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2020

COUNTY MAP INSIDE

# Visitors Guide

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# Welcome...



***A land created by fire and ice, settled by hardy pioneers, with four seasons of scenic beauty and outdoor recreation, the Alpine Sierra region offers adventure and exploration, paired with a unique and restful vacation experience.***



**O**n behalf of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, its members and staff, we would like to welcome you to the smallest county by population in California. Alpine County was settled in a time when thousands of Americans flocked westward seeking fame, fortune and a new life. Alpine County was officially founded at the height of the American Civil War in 1864.

The name “Alpine” was chosen because Scandinavian miners who had immigrated from Europe thought that the region’s grassy river valleys, vast surrounding forests and snow-capped peaks reminded them of mountain ranges of their homeland.

A world of “uns” - that is: untamed, uncommercialized, and nearly uninhabited, Alpine County beckons you. Experience our crystal clear alpine lakes, endless forests, mountain peaks, stars that meet the heavens, world class trout streams, small town hospitality, two people per square mile...and you.

The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce hopes that this Visitors Guide will be helpful to you in planning your next visit. Please use this guide to find dining, history, lodging, services, shopping, recreation, and helpful information with regards to our National Forest.

# Two people per square mile... and you.



In 1844, explorers discovered what was to eventually become California's least populated county. More than 150 years later, the population remains a whopping 1,200\*.

In 1844, John Fremont and Kit Carson brought notice of a possible new travel route across the Sierras into California. In 1848, members of the Mormon Battalion began using the route, followed by the Gold Rush 49ers a year later.

The excitement was short lived as the ore proved too stubborn to recover at a profit and men began to leave the area. The finishing blow came with the demonetization of silver in 1873, collapsing prices and closing the remaining mines. With that, the population quickly dwindled to fewer than 1,200.

Ebbetts Pass, now designated as Highway 4, was named for "Major" John A. Ebbetts. Originally recommended as a railroad crossing, Major Ebbetts died before the highway could be completed, the road was completed in 1864 connecting Bear Valley/Lake Alpine and Markleeville. Today the pass is a favorite area for camping, fishing and hiking.

Alpine County remained sparsely populated until the late 1960s, when Bear Valley and Kirkwood Ski Resorts were developed, increasing the current population to 1,200. With about 96% of the land set aside for public use, Alpine County's biggest asset is that of an outdoor paradise.



## TOTAL AREA —

465,030 acres  
(726.6 square miles)

Ranks 9th smallest of California's 58 counties. 96% of land is public; with only 4% under private ownership

## ELEVATION —

Ranges from about  
4800' to 11,400'

## GOVERNMENT —

Markleeville is  
the County Seat

With rocky peaks extending beyond the Jeffrey Pine tree lines, lush green valleys lie below to caress the rushing rivers. Rivers offer thrilling white-water rafting and kayaking experiences for the adventurous soul in us all and our trout filled streams and lakes are a dream come true for young and old anglers alike.

Remarkable Alpine County awaits you, and so does the hospitality of quaint resorts and the refreshing beauty of unspoiled wilderness. Frolic in meadows, admire wildflowers, revitalize in hot springs, enjoy our rich history and bask in fresh air and sunshine.

\*The population of Alpine County can fluctuate between summer and winter months.



## AREA CHAMBERS/ VISITOR INFORMATION

### Alpine County Visitors Center

Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2475  
www.alpinecounty.com  
www.deathride.com

### Amador County Chamber of Commerce

Jackson, CA  
(209) 223-0350  
www.amadorchamber.com

### Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce

San Andreas, CA  
(209) 754-5400  
www.calaveras.org

### Calaveras Visitors Bureau

Angels Camp, CA  
(209) 736-0049  
www.gocalaveras.com

### Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce

Gardnerville, NV  
(775) 782-8144  
www.carsonvalleynv.org

### Carson Valley Visitors Authority

Gardnerville, NV  
(775) 782-8145  
www.visitcarsonvalley.org

### El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce

Placerville, CA  
(530) 621-5885  
www.eldoradocounty.org

### Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce

Stateline, NV  
(775) 588-1728  
www.tahoechamber.org

### Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority

South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(775) 588-5900  
www.ltvva.org  
www.tahoessouth.com  
Visitor Center CA: (530) 541-5255  
Visitor Center NV: (775) 588-4591

## COUNTY SERVICES

www.alpinecountyca.gov

Administration (530) 694-2287

Alpine Christian Community Church  
Woodfords, CA (530) 694-1819

Assessor/Recorder (530) 694-2283

Auditor/Controller (530) 694-2284

Community Development Building  
and Planning Departments  
(530) 694-2140

County Clerk (530) 694-2281

County  
Road Conditions (530) 694-2140

Court Services (530) 694-2113

Department of Finance (530) 694-2286

Health Services (530) 694-2146

Library  
Bear Valley (209) 753-6219  
Markleeville (530) 694-2120

Markleeville Public  
Utility District (530) 694-2924

Markleeville Water  
Company (530) 694-2924

Sheriff's Department  
Bear Valley (209) 753-2321  
Markleeville (530) 694-2231

Turtle Rock Park Campground  
Information (530) 694-2140

BLM (775) 885-6000

USFS - Carson Ranger District  
(775) 882-2766

 Eastern Alpine  
Volunteer Fire Department  
60 Diamond Valley Road  
Woodfords, CA  
(530) 694-2922

 Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department  
33540 Loop Road  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-4444  
www.kmpud.com

 Lake Alpine Water Company, Inc.  
3 Bear Valley Rd., Suite 109  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2409  
www.lakealpinewater.com

 U.S. Post Office  
P.O. Box 9998  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2125

## DINING & SHOPPING

 7800 Bar & Grill  
1511 Kirkwood Meadows Dr.  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-8880

 Alps Haus Café  
14841 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-9494  
www.alpshauscafe.com

 Bear Valley Adventure Company  
1 Bear Valley Rd.  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2834  
www.bvadventures.com

 Bear Valley Resort  
2280 State Route 207  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2301  
www.bearvalley.com

Carson Valley Inn  
1627 US Highway 395 N  
Minden, NV  
(775) 782-9711

 Cornice, The  
1390 Kirkwood Meadows Dr.  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7225 (seasonal)  
www.kirkwood.com

### J. Marklee Toll Station

 14880 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2505

 Kirkwood General Store  
1501 Kirkwood Meadows Dr.  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7294 (call for hours)  
www.kirkwood.com

 Kirkwood Inn  
Highway 88  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7304 (call for hours)  
www.kirkwood.com

 Kirkwood Mountain Resort  
P.O. Box 1  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-6000  
www.kirkwood.com

 Kirkwood Mountain Sports  
1377 Kirkwood Meadows Dr.  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7240 (seasonal)  
www.kirkwood.com

 Mad Dog Café and Market  
290 A Old Pony Express Road  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2930

 Markleeville General Store  
14799 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2448  
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Schwan's Home Service Inc.  
Carson City, NV  
(775) 412-1908  
www.schwans.com

 Sorensen's Resort  
14255 Hwy 88  
Hope Valley, CA  
(530) 694-2271

 Stonefly  
14821 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-9999  
www.stoneflyrestaurant.com

 Timber Creek Rental  
33611 Kirkwood Meadows Dr.  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7405 (seasonal)  
www.kirkwood.com

## LODGING

 Bear Valley Real Estate, Inc.  
& Vacation Rentals  
P.O. Box 5250  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2334  
www.bearvalleyrealestate.com

 Bear Valley Resort  
2280 State Route 207  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2301  
www.bearvalley.com

 Carson River Resort  
12399 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2229  
www.carsonriverresort.com

Carson Valley Inn  
1627 US Highway 395 N  
Minden, NV  
(775) 782-9711

 Creekside Lodge  
14820 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2511

 Kirkwood Lodging  
Kirkwood, CA  
(844) 471-3753  
www.kirkwood.com

 Kirkwood Mountain Resort  
P.O. Box 1  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-6000  
www.kirkwood.com

 Markleeville Creek House  
Markleeville, CA  
(775) 291-6827  
Listed on Airbnb and VRBO

Pyramid Peak Properties  
1725 Grizzly Mountain Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(530) 573-1888  
www.pyramidpeakproperties.com

 Sorensen's Resort  
14255 Hwy 88  
Hope Valley, CA  
(530) 694-2271

South Lake Tahoe Timeshare Rentals  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(877) 815-4227  
www.sellmytimesharenow.com/  
timeshare/south+lake+tahoe/city/  
buy-timeshare

 The River House  
Markleeville, CA  
(775) 857-7777  
Listed on Airbnb

## REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE

 Advanced Appraisal Services  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 544-4665  
www.karriebaker.com

 Bear Valley Real Estate, Inc.  
& Vacation Rentals  
P.O. Box 5250  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2334  
www.bearvalleyrealestate.com

Fromarc Insurance Agency Inc.  
1156 Emerald Bay Road Suite A  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(530) 541-7797  
www.fromarc.com

 Intero Real Estate Services  
14831 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2794

Markleeville Assets Holdings  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(775) 857-7777  
sdobronte@gmail.com

**Pyramid Peak Properties**  
1725 Grizzly Mountain Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(530) 573-1888  
www.pyramidpeakproperties.com

## RECREATION & LEISURE

 **Alpine County Museum**  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2317  
www.alpinecountymuseum.com

 **Alpine Massage**  
250 Old Pony Express  
Woodfords, CA  
(530) 320-0626

 **Alpine Trails Association**  
Markleeville, CA  
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 **Al's Got Gas Bait and Tackle**  
14881 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-9495  
www.alsgotgas.com

**Alta Alpina Cycling Club**  
Minden, NV  
(877) 845-2453  
www.altaalpina.org

**Arts of Bear Valley**  
Arnold, CA  
www.aobv.org

 **Bear Valley Adventure Company**  
1 Bear Valley Rd.  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2834  
www.bvadventures.com

 **Bear Valley Music Festival**  
P.O. Box 5068  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 813-0554  
www.bearvalleymusicfestival.org

 **Bear Valley Resort**  
2280 State Route 207  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2301  
www.bearvalley.com

 **California Alps Cycling**  
Markleeville, CA  
www.californiaalpscycling.bike/

 **Carson River Resort**  
12399 Hwy 89  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2229  
www.carsonriverresort.com

 **D James Giant Yard Games**  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 318-3716  
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 **Grover Hot Springs State Park**  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2248  
Pool: (530) 694-2249, call for hours

 **Kirkwood Cross Country & Snowshoe Center**  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-7287 (seasonal)  
www.kirkwood.com

