



Nevada City, Historic Highway 40, Donner Summit Museum, Donner Summit, Donner Memorial State Park and the Historic Town of Truckee

- Following a relaxing night enjoying the many dining and lodging opportunities in Nevada City, you can start your day with a delicious breakfast at the South Pine Café located at 110 South Pine St., Nevada City
- The tour will begin at the Nevada County Railroad Museum, located at 5 Kidder Court in Nevada City, with an historical perspective of the railroad and its economic importance to the Donner Summit area and California's agriculture.
www.NCNGRRMuseum.org
- Before you leave Nevada City be sure to get some snacks for a picnic along the tour or plan to stop at The Summit Restaurant & Bar in Soda Springs for lunch.
- Proceed up Hwy 20 to I-80 and follow I-80 North toward Truckee. Take the exit at Cisco Grove, where the old Highway 40 winds its way up to Donner Summit. The Ranger station has a museum inside and information about the area. Across the Old Hwy 40 from the ranger station note the Lincoln Highway sign on the garage. Walk behind the garage to see a Lincoln Highway memorial and a Lincoln Hwy marker. You can follow the Lincoln Highway for a ways west as it winds among cabins and along the Yuba River, the first stop in Summit area, was the wintering site of the first group of immigrants to cross the Sierra Nevada in 1844-45.
- The next stop is in Soda Springs to visit the new Donner Summit Historical Society Museum, which highlights the history of the Emigrant Trail and skiing in the area. It is located in downtown Soda Springs on the corner of Old 40 and Soda Springs Road.
<http://www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org/>
- Continue on Old Hwy 40 North to Donner Summit. Park in the visitors parking area at the Summit. . Extraordinary vistas will roll out before you. Also, view the China Wall, built by the Chinese for the transcontinental railroad in 1867. Leave the Old 40 and hike up toward the wall. Also, a short hike up the hill and a bit west of the Visitors area will bring one to the Native American petroglyphs carved into the granite rock.
- Continue north on Old Hwy 40 to Donner Memorial State Park. Don't miss the Emigrant Trail Museum located at 12593 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee.
- After visiting the Park travel on to the Town of Truckee to explore boutique shops, wonderful dining and a variety of lodging opportunities.