GO ON...**

The Historic Yuba Theatre was built in 1940 and is located at 212 Main Street in Downieville.

This wonderful & unique theater is home to many community events including movies, film festivals, musical presentations, dance classes, school drama and community theater productions and more.

**SIERRA COUNTY SHERIFF’S GALLOWS...**

Located at Gallows Road & Courthouse Square, it was built in 1885, and is the only authentic, standing gallows in California. The gallows were designed to be portable. After its one and only use, the last execution in Sierra County, it was dismantled and stored in the attic of the courthouse, eventually forgotten. Discovered by county employees in 1927, it was reassembled adjacent the courthouse and is a California historical landmark.

**ANNUAL YUBA RIVER RIB COOK-OFF...**

Come taste the variety! Cash Prizes! Sign up to enter at jenva72@hotmail.com. Main Street, Downieville.

**MORE INFO:** jenva72@hotmail.com

**MORE INFO:** http://noehill.com/sierra/nat1990000118.asp
HIGHWAY 49 parallels the North Yuba River all the way from the River Canyon area, past Loganville and into Sierra City. This scenic drive provides travelers and recreationists easy access to sight-seeing, fishing, camping and swimming.

This stretch of road provides a kaleidoscope of terrain and plant communities. The craggy peaks of the Sierra Buttes are a spectacular site any season, whether in the winter and spring when adorned with a tapestry of snow, the fall when the trees glow in autumn colors, or the summer when flowers abound and the water is a perfect temperature for swimming and play.

HISTORY
Development of communities and recreation in Sierra County was the direct result of the discovery and search for gold in California. As the roads improved, travelers began to stop and enjoy the beauty and wildlife.

Sierra City was established as a mining town in 1850. By 1852, miners were retrieving gold from several tunnels in the nearby Sierra Buttes. At this time, Sierra City had two large buildings, a bakery shop and several gambling houses and saloons. The buildings were crushed under an avalanche of snow in the winter of 1853, forcing the inhabitants to rebuild at the present lower elevation. The Sierra Buttes Mine was active for 80 years and was the second largest gold producer in Sierra County. A continuous body of medium grade ore was processed efficiently, assuring steady employment.

Loganville campground is situated east of the former town of Loganville. In 1889, Luigi Lagomarsino planted an orchard, a clover field, and a garden here. This is an example of a typical homestead of that time. Many of the original miners in Loganville and Sierra City were immigrants from Italy, France, and the British Isles.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS
The Kentucky Mine, Stampmill, and Museum is located just east of Sierra City on Hwy 49. The museum offers guided tours into the underground mine and also into California’s only remaining workable gold ore stamp mill. The museum depicts the gold rush era of Sierra County, life in a mining camp, and the local American Indian culture.

Main Street in Sierra City is charmingly narrow and lined with many late 19th century structures, complete with wooden boardwalks. A free walking tour map is available at most Sierra City businesses.

The Masonic Hall, built in 1864, is the oldest building in town and was also the first schoolhouse in town. Sierra City provides dramatic views of the Sierra Buttes. The Wells Fargo building in Sierra City typifies 1870s Federalist Style architecture. This two-story brick structure was historically used as a mercantile store and Wells Fargo Express and Company stage coach stop in the 1870s.

COUNTY MARKET BAZAAR
MEET & GREET
July 5 - August 2 - September 6 - October 25
At the Chamber Kiosk located at the corner of Highway 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. 10am to 2pm. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com

‘EINS, ZWEI, DREI, ZUPPA’...
What’s more fun than Oktoberfest? One in a small Alpine town! Willkommen to Sierra City’s annual festival celebrating Oktoberfest. Here you will find live music, beer, kraut and brats, provided by the Downieville Lions, and vendors lining Main Street for this fun, family event. Join us Saturday, October 10, 2020, starting at 10:00 AM. Lederhosen are optional.

A CELEBRATION OF HOT RODS & LOST YOUTH...
Find yours at The Big City Rod Run, held on Sierra City’s Main Street. Over 100 beautiful cars gather in this cool mountain town for a fun and unique event. They call it a car party and that about sums it up.

MUSIC AT THE MINE...
Music at the Kentucky Mine Ampitheater, under the stars, provides an outstanding way to enjoy an evening of entertainment.

More Info: highwaymennorcal.com jim@buttesresort.com

More Info: sierracountyhistory.org
The Lakes Basin Recreation Area is to the north of the Sierra Buttes, along Gold Lake Road. Bassett's Station is considered the gateway into this outdoor wonderland. Numerous glacially formed lakes add to the unique beauty of the landscape and offer recreation in its most pristine form. Upper and Lower Sardine Lakes, Packer Lake, Salmon Lake and Gold Lake are just a few.

The craggy peaks of the Sierra Buttes are a spectacular site, especially in the winter and spring when adorned with a frosting of snow. There are several excellent views of the Sierra Buttes from Gold Lake Road and along Hwy 49. During the winter, cross-country skiers and snowmobilers have a unique opportunity to explore a winter wonderland made more beautiful by the rugged mountainous backdrop.

Yuba Pass, while not in the Lakes Basin proper, also has camping and recreational trails off Hwy 49 on the way into the Sierra Valley.

**HISTORY**

Development of communities and recreation in Sierra County was the direct result of the discovery and search for gold in California. As the roads improved, travelers began to stop and enjoy the beauty and wildlife. Californians in the late 1800s were very interested in primitive environments for recreation and relaxation. Wilderness camping and mountain climbing were important aspects of this movement with a special appeal to city people as a temporary relief from the frantic pace of urban life. A form of medical treatment known as the “wilderness cure” enjoyed considerable popularity in California during the late nineteenth century and brought many recreationists to Sierra County. By the late 1920s, the Lakes Basin area boasted a number of popular resorts with fishing, swimming, boating, and lodging available.

Shortly after the mid 1850s, a lodge was built at Gold Lake. Packer Lake was on an early mule-pack trail and in 1926 a lodge was built, along with platform tents and log cabins. Gold Lake Road was constructed in 1913 providing easier access to the lakes and resorts. Bassett's Station, at Hwy 49 and Gold Lake Road, began as a way station over 125 years ago. It continues to provide a rest stop and supply point for travelers. Sardine Lake Resort was constructed in 1941 and multiple guest cabins were added in 1945.
**SIERRA VALLEY**

**CALPINE • SATTLEY • SIERRAVILLE • LOYALTON**

**#17 RELAX AND LET IT GO…**
Visit the Sierra Hot Springs Resort and Retreat Center, in Sierraville. The resort offers a retreat and workshop center located at the cusp of a beautiful alpine valley and an enchanted forest. The natural springs water is smooth as silk and the pools are a true experience. Here it is impossible to resist the sense of tranquility. For centuries, Native Americans have regarded this land as a sacred healing place. You’re now invited to discover its incredible powers for yourself.

MORE INFO:  www.sierrahotsprings.org

**#17 TOUR DE MANURE…**
The Tour De Manure will be held on June 20, 2020. Pedal through the beautiful Sierra Valley on this bike tour benefiting the Sierraville Fire and Rescue Dept. Metric, half century loops or a 30-mile round trip route give sweeping views with only mild elevation gains. Tour De Manure is CANCELLED for 2020. Plans are in process for the event to be held on June 19, 2021.

www.tourdemanure.org

MORE INFO:  530-320-5711

**#20 A ROOM WITH A VIEW…**
The Calpine Lookout Tower was constructed in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and is one of three remaining examples of the enclosed windmill-style lookout in California. Imagine spending the night in this unique setting of the Tahoe National Forest! The views are stunning, and the hike there is really nice one.

MORE INFO:  7x7.com/tahoe/escape-sl-tahoes-calpine-fire-lookout

**#20 KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN…**
for the Sierra Valley Barn Quilt Project. Barn quilts are painted quilt squares mounted on barns. The Barn Quilt Trails can be found in rural counties throughout America. The trails lead you through the countryside exploring the history, culture, and landscape of the area.

