

**Experience the thrill of the historic
Nevada City Classic Bicycle Race!
June 16, 2013**

One of America's top cycling events celebrates its 53rd anniversary this year and many of the nation's top cyclists are expected to be on hand.

The 53rd Annual Nevada City Bicycle Classic will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, Jun. 16, 2013, in historic downtown Nevada City.

The Nevada City Classic is one of the premiere sporting events in the Sierra foothills, the largest and oldest bike race on the West Coast, and the second-oldest race in the nation.

Historic Nevada City is draped with flags and bunting and provides a colorful backdrop as cyclists whiz through the downtown area, spokes flashing and crowds cheering. Several thousand spectators attend the traditional Father's Day event.

Senior and professional riders representing top U.S. cycling teams are expected to race in the men's 90-minute main event. Women's, Junior's and Master's races also are planned.

Imagine award-winning wineries, exciting snow and water sports, mountain and road biking, golf, fishing, day spas, visual and performing arts, boutique shopping, unique restaurants, vibrant fall colors and pristine state parks. Plan your escape to the foothills and feel the rush of adventure and serenity in awe-inspiring natural beauty.

Day 1

Arrive in Grass Valley or Nevada City and stay in one of the comfortable lodging facilities offered. Stroll the historic downtown and enjoy quaint boutique shops, inviting tasting rooms and an excellent meal at a local restaurant.

Explore an Historic State Park...

South Yuba River State Park at Bridgeport

*Visitor Center is located at 17660 Pleasant Valley Rd., Penn Valley
(530) 432-2564*

www.southyubastatepark.org

Dedicated park professionals, docents and volunteers acting as park interpreters offer a variety of recreational activities; wildflower walks, hiking and biking trails, swimming, fishing bird watching, gold panning and more. The Visitors Center is rich with both cultural and natural history exhibits. The covered bridge built in 1862, at 251 feet, is the longest single span covered bridge in the United States. The newly refurbished historic barn is home to several conserved wagons that, along with interpretive panels, that tell the story of transportation during the gold rush era.

Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

*23579 North Bloomfield Road, Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-2740*

www.malakoffdiggins.org

Created in 1965, Malakoff Diggins preserves the exciting and controversial story of hydraulic gold mining during the California Gold Rush. The park is the site of California's largest "hydraulic" mining site. Visitors can see huge cliffs carved by mighty streams of water, results of the gold mining technique of washing away entire mountains to find the precious metal. The park also contains a 7,847-foot bedrock tunnel that served as a drain. The visitor center has exhibits on life

in the old mining town of North Bloomfield. Enjoy the hiking trails and panoramic views. Guided Town Tours are offered. Refer to the website for park schedule.

Empire Mine State Historic Park

10791 East Empire St., Grass Valley, CA 95945

(530) 273-8522

www.empiremine.org

The Empire Mine was the richest hard rock mine in the State of California, producing 5.8 million ounces of gold in its operating history of 106 years (1850-1956). The Park is noted for its historical tours of the Bourn Cottage, the mine yard and “living history” events. In addition, the Park museum has a scale model of the underground workings of the Empire/Star mine complex, a “gold room” which displays ore samples from local mines, an Assay Office and an extensive mineral collection. Stroll the lovely 13-acre grounds, considered a showplace in the mining world. Wedding & events facilities are available by reservation.

Take a Walking Tour of Historic Towns of Nevada City or Grass Valley or both...

Nevada City is among the most interesting of California Gold Rush towns. You will find quality restaurants, comfortable lodgings, live theatre and a variety of fine shops, boutiques, galleries, museums and wineries all flavored with old-fashioned Nevada City hospitality.

Today, Grass Valley combines the rich heritage of yesterday and the best of today, offering visitors and history buffs an interesting glimpse into the past.

To download brochures detailing walking tours of Grass Valley and Nevada City visit:

www.sncchamber.org/resources/relocation/brochures/brochures.asap

Go Wine Tasting at our picturesque local wineries...

Located in and around the historic communities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, Northern Sierra Wine Country offers boutique style wineries with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The area produces an unusually wide variety of vines, boasting over 45 planted varietals. Many are familiar like Chardonnay, Merlot, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, while others like Cabernet Franc, Barbera, Sangiovese and Tempranillo are growing in popularity.

Drive along beautiful country roads to our welcoming wineries. Enjoy a picnic while gazing at local wildlife and spectacular views or stroll through the historic towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City and sample wine at friendly tasting rooms.....each with its own personality.

Download a brochure that lists the Northern Sierra Wineries and a map of their locations

www.nswinecountry.com

How About Mountain or Road Biking...

Nevada County has long been a cycling center, due in large part to the famous Nevada City Bicycle Classic., which dates to 1961 and is the oldest bicycle race on the West Coast. Peaceful roads meander through the scenic countryside of Nevada County, making this an ideal area for road biking. For mountain bike riders, Nevada County is an outdoor paradise and year-round playground.

Don't have a bike with you but you want to try some of the local roads and trails? No problem.

The Tour of Nevada City Bicycle Shop can rent you one!

457 Sacramento Street

Nevada City, CA

(530)265-2197

Download a brochure of favorite mountain and road bike trails:

www.sncchamber.org/resources/relocation/brochures/brochures.asap

Attend a live theatre or concert performance...

The Center for the Arts

314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley

(530) 274-8384 www.thecenterforthearts.org

Off Broad Street Theatre

305 Commercial Ave., Nevada City, CA

(530) 265-8686 www.obs@offbroad.com

Nevada Theatre

401 Broad Street, Nevada City

(530)265-6161 www.nevadtheatre.com

Music in the Mountains – Concert Series

www.musicinthemountains.org

Day 2

Begin your day with scrumptious breakfast at your B&B or walk to the South Pine Café (110 S. Pine), Ike's Quarter Café (401 Commercial Street) or the Nevada City Classic Café (216 Broad St.). After breakfast you will have time to shop in the one-of-a-kind boutiques that are all within walking distance of each other.

It's time to find the perfect vantage point for viewing the race!

The action begins at 1 p.m. and is usually complete by about 6:30 p.m.