

**Go For It...**  
**In Nevada County!**

No matter which events you choose, you'll be surrounded by California Gold Rush history, beautifully preserved downtowns with diverse architecture, communities that actively celebrate the visual and performing arts and the enjoyment of world-class cuisine and winemaking. And it's all happening in some of the most beautiful natural settings that the Sierra Foothills have to offer.

1. Shop for something special, like a uniquely beautiful quartz gold ring for your husband's birthday or the perfect painting of a foothill vineyard to complete your home décor. Meeting the artist and discussing her work with her was half the fun!
2. Experience nature with your children in a way they'll always remember. Booking a season-opening float trip on the Truckee River for a perfectly gorgeous spring day might just be your best call of the year!
3. Relish the sounds of a magical, musical weekend. How does hearing the American music icon Willie Nelson one night and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 the next sound? Add in the fellow playing National Steel Guitar on the street downtown and your ears have never been happier.
4. Join the beautiful Draft Horses at the 2013 Draft Horse Classic. Majestic Draft Horse performances, breath-taking competitions, and seeing a Draft Horse "up-close" – it's all part of the Annual Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley!
5. It could be a wine tasting tour! Here's your chance to be led by your senses down foothill country roads to any of our fifteen wineries, where the pours are generous, the people are friendly and knowledgeable and the wines are world-class wonderful.
6. It could be a historic adventure. All around you'll find rich veins of human and natural history, excellent walking tours, well-preserved buildings and interpretive sites, along with eight museums full of artifacts and the expert staff to make the tales come alive.
7. Tent camping, RV facilities, houseboats, resorts & retreats await families eager to explore Nevada County. The abundance of lakes, rivers, tall pines and shady oaks offer a spectacular setting for campers seeking outdoor adventure.
8. Junior riders are welcome to experience the thrill of racing as part of the largest and oldest bike race on the West Coast, the **Annual Nevada City Bicycle Classic held each Father's Day in** historic downtown Nevada City. Or simply find the ideal spot to watch the pro's wiz by.
9. Visit a local regional park for playground fun, sport courts, romps over stretches of lush lawns and wind-up the day with a family picnic at Pioneer Park in Nevada City or Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley.

- 10.** Build a birdhouse or paint a pot at The Union's annual Home & Garden Show held in April and October each year.
- 11.** The Nevada County Fair presents five days of excitement and fun planned for Fair-goers of all ages. Enjoy live entertainment, delicious food, carnival rides, animals, and exhibits – in a community-friendly environment and at affordable family prices!
- 12.** Let the kids find the perfect pumpkin at Bierwagen's pumpkin patch. They'll enjoy the turkeys, goats, scarecrows and hay stacks found at the farm. After you've worked up an appetite, be sure to cross the street to the Happy Apple Kitchen and feast on family friendly burgers, sandwiches, soups, shakes and apple pie.
- 13.** Learning to ski and snowboard is made especially easy at Soda Springs Ski Area. Group lessons are designed for those aged 7 years and older. For littler folks, check out our new Planet Kids Moving Carpet (geared for ages 8 and under).
- 14.** Children have always fallen in love with trains. Visit the Nevada City Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum, the fascinating rail yard and always busy restoration shop. Downtown Truckee offers much smaller one-train museum. It is fun and right along-side the tracks to you can watch the trains come and go.
- 15.** Try your luck at gold panning! If you know where to look, it's not hard to find gold in Nevada County Rivers. Some of the most accessible gold panning locations are on the South Yuba River at Bridgeport, Edwards Crossing and Washington; and on the Middle Yuba River at Oregon Creek.
- 16.** Wiggle your toes in one of Nevada County's pristine swimming holes. Cool mountain water in the many sparkling lakes and rivers running through lush canyons, forests and meadows, calling to swimmers and whitewater enthusiasts!
- 17.** Welcome in Nevada County's vibrant holiday season at the *Country Christmas Faire*, recognized as a topnotch holiday craft show held at the Fairgrounds. Then on scheduled evenings and afternoons during the season Grass Valley presents *Cornish Christmas* featuring Cornish heritage and holiday traditions with carolers, jugglers, musicians, the Cornish Carol Choir, Tommy knocker Cloggers, food, crafts and Santa Claus. On Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons Nevada City is transformed into an unforgettable Victorian experience where the historic downtown is outlined with twinkling white lights and authentic gas lamps. Wandering minstrels and carolers dressed in Victorian attire, musicians and street vendors share holiday cheer.
- 18.** Be swept away at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival with the incredible selection of films that will change your world! The Festival draws filmmakers, celebrities, leading activists, social innovators and well-known world adventurers to the historic downtown of Nevada City, California.
- 19.** Tee off at the award winning Dark Horse Golf course chosen by Golf Magazine as one of its Top 10 You Can Play in America and the Sacramento Bee voted the club as its No. 1 course to play in the Sacramento area within six months of our opening.