MORE INFO:  sierracountyarts council.org

**#20 THEM, REAL COWBOYS?**
The beautiful Sierra Valley is the largest intermountain valley in the Sierra Nevada. It lies at a 5,000 ft elevation, just 35 miles northwest of Reno, NV. Nearly the entire valley floor is comprised of large, privately owned ranches. It is covered with sagebrush scrub, broken by freshwater marshes, grasslands, and riparian woodland. It is a recognized IBA—Important Birding Area—by the Audubon Society. At the right time of year, it is possible to see over 100 species in a day.

Sierra Valley is part of the continental crust that was created by the same faulting that raised the Sierra Nevada. The vista point on Hwy 49, east of Yuba Pass, provides a spectacular panoramic view of this beautiful sub-alpine valley where Sattley, Calpine, Sierraville, and Loyalton lie surrounded by the majestic mountains of the Sierra Nevada. The scenery varies from conifer and aspen forests, to drier woodland, to a large valley covered with crops, pastures, and wildflowers. Smaller valleys and meadows are laced with meandering streams. Cattle share the pastures with deer and other wildlife. Old ponderosa pine trees are a special feature in the landscape along the South eastern stretch of Hwy 89 near Truckee.

**HISTORY**
The Sierra Valley ranches were settled in the 1850s. The ranches provided dairy products, hay, and cattle for Truckee, the western Sierra County mines and the Comstock Mines. The lumber industry was also part of this healthy agricultural economy and its timber supplied the Comstock mines, Central Pacific Railroad, and fruit industry from the 1860s to the turn of the century. The early 1900s marked a decline in the timber demands with the closing of mines, but the lumber industry continued to be an important aspect of the economy and culture of the valley until the late 20th Century.

By the 1880s it was one of the finest agricultural regions of California. Since 1853, much of the population has been devoted to cattle raising and farming. Many of the existing ranches and barns were built in the 19th century.

**CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS**
Calpine was built as a company-owned sawmill town for the Davies-Johnson Lumber Company and its 500 workers.

Loyalton was originally known as Smith’s Neck. In 1863, the loyalty to the Union Cause during the Civil War led to changing the name to Loyalton. In 1901, it was incorporated as a dry town, the size was set at 50.6 square miles. At that time, it was California’s second largest city after Los Angeles. Today, Loyalton is the only incorporated city in Sierra County. The Loyalton Museum is located in the old Loyalton Middle School building. The museum features displays on logging, agriculture, the Washoe Indians, and fraternal organizations including the Rebekah Lodge. Outdoor exhibits include logging wagons, a donkey engine, and farm equipment.

Numerous historic barns and farm houses throughout Sierra Valley date back to the 19th century. Many are still in active use. The brick building by the gas station in Loyalton was built around the turn of the 20th century. This building, along with the old grocery store in Sierraville, are two of the few remaining buildings constructed of Sierra Valley brick.
Once the snow melts in the Sierras, the sleepy Gold Rush town of Downieville transforms into a mountain bike mecca, as it’s surrounded with world-class downhill and cross-country trails. Downieville has become synonymous with seemingly endless singletrack trails running through heavily forested ridge lines, canyons, and crystal clear mountain streams and rivers.

With the steep and rocky terrain surrounding the Downieville area, none of the singletrack trails are beginner trails. However, there are multiple dirt roads throughout the County for those who lack the technical skills for the singletrack trail system. Many trails are multi-use and maintained by local bike shops through volunteer trail work. Remember bike etiquette and yield to other users.

The 15 mile, 4000’ descent of the world-famous Downieville Downhill starts at Packer Saddle with Sunrise Trail linking up with Butcher Ranch Trail, a 150-year-old mining trail set on steep single track terrain with rock gardens and smooth sections of lush trail. Then the decision is whether to take Third Divide, a super-fast, smooth section of singletrack through the forest, or Second Divide with its steep, rolling singletrack along Pauley Creek. Next is Upper First Divide, an old mining flume following Lavezzola Creek, which links to Lower First Divide Trail following Pauley Creek and dropping into Downieville. Pauley Creek, Big Boulder, and Lavezzola Creek Trails are alternate singletrack trails, which can be ridden from Packer Saddle. Traversing and extra pedaling pays off with fast, narrow trails and numerous rock gardens.

North Yuba and North Yuba Connector Trails run down river for 14 miles and can be ridden in either direction from Downieville or from Indian Valley. The cross-country singletrack trails challenge with equal climbs and descents. Halls Ranch and Fiddle Creek Trail run adjacent to the North Yuba Trail and offer heart-pounding climbs, beautiful ridge top scenery, and ripping descents. Bring your expert legs and lungs.

Chimney Rock, one of the most scenic trails in the area, reaches 7200’ and can be shuttled or pedaled from Downieville. From the top of Chimney Rock, Empire Creek Trail, Rattlesnake Creek Trail, or Herkimer Mine Trail, plunge you 4000’ back to town.

The historic mining town of Forest City sits on the Pliocene Ridge and offers access to a network of incredible singletrack, cross-country trails.

The Downieville Classic is a multi-day mountain bike race and festival, which takes place the first weekend in August. There is a cross-country race that starts in Sierra City, traveling over the Sierra Buttes, and down the trails into Downieville, and the following day is a downhill race on the famous Downieville Downhill. Lots of activities take place during the festival, including a river jump competition, live music, bike expo, and street fair.

Downieville’s two bike shops, Downieville Outfitters and Yuba Expeditions offer shuttle service to Packer Saddle and rental bikes. Downieville Outfitters offers guided rides.

For great road riding, the Sierra Valley offers unsurpassed beauty and never-ending stretches of beautiful meadows, wetlands with uncountable numbers of bird species, free-range cattle, and ranches that have been active since the Gold Rush. The annual Sierra Valley Metric Century, the Tour de Manure, starts and ends in Sierraville. This ride is a benefit lor Sierraville Fire and Rescue.
Camping in Sierra County is a dream come true whether you’re a couple of friends, a family or even several families, a group on a company outing, or a couple out on a romantic trip. Over 70% of Sierra County is National Forest, and there are many different types of campgrounds all across the county.

Campgrounds range from single sites to large group areas with parking lots that can accommodate horse trailers. Some campgrounds are near rivers and streams; some are at the edges of alpine lakes; and some are tucked into the forest or flowering meadows. All are incredible.

In the western end of the county Fiddle Creek Campground near the North Yuba River bridge is popular. It is easily accessed from Hwy 49 and has excellent river access. Rocky Rest Campground is less developed but also offers amazing access to the river for swimming and fishing. These are just two of the many campgrounds in this area along Hwy 49 and the Yuba River.

Further east along Hwy 49, between Downieville and Sierra City, Loganville provides excellent camping facilities in an area with ample shade with dense oak and fir trees. The Loganville Highway Visitor Center & RV Dump Station on the north side of the highway provides maps and basic RV amenities. There are also several RV parks in the county.

At the eastern end of Sierra City, the Wild Plum Campground provides camping right on the beautiful Haypress Creek with lots of hiking trails nearby. There is also excellent swimming, gold panning, and fishing available right from the campground as well as some amazing hiking trails.

Leaving Hwy 49 at Bassett’s, Gold Lake Road takes you into the heart of the Lakes Basin Recreation Area and connects Sierra County to Plumas County near Graeagle. The numerous campgrounds in this area, many directly on a lake, offer several levels of amenities including boating, swimming, fishing, piped and stream water, camping stoves, travel trailer spaces, and sites for horse trailers. Imagine a place where you can have a whole lake to yourself on a summer’s night. That’s the Lakes Basin.

You’ll find several campgrounds on the stretch between Bassett’s and Yuba Pass along Hwy 49, and there are also many campgrounds along Hwy 89 between Sierraville and Truckee.

Groups of up to fifty people can be accommodated at the Prosser Group Campground, which offers opportunities for swimming, cooking stoves as well as space for trailers.

Small resorts tucked in among trees and lakes offer comfort and amenities for those wishing to forgo the sleeping bag experience. Resorts also provide different levels of services such as prepared meals and housekeeping.

MORE INFO:
- www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe
- www.recreation.gov
- call 1-877-444-6777

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There is just something about getting away from the noise and lights of the city that gives you an opportunity to really enjoy our world’s beauty at night. It is true—the stars really do put on a show for free. Grab your blanket or sleeping bag and prepare to be amazed.

