

SUTTER CREEK

The Jewel of the Mother Lode



Often referred to as the “Jewel of the Mother Lode,” Sutter Creek is a picturesque town that perfectly captures the essence of Gold Country. With its beautifully preserved Victorian architecture, charming boutiques, and award-winning wineries, Sutter Creek is a destination that appeals to both history lovers and modern-day explorers. Stroll along the tree-lined streets, enjoy a wine tasting, or simply soak in the charm of this historic town. Sutter Creek is where past and present meet in the most delightful way.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Wine Tasting
Visit local wineries and tasting rooms to sample some of Amador County's finest wines.



Sutter Creek Theatre
Enjoy live music, films, and performances at this historic and charming venue.

Knight Foundry
Tour the last water-powered foundry in the U.S., offering a glimpse into 19th-century technology.



Sutter Creek Visitor Center
Explore historic photos, artifacts, information on all things Amador. Chat with welcoming docents.

IONE

A Unique Town with Rich History



Ione is a town steeped in history, offering a peaceful retreat with a touch of the Old West. Once a bustling supply center for gold miners, today Ione invites visitors to explore its historic buildings, including the Preston Castle—a majestic, castle-like reform school that dates back to the late 1800s. Wander through the town's parks, enjoy a round of golf, or delve into the rich history that makes Ione a unique and captivating destination. Discover Ione, where the past is always present.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Preston Castle
Tour this majestic, castle-like structure that served as a reform school and is rich in history—and legends.



Castle Oaks Golf Club
Play a round of golf on this beautiful course that blends natural beauty with a challenging layout.

Rail Explorers: Amador Division
The Gold Country Express traces the contours of rolling hills revealing panoramic views from the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains all the way to the Coastal Ranges. Ride the Amador Central Railroad, on pedal powered railbikes with electric-assist motors!

AMADOR CITY

A Hidden Gold Country Gem



Amador City, one of California's smallest incorporated cities, is a charming step back in time. Nestled in the heart of Gold Country, this quaint town offers a glimpse into the past with its well-preserved 19th-century buildings and rich history. Stroll along the historic streets, explore unique antique shops, and savor the flavors of locally-owned eateries. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply seeking a peaceful getaway, Amador City's timeless charm and welcoming community make it a must-visit destination in the Sierra foothills.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Imperial Hotel
Stay in this historic hotel, offering a taste of Gold Rush history with modern comforts.



Amador Whitney Museum
Discover Amador City's gold rush history through a hidden lens - the stories of its women.



Amador City Backroads
Get a workout walking the scenic backroads of Amador City. Immerse yourself in the rolling oak hills, which reveal local wildlife and glimpses of our long-ago historical past.

Antique & Local Artisan Shopping
Explore unique shops and find treasures that echo the town's rich history.

PLYMOUTH

Gateway to Wine Country



Welcome to Plymouth, the charming gateway to Amador County's renowned wine country. Known for its picturesque vineyard views and an affordable, high-quality experience, Plymouth is a must-visit for wine lovers. Stroll through the historic downtown, enjoy farm-to-table dining, and experience the warm hospitality that makes this small town unforgettable.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Main Street Plymouth
Main Street offers a variety of delectable options to satisfy every palate. On weekends, the park comes alive with live music, and the Farmers Market brings fresh, local flavors.

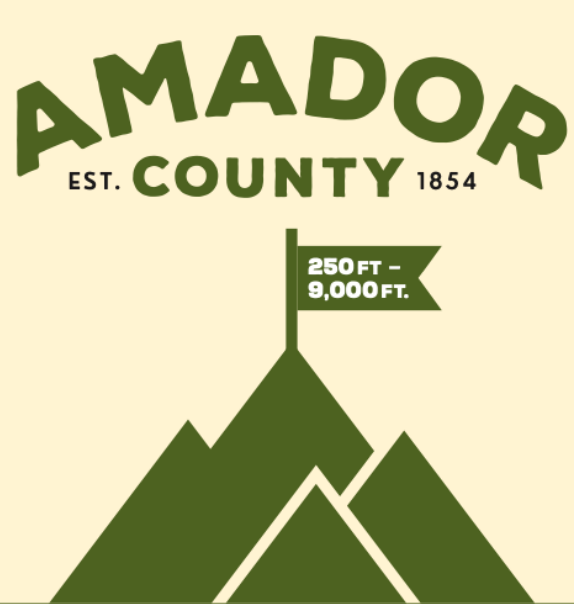


Amador County Fairgrounds
Holds unique festivals and festivities as well as the County Fair in July.