 **Kirkwood Mountain Resort**  
P.O. Box 1  
Kirkwood, CA  
(209) 258-6000  
www.kirkwood.com

 **Serene Wilderness Tours**  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-1625  
www.sacred-journeys.com

 **Sorensen's Resort**  
14255 Hwy 88  
Hope Valley, CA  
(530) 694-2271

**Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters**  
2705 Lake Tahoe Blvd.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(530) 541-8208  
www.tahoe-flyfishing.com

 **TGFT Productions LLC/Bike the West**  
Stateline, NV  
(800) 565-2704  
www.bikethewest.com

## BUSINESS SERVICES/ ORGANIZATIONS

 **Alpine Biomass Collaborative**  
200 Hot Springs Rd.  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2359  
alpinebiomasscommittee.wordpress.com

 **Alpine Children's Center/Alpine Kids**  
60 Sage Avenue  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2934

 **Alpine County Friends of the Library**  
270 Laramie St.  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2120  
www.alpinecountyca.gov/  
index.aspx?NID=363

 **Alpine Fire Safe Council**  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-1879

 **Alpine Mobile Diesel**  
130 Old Pony Express Way  
Woodfords, CA  
(530) 721-7722

 **Alpine Trails Association**  
Markleeville, CA  
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 **Alpine Watershed Group**  
50 Diamond Valley Road  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2327  
www.alpinewatershedgroup.org

**Alta Alpina Cycling Club**  
Minden, NV  
(877) 845-2453  
www.altaalpina.org

 **Bear Valley Business Association**  
P.O. Box 5400  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2334  
www.visitbearvalley.org

 **Bear Valley Music Festival**  
P.O. Box 5068  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 813-0554  
www.bearvalleymusicfestival.org

 **C.G. Celio & Sons**  
Woodfords, CA  
clint@cgcelio.com

 **Cut and Chiseled**  
Markleeville, CA  
(951) 691-2727  
www.cutandchiseled.com

**Douglas Disposal Incorporated**  
1653 Lucerne Street Suite A  
Minden, NV  
(775) 782-5713  
www.douglasdisposal.com

 **Ebbetts Pass Historical Association**  
P.O. Box 5203  
Bear Valley, CA  
(510) 593-5594

**Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway Association**  
P.O. Box 2882  
Arnold, CA  
(209) 728-8471  
www.scenic4.org

**Elizabeth Sears McIntosh Law**  
Lodi, CA  
(510) 717-1512  
www.elizabethsearslaw.com

 **Fishing the California Alps**  
19750 Hwy 89 #9  
Woodfords, CA  
(530) 694-2966

 **Friends of Grover Hot Springs Bodie Foundation**  
3415 Hot Springs Road  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-9307  
www.visitgroverhotsprings.org

**Fromarc Insurance Agency Inc.**  
1156 Emerald Bay Road Suite A  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
(530) 541-7797  
www.fromarc.com

 **Heritage Tourism Committee**  
P.O. Box 275  
Markleeville, CA

 **Kirkwood Service Station**  
(no attendant on duty)  
Kirkwood, CA  
www.kirkwood.com

 **Live Violence Free**  
100 Foothill Road #A  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-1853  
www.liveviolencefree.org

 **Magical Markleeville**  
Christmas Faire Committee  
Markleeville, CA  
(530) 694-2714

 **Markleeville Enhancement Club**  
Markleeville, CA

 **Radach Construction**  
PO Box 68  
Markleeville, CA  
(775) 782-0499

**Rotary Club of Ukiah**  
Ukiah, CA  
(707) 489-2191  
www.ukiahrotary.org

**SBDC-Small Business Development Center**  
56 S. Lincoln Street  
Stockton, CA  
(209) 954-5089

**TGFT Productions LLC/Bike the West**  
Stateline, NV  
(800) 565-2704  
www.bikethewest.com

 **Vivian Powers Photography**  
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## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

**Brissenden, John and Patricia**  
Hope Valley, CA

**Burchiel, Richard**  
Cambria, CA

**Crawford, Beverly**  
Markleeville, CA

**Cressaty, John and Beth**  
Markleeville, CA

**Daniels, Margaret**  
Gardnerville, NV

**Gentry, Walter**  
Markleeville, CA

**Haller, Douglas and Christine**  
Danville, CA

**Harley Davidson of Glendale, Oliver Shokouh**  
Markleeville, CA  
(818) 246-5618  
www.glendaleharley.com

**Hartman, William**  
Walnut Creek, CA

**Harvey, Richard A, MD**  
Markleeville, CA

**Leonard, Daniel**  
Mill Valley, CA

**McLaughlin, Mark and Karen**  
Los Gatos, CA

**Wilson, Jim**  
Benicia, CA

## BUSINESS COMMUNITIES

 **Markleeville/Woodfords**

 **Bear Valley/Lake Alpine**

 **Kirkwood/Hope Valley**

See map 3 pages forward for community locations.

**A**lpine County includes portions of three National Forests: the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Eldorado, and Stanislaus National Forests, as well as two wilderness areas: the Carson-Iceberg and Mokelumne Wilderness. While National Forests emphasize resource preservation and the concept of “multiple use,” wilderness areas are designated to retain the natural and untamed character of wild places. In the Carson-Iceberg and Mokelumne Wilderness areas, nature prevails and opportunities for solitude and serenity abound.