FIND THE PERFECT STICK...
The art of a perfect roasted marshmallow is in the stick. Find yours and enjoy the outdoors in one of the many campgrounds Sierra County has to offer.
MAKE CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS AT WWW.RECREATION.GOV OR 1-877-444-6777. RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY.
Sierra County is a birdwatcher’s paradise. Every area of the County provides outstanding opportunities to see birds both common and rare. And, there are lots of birds!

At dusk, bridges in Downieville are likely to produce swallows and bats foraging for food. During the day, kingfishers, ospreys, and bald eagles feed in the vicinity. The Empire Creek Trail near Downieville passes through large areas of older forests inhabited by pileated woodpeckers, northern goshawks, pine martens, and California spotted owls.

In the Lakes Basin Recreation Area, Sand Pond Interpretive Trail near Sardine Lake Campground features chair accessible wooden boardwalks that follow fern-lined paths and cross stretches of shallow, clear water. This trail is barrier-free and provides viewing opportunities of a wetland that has been enlarged by a family of beavers. The path also allows visitors to view summer mallard broods and trout close up.

In the Lakes Basin, bald eagles and osprey fish on the many lakes. Many of the meadows in this area such as Church and Howard Meadows provide great viewing of songbirds like the willow flycatcher and various types of warblers. Trails off the Yuba Pass also provide excellent bird-watching opportunities.

In Sierra Valley, the Carman Valley north of Calpine has 30 to 40 acres of vernal habitat during spring and early summer. This area is an excellent place to view nesting waterfowl, including wood ducks and shorebirds. The Steel Bridge, located over the headwaters of the Feather River, provides an opportunity to view Canadian geese, great blue heron, sandhill cranes, numerous ducks, and songbirds. This is private property, so please do not explore on foot. Sierra Valley is also the home of grouse, chucker, and California mountain quail.

Jackson Meadows Reservoir entertains broods of Canada geese, mergansers, mallards, and green-winged teal. Several meadows offer good evening views of mule deer. Bald eagles visit in the late fall. Kyburz Marsh off Hwy 89, 10 miles north of Truckee, is approximately 200 acres of wildlife refuge. It provides wildlife viewing for waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, numerous species of hawks, osprey, and bald eagles. Several waterfowl nesting islands are located within the area.

**THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT**

The Great Backyard Bird Count is held in mid-February each year. This annual event takes place world wide and is your chance to help scientists track the health of our bird populations.

More Info: [www.birdcount.com](http://www.birdcount.com)
Western Sierra County offers a variety of fishing experiences. With the abundance of lakes in the Lake Basin Recreation Area, as well as many streams and the North Fork of the Yuba River, anglers have options. Spend a little time walking in to Saxsonia Lake for nice rainbows and brookies. A short one-mile four-wheel drive to upper Tamarack Lake can yield cagey brook trout if you are patient. You can get into cutthroat trout after an intense hike off Hwy 49 up to Deadman Lake. And if you are really adventurous, there’s the descent to Young America Lake for brook trout and a chance at hold-over golden trout from days of yore. Just want to get right to fishing? Then head out to one of the many lakes such as Packer, Sardine, Salmon, and Gold that you can drive to, have boat ramps, and are full of Rainbow and brook trout. Gold Lake will also give up trophy lake trout if you know how! Many of these lakes are stocked on a regular basis and yield good takes. Check the CA DFG website for planting schedules.

Bait and tackle can be found at Sierra Hardware in Downieville, the Sierra Country Store in Sierra City, Bassets Station in Bassets, and at Sardine Lake Lodge. Sardine Lake Lodge also rents row boats with electric motors. Trolling night crawlers behind flashers on Sardine Lake is very productive.

Fly fishing is effective on all the lakes from the bank or with float tubes, but the streams and river are the real treat. The North Yuba offers rainbows, brooks and browns top to bottom. It is currently open all year. All the small tributaries including Salmon Creek, Packer Creek, Haskell Creek, and Sardine Creek are challenging, full of brooks, rainbows and an occasional brown. You can’t go wrong with a dry-dropper rig although indicator nymphing and streamers in the deeper pools and runs is more likely to get you into larger fish. These are typically 3-to-5-weight waters. If you have a 4WD, a cruise down to Gold Valley to Pauley Creek makes for a great day trip and the brook trout are spunky. The North Yuba River below Downieville will give you some bruisers on occasion with lake run fish over 10 pounds caught in the recent past. The Downie River and Lavezzola Creek are excellent fisheries and produce great action. Basically, if you see the indication of a year round stream on your map it will have at least wild brook trout in all the shady holes.

Our hatches are of the typical Sierra variety: blue winged olives, pale morning duns, an occasional green drake, little yellow sallies, ants, hoppers, golden stones and the usual mess of caddis with an emphasis on October caddis. There’s a fly box in Downieville at Sierra Hardware and in Bassets at Bassets Station. CA Licenses are available in Downieville at Sierra Hardware.

As always check the CA DFG regulations to ensure you are in compliance and then spend a few days trying out our fisheries. You won’t be disappointed.

When rafting or kayaking on the North Fork Yuba River, you travel through the heavily forested Tahoe National Forest, on waters fed by the snowmelt from the majestic 8000+ peaks of the Sierra Buttes. Despite its proximity to the Bay Area, the North Fork Yuba River is an uncrowded gem, with just three permitted outfitters. Tributary Whitewater Tours, a long-time Sierra County Chamber member, is one of the original companies who pioneered this river for commercial rafting in 1981. During the spring snowmelt, the river provides great Class 4 and 5 whitewater rafting, as well as easier waters for beginners too.

Kayaking can be done all summer long depending on the level of the rivers, and even at lower flows, the North Yuba River still offers exciting rafting in smaller boats. Tributary Whitewater Tours offers 1-4 day rafting thrill trips on over 35 miles of river, including the Maytag, Moss Canyon, and Rossasco Ravine.
Sierra County is a swimmers paradise. Between the North Yuba River, the many creeks and all the lakes there are oodles of places for swimming throughout the county.

As you drive along the river, pull over where safe and see if you can’t find yourself a great little spot to take a dip. Or, take of note of where others park, and come back some other time.

In the heart of Downieville, there is a great swimming hole where the Downie River meets the Yuba River, though you’ll have competition with eager fishermen.

In the town of Sierra City, accessing the river is a little tricky, but there are plenty of places to get to the river outside of town and many swimming holes nearby. One of the best is by Wild Plum Bridge on Haypress Creek on the way to Wild Plum Campground, and there are several additional swimming holes along Haypress Creek on the way towards the campgrounds. Another great place to swim is by Loves Falls, just east of Sierra City. There are also plenty of places to stop along the river between Downieville and Sierra City or eastward towards the Lakes Basin.

In the Lakes Basin Recreation Area there are numerous lakes and ponds and almost all of them are as made for swimming. Unspoiled lakes reflecting the Sierra Buttes will let you both have fun and relax. Salmon Lake is great for swimming, and a little wading will take you to a fun rock to jump off. Sardine Lake is off-limits as far as swimming goes, but the nearby Sand Pond is great, especially for small kids.

On the eastern side of the County, Jackson Meadows Reservoir is very popular and highly prized for water sports. There are more than 130 campsites, 5 group campsites, and a disposal station available here. This area is best accessed from the Little Truckee Summit at Hwy 89.

These are just some of the many amazing swimming spots available. Get to know a local and maybe they’ll show your their favorite spot!

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**HEAD FOR A SWIMMING HOLE…**

Rivers, streams, and lakes throughout the county provide exceptional swimming. The North Yuba River provides many excellent swimming holes all along Hwy 49. The swimming hole by the Rocky Rest Campground bridge is one of the best, but it’s a well known secret so you probably won’t have it to yourself. There are plenty of other ones to discover. Pull over where it’s safe and explore the river.

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**GET YOUR HOG CALL ON…**

At the Plumas Sierra County Fair. The fair is a 5-day-event held August 12th to the 16th, 2020, at the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy. From hog calling to quilts and livestock to carnival rides—come back to your roots at our county fair.

**MORE INFO:** plumas-sierracountyfair.net

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**RULES, WE DON’T NEED NO STINKIN’ RULES…**

The Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-Off, is always held on the first Saturday in March, at the top of the Yuba Pass, regardless of rain, sleet, or snow. There are no rules, just lots of fun! Bribery is encouraged. Bring your chili and all your gear for a chance to win a second-hand trophy and bragging rights. Judging starts noonish, sharpish.

