



TRAIL CALENDAR

SUMMER LONG ADVENTURE 2025

28 MUSEUMS - ROSEVILLE TO TAHOE!



Welcome Trail Travelers!

Thank you for joining us on the 2025 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This is the 16th year for the event and 28 museums from Roseville to Tahoe/Truckee are opening their doors free of charge on certain days throughout the summer. All 28 museums are committed to showcasing history in a fun and entertaining way. For many Trail Travelers, this event has become a family tradition. Geographic clusters of museums will have their Heritage Trail event on certain Saturdays throughout the summer. This way you can visit participating museums throughout the entire summer. If you can't make it on a museums' Heritage Trail Day, you can visit them during their regular hours of operation and still get your Get-Up-And-Go cards stamped! **All museums have free admission on their Heritage Trail Day (see calendar below). If you visit them on any other day, you will have to pay admission if applicable.**

Whether you are from Auburn, Reno, San Francisco, or Boston, please enjoy this opportunity to take a trip back in time and get a better understanding of Placer County's rich and colorful history. Each museum on the tour is unique. Aside from immersing yourselves in history, you will enjoy the variety of settings at each museum. **If you are a student entering K thru 12th grade in the fall of 2025, you can enter a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet, a Kindle Fire or backpacks full of school supplies by picking up a Student Scavenger hunt card in a participating museum. Complete the scavenger hunt at four museums and collect four stamps and you can enter the drawing!**

Please read the calendar on the following pages. Thanks again for joining us. We hope you have a great time!

Ralph Gibson
Placer County Museums Administrator
Chairperson, The Heritage Trail

TRAIL TIPS

THE FOLLOWING TRAIL TIPS WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE.

- For questions about The Heritage Trail, please call 530-889-6500.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted in the museums.
- Leave pets at home.
- You'll want to bring your camera. Inquire at each museum for flash photography guidelines.
- Be sure to pick up your FREE Get Up & Go card at the first museum you visit.
- If you can't make it to a museum on their Heritage Trail Day, please visit them during regular hours of operation.
- This year it will take 4 stamps on your Get-Up-And-Go card to qualify for a gift basket drawing.

Heritage Trail 2025 Calendar

June 7th

Sierra College Natural History Museum 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

5000 Rocklin Rd., Rocklin

916-660-7923 <https://www.sierracollege.edu/about-us/visit/natural-history-museum.php>

Special Program: Deep Blue – Wonders of the Ocean! Discover the unique home to most of life on earth. Explore exhibits on contemporary nature in our region as well as fossils of life that lived millions of years ago.

Normal hours of operation: Open when school is in session.

Maidu Museum & Historic Site 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

1970 Johnson Ranch Dr., Roseville

916-774-5934 www.roseville.ca.us/museum

Learn about the Nisenan, Konkow Maidu and Mountain Maidu tribes' history and culture at the Maidu Museum. Discover native plants and over 400 bedrock-grinding holes and rare rock carvings. There will be a scavenger hunt with prizes, guided tours at 10:00 and 2:00, interactive exhibits, and an Indigenous art gallery. Gift Shop offers a wide selection of books about Native Californians, handmade jewelry, minerals, and arrowheads.

Normal hours of operation: Thursday-Saturday 9:00-4:00

Roseville Telephone Museum 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

106 Vernon St., Roseville

rosevilletelephonemuseum@consolidated.com

www.consolidated.com/museum

The Roseville Telephone Museum has one of the most extensive collections of antique telephones and memorabilia in the nation. The exhibits in the 4,500 square-foot museum chronicle and celebrate more than a century of communications technology in Roseville as well as nationally and internationally. A visit to the Roseville Telephone Museum makes a fun and educational family outing, a great school field trip or a group sight-seeing tour destination. Our museum docents are current and retired employees who are passionate about telephone history and volunteer their time to share it with visitors of all ages. Presented by Fidium Fiber, this museum offers rare collectible and historical telephones, a working telegraph, and hands-on demonstrations of an early switchboard.