40+ Local Wineries
Over 40 local wineries, offering a captivating range of wines. From crisp sparkling wines to rich Italian varietals, and everything in between, there's something to delight every palate.

Amador Brewing Company
At Amador Brewing Company, the goal is to reignite over 150 years of local brewing excellence and showcase high quality craft beer made at the gateway to the Shenandoah Valley. Draught houses in Plymouth and Pine Grove.



Amador County's nearly 10,000 ft rise in elevation from west to east makes it an ideal place for year-round recreation. Cycle through golden, rolling hills, ski or snowboard on the slopes of Kirkwood, fish in rivers and lakes, or play a round of golf. Find plenty of Gold Rush history and family-run wineries to round out your Amador adventure.

AMADOR CITY IS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S SMALLEST INCORPORATED CITIES

AMADOR COUNTY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 45 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SACRAMENTO IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS.

AMADOR COUNTY RANGES IN ELEVATION FROM APPROXIMATELY 250 FT IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY TO OVER 9,000 FT.

DISTANCE FROM THE MOON TO THE EARTH WAS INITIALLY MEASURED TO VOLCANO, CA, WHICH HELD THE FIRST ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY.



AMADOR WHITNEY MUSEUM
IN AMADOR CITY IS THE ONLY MUSEUM DEDICATED TO WOMEN OF THE GOLD RUSH.

KNIGHT FOUNDRY
IS THE LAST WATER-POWERED FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP IN AMERICA.



THE ORIGINAL GRANDPÈRE VINEYARD.
ALSO KNOWN AS VINEYARD 1869, IS THE OLDEST DOCUMENTED ZINFANDEL VINEYARD IN AMERICA.



4TH OLDEST WINERY
SOBON ESTATE RESIDES AT THE ORIGINAL SITE OF D'AGOSTINI WINERY, WHICH IS THE 4TH OLDEST WINERY IN CALIFORNIA.

SCAN FOR MORE PLACES TO EXPLORE



VISIT AMADOR COUNTY

THERE'S MORE IN AMADOR



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PIONEER

Gateway to Adventure



Tucked away in the Sierra Nevada foothills, Pioneer is your gateway to outdoor adventure. Surrounded by lush forests and stunning mountain views, this tranquil community offers endless opportunities for hiking, fishing, and exploring the great outdoors. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or an adrenaline-filled weekend, Pioneer is the perfect basecamp for your next adventure. Discover the natural beauty that awaits you in Pioneer, where the wild meets the serene.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Silver Lake/Plasse's Resort
Enjoy fishing, kayaking, or a peaceful day by the water at this serene lake.



Woods Lake Trail
Hike through lush forests and enjoy scenic mountain vistas on this popular trail.



Thunder Mountain
Thunder Mountain is a popular destination for hikers all over the region. Access is easy, with the primary trailhead right off of Highway 88. The primary trail accessing the summit is short (3.6 miles one way with 1600 feet of elevation gain) and relatively simple to follow. Views from the summit are spectacular.

Kirkwood
Kirkwood Mountain Resort offers disc golf, hiking, mountain biking and more in the summer, and skiing, snowboarding and lodging in the winter.

PINE GROVE

Nature's Playground



Pine Grove is a paradise for nature enthusiasts. With its towering pines, clear mountain streams, and scenic trails, this charming town invites you to immerse yourself in the great outdoors. Explore the nearby Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, enjoy a day of picnicking and hiking, or simply unwind in the fresh mountain air. Pine Grove is where nature and relaxation go hand in hand, making it the ideal destination for those looking to reconnect with the natural world.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Indian Grinding Rock
Explore the history and culture of the Miwok people and see ancient grinding rocks.