### CARSON-ICEBERG WILDERNESS:

From the majestic heights of Sonora Peak and the Dardanelles to the clear cool waters of the Carson River, the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness offers 160,000 acres of ruggedly beautiful, unspoiled terrain to delight your senses. With elevations ranging between 6,500 feet and 11,462 feet, this wilderness offers a landscape of striking contrasts from windswept Alpine peaks and sparkling glacial lakes to densely forested stands and sunny open mountain meadows. Hiking, backpacking, fishing, trail running and horse back riding are favorite wilderness activities. This remote area straddles the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains between Ebbetts Pass and Sonora Pass, and may be accessed through the following trailheads: Wolf Creek, East Carson River Trail/High Trail, Noble Creek, Ebbetts Pass, Hermit Valley, Heiser Lake, Stanislaus Meadow, Silver Valley, Lake Alpine, (Hwy 4) Corral Valley Trail, Snodgrass Trail, (Hwy 395) and Sonora Pass (Hwy 108).



### MOKELUMNE WILDERNESS:

The Mokelumne Wilderness offers stunning mountain scenery and outstanding year-round recreational opportunities. Winter envelops the Mokelumne in white shimmering tranquility. Snow covered forests and meadows beckon to winter sports enthusiasts. During spring and early summer, Raymond and Reynolds Peaks gaze down from their lofty stations upon wildflowers dancing in broad open meadows as day-hikers and backpackers stroll by. During the fall, golden Aspens stand in sharp relief against an azure blue sky inviting all to come and share in their splendor.

The Mokelumne is located south of Highway 88 and north of Highway 4. Access into the Mokelumne Wilderness may be gained through one of the following trailheads: Wet Meadows (which also serves the Pacific Crest Trail), Blue Lakes, Ebbetts Pass and Carson Pass. Required wilderness permits and information about the Mokelumne and Carson-Iceberg Wilderness may be obtained at the following locations or visit the National Forest Service website at [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

#### Alpine Ranger Station

Hwy 4  
Bear Valley, CA  
(209) 753-2811  
(Seasonal)

#### Carson Pass Information Station Eldorado National Forest

Hwy 88, Carson Pass  
(209) 258-8606  
(Seasonal)

#### Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District

1536 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(775) 882-2766

#### Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras Ranger Station

Hwy 4  
Hathaway Pines, CA 95233  
(209) 795-1381



### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW) LANDS PASS PROGRAM — HOPE VALLEY, CA:

Lands passes are required for each visitor 16 or older, who is not carrying a valid hunting or fishing license in his or her own name. They are to be carried by the visitor while on the property. For more information, or to purchase a lands pass, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass).



### CROSS COUNTY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING INFORMATION:

Hope Valley Junction of Highway 88 and 89, west to Burnside Lake Road. Skiing opportunities for all skill levels. Favorite spots include Burnside Lake and Mokelumne Wilderness. Kit Carson Pass, Highway 88 above Red Lake Ski Trails into Meiss Meadows and Round Top Lake, and Kirkwood Cross Country & Snowshoe Center. Sno-park permits required in some areas.

### SNOWMOBILING INFORMATION:

Hope Valley off Hwy 88 at Blue Lakes Road. Blue Lakes Road is 4 miles west of the Hwy 88 and Hwy 89 junction. Sno-Park permit required. Permits available at Mad Dog Cafe and Markét (Woodfords, CA; Subject to change). California sno-park permits available online (charges apply) at [ohv.parks.ca.gov/snoparks](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/snoparks).

California Campfire permits available online and in person at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce office. Please visit [www.preventwildfireca.gov](http://www.preventwildfireca.gov) for more information, or call (530) 694-2475.

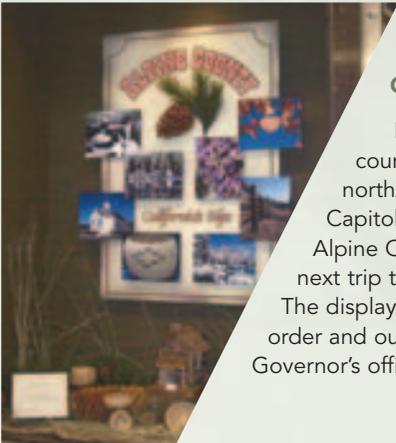
Information provided under direction by the USFS and subject to change without notice.





### BEAR VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Bear Valley Music Festival is an annual summer festival held from late July through early August, presenting a wide variety of live concerts including classical, rock, country and jazz. The concerts are performed in a large tent erected near the Bear Valley Lodge, which serves as a concert hall with seating for 500 and a stage large enough to hold a full symphony orchestra led by internationally recognized conductor Michael Morgan.



### CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL

Exhibits on each California county line the first-floor north/south hallway in the Capitol's east wing. Visit the Alpine County exhibit on your next trip to Sacramento, California. The displays are in alphabetical order and ours is next to the Governor's office.



AMERICA'S BYWAYS®

### EBBETTS PASS SCENIC BYWAYS

In October, 2005, The U.S. Department of Transportation designated a 61-mile stretch of California Highways 4 and 89, between the towns of Arnold in Calaveras County and Markleeville in Alpine County as Scenic Byways. This designation recognizes roads for the scenery, cultural or historic significance, or for access to recreational activities. This program is designed to help communities preserve and promote their roads. Ebbetts Pass joins an elite group of only 125 designated byways in the United States.