Normal Hours of Operation: 1st Saturday of the month 10:00-2:00

Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

557 Lincoln St., Roseville

916-773-3003 www.rosevillehistorical.org

The Roseville Historical Society & Carnegie Museum and Archives are filled with artifacts and ephemera of Roseville's past! We highlight our massive "N" scale model railroad display depicting Roseville's Historic Old Town which takes a peek into our turn-of-the-century past. We also feature exhibits on the pioneers of Roseville, our city's beautiful cultural heritage, Roseville's Veterans, early Roseville businesses and so much more!

Normal hours of operation: Tuesday thru Friday 12:00- 4:00 pm;
2nd Saturday of the month 11:00am until 1:00pm

June 14th

The Wheatland History Museum 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

111 Main St. Wheatland, CA

Wheatlandhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The primary purpose of the Wheatland Historical Society is to discover, collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge concerning the history of the Wheatland area in the County of Yuba and the State of California.

Normal hours of operation: Open 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lincoln Area Archives Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

640 Fifth St., Lincoln

916-645-3800 www.laamca.org

A walk through the Lincoln Museum is a walk back in time, from our turn of the century kitchen to our complete blacksmith shop. We pay honor to each of our Military branches, while highlighting Gladding, McBean & Company Clay Factory on its 150 year celebration, as well as the McBean Park Pool 100 year event. Our collection of typewriters, telephones and cameras represent days gone by. It truly is a unique experience walking amongst over 4,500 historic artifacts and exhibits, with a side tour of our gift shop or "Market Place".

Normal hours of operation: Thursday through Saturday 11:00-3:00

Fruitvale Schoolhouse Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

3425 Fruitvale Rd., Lincoln

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Experience school at a 136-year-old one room schoolhouse in rural Lincoln. Participate in hands-on activities in the classroom, explore the Native Plant Garden, or bring your picnic basket and enjoy lunch under the oak trees!

Normal hours of operation: 2nd Sunday of the month 12:00-4:00

June 21st

Loomis Basin Historical Society at the Loomis Library and Community Learning Center 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

6050 Library Dr., Loomis

www.loomisbasinhistory.org

View photos and exhibits on Loomis Basin pioneers, vintage clothing, household items, and life on the fruit ranch. Watch a video featuring historical footage of fruit packing in the 1930s. See a special display on Japanese American families, presented by the Still Standing Guard Committee. Find your own family's history in the genealogy book collection with help from the Placer County Genealogical Society.

Normal hours of operation: Special exhibit, one day only!

Griffith Quarry Museum 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Corner of Taylor and Rock Springs Roads, Penryn

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Explore exhibits on granite quarrying, the Penryn Granite Works business, the history of Penryn, and the Griffith Family. Visitors can take a guided tour of the historic Quarry Park, offered at 8:30 am, or walk the grounds throughout the day by following provided maps and interpretive signs.

Normal hours of operation: Saturday and Sunday 12:00-4:00

Rocklin History Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

3895 Rocklin Road, Rocklin

916-624-3464 (leave a message, please.)

www.rocklinhistorical.org

Home of Rocks, Rails and Ranches. View exhibits featuring Rocklin's pioneer families developing the local granite quarrying industry; building and working the Transcontinental Railroad; and dairy and orchard farming and ranching. Current temporary exhibit features Rocklin at Play: Sports and Recreation Through The Years - including the 17 years the 49ers summer training camp was at Sierra College Campus, Rocklin.

Experience a special granite splitting demonstration on Saturday, June 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Normal hours of operation: Saturday and Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm and by appointment.

