



A Visit to Penn Valley – South Yuba River Park at Bridgeport, Pilot Peak Winery and the Tack Room

- Following a relaxing night enjoying the many dining and lodging opportunities in Grass Valley, you can start your day in with a delicious breakfast at the Charlie's Cafe located at 145 South Auburn St., Grass Valley.
- From Grass Valley travel down Hwy 20 to Penn Valley. You'll want to pick up a picnic lunch or snacks before you begin to explore. Turn left at Hwy 20 and Penn Valley Drive then turn right at the Penn Valley/Spenceville intersection. The Blue Cow Deli located at 17500 Penn Valley Drive (530)432-5500 is an excellent choice...they make the best sandwiches in the area. With sandwiches in hand continue to the right on Penn Valley Drive past Western Gateway Park until you meet Hwy 20 again. Cross Hwy 20 to Pleasant Valley Road and follow it for about 8 miles to South Yuba River Park at Bridgeport.
- Along the way you will pass Lake Wildwood, a planned community, ideal for enjoying water sports and a championship golf course, designed by William Bell, who also designed Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego.
- Upon arrival at the Park you can wander through the history of Bridgeport's covered bridge and conserved historic wagons, pan for gold, escape to a hidden swimming hole, roam the trails surrounded by wildflowers and so much more.
 - ✓ Visitors Center and Gift Shop is a source for information about the activities, history and nature found at Bridgeport and the surrounding area. Come see the displays of local wildlife, Native American culture, and Bridgeport settlers
 - ✓ Hikers may choose from short, level trails to longer more rugged trails, and everything in between.
 - ✓ The South Yuba River is famous for its pristine swimming holes surrounded by smooth granite rocks
 - ✓ Gold panning demonstrations are held every weekend in the summer and at special events
 - ✓ The South Yuba River is home to a large number of bird species, and a stopover point for many more migrating birds. You may see the small but mighty American Dipper swimming underwater in the rapids, a Bald Eagle soaring overhead and many more. Guided bird walks are offered in the Fall and Spring.

- ✓ If you enjoy fishing the Sacramento pike minnow is prevalent year round, while colder water temperatures may yield a small mouth bass or brown trout. Fishing licenses are required for ages 16 and up.
- ✓ Don't miss the Historic Barn and conserved Wagon collection that visually illustrates "The Story of Two Hundred Years of Transportation" from Western Nevada county to the gold and silver mining fields.

- After enjoying Bridgeport, we suggest you experience wine tasting at *Pilot Peak Winery*. Simply follow Pleasant Valley Road back to Hwy 20. Cross Hwy 20 and turn right onto Penn Valley Drive. Follow Penn Valley Drive a short distance and turn left onto Indian Springs Road. Drive through the pastoral countryside to Spenceville Road. Turn right and follow Spenceville Road a short distance to the Pilot Peak Winery entrance. The beautiful tiered, stone-walled terraces create an enchanting atmosphere. We suggest you try Comparative Tastings, a sampling of four of their finest wines served alongside each other to be savored, compared and contrasted. A small plate of appetizers adds to the experience and provides the opportunity to appreciate the delightful interactions created by the marriage of food and wine.

- Ready for a classic steak dinner or grilled seafood? As you leave the winery follow Spenceville Road back to the intersection of Spenceville Road and Penn Valley Drive. Travel through the intersection and as you do Spenceville Road will become Penn Valley Drive. On the left you will find the Tack Room restaurant, a classic western-style roadhouse BBQ restaurant.