Roaring Camp Mining Co.
Roaring Camp was once a camp for Forty Niners, but since it was so inaccessible, most of the gold still remains. Visitors can see an operating gold mine and can mine their own gold by panning, sluicing, metal detecting, and dry washing. Cabins and tent camping at Roaring Camp, along the Mokelumne River in California.

VOLCANO

A Step Back in Time



Volcano is a small town with a big history, known as the most picturesque of the Mother Lode towns. With its rich Gold Rush past and well-preserved historical landmarks, Volcano offers a unique step back in time. Stroll the quiet streets to enjoy Baked in Amador, Sizemore Country Store and settle in for an unforgettable stay at the iconic Volcano Union.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Black Chasm Caverns
Guests will view three chambers in the upper levels of this vertical cave where the most spectacular formations grow. A beautiful blue lake is located in the second chamber about 80 feet below the viewing platform.



Volcano Theatre Company
Catch big acts in a tiny town! With theatrical delights available from late spring - early winter you can enjoy live entertainment at the historic Cobblestone Theatre or outdoor amphitheater.



JACKSON

Heart of the Gold Country



Jackson is the vibrant heart of Amador County, where the spirit of the Gold Rush era comes alive. Stroll down Main Street, lined with historic buildings, unique shops, and local restaurants, and feel the energy of a town that has grown from its gold-mining roots into a bustling community. Visit the Kennedy Gold Mine, explore the Amador County Museum, or simply enjoy the lively atmosphere. Jackson is a perfect blend of history and modern charm, offering something for everyone.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:

Kennedy Gold Mine
Tour one of the deepest gold mines in the world and learn about the Gold Rush era. Amador County Museum: Explore the history of Amador County through fascinating exhibits and artifacts.



Main Street Shopping
Discover unique shops, boutiques, and galleries along Jackson's historic Main Street.

Baker Street West
A unique theatrical and literary society that has created an immersive world of Sherlock Holmes' London in the historic Amador County Courthouse. The group produces full-length plays and special events throughout the year that honor the mysteries of Sherlock Holmes.



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DRIVE TIMES TO AMADOR



NAPA
2 hours

LAKE TAHOE
2.5 hours

SACRAMENTO
45 minutes

SAN FRANCISCO
1.5 hours

YOSEMITE
2.5 hours



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- LEGEND**
- Lodging
 - Dining
 - Wine Tasting
 - Historic District
 - Park
 - Camping/RV Resort
 - Hiking Trail
 - Attraction

Scan the QR codes for detailed maps of the enlarged areas.

See VisitAmador.com for details, hours of operation, events and more!

MONTHLY EVENTS

Sutter Creek Flea Market
Farmers Markets
(May-October)
Ione, Plymouth, Volcano, Sutter Creek

MARCH
Dandelion Days, *Jackson*
Behind the Cellar Door, *Amador Wine Country*

APRIL
Wildflowers & Wine, *Sutter Creek*

MAY
Amador Four Fires, *Plymouth*
Ione Homecoming, *Ione*
Mother Lode Car Show, *Jackson*
Trash to Treasures, *Sutter Creek*

JULY
Amador County Fair, *Plymouth*

AUGUST
Great Varietal Show, *Sutter Creek*
Ragtime Festival, *Sutter Creek*
FOA Farm Tour & Dinner

SEPTEMBER
Feast at the Foundry, *Sutter Creek*

OCTOBER
Harvest Dinner/Big Crush, *Amador Wine Country*
Preston Castle Haunt, *Ione*
Sutter Creek Car Show

NOVEMBER
Plaid Friday, *Countywide*
Christmas Delights, *Jackson*

DECEMBER
Scots Candlelight Walk, *Volcano*
Parade of Lights, *Sutter Creek*
Christmas Open House, *Sutter Creek*
Las Posadas, *Sutter Creek*
Main Street Magic, *Amador City*
Ione Christmas Parade/"Ione Polar Express"

CIRCLE THE DATE

Make sure to check out any or all of these year-round events in Amador County!