June 28th

Western States Trail Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

1103 High St., Suite 300, Auburn

www.wstrailmuseum.org

The Western States Trail Museum (WSTM) will serve as a testament to the trail's significance across Native American, Gold Rush, and modern-day eras. Exhibits will include settlers, local pioneers, miners, and immigrants who helped shape the American West. Visitors will be able to explore the history of this iconic trans-Sierra trail between Carson City, Nevada and Sacramento, California from its origins as a lifeline for indigenous communities to its contemporary allure, including renowned sporting events such as the Tevis Cup Ride and Western States Endurance Run. Join us in our new space to get a preview of our plans, and what's to come! Our entrance is located on the Lewis Street side in the suite next to the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and the California Welcome Center/Placer County Visitor's Bureau.

Auburn Journal Newspaper Museum 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

1030 High St., Auburn

<https://goldcountrymedia.com/live-content/auburn-journal/>

View vintage newspaper printing presses, tools, and learn how these were used to produce early issues of the Auburn Journal.

Normal hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm; Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Gold Rush Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

601 Lincoln Way, Auburn

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Eureka! The Gold Rush Museum is a family favorite. Learn about gold and mining with hands-on activities and fascinating exhibits. Walk through an interactive mining tunnel or try your hand at panning for real gold in the indoor panning stream. Visitors can learn how people traveled to California, what life was like in the gold fields, and how small mining camps turned into bustling towns. Don't forget to snap a photo upstairs in the Portraits of Prosperity photo op.

Normal hours of operation: Thursday thru Sunday 10:30 – 4:00

Placer Athletic Hall of Fame Museum 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

275 Orange St., Auburn

The Placer Athletic Hall of Fame Museum is housed in the historic Earl Crabbe Gym on the campus of Placer High School. This Gym was a 1936 WPA project and placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2017. Many aspects of Placer High School's long and storied athletic history are show cased. Walk on the gym floor, toss a ball around, view an extensive collection of memorabilia and photos.

Normal hours of operation: During regularly scheduled sporting events or by appointment. 530-613-1066

July 12th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bernhard Museum

291 Auburn Folsom Rd., Auburn

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Dive into family-friendly living history fun! Explore the Bernhard family's restored 19th century Victorian farmhouse. Learn about daily life from experienced docents, view authentic period wagons, and watch the blacksmith demonstrations. Then, roll up your sleeves and get to work! Build your own replica fruit crate, try washing clothes by hand, or head inside to make your own vintage toys. Don't forget to try a cup of hand-cranked ice cream.

Normal hours of operation: Tuesday–Friday 1:00-4:00,

Saturday-Sunday 11:00 – 4:00 pm

Benton Welty School Room

1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn City Hall

www.placercountyhistoricalsociety.org

The Benton Welty Historic Classroom is housed in the old Auburn Grammar School, now City Hall. Join us for a rare sense of time-gone-by in this little gem of our past. See how students experienced a typical school day in the days before computers and electronics. Slate boards and chalk will let visitors share the experience. Dip a quill pen in an inkwell and practice your handwriting the old-fashioned way. Other special activities (tours, lectures, displays, scavenger hunts, view an antique fire truck and police car) will abound to celebrate to the 110th year anniversary. Auburn Grammar School was built in 1915. Parking is behind the building.

Normal Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 11:00-2:00

Class tours and special tours by appointment. 530-885-9561

July 19th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Placer County Museum (Historic Courthouse)

101 Maple St., Auburn

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Learn about Placer County's rich history. See the gold collection weighing over 13 pounds, view the restored Sheriff's Office and Women's Jail, or tour the museum gallery. Historic re-enactors will be on-site throughout the day and the Placer Genealogical Society will offer free guidance on family history research.

Normal hours of operation: Daily 10:00-4:00 pm

Auburn Joss House

200 Sacramento St., Auburn

www.auburnjosshouse.org

Built in the early 1920s by Charles Yue, leader of local Tong association and community steward for the Auburn Chinese population, the "Joss House" began as a boarding house but was soon converted to the Ling Ying Association (Brave Heroes) meeting place. Here the (c.1880) original Altar was transferred from a previous joss house and placed into service. 'Charlie' also established Auburn's only Chinese school where his children and others of the community could learn to read, write and translate Chinese, as well as study the history and culture of China. The "Joss House" also served as a meeting place and a hostel for transient Chinese from the early 1920s to the late 1960s.