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**GRAB YOUR CAMERA…**

Be prepared to capture some outstanding photos of autumn, our most beautiful time of year. Mother Nature sets the clock for this colorful time of year, usually sometime October through November, when the nights are cool. She uses a palette of bright yellows, orange, and red, to put on a show like no other. Mark your calendar and we’ll see you in the fall.

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Mary Davey
The Lakes Basin Recreation Area has dozens of lakes (some say at least 40!) and provide ample space for recreationists to enjoy solitude and comfort as well as fun and adventure.

Boating is restricted to small boats with small or no motors, though Gold Lake is big enough for larger sail boats as well — and a full day of fun. There are many coves to anchor in, to take a break, and a dip.

Kayaking on the many lakes has become a great outdoor sport. Spend the day kayaking on the lake with a picnic on an island for a perfect day.

Jackson Meadows Reservoir, accessed from Hwy 89, is very popular and highly prized for fishing, swimming, camping, wildlife viewing, water skiing, jet skiing, and sailing. There are over 130 campsites, 5 group campsites, and a disposal station.

Independence Lake, managed by the Truckee Donner Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy, is open year-round for walk-ins, but staffed and available by car, June through October. It’s a great area to do hiking, fishing, motor boating, kayaking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, and more. Watercraft are one of the primary ways aquatic invasive species are introduced into waterways. No boats, float tubes or paddle craft from outside the Preserve are permitted. There’s an “in-basin” fleet of watercraft available to the public at no charge. By providing a strictly in-basin fleet this risk is greatly reduced.

**GIVE THEM A HEADSTART...**

Schaffer’s High Sierra Camp is a children’s summer camp (and now a family camp too!) with a focus on wilderness adventure activities. They offer archery, backpacking, a ropes challenge course, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, white water rafting, and much, much more. A new adventure awaits.

**MORE INFO:** [www.highsierracamp.com](http://www.highsierracamp.com)
HIT THE ROAD…
The Yuba River Scenic Byway is located in Sierra County and follows Highway 49, the “Mother Lode Highway”—a route rich with remnants of mining history. Time travel becomes reality as you travel this scenic byway through the historic towns of Sierra City and Downieville along the Yuba River.

FRESH IS BEST…
When it comes to choosing a Christmas tree for your home, you won’t find a better selection than right here in the middle of the Tahoe National Forest (TNF). Get a permit to cut your very own tree or, let the Downieville Lions Club do the leg work for you, and get a tree at one of their fresh tree lots in Downieville and Sierra City. Available starting mid-November.

WINE IN THE WOODS…
Join us in beautiful Sierra City for an evening of wonderful wines, hors d'oeuvres and live music. Presented by the Sierra County Search and Rescue and Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department. Get tickets pre-sale and at the door. Contact 862-1580 for more info.
Winter is a great time to explore the Lakes Basin Recreation Area. All over Sierra County winter trails for skiers, snowmobilers, and snowshoers wind through valleys and hills and around beautiful alpine lakes. Miles of groomed roads and trails offer excellent cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Bassetts Station at the intersection of Hwy 49 and Gold Lake Road is a favorite staging area for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. It is complete with a general store, cafe, restrooms and gas station. Gold Lake Road is the main access route to many miles of trails. The trip to Graeagle in Plumas County, through the Lakes Basin from Bassetts, is a favorite among local snowmobilers. Yuba Pass Snow Park, 13 miles north east of Sierra City, accesses trails that reach the Little Truckee Summit staging area, Jackson Meadows reservoir and Bassetts staging area, traveling through the woods on forest service roads. Lunch Creek Trail is a cross-country-skiing-only trail. Tubing, sledding, snowshoeing, and snow camping round out the winter fun in this large snowpark facility. Snowpark permits are required. Buy them online at http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/

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The Little Truckee Summit area located between Sierraville and Truckee on Hwy 89 provides many winter trails, restrooms, and plenty of parking. From here you can follow groomed trails up to the Gold Lakes Recreation Area via the Yuba Pass.

There is also excellent cross-country skiing on Henness Pass Road east of Hwy 89, the Wheeler Loop traversing the Kyburz Flat area, an area where snowmobiles aren’t allowed. The Treasure Mountain Loop in the Little Truckee Summit area provides groomed trails for both snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. Other groomed trails in this area include the Pass Creek Loop, which leads to Jackson Meadows Reservoir and the Prosser Creek Connection Trail, which travels from the Summit along Prosser Creek downhill into Nevada County, where it ends near Prosser Lake.

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Due to the elevation, Sierra County provides one of the longest seasons for wildflower viewing in California. In spring, dogwood blooms profusely in the forest and massive patches of monkey flowers invade the wet seeps of canyon walls. Scotch broom adds brilliant patches of yellow. Summer provides an abundance of flowers and in the fall the dogwood puts on a second display of fiery orange and deep pink.

When the snow melts, the Lakes Basin area abounds in a variety of wildflowers. Orange masses of lilies bloom in the wet creek drainages and wild azaleas are scattered about the hillsides. At the summit of Yuba Pass, magenta penstemon and lacy white yampa decorate the landscape. In the marshy areas, marigolds, elephant heads, corn lilies, and several species of monkey flowers flourish in the spring sun.

In Sierra Valley, fields of red, blue, and orange flowers flow with the breeze during springtime in large swaths of green. Along the waterways, many marshland plants and several species of buttercups paint a picture of color and serenity.

Sierra County is home to many mammals such as black bear, foxes, and raccoons. There are also mountain lions and coyotes present but not so visible. It’s important to remember this is truly a wild area and to always be aware of your surroundings whether you’re taking a walk along a trail or hanging out by the river. Among other critters there are plenty of rattlesnakes, so be careful when out hiking, and never put a hand over something above you where you can’t see what’s there. Be especially aware when you travel with a dog.

In the spring, the Downieville deer herd moves to the higher elevations to fawn. Sierra Valley, in addition to the ranch cattle, is also home to Nevada mule deer. Antelope Valley is an excellent place to observe deer fawning areas. If you see a lone fawn, please don’t touch it. Its mother is nearby. The Smithneck Creek area off Smithneck Road travels through extensive aspen groves with scenes of beaver activity—dams, stick lodges, and beaver-logged timber.

The San Francisco State University’s Sierra Nevada Field Campus is located just outside Sierra City. They provide a large number of summer classes open to the public. From flora to fauna, you can learn about fungi, birds, drawing, sketching, and painting, natural history, ecology, and much more.

**More Info:** [www.sierra.sfu.edu](http://www.sierra.sfu.edu)
With so much of the county not developed (approx. 70% is National Forest) Sierra County is an off-road person’s playground. Explore, but please be careful with our land and only drive on legal trails.

Just NW of Downieville, Chimney Rock, Fir Top, and Poker Flat are three great OHV, 4WD, and dirt bike routes. Chimney Rock goes by the Saddleback Lookout and is exceptional for bikes, as is the Poker Flat trail. A trail-rated SUV, some experience driving difficult back-country, a map, time to spare, and a picnic with you means you can visit the ghost towns of Poker Flat and Howland Flat, crossing Canyon Creek towards Lost Sierra’s La Porte.

The Lafayette Ridge OHV Trail near Alleghany takes adventurers through heavy brush that gradually opens up to a stunning, panoramic view of the Middle Yuba River. Many of the off-road trails in this area were once the trails of miners, traders, and mule teams. Drive Henness Pass Road from Camptonville to Verdi. 4WD, a detailed map, compass, and dedicated map reader is strongly recommended! It links the southern part of the county from east to west with historical sites along the way.

In Sierra City and the Lakes Basin recreation area there are many off-road trails popular with 4WDs, including the Sierra Buttes trail which runs from the most scenic transfer station in California (Sierra City’s), to the Sierra Buttes Lookout parking lot and then on to Packer Saddle, traversing the southwestern face of the Buttes with breathtaking views. Don’t miss the actual lookout, a short (if steep) hike from the parking lot. There is an amazing viewing platform that runs all around the lookout for 360º views. Not recommended for anyone with fear of heights. Don’t forget your camera!