[www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com)



Each July, cyclists from across the nation come to Markleeville for the Tour of the California Alps – Death Ride®. Hosted by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, this year marks the 40th anniversary.

Originally founded by Wayne Martin, the one-day ride features 129 miles and 15,000+ vertical feet of endurance climbing. The ride starts and finishes at Turtle Rock Park just outside of Markleeville. Join us on July 11, 2020 to celebrate 40 years of this iconic event. Visit [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com) or call (530) 694-2475 for more information.



Lake Tahoe  
Alpine County  
Yosemite



# Area Attraction Guide

Camping Location	Sites	Elev.	Season	Contact	USFS	Private	County	State	BLM	PG&E
1. Wolf Creek		6400	All Year	877-444-6777	X					
2. Carson River Resort	9	5300	May-Oct	877-694-2229		X				
3. Markleeville Creek	10	5500	May-Sep	877-444-6777	X					
4. Grover Hot Springs	76	5900	All Year	(530) 694-2248				X		
5. Turtle Rock Park	28	6100	May-Oct	(530) 694-2140			X			
6. Indian Creek Rec. Area	29	5600	Apr-Oct	(775) 885-6000					X	
7. Crystal Springs	22	6000	Apr-Oct	877-444-6777	X					
8. Snowshoe Springs	13	6600	CLOSED	877-444-6777	X					
9. Kit Carson	12	6900	May-Sep	877-444-6777	X					
10. Sorensen's	25	7000	Jun-Oct	800-423-9949		X				
11. Hope Valley	20	7300	Jun-Sep	877-444-6777	X					
12. Blue Lake	73	8100	Jun-Oct	916-386-5164						X
13. Woods Lake	25	8200	Jul-Oct	(209) 296-8895	X					
14. Caples Lake	34	7800	Jun-Oct	(209) 296-8895	X					
15. Kirkwood	12	7600	Jun-Oct	(209) 296-8895	X					
16. Silvertip	23	7500	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
17. Lake Alpine	27	7400	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
18. Pine Marten	33	7400	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
19. Silver Valley	25	7400	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
20. Mosquito Lakes	9	8000	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
21. Pacific Valley	9	7600	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
22. Hermit Valley	3	7500	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
23. Bloomfield	20	8000	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
24. Highland Lakes	35	8600	Jun-Oct	(209) 795-1381	X					
25. Silver Creek	22	6800	May-Sep	877-444-6777	X					

Disclaimer: All campground opening and closing dates are dependent upon road and weather conditions. For additional USFS and BLM information, visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) and [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). For campfire permits, visit [www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit](http://www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit).

Fishing Waters	Location	Access	Distance from Highway
A. Heenan Lake	Hwy 89 Monitor Pass	Auto	.5 miles from Highway 89
**Special Regulations: Sunrise to Sunset, Friday – Sunday Only from Friday before Labor Day to the last Sunday in October, Artificial Lures/Barbless Hook only, Zero limit			
B. Carson River – East Fork	Hangman's Bridge to Wolf Creek	Auto	Accessible on Highway 89
C. Carson River – East Fork	Hangman's Bridge to NV Stateline	Foot	Approx. 10 miles
Open all year – zero limit, artificial lures with barbless hooks			
D. Markleeville Creek	Markleeville by Library Bridge	Auto	Accessible by Library Bridge
Please respect private property signs, Great area for kids			
E. Carson River – West Fork	Highway 88 and Highway 89	Auto/Foot	Pickett's Junction
Handicap Fishing Access – Provided by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce			
F. Blue Lakes	South of Highway 88 on Blue Lakes Road	Auto/foot	Accessible via paved/dirt road
G. Red Lake	East of Carson Pass on Highway 88	Auto	
H. Woods Lake	South of High 88/West of Carson Pass	Auto	Accessible on Wood Lake Road
I. Caples Lake	West of Carson Pass on Highway 88	Auto/Foot	
J. Lake Alpine	Highway 4	Auto	
K. Mosquito Lake	Highway 4	Auto	
L. Mokelumne River	Highway 4/Hermit Valley	Auto/Foot	
M. Kinney Lakes/Kinney Reservoir	Highway 4	Auto/Foot	Kinney Lakes accessible from Kinney Reservoir
N. Silver Creek	Highway 4	Auto	
O. Wolf Creek	Wolf Creek Meadows	Auto/Foot	Accessible from Wolf Creek Road

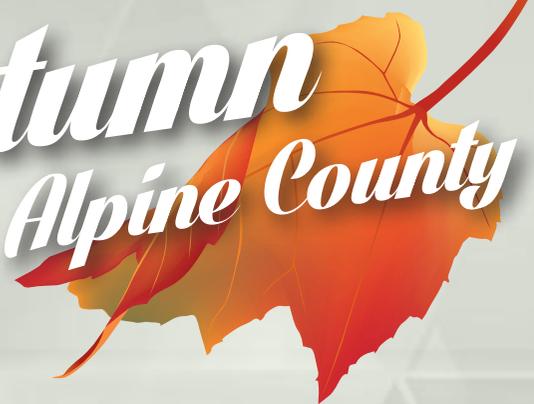
**Helpful Hints:** Before heading out to your favorite fishing spot be sure to stop by one of the local businesses and authorized fishing license agents to: Book a fishing guide • Purchase CA fishing license (1 day, 2 day or season available) • Get the latest fishing report • Buy live bait and tackle • Buy sandwich, snack, drink, sundries and sunscreen  
 Fish limit per person per day (5) excludes Heenan Lake and Carson River - East Fork, Hangman's Bridge to NV Stateline. If you see a violation, please report it to 888-334-2258.

