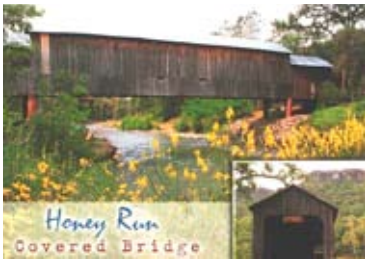


Historic landmarks, nature, museums, shops and more await on this sightseeing tour of Chico and rural Plumas County that offers something for everyone.



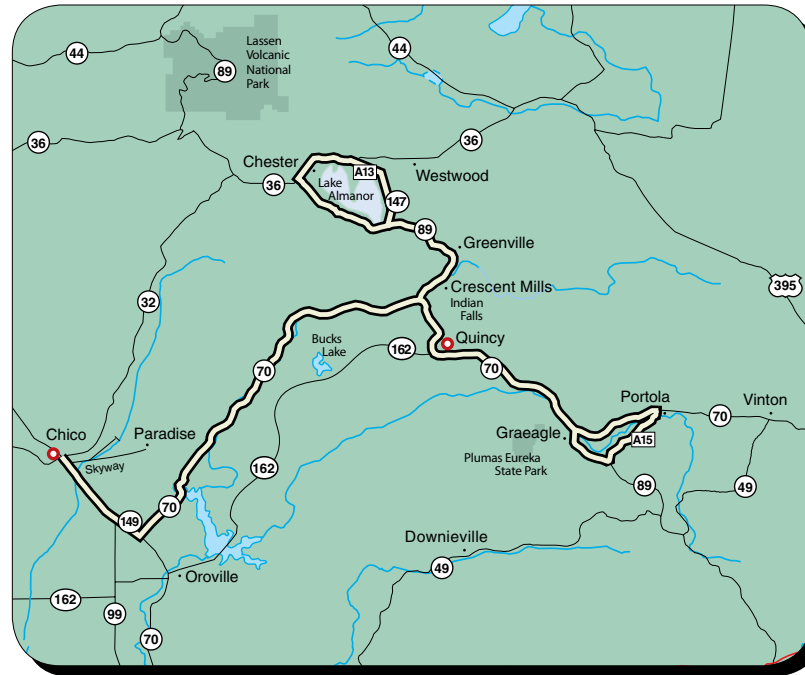
The Bidwell Mansion in Chico



Honey Run Covered Bridge

Tour 4 - Architecture, Quaint Towns and Scenic Byways

This three-day tour will acquaint you with both Chico, in Butte County, and with Plumas County, located in Northeastern California. Explore historical landmarks and Gold Rush era towns along the route.



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 - Western Pacific Railroad Museum


Day 1 - Chico to Quincy

This tour begins and ends in Chico. Chico was founded in 1860 by General John Bidwell, a member of the first overland wagon train to reach California. Chico is home to California State University and the 3,670-acre Bidwell Park, the largest municipal park west of the Mississippi River. The city of 70,000 has a thriving downtown section with well-known murals and art galleries.


Attractions available in Chico:


Bidwell Mansion 525 The Esplanade (530-895-6144) Open Tues - Fri 12pm - 4pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am - 4pm. The 1868, 3-story Italian villa is decorated with Victorian furnishings. Admission for tours is \$4 per person 18 years of age and over, \$2 for ages 5-17. (Allow 1 hour for the tour.)

Honey Run Covered Bridge (allow 1/2 hour to visit bridge)

 Travel south on Hwy. 99 three miles to the Skyway exit. Travel east on Skyway to Honey Run Rd. Turn left on Honey Run Rd. and travel 4 miles (15 min. drive from Chico.)

Built in 1894, the Honey Run Covered Bridge is the only three-level covered bridge in the nation, and one of the few covered bridges left in California. It spans Butte Creek at the base of volcanic cliffs. There are picnic spots near the historic bridge. Picturesque Honey Run Road was constructed in the 1880s. Throughout the area, you'll see expertly formed rock fences made by the Chinese without mortar, still standing after more than a century.

 After exploring the bridge, drive back down Honey Run Rd. to the Skyway, turn right onto the Skyway and continue one mile to Hwy. 99 south, then take Hwy. 149 (Butte College exit) south to Hwy 70. Follow signs to Quincy traveling north on the Feather River Scenic Byway (Hwy. 70) to Quincy (80 miles, 2 hours.)

 The **Feather River National Scenic Byway** offers spectacular views of the canyon and the river. Fall colors and spring wildflowers make these seasons especially good for touring the byway. The



The Tobin Twin Bridges -- where railroad crosses over highway -- are among attractions along the Feather River National Scenic Byway.



The small town of Quincy, at the northern edge of the Sierra Nevada.

canyon is an awesome gorge carved by river through granite, continuing up into forests and meadows. The human additions of highway, railroad and powerhouses are amazing feats of engineering in their own right.

Notable attractions along the byway include three drive-through tunnels, the Tobin Twin Bridges, the Bucks Creek Powerhouse, the Eby Stamp Mill and the famous Keddie Wye – the only train trestle of its kind in the world.

Arrival in Quincy

Quincy, the Plumas County seat, is nestled against the western slope of the Sierra Nevada and tucked at the edge of lush American Valley. The four-story courthouse building on Main Street is the county's most dominant and impressive structure. Quincy's historic downtown buildings feature browse-worthy shops and murals.

 **Lunch in Quincy:** See restaurant listings

 **Motel Check-In:**

Ada's Place (530-283-1954)

Gold Pan Motel (530-283-3686)

Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch (530-283-0930)

Lariat Lodge (530-283-1000)

Pine Hill Motel (530-283-1670)

Quincy Courtyard Suites (530-283-1401)

Ranchito Motel (530-283-2265)

Sporting Inn (530-283-4300)

 **Quincy is home to the following attractions:**

Plumas County Museum 500 Jackson St. (530-283-6320), Open 8am - 5pm Tuesday - Saturday year-round. Admission \$2 adults, \$1 for children 12-17, children under 12 free (allow 1 hour).

Historic 1878 Variel Home 137 Coburn St., next to Plumas County Museum.

Advance arrangements can be made for entrance and a guided group tour by contacting the museum (530-283-6320, allow half hour.)


Self-Guided Walking tour of Quincy's historic buildings (4 blocks, allow half hour.) A free tour and guide map is available at the Plumas County Museum.

Plumas County Courthouse 520 Main St., (allow 20 minutes) Open 8am - 5pm Monday - Friday. Advance arrangements can be made for a guided group tour by contacting the museum (530-283-6320.)

Give your feet a rest and stop by **Alley Cat Cafe** (530-383-0902) in Grover Alley or **Dunn's Coffee & Fine Teas** (530-283-5061) 231 W. Main St. for a cup of gourmet coffee, tea, and a homebaked treat. Or, sip a varietal at Quincy's new wine bar, **The Drunk Brush** in Grover Alley.

Shopping in Quincy - W. Main St. and adjacent side streets, Plumas Pines Shopping Center at Hwy. 70 and Quincy Junction Rd. and East Quincy along Hwy. 70. Art galleries, antique and thrift shops, gift shops, and stores selling books, clothing, toys, candy, and more are located along this route.


 **Dinner in Quincy:** See restaurant listings

 Evening entertainment can include a movie at the historic Town Hall Theatre on Main St. or a community concert or show (depending on schedule