The Lakes Basin has numerous off-road vehicle or 4WD trails ranging from moderate to most difficult. The trails pass through a variety of terrain and offer fishing, wildlife viewing, and exceptional scenery. The area around Gold Lake is a favorite for ATVs and in the winter, snowmobilers.

In the Sierra Valley, The Bear Valley Loop OHV Trail near Sierraville is 18 miles of pure exhilaration and scenic beauty. The trail is open late spring to fall.

Almost everywhere you turn in Sierra County you will find a rich history of gold discovery (even modern day gold discoveries). You can have your own gold adventure on any level here; whether it’s visiting historic sites, finding your own gold on the river or staking your own claim. Remember to check with local authorities and/or the Bureau of Land Management before prospecting or mining anywhere to be sure you are not on a private gold claim.

Sierra County is open to many different methods of gold recovery from gold panning, river sluicing, metal detecting, underwater sniping, dry washing, and much more. Camps and day use areas provide places to go recreational gold prospecting.

Make sure you are in a designated area for recreational gold prospecting and mining, and always respect posted mining claim signs. Remember to check with the local authorities and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) before prospecting or mining anywhere in Sierra County to be sure that you are not on a private gold claim.

The Underground Gold Miners Museum in Alleghany and the Kentucky Mine Museum in Sierra City are local resources to help you on your mining adventure.
Map to
go here
Easy to extreme level hiking trails abound in Sierra County. Always bring a map and plenty of water!

In the Pleistocene Ridge area, most of the country around the towns is quite rugged and undeveloped with few groomed trails, but the historic Henness Pass Road provides hiking for the adventurous.

West of Downieville, a fully accessible trail passes gently through 500 ft of terrain from the Fiddle Creek Campground to the North Yuba River, just off Hwy 49. The Saddleback Trail climbs up mountainous terrain to the Saddleback Lookout where spectacular views can be seen and photographed. The Canyon Creek Trail provides level ground and a scenic path alongside the North Yuba as it makes its way towards Bullards Bar. You’ll pass through an old miners camp at Shenanigan Flat. The River Trail, starting at the parking lot behind the courthouse in Downieville is an incredibly beautiful hike along the rushing river, with several easy-to-get-to swimming holes.

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) winds itself through Sierra County near Sierra City. It crosses Haypress Creek and then emerges at the North Yuba at Loves Falls, just a mile or so north of Sierra City. Sierra City is a popular stop-over for weary PCT hikers, a great place to stock up on provisions, fatten up on burgers and ice cream, and get a comfortable night’s sleep in a bed.

Loves Falls are spectacular and a must for Sierra City visitors as it’s a nice and easy walk from Hwy 49 just east of town on a leaf-covered woody path.

The Wild Plum Loop Trail starts near the Wild Plum campground and meanders alongside Haypress Creek through riparian hardwood communities that provide a rich birding experience.
If you continue on the PCT northward as it crosses Hwy 49 near Loves Falls, it climbs in a series of switchbacks across the southwest face of the Sierra Buttes, right above Sierra City, providing an magnificent view. As you get closer to the top of the Sierra Buttes, the PCT provides an interesting trail detour, the Sierra Buttes Lookout Trail. Whether you are coming along the PCT from the south or north, or just parked your car at Packer Saddle, do not miss the Sierra Buttes Lookout. The hike there is steep and challenging, but well worth the effort. There is an amazing viewing platform that runs all around the lookout for 360º views. This is definitely not recommended for the faint of heart or anyone with fear of heights!

The Lakes Basin offers many options for nice shorter walks along lakes. Sand Pond Interpretive Trail shows the flora and fauna of a riparian habitat and is accessible to wheelchairs. It provides a wonderful experience for those who cannot hike the typical mountain trail.

Trails in the Sierra Valley area range from easy walks to rigorous climbs through thick conifer forests. The Cottonwood Overlook Trail is light to moderately difficult and provides panoramic views of the valley in several places along the trail. The Cottonwood Creek Botanical Trail uses trail markers and a corresponding brochure to identify and describe trees and other plants on this easy walk. Dedicated hikers can climb the steep Badenaugh Trail up to the Babbit Peak Lookout for an outstanding panoramic view of parts of eastern California and western Nevada. Mountain bikers and equestrians share this trail with hikers.

The Jackson Meadows Reservoir area features the Woodcamp Creek Interpretive Trail, which provides an educational and moderately difficult hike with 18 points of interest spelled out in a brochure. The Pacific Crest Trail can be accessed from the Jackson Meadow trail head. The Kyburz Flat interpretive area on Henness Pass Road east of Hwy 89 between Sierraville and Truckee explains the history of three different peoples who inhabited this beautiful mountain meadow starting 2,000 years ago.

FIND YOUR WILD SIDE...
Over 50 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) pass through Sierra County. The trail’s 2,663 miles run from the California/Mexico border to the Washington/Canadian border. Grab your backpack and go!

MORE INFO: www.pcta.org/discover-thetrail

TAKE A HIKE...
It’s been said that you can’t be in a bad mood when taking a hike in the forest. Easy to extreme hiking trails await you in Sierra County. Hikes in this region are what dreams are made of.

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More info:
DINE & DRINK

COYOTEVILLE

COYOTEVILLE CREEK CAFE. 15921 Hwy 49.

DOWNIEVILLE


COLD RUSH. 200 Main St. Fun ice cream and coffee shop located in Downieville, CA, serving artisan coffee and unique coffee drinks. Summer hours: Monday-Sunday 7am-8pm, Winter hours: Wednesday-Sunday 7am-2pm. 862-3043. www.coldrushcafe.com. coldrushcoffee@att.net. Facebook: coldrushdvl

LA COCINA DE ORO. 322 Main St., 289-3584

SABRINA’S AT THE FORKS. 308 Main St., Restaurant, bar and deli, coffee and espresso, river gear rentals, 289-0153, www.theforksatdownieville.com. sabismith@hotmail.com. Facebook: Sabrina’s At The Forks.

ST. CHARLES PLACE. 101 Commercial St. A great place to soak up small town entertainment in the local atmosphere while enjoying your favorite cocktail. Open all year. stcharlesplace.com; 289-3237

TWO RIVERS CAFE. 116 Main St. 289-3540

INDIAN VALLEY

INDIAN VALLEY OUTPOST RESORT. 4601 Hwy 49, Camptonville. 289-3349, www.indianvalleyoutpostresort.com, ivoresorthwy49@gmail.com. Restaurant (open weekends May - October). Store and pub open 7 days a week July 1 – September. Free outdoor movies on Friday and Saturday nights.

SIERRA BUTTES

SIERRA CITY

THE BUCKHORN BAR AND MOUNTAIN CREEK RESTAURANT. 225 Main St., 862-1171. Jim Westfall, Proprietor

RED MOOSE CAFE & INN. 224 Main St. 862-1024. Open year round serving Breakfast & Lunch. 8am-2pm, Seasonal – hours vary depending on time of year. Check website www.redmoosecafe.com Catering available. Rental rooms available. Email: redmoosecafe.com

SIERRA COUNTRY STORE. 213 Main St. Smack dab in the heart of town. Offer everything from hearty breakfast burritos and fresh deli sandwiches to mouth-watering waterburgers and pizzas. Stop by for all your needs; ATM, WiFi. See webcam on our website. Open all year. sierracountrystore.com; 862-1560

SIERRA PINES RESORT (formerly Herrington's Sierra Pines), 104 Main St., Fine dining restaurant and bar open 7 days, May – October for breakfast and dinner. Patio dining available. From November – April we operate as a B&B, serving dinner to guests as needed and to the public on scheduled Saturdays. Check facebook and our website for updates to hours: www.sierrapinesresort.com or Facebook: SierraPinesResort. 530-862-1151.