**Fish Plants:** Alpine County Fish and Game Commission and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce work closely together to stock the waterways here in Alpine County. Businesses around the County have donation boxes to fund additional fish plants. California Fish & Wildlife stocks rivers and lakes in Alpine County throughout fishing season. There is no schedule set as it depends on water quality and water temperature. Check [dfg.ca.gov](http://dfg.ca.gov) and [alpinecounty.com](http://alpinecounty.com) for more information. Alpine County is in North Central Region 2.

**Online Fishing License:** [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales/)



# Autumn in Alpine County

**AA****HOPE VALLEY**

Enjoy magnificent groves of Quaking Aspen surrounding this beautifully meadowed alpine valley named by the Mormon Battalion in 1848. Try side trips to Blue Lakes and Burnside Lake.

**BB****WOODFORDS CANYON**

Follow the tumbling Carson River's West Fork from Hope Valley to the historic community of Woodfords and enjoy impressive stands of Cottonwood and Aspen trees.

**CC****MONITOR PASS**

Dense groves of Aspen are found along this scenic highway, as well as fine examples of gnarled Sierra Juniper and stunning scenic vistas of the Sierra Nevada and Nevada's Great Basin desert.

**DD****EAST FORK CARSON RIVER**

Explore the winding Carson River East Fork with an abundance of red and yellow foliage. Take a great side trip to Wolf Creek Meadows as well.

**EE****EBBETTS PASS — HWY 4  
SCENIC BYWAY DESIGNATION**

Colorful Aspen and Juniper trees contrast nicely against the volcanic rocks of Ebbetts Pass country. Many beautiful scenic pullouts are found along this dramatic highway.

**FF****HERMIT VALLEY**

Aspen groves are found all along Highway 4 west of Ebbetts Pass. A side trip to Highland Lakes offers pristine alpine lakes and majestic scenic views.

**GG****BEAR VALLEY/LAKE ALPINE**

Great Fall foliage is found in and around Bear Valley and serene Lake Alpine, with many great day hikes nearby.



See map two pages previous for locations of where to see Northern California's BEST Fall Colors noted by leaf icon.

**D**isc Golf, also called Frisbee Golf, is a flying disc sport in which players throw a disc at a target. It is played using rules similar to traditional golf.

**BEAR VALLEY**

Rick's Revenge Disc Golf is an 18-hole course situated in a beautiful mountain meadow in Bear Valley, California, at 7000 feet of elevation. Scorecards are available at the first tee and at the firehouse. Terrain is natural and uneven with plenty of trees. 1444 Creekside Drive, Bear Valley, CA. Not open in winter.

**KIRKWOOD**

The DiscWood disc golf course is located above the Timber Creek base area at Kirkwood Mountain Resort. One of the West Coast's most challenging courses, our 18-hole course weaves through the trees and over mountainous terrain at 7800 feet. The course has something for everyone with a wide variety of terrain and stance challenges. Pick up scorecards and maps at the General Store or Kirkwood Mountain Sports Bike Shop. Open July through October. Not open in winter. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)

**MARKLEEVILLE**

Great setting with beautiful mountain views, plenty of trees with a good amount of elevations. Many long, technical shots and a few birdie holes. Not open in winter. Purchase your Turtle Rock Park discs and t-shirts at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, #3 Webster Street in Markleeville.

Discs can be purchased at the Alpine County Visitors Center.

# Disc Golf



# Popular Hikes



**N**amed the “Land of Fire and Ice” by a 19th century emigrant crossing this part of the Sierra Nevada, Alpine County offers miles of backpacking and hiking trails in two Federal Wilderness areas and three National Forests.

## Remember:

**Always carry drinking water**

**Prevent erosion — follow the trail and don't cut switchbacks**

**Protect plants and wildlife**

**Keep trails clean — pack out ALL paper and trash**

**Leave no trace**

**Dogs must be on a leash at all times**

Additional hiking information and maps available for purchase at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, #3 Webster Street, Markleeville.

See the Alpine Trails Association Facebook page for additional trails information.

### CURTZ LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AREA

A self-guided interpretive trail that is designed for leisurely walking. A full tour should take about an hour. Detailed information markers are placed along the trail to help you learn more about your environment.

### GROVER'S FALLS HIKE

#### Grover's Hot Springs State Park, Markleeville, CA

This trail works well with children. The trail is well used. Trees provide shade and the river is nearby. There are several waterfalls along the way.

#### Trailhead:

From Markleeville, head towards Grover's Hot Springs State Park. Parking is available (day use fees may apply). This trailhead also leads to the longer and steeper Burnside Lake Trail and to Charity Valley.

### INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA

Nearly eight miles of hiking trails offer visitors a chance to explore their natural surroundings. Popular destinations include Summit Lake, Curtz Lake and the East Fork of the Carson River. Paved access is provided by Airport Road off California State Route 89 midway between Woodfords and Markleeville, California. Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management.