20. Hike and learn at one of the nature and history tours offered by the Bear Yuba Land Trust through its popular *Treks Through Time*, *Armchair Treks* and *Equi-Treks* programs. See [www.nevadacountylandtrust.com](http://www.nevadacountylandtrust.com).
21. Tours abound in Nevada County. Self-guided walking tours of the historic towns of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee are available in the Visitor Centers. The City of Grass Valley publishes a guide to the city's historic homes.
22. The annual Donner Party Hike offers interpretive hikes featuring emigrant and area history set amid the spectacular beauty of the Donner Summit. [www.truckee.com](http://www.truckee.com)
23. Relish the delights of a warm summer evening filled with live music, unique crafts, food vendors, local restaurants and certified growers markets at one of the downtown summer street festivals held in Grass Valley, Nevada City or Truckee.
24. Let go of your inhibitions and have some fun at Nevada City's downtown **Mardi Gras** Parade, Masquerade Ball and Carnivale. Gaily masked societies parade through the historic district handing out beads, toys, trinkets, bangles and more. Everyone is encouraged to attend in festive Mardi Gras attire. [www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com)
25. Dance and enliven your spirit at the Annual **Celtic Festival** held at the Fairgrounds featuring more than 50 vendors; Scottish games, sheepdog trials, birds of prey exhibitions, fire-breathing dragons, jam sessions, and five stages of live entertainment. [www.kvmr.org](http://www.kvmr.org)
26. Nevada County's **Historic State Parks** are a marvel of natural beauty and history that you won't want to miss. **Donner Memorial State Park**, located on the shores of Donner Lake, offers outdoor recreational opportunities as well as a glimpse into the history of the Donner Party. **Empire Mine State Historic Park** in Grass Valley is located at what was once the state's richest gold mine. It tells the story of underground hard rock mining. **Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park**, located on the San Juan Ridge tells the story of hydraulic gold mining, where industrial strength pumps and hoses washed away hillsides in the quest for gold. **South Yuba River State Park** stretches 20 miles from near Nevada City to Bridgeport near Penn Valley. Outdoor experiences abound along the Yuba River, the Historic Barn houses a collection of 11 authentic Gold Rush era wagons and the longest single-span covered bridge in the United States is a site to behold.
27. There is nothing quite like an all American hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee offer traditional family fun with colorful parades that alternate between historic downtown Nevada City and downtown Grass Valley. Likewise Truckee's parade winds down Donner Pass Road through historic Truckee. Following the parades are exciting public fire work displays.
28. Train in the high country at the internationally acclaimed Camp Woodward training facilities. Perched atop Donner Summit at Boreal Mountain Resort, steps from the main chairlift, Woodward Tahoe will offer skate, BMX, cheer, dry land skiing, snowboarding and digital media training. The 33,000 square foot facility boasts oversized trampolines, foam pits, skate and BMX parks, spring floors, bouldering walls and ramp jumps all at the base of

Boreal's award winning snow park and minutes from downtown Truckee. Woodward will be open year round. <http://www.woodwardtahoe.com/>.

- 29.** Sport angling is a fabulous obsession for many. Here in the Sierra Nevada foothills you'll find plenty of opportunities to wet your hook, whether you do it in one of the region's rivers or many stocked lakes and reservoirs.
  
- 30.** Immerse yourself in history and culture at Rough And Ready Secession Day Celebration held annually every last Sunday in June in historic downtown Rough And Ready. Witness the historical play, music, fun, dancing, arts and crafts but best of all great food. [www.roughandreadychamber.com](http://www.roughandreadychamber.com).