SORRACO'S SALOON. 203 Main St. The oldest building on main street (circa 1851). The John Soracco Hotel was established in the 1880s. In 1949, Soracco's grandson Buddy Zega & Walter Loffmark reopened as the Zerloff Hotel which closed in 1990. The present owners re-opened the bar as Soracco's Saloon in 2001. Enjoy fine wine, spirits and micro brews in the bar, on the patio or on the covered front porch. Open all year. Dog friendly. 862-1130

LAKE BASIN BASSETTS

BASSETTS STATION. A historic business located at the gateway to the Lakes Basin Recreational Area, providing a general store, cafe, gas, propane and motel accommodations. bassettststation.com; 862-1297

THE LAKE

GOLD LAKE LODGE. 7000 Gold Lake Forest Highway. Rustic mountain lodge in the heart of the Lakes Basin with restaurant open to the public. Hearty meals. Breakfast is walk-in. Call for dinner reservations (seatings at 5:30pm and 7:30pm) 836-2350. Mid-June to mid-Sept. goldlakelodge.com

PACKER LAKE LODGE. 3901 Packer Lake Lodge Rd. Open Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend. Homemade breakfast and baked goods starting at 8am. Call for dinner reservations and entree offerings. 862-1221. www.packerlakelodge.com. packerlakelodge@gmail.com

SARDINE LAKE RESORT. Fine dining in a beautiful lakeside setting. Filet Mignon, rack of lamb, seafood, chicken and a couple of nightly specials. Reservations requested. Dining room closed Mon & Tues. Open 8am-10pm Wednesday through Sunday and 8am-4pm Monday and Tuesday. sardine@scnc.net and Facebook: SardineLakeResort. Open mid-May to mid-October. sardinelakeresort.com; 862-1196

SIERRA VALLEY

GOLDEN WEST SALOON. 711 Main St., 993-4467

LARKSPUR CAFE. 700 Main St., RONDA'S LIL' FROSTY. 319 Main St., 993-1192. Open May-November. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday 11am-7pm. Sunday Noon-7pm. Closed Thursdays. Friendly fast food. Outdoor dining in a garden setting. Featuring Burgers, hot dogs, chicken strips, pork tenderloin and soft serve ice cream goodies. Family owned and operated for 14 years.

THE DRIFTER'S TABLE. 820 Main St. A destination restaurant in Loyalton, CA, adjacent to the Gilded Drifter Inn. Reservations accepted, but always welcomes drifers, walk-ins, nomads and those who don’t like to plan. We offer a variety of seasonal plates with a menu that changes weekly. Open Thursday through Sunday 5pm-9pm. 993-4312. www.thedrifterstable.com. drifterstable@gmail.com

WHITE'S SIERRA STATION. 508 Main St., 993-1212. Continuous family owned and operated since 1923. A convenience store open year round Monday-Saturday 6:00am – 6:00pm. Closed Sundays. We sell fuel (available 24 hours), tires, auto repair. A wonderful deli with hot and cold sandwiches, soda, beer, snacks, ice, hot & cold beverages, Leinin Tree cards, Blue Bunny ice cream. Headquarters for Jefferson swag – Sierra & Plumas Counties. www.whitessierrastation.com, wssi122@psnl.com, Facebook: White'sSierraStation,Inc.

SIERRA VILLAGE

FORK & HORN. 101 E. Main St., 994-1070, forknhorn@gmail.com. Open Monday - Friday 6am - 10am and 5pm - 7pm. Saturday 10am - 2pm. Closed Sunday. A local modern comfort food restaurant serving breakfast and dinner. www.forknhorn.com

LOS DOS HERMANOS. 101 Battelle St., 994-1058

SIERRA HOT SPRINGS. 521 Campbell Hot Springs Rd. A non-profit retreat and workshop center at the cusp of Sierra Valley. Offering day use, historic overnight accommodations, camping, massage and spa treatments & organic meals. Open all year. sierrahotsprings.org; 994-3773

SIERRAVILLE SERVICE & COUNTRY STORE. 126 S. Lincoln St./Highway 89. Open all year. 994-3529

SMITHNECK FARMS ESPRESSO. 107 East Main St., 320-9907

PAM PASQUETTI (CATERING). P.O. Box 126, Sierraville, CA 96126, 994-3467

All phone numbers are area code 530 unless otherwise noted. See www.sierracountychamber.com for more information
PLIOCENE RIDGE
ALLEGHANY

UNDERGROUND GOLD MINERS MUSEUM. 336 Main St. Educational & fun, the
museum exhibits touch on local history, geology & gold mining, including tales
of underground gold miners. View videos that tell the history of hard rock mining
& document recent history at the 16 to 1 Mine. The gift shop features gold laced
quartz specimens and jewelry from the 16 to 1 Mine as well as souvenirs, books,
maps & t-shirts. Historical walking tours on June 20, mine tours on June 21st. Open

RIVER CANYON
GOODYEARS BAR

GOODYEARS BAR MUSEUM. 525 Toll Bridge Rd. Displays, collects, preserves and
interprets objects and materials pertinent to Sierra County History. Features exhibits
about Native Americans, the Chinese to Sierra County History. Features exhibits
interprets objects and materials pertinent to our community. Meets on 3rd Monday of each
month. 289-3595 for info.

DOWNIEVILLE MUSEUM. 330 Main St. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day, 11am–4pm.
289-3580

DOWNIEVILLE OUTFITTERS. 310 Main St., Mountain bike rentals and shuttles. Open
8am-5pm 7 days a week April-November. www.downievilleoutfitters.com. info@
downievilleoutfitters.com. Facebook: downievilleoutfitters. 289-0155

DOWNIEVILLE TENNIS AND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. 734 Main St. We teach
Sierra County youth the skills and courtesies of tennis, a life-long sport that
fosters good sportsmanship, healthful exercise and respect for teachers and fellow
players. Our program is also available to Sierra County visitors. We offer tennis
lessons to youth and adults at the Mary P. Johnsden Community Tennis Court in
Downieville. Paul - 289-1018; Laurie – 510-501-8177. Contact downievilletennis@goo
tles.com for seasonal lessons and dates and times. Facebook: Downieville-Tennis
and-Education-Association

FEATHER’S FLOWERS NURSERY GARDEN. 307 Main St. Open Wed-Sun 9am–4pm
289-3584

SABRINA’S AT THE FORKS. 308 Main St. River Gear Rentals. Restaurant, bar and
deli., coffee and espresso. 289-0155. www. forksatdownieville.com. sabismith@hotmail.com. Facebook: Sabrina’s At the Forks

SIERRA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL & THE YUBA THEATRE. The mission of the Sierra County
Arts Council is to bring together community and art. Home of Sierra Turnpike Players, &
offices of Sierra County Arts Council. Music, theatre, dance, school plays & film. The
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour has three showings each April. Open all year.
sierracountyarts council.org; 289-9822

SIERRA HARDWARE & SPORTING GOODS. 305 Main St. General retail hardware, paint &
sporting goods. Hunting & fishing licenses. DFM Agent. Tackle, sporting & camping
supplies. Plumbing & electrical. Open all year. Dog friendly. Summer – Monday
-Saturday 9am-6pm; Sunday 9am-3pm. Winter: Tuesday – Saturday 9am-5:30pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. 289-3582.

VINTAGE GAL ANTIQUES & FINE THINGS. 200C Main St. Sierra County’s largest
antique store. Located in Downieville.

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DOWNIEVILLE DAY SPA AT LA SIERRA BEAUTY BOUTIQUE. 309 Main St. Services for
women, men & children. Hair cuts, coloring, highlights, perms. Retreat facials, spa
manicures & pedicures, body waxing, airbrush tanning, massage. Bridal & special
party service packages. Complete line of professional products for home care.
Hair care, nail care, skin care, make-up, bath & body & great gifts. Gift Certificates
available. Come relax! Open all year. downieville day spa.com; 289-3504

DOWNIEVILLE GROCERY. 101 Sunnyside Dr. “Best Grocery Store in Town.” Swing in for
those must have Grocery-Produce-Dairy-Beer-wine-Liquor-Ice-Propane items. Open
7 days a week, year round. 289-3596

DOWNIEVILLE LIBRARY. Native Daughters Hall. 118 Commercial St., Open all year. Tues.
10am-2pm, Thurs. 12pm-4pm. 289-3544

DOWNIEVILLE LIONS CLUB. A volunteer service organization promoting the
welfare of organizations & members of our community. Meets on 3rd Monday of each
month. 289-3595 for info.