### MARKLEEVILLE CEMETERY

Markleeville's town cemetery likely began in 1863 when town founder Jacob Markley was shot dead outside his cabin – the unlucky victim of his own hot temper. To visit the Cemetery, go south across the Markleeville Creek bridge, then turn right on Laramie Street. Park at the pullout and walk up Cemetery Hill to the top. Information provided by Karen Dustman.

### SILVER MOUNTAIN CITY

The ghost town of Silver Mountain City is located on Highway 4, approximately 10 miles south (a 15-minute drive) of Markleeville. Look for the brown Forest Service sign on your left marking the old jail site at Silver Mountain City.

### SNOWSHOE THOMPSON HOMESITE

John “Snowshoe” Thompson was the legendary “Mailman of the Sierras” – and his homestead was in Alpine County! North from Markleeville, turn right on Diamond Valley Road and continue east for about 2.5 miles. Watch for the three commemorative plaques on your left. Information provided by Karen Dustman.

# Historic Places & Landmarks



## National Register of Historic Places listings in Alpine County —

1. **Alpine County Courthouse (9/30/2004)**  
Markleeville, CA
2. **Old Webster Schoolhouse (7/11/2005)**  
Markleeville, CA

## California Historical Landmarks in Alpine County —

- Office of Historic Preservation - California State Parks
- National Park Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior

1. **Ebbetts Pass Route**  
Highway 4
2. **Kit Carson Marker**  
Highway 88, Carson Pass
3. **Marklee's Cabin Site**  
Alpine County Courthouse, Markleeville, CA
4. **Memorial to Pioneer Odd Fellows**  
Kirkwood, CA
5. **Old Emigrant Road**  
Kirkwood, CA
6. **Pony Express Remount Station**  
Woodfords, CA



Visit the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce to pick up your complimentary Historic Markleeville walking tour brochure, or purchase Karen Dustman's book, "A Self-Guided Walking Tour of Markleeville." Call (530) 694-2475 for more information.

# Washoe Environment

WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

919 US Hwy 395 South  
Gardnerville, NV 89410  
www.washoetribe.us

Excerpted from:  
WA SHE SHU: "The Washoe People" Past and Present

To understand the Washoe you need to understand the environment in which they live. Washoe have always been a part of the land and environment, so every aspect of their lives is influenced by the land. The Washoe believe the land, language and people are connected and are intrinsically intertwined.

The Washoe people in this immediate area lived mainly a peaceful life, hunting and fishing for food and in the autumn gathering pinenuts for use through the winter months.

The Washoe people are basket weavers and many of their creations are woven of willow and fern roots. Designs were skillfully woven in and the baskets were often covered with beads arranged in artistic patterns. Washoe basket weaving is, however, fast becoming a lost art.

The 80 acre Hung a lel ti "colony" was established in Woodfords, providing the Washoe with their first tribal land in Alpine County since the 19th century. This is now known as the Woodfords Community.

## Words from the Washoe Indian Language (Hokan)

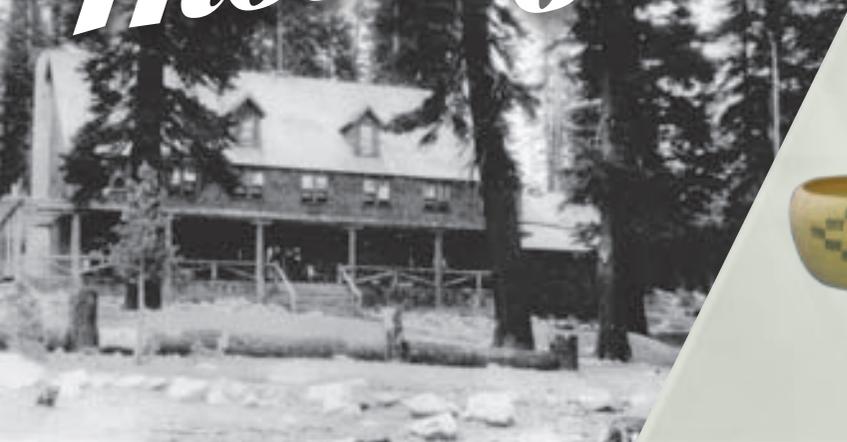


<b>memdewi</b> .....	deer
<b>damu</b> .....	dress
<b>balohat</b> .....	gun
<b>giwlew</b> .....	large coiled cooking basket
<b>dayay</b> .....	leaf
<b>baleyu</b> .....	looped stirring stick
<b>moko</b> .....	moccasins
<b>bikus</b> .....	papoose basket
<b>wata</b> .....	river
<b>am shuk</b> .....	spring
<b>himu</b> .....	willow
<b>gadu</b> .....	windbreak or summer shelter
<b>galis</b> .....	winter





# History



Located in Markleeville is the Museum, Old Webster School, Old Log Jail, Basque Bread Oven.

World famous basket maker Dat So La Lee lived part of her early life in Alpine County, washing and cooking for miners at Silver Mountain City. Her work became known universally for its shapes, weave and symbolic designs.



**On April 9, 2016 the Alpine County Heritage Tourism Committee organized a historic site recognition and rededication of three sites in Markleeville, California.**



**J**acob J. Markley located a land claim on September 12, 1861 consisting of a 160 acre tract of land which is presently the town site of Markleeville. Markley was shot and killed in the spring of 1863 by H.W. Tuttle over a dispute as to who owned the tract of land. Tuttle was tried and found innocent by reason of self defense.