Normal hours of operation: Open Memorial Day – Labor Day on Saturdays 10:30 – 2:30

August 2nd 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Gatekeepers Museum

130 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City

530-583-1762 www.northtahoemuseums.org

From 1:00 – 3:00, there will be live music on the front patio and refreshments as part of the Tahoe City Days celebration! View the Marion Steinbach Native American Basket Collection and exhibits on Tahoe history; Pomin Dinghy; Black Bears; and exhibits on Tahoe maritime and resort history as well as pop culture and natural history.

Normal hours of operation: Wednesday - Sunday 11:00-4:00

Watson Cabin

560 North Lake Blvd., Tahoe City

530-583-1762 www.northtahoemuseums.org

Built in 1909 by Robert Watson as a wedding present for his son, the Watson Cabin is the oldest building constructed onsite in Tahoe City and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. View pioneer artifacts from early Tahoe City history.

Normal hours of operation: Wednesday-Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm

August 9th

Colfax Area Heritage Museum 9:00 – 4:00 pm

99 Railroad St., Colfax

530-346-8599 www.colfaxhistory.org

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich history of Colfax by visiting our museum. Housed in the fully restored 1905 railroad depot, discover what life was like in this bustling railroad town, which served as a crucial supply hub for loggers and miners in the Sierra Nevada. The museum showcases fascinating exhibits on railroad history, gold mining, pioneer life, and features unique collections celebrating the contributions of Maidu Indians and Chinese railroad workers. Check out our website for updates and additions specific to Heritage Trail Days.

Normal hours of operation: Monday-Friday and special events
9:00-2:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00-2:00

Golden Drift Museum 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

32820 Main St., Dutch Flat

530-389-2126 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Visit the best-preserved Gold Rush town in Placer County. View exhibits of nearby towns, hydraulic mining, the railroad, the Towle Brothers Lumber Company, the Maidu Indians, and the Chinese. A large collection of historic photographs will help you experience Dutch Flat in its heyday.

Guided walking tour of Dutch Flat at 10:00am (1 hour) followed by Cemetery Tour at 11:30am (1.5 hours). Wear sensible shoes (no sandals for the Cemetery Tour) and bring a hat and water. Open House at several of the original buildings in town including the Methodist Church, the Dutch Flat Hotel and the Oddfellows Lodge from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Free refreshments.

Normal hours of operation: Memorial Day Weekend- thru the last weekend in September: Friday - Sunday 12:00-4:00 (open summer holidays). For appointments, call 530-889-6500

August 16th 1:00 pm

Summit Tunnel Conservation Association Hike

19195 Donner Pass Rd., Norden (but will come up as "Truckee" for USPS purposes)

Contact: 530-305-2241

Once the parking lot is full, overflow parking will be at Donner Ski Ranch just to the west on Donner Pass Road. The hike will cover the history of the area with an emphasis on the Chinese laborers who built the Transcontinental Railroad over the pass. In 2024, this site was designated as Chinese Camp National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. Bring a lunch, water, wear good hiking closed-toe shoes and sunscreen and/or a hat.

August 23rd 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

DeWitt History Museum

2985 Richardson Dr., Auburn

530-889-6500 www.placer.ca.gov/museums

Explore the history of the DeWitt Government Center at this fascinating museum. Learn about construction and use of the World War II Army Hospital, the site's use as a State Mental Health Hospital, and it's current use by Placer County. Visitors will learn how the Second World War affected the local community and get the opportunity to start their very own Victory Garden with a hands-on activity.