YUBA EXPEDITIONS/SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP. 208 Main St.,
289-3010; www.yubadexpeditions.com; yubadexpeditions@gmail.com. Bike shop/
rentals/shuttles/recreation/Non-Profit. Building sustainable recreation-based
communities through stewardship, job creation, and world class events. Quality
outdoor experiences through trail construction, maintenance and providing the
community with availability to bike demos and shuttles. A partner of the Sierra Buttes
Trail Stewardship, we build and maintain trails to be enjoyed for generations to come.
Shuttles, demo bikes, service and trail advice can be found at Yuba Expeditions. Open
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm. Saturday & Sunday 8am-6:00pm. The Downieville
Classic is an annual mountain bike festival.

YUBA GALLERY. 208 Main St. The Yuba Gallery features locally inspired arts and
crafts. Open Thurs–Sun 10am–4pm. 289-9822

YUBA THEATER-SIERRA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL. 212 Main St. The Yuba Theatre
features a variety of entertainment and programs throughout the year. 289-9822

INDIAN VALLEY

INDIAN VALLEY OUTPOST RESORT. Out
door parties, receptions, weddings. Free
outdoor movies Spring to Fall - weather
permitting. Store open May–Oct. 289-3349

SIERRA BUTTES
SIERRA CITY

HARMONY LODGE #164 F AND AM, 221 C
Main St., Lunar lodge open Thursday after
the Full Moon. Contact Mike Galan 289-
3395 or michael.galan@sbcglobal.net for
more information.

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based abstracts & intimate landscapes.
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Mercantile listing for days and hours of operation. kathryndchow@gmail.com;
862-1468

All phone numbers are area code 530 unless otherwise noted. See www.sierracountychamber.com for more information.
SHOPPING & ACTIVITIES

SHOPPING


MUSIC AT THE MINE is a summer concert series held at the Kentucky Mine Amphitheater during the months of May through September and underwritten by the Sierra County Historical Society. Contact Chris Stockdale, 289-1076 or cstockrock@gmail.com. Website: www.sierracountyhistory.org. Facebook: Music at the Mine

MY SISTERS COTTAGE MASSAGE THERAPY. 207 Main St. Massage Spa. Just 20 minutes from Downieville. Early morning & evening appointments are available to suit your time schedule, if you book early. When you make your vacation reservation, book your personalized massage. Open all year. mysisterscottage.com, 862-1505

SAN FRANCISCO STATE SIERRA NEVADA FIELD CAMPUS. The Sierra Nevada Field Campus is dedicated to promoting an understanding and appreciation of the biological diversity, geosciences, hydrology, astronomy, plein air art and written word in the Gold Lakes Basin and Sierra Valley region of the Sierra Nevada through education and research. Classes for adults and college students including Art, Writing, Natural History, Cultural, Geomorphology, Birding, Song Writing, etc. Open everyday June 1-August 15 when classes are conducted. 862-1230. https://sierra.sfsu.edu. The field campus has been closed for the 2020 season. Please do not attempt to register for any classes or workshops. Please check back in January 2021

SIERRA BUTTES SNOWBUSTERS. An organization dedicated to promoting and enjoying the sport of snowmobiling. Become a member and join in on the fun. Conditions permitting, we hold club runs once a month during the winter, an annual holiday dinner, an ice fishing competition for the kids, and a lasagna feed to raise funds for scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors at Downieville High School and family members of the club. For memberships please call Sharon Grenier at 862-1577 for info.

SIERRA CITY LIBRARY. Main St. Open all year. Tues & Thurs 11:30–3:30. 862-0210

SIERRA CITY MERCANTILE. 221 Main St. A Retail Gallery and Art Shop. Photos, matted, framed & metal; handmade fabric, fiber, pottery, jewelry, wood items for home & personal use; “collectibles,” books, souvenirs; seasonal decorations & gift items; children’s/baby gifts; t-shirts Open Saturday and Sunday Memorial Day through mid-December. Peak season—Wednesday through Sunday – 10am-3pm. goldbluef22@gmail.com

SIERRA COUNTRY STORE. 213 Main St. Smack dab in the heart of town. Stop by for all your Grocery—Meats—Produce—Beer—Wine—Liquor—Camping—Fishing—Ice—Deli—Catering—Gifts and more—needs. ATM, WiFi, and up to the minute weather station available. See the webcam on our website. Open all year. sierracountystore.com; 862-1560

SIERRA PINES RESORT TROUT POND. 104 Main St. Trout fishing available for all ages from 10am – 1pm daily. All supplies provided and we will clean and ice pack your catch to take home. 862-1151. THE LAKES

SALMON LAKE LODGE RESORT. Summer resort, family-oriented, 10 tent cabins, 4 cabins, boat rentals. Open late May through mid-October. Dog friendly. salmonlake.net. 862-4244

SARDINE LAKE RESORT. Open daily for boat rentals, tackle & bait, coffee, off-sale beer & cold drinks until 6pm. Mid-May to mid-Oct. sardinelakersort.com; 862-1196

YUBA PASS

SHAFFER’S HIGH SIERRA CAMP. Shaffer's High Sierra Camp. 38782 State Highway 49. Wilderness adventure overnight summer camp where boys and girls aged 8 to 17 find fun, friends and adventure! Open June to August 7 days a week. 415-897-0316. www.highsierracamp.com. info@highsierracamp.com

SIERRA VALLEY CALPINE

“NEIGHBORS” MUSICIANS FOR HIRE, JAN DRUMMOND & ART FRANCO. P.O. Box 37, Calpine, CA 96124, 994-3649 or 994-3669 jndrummond123@gmail.com

CHILCOOT

GOODWINS GENERAL STORE. 94139 Highway 70, Chilco, CA 96105, 993-4683

LOYALTON

A BIT OF BEACH. 701 Main St., Hwy 49. abitofbeach@gmail.com. 993-1655

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For more information about events, where to play & stay or to live & work in Sierra County, see www.sierracountychamber.com
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NOTE: Local stores will not be open in the evening for purchasing supplies. 911 calls made from cell phones are often routed to larger dispatch centers and then transferred back locally. This can cause a delay in getting assistance. Specify you are in Sierra County.

In order to expedite the handling of an emergency call from your cellular phone you can program the direct dial number for Sheriff’s Office Dispatch into your phone and use it instead of 911 while in Sierra County. 530-289-3700

Should you need advanced medical attention while in Sierra County there is a high likelihood you will be transported by air. Many have discovered after receiving air transport, this service is not always covered by regular insurance.

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Medical Facilities

Should you require advanced medical attention while in Sierra County you will likely be transported to one of the following facilities:

- UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA
- Enloe Medical Center, Chico CA
- Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, Grass Valley CA
- Renown Regional Medical Center, Reno NV
- Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Roseville CA
- Eastern Plumas District Hospital, Portola CA
- Tahoe Forest Hospital, Truckee CA

Post Offices Community Bulletin Boards

Local Post Offices & Community Bulletin Boards are information sharing hubs. Post Offices are located on Main Street in Loyalton, Sierraville, Calpine, Sierra City, Downieville, Alleghany, North San Juan (serves Pike).

Examples of information commonly posted:

- Road Closures & Traffic Controls
- Wild Fire Status Information
- Community Events • Health Warnings

Senior Center

The Senior Center in Loyalton is a public Cooling-Off Center during the summer and a place to warm-up in the winter 302 1st Street, Loyalton, CA 96118, 530-993-4770
Radio Signals

Very little radio signal is available on the mountainous West Side of the County. Some station options on the East Side are:

Reno: 98.1FM 104.5FM 88.7FM 780AM 1270AM 1340AM (Spanish)
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Local Health & Medical providers serving Sierra County:

- **Eastern Plumas Health Care**
  700 Third, Loyalton CA 96118
  530-993-1231
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  530-993-6701
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- **Dr. Lee Walker DDS**
  703 Main St, Loyalton CA 96118
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- **Sierra Family Medical Clinic**
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Veterinarians serving Sierra County Dr. Dennis Spence is in Downieville at the Sierra Hardware parking lot most Tuesdays. 530-273-5331

**Plumas Vet Service**, Beckwourth CA 530-832-4485

**Large Animal Vet Services** Chilcoot 530-993-1400

Common Hazards in Sierra County

A few common hazards to be on the alert for are mountain lions, rapidly changing weather extremes, bears, rattlesnakes, aggressive ground wasps, wild land fires, ticks, and mosquitoes which can carry disease.