Alpine County was created on March 16, 1864 from portions of Amador, Tuolumne, El Dorado, Calaveras and Mono Counties. In April of that year plans failed to incorporate Markleeville, but in 1875 the Alpine County seat was moved to Markleeville where it remains today.

Visitors can explore the rich history our area has to offer. The Alpine County Museum and Historical Complex located in Markleeville and the Ebbetts Pass Historical Association located in Bear Valley, offers a fascinating account of our beginnings. Both organizations operate a museum, library and archives. They continually collect, preserve, study, interpret and exhibit significant materials relating to Alpine County.

The Washoe Community, whose ancestors 8,000 years ago blazed trails that exists today, were hunters and gatherers. They harvested thousands of plants and animals from the wild gardens of the sierra and used the long bow for hunting. The Hung-a-lel-ti members are the southern branch of the Washoe Community and reside in Alpine County today.

**Charles W. Barrett Memorial Fountain** – erected in 1941 to honor the memory of Sheriff Barrett, who was elected sheriff in 1914 and served until his untimely death in 1935. Funding and donations for the refurbishment were received from: Alpine County, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Barrett/Bohlman families, Fifty Plus Club and the Friends of Markleeville. Community volunteers donated their time to the refurbishment.

**Markleeville Heritage Park and Nature Area** – located adjacent to the historic Alpine County Courthouse, will feature major restoration of the creek floodplain, new interpretive nature site, and picnic area. The site restoration will be coordinated by the Alpine County Watershed Group. The "Snowshoe Thompson Chapter – E Clampus Vitus" will present a plaque in honor of our founder, Jacob Markley.

**Markleeville Cemetery** – the historic cemetery was likely in use as early as the 1860's and restoration work has been done by the Alpine County Historical Society and Museum.

# Essentials



Stop by the Visitors Center for business information, maps, hiking trails and hot springs information. We also offer a variety of books, postcards, t-shirts, Death Ride merchandise, 150th commemorative gifts and a large selection of souvenirs. Don't forget your campfire permits — available at the Chamber or online at [www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit](http://www.preventwildfireca.org/campfire-permit). Wilderness permits available on the porch.

## WHAT TO PACK

Cool temperatures and chances of snow increase.

**DEC – FEB**

### CLOTHING TO BRING:

Sweater, ski pants, jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, boots

### GEAR TO BRING:

Skis, ice skates, snowmobile, goggles, camera, sunglasses, hand warmers, sunscreen



Fluctuations in weather, so remember to plan before you pack.

**MAR – MAY**

### CLOTHING TO BRING:

Sweater, long pants, t-shirt, umbrella, hat, tennis shoes, hiking boots

### GEAR TO BRING:

Fishing pole, binoculars, camera, sunscreen, sunglasses, compass, first aid kit, flashlight



Characterized by warm days and mild nights.

**JUN-AUG**

### CLOTHING TO BRING:

T-shirt, shorts, jacket, hiking boots, tennis shoes, swimsuit, hat

### GEAR TO BRING:

Bicycle, paddleboard, tent, fishing pole, sleeping bag, camera, sunglasses, camp stove, sunscreen, first aid kit



Quite comfortable with sunny days and cool nights.

**SEP-NOV**

### CLOTHING TO BRING:

Sweater, jacket, long pants, scarf, tennis shoes, hat, hiking boots

### GEAR TO BRING:

Fishing pole, walking stick, binoculars, camera, sunglasses, tent, sleeping bag, sunscreen



**CALTRANS ROAD CONDITIONS:** Call 800-427-7623 or visit [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)

**NEVADA ROAD CONDITIONS:** Call 877-687-6237 or visit [www.nvroads.com](http://www.nvroads.com)

## DUMP STATION INFORMATION:

Carson Valley Inn/RV Park  
1627 US 395, Minden, NV 89423 • (775) 782-9711  
20 miles from Markleeville (one way via Hwy 89 to Hwy 88 to Hwy 395)  
Gas Station - \$6.00, prices subject to change without notice

Topaz Lodge/RV Park  
1979 US 395, Gardnerville, NV 89410 • (775) 266-3337  
27 miles from Markleeville (one way via Hwy 89 Monitor Pass, subject to road closures)  
39 Miles from Markleeville (one way via Hwy 89 to Hwy 88 to Hwy 395)  
Gas Station - \$10.00, prices subject to change without notice

# How to Get Here



## JUST WHERE IS ALPINE COUNTY LOCATED?



## MILES TO MARKLEEVILLE (ONE WAY)\*

Alpine Lake	35	Meyers	25
Angels Camp	83	Minden	21
Bear Valley	36	Mojave	323
Big Trees	56	Placerville	78
Bishop	151	Reno	65
Bridgeport	64	Sacramento	120
Carson City	35	San Francisco	206
Coleville	29	Silver Lake	34
Echo Lake	27	Stockton	126
Gardnerville	22	South Lake Tahoe	32
Jackson	80	Tahoe City	55
Kirkwood	28	Topaz	27
Lone Pine	212	Virginia City	51
Las Vegas	444	Woodfords	7
Los Angeles	415	Yerington	67
Mammoth	118	Yosemite	149

\*Mileage is approximate and subject to seasonal road closures.



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[www.alpinecounty.com](http://www.alpinecounty.com) • [info@alpinecounty.com](mailto:info@alpinecounty.com)

### HOME OF THE DEATH RIDE

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