Normal hours of operation: Wednesdays Noon – 4:00

August 30th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Forest Hill Divide Museum

24601 Harrison St., Foresthill

530-367-3988 www.foresthillhistory.org

Watch blacksmiths craft period tools and household items. View exhibits on mining, Native American Heritage, the lumber industry, fires & firefighting on the divide and life here in the Victorian era. There will be a historical walking tour before noon of our town as well. Enjoy plenty of food and craft booths, hands-on activities for the kids and music will fill the air. Visitors may also witness the re-creation of history with the Interactive Entertainment group of notable outlaws and marshals who teach as well as perform skits about the heritage of the Gold Rush.

The Forest Hill Divide Museum combines the Heritage Trail with their town's annual Heritage Festival, so come prepared for a full day of adventure.

Normal hours of operation: Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend Saturdays & Sundays 12:00-4:00

September 6th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Museum of Truckee History

10065 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee www.museumoftruckeehistory.org

This is a people's favorite. Nine exhibits on Truckee's history, each with a touchscreen monitor to delve deeper into each of the subjects. You'll explore the Train Master's Office, the Chinese and Building of the Transcontinental Railroad, Logging and Lumber, our Indigenous Peoples, the Ice Harvest, Boca Brewery: the first cold lager on the west coast in 1875, Icicle to Olympics, the birth of Winter Sports, Truckee Then & Now, including the 1960 Winter Olympics, and Railroads of Yesterday to Today, with a little splash of Aerospace history thrown in. Tell us you're visiting from the Heritage Trail for free souvenirs.

Normal hours of operation: Monday and Thursday 12-3, Friday - Sunday 10:00 – 4:00

Truckee Railroad Museum

10075 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee

www.truckeedonerrailroadsociety.com/museum/museum.htm

Located Inside a Caboose, this museum shares stories, pictures, recreations, and railroad artifacts depicting the impact of railroads in the formation and development of Truckee. The First Transcontinental Railroad, Logging Railroads, and Tourism by Rail all played an important part in Truckee's history.

Normal hours of operation: Saturdays & Sundays 10:00 – 4:00

Truckee Old Jail Museum

10142 Jibboom St., Truckee

530-582-0983 www.truckeehistory.org/old-jail-museum

See a super collection of local artifacts in the longest continuously running jail in California, built in 1875, and used until 1964. Just the building is fun to look at. Care to be locked up? Other exhibits pay tribute to the film industry, which thrived in Truckee during the 1920's along with gambling and bootlegging. Also exhibited are artifacts from the Truckee's early winter sports era, including early winter sports.

Normal hours of operation: Summer: Saturday & Sunday 10:00 – 2:00 or call for an appointment.

Donner Summit Historical Society's 20 Mile Museum and History Hub

Though their museum is closed this year for renovations, the Donner Summit Historical Society invites you to learn their history. While you are in the Truckee/Tahoe/Donner Summit area visit the 20 Mile Museum with 50 interpretive signs from Auburn to Truckee. Each has a story, the history of the spot, a map, and things to do right there. Donner Summit Brochures are available at the Welcome Center in Truckee and the Visitors' Center in Tahoe City.

The brochure can also be downloaded

at: <http://www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org/pages/20MileMuseum.html>



Get-Up-And-Go Cards

You can pick-up your Get-Up-And-Go cards the first Heritage Trail Day (June 7th) at any participating museum. You can get them stamped on **any day the museum is open throughout the summer, not just on their special Heritage Trail Day**. This year, it will take just 4 stamps on your card to enter the drawing for a gift basket. Please remember that you can only play one Get-Up-And-Go card at a time. You are free to start another card once you have turned in a fully stamped card. Cards must be turned in by 4:00 pm by September 7th at any participating museum to qualify for the drawings.



Old Town Pizza, located in Auburn, Roseville and Lincoln, is giving away coupons for FREE breadsticks once you turn in your Get-Up-And-Go card or Student Scavenger Hunt card with four stamps!

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