When swimming, fishing, or engaging in water sports, being a strong swimmer is not a good rational for not wearing a life jacket. A life jacket has additional safety purposes to consider; besides buoyancy, will help protect a person against hypothermia, an important threat when a rescue might be slow in coming. Most life jackets are brightly colored assisting in rescue efforts. They can also absorb some of the impact of a fall and minimize injuries. Seeing adults wear a life jacket sets a positive example for children.
The 2020 Downieville Mountain Brewfest scheduled for July 18 has been canceled. We made this difficult decision in an effort to keep our residents and visitors safe from any exposure to the Covid-19 virus. As an alternative, we are hosting a virtual Mountain Brewfest that can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home. So grab your favorite beer, sit back and sign in to watch our very first virtual Downieville Mountain Brewfest!

The Downieville Mountain Virtual Brewfest is a FREE on-line event, beginning at 1pm on Saturday July 18th, 2020.

Representatives from our breweries are invited to be panelists to provide short updates on their brands and how their breweries are handling the current market and challenges. The Downieville Mountain Brewfest chairperson will also provide a short overview and history of Downieville, along with an update on how this small mountain town is coping.

To register for this year's Downieville Virtual Mountain Brewfest, please visit the Brewfest website: [www.downievillebrewfest.com](http://www.downievillebrewfest.com) and follow instructions to access the zoom webinar.

Thank you for your understanding and supporting our annual Downieville Mountain Brewfest. We hope you will join and enjoy this year's virtual event, and that we will all come together, in person, next year in Downieville. Stay healthy and stay safe!
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A volunteer community service organization promoting the welfare of organizations and members of our communities.
PO Box 24 Downieville, CA 95936
## RIVER CANYON

**Downieville, Indian Valley**

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Check AirBnB and VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner) for additional lodging options.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2020
May 15 - Cauley & Bright Bridge Dedication, 7pm, Lions Park, Downieville. Postponed – new date to be determined. Email: downievillebrewfest@gmail.com for more information.

May 25 - Milton Gottardi Museum Open. 603 School Street, Loyalton. Closed to the public. Not open to be opened by appointment. Contact Jackie Mitchell, 493-4012 or Loyalton City Hall. 9am to 5pm. Call to cancel. If the Museum Catarse or the City of Loyalton to confirm the exact opening date.

May 25 - Sierra Valley Arts Council @ Boardwalk Park. Open all year round. Board 424, Loyalton.

May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend - Kentucky Mine Museum Open. Sierra County Fair First 10am-5pm. 862-1310. Opening has been delayed.

JUNE 2020
June 15 - Recycled Relics Car Show N-Nahra. Open to all makes and models, early 1930's-Late 1980's Loyalton. Contact www.eastsierravalleychamber.com. Information: eastsierravalleychamber.com or 935-2347 for more info. http://www.californiaautocubs.com. This event has been cancelled. Call Mike Carnahan 289-9822 or info@sierracountyartscouncil.org. This event has been cancelled. Email: downievillebrewfest@gmail.com, or Mike Blide at 530-320-993-4012 or Loyalton City Hall, 993-6750. Call the situation. To register: visit www.downievillebrewfest.com and follow instructions to access the Zoom webinar. See you next year in Downieville!

June 16 - Underground Gold Miners Museum 9th Annual Gold Show. 10am-5pm. Contact www.sierracountyartscouncil.org and history of Downieville, along with an update on the current market and challenges. The event is a FREE in-person event beginning at 1 pm. Representatives from our breweries are invited to be present to provide updates on their brands and how their breweries are handling the current market and challenges. The brewmaster will provide a short overview of the history of Downieville along with an update on how this small mountain town is coping with this pandemic. To register at www.eastsierravalleychamber.com for any additional information. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this very difficult time for all of us.

June 16 - Movie Night at the Yuba Theatre. Step into the past and enjoy an old-time movie experience at the Historic Yuba Theatre. The popcorn is delicious, too! 87 suggested donation. 7:30 pm. Downieville. Contact 289-4042 or www.sierracountyartscouncil.org. This event has been cancelled.

June 20 - July 5 - Home Grown Talent. Open Mic. Come share your talent on the stage of the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7-30 pm. 289-4812 or www.sierracountyartscouncil.org. This event has been cancelled.

June 24 - Move & It’s The Kentucky Mine. The Good Rain. 7:30 pm. 862-1310 for info. This event has been cancelled.

JULY 2020
July 3 – Home Grown Talent. Open Mic. Come share your talent on the stage of the Historic Yuba Theatre. Downieville. 7-30 pm. 289-4812 or www.sierracountyartscouncil.org. This event has been cancelled.

July 4 - Downieville 4th of July Parade & Foot Races. Noon. Watch it coming and going up and down Main Street. All parade entries welcome! Enter your kids, dogs, families, cars. It’s exciting for all ages! Be creative. The ultimate small town parade ends with the infamous "Fireless Fireworks"! Enter the race don’t Main Street. All age groups welcome from one to one hundred. Pull up and watch the fun. Family fun in a small town tradition style. Contact Mindy Stores 550-997-9710 register yourselves over the holiday weekend and parade entries. This event has been cancelled.

July 4 – Loyalton Independence Day Parade. 9am. Main Street. Loyalton. Contact 935-4452 or 493-4579. This event has been cancelled.

July 4 – Rotary Club of Loyalton Auction & BBQ. Immediately following 6th of July Parade. Smithneck Road, Loyalton. Contact 935-4911 or 493-4579. This event has been cancelled.

July 4 – Downieville Independence Day Celebration BBQ and Street Dance. Premier Music's Murray Brennan will host the Downieville Fire Department Auxiliary at the Community Hall. In the evening, the dance will open to a family fun dance provided by the Downieville Community Band. This event has been cancelled.

July 4 – County Market Bazaar Meet & Greet. 10am to 2pm. At the Chamber Kiosk located at the corner of Hwy 49 & 2nd Street, Loyalton. www.eastsierravalleychamber.com

July 11 – Kentucky Mine Concert Series. Co-sponsored by Sierra County Historical Society and Sierra County Arts Council. Mumbo Gumbo. Kentucky Mine Amphitheater. Start 7:30 pm. This event has been cancelled.

July 19 – Downieville Poker Flat OHV Trail. This event has been cancelled.

July 24 & 25 – Christian Encounter Ministries Agony Ride around Sierra Valley. Contact 208-687-4054 or www.agonyride.org. This event has been cancelled.

July 25 – Winemaking in the Woods. Serrano’s Garden, 205 Main S, Sierra City. 3pm-5pm. Taste a variety of premium wines accompanied by delicious food in a beautiful garden setting. $35. Benefits Sierra County Search and Rescue and Sierra City Youth Volunteer Department. Featuring music by Cho Blue. Contact 916-1356 for tickets and info. This event has been cancelled.

July 25 – Movie Night at the Yuba Theatre. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Recycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-289-4042. This event has been cancelled.

July 30 – July 5 – Downieville Classic Bike Race. Cross country and dual race race. music & art event. Downieville. 289-4812. This event has been cancelled.

July 31 – Movie Night Sponsored by Santa Cruz Recycles. Yuba Theatre. Downieville 8pm-289-4812. This event has been cancelled.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, most, if not all events have been cancelled or postponed through June and July 2020. We advise you to contact the organization/event coordinator(s) by email before planning to attend an event in Sierra County in 2020. You may also contact the Chamber by email: info@sierracountychamber.com or visit our website: www.sierracountychamber.com for any additional information. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this very difficult time for all of us.
As remote and sparsely populated as Sierra County is, we have a great Volunteer base. Volunteer Fire Departments are located in Alleghany, Pike, Downieville, and several other towns. Many of the towns also have active Fire Auxiliaries which are constantly putting on functions to support the Fire Departments.

Fire departments have ongoing training for the firefighters, and the EMT’s have continuous training to keep current on their skills & certifications. Even part-time residents can join the fire department, stop by the local firehouse.

At the sound of the siren, fire personnel including EMT’s and First Responders show up, seemingly out of nowhere to take care of you.

So while vacationing or visiting the area, play safe, but if faced with an emergency, rest assured, help is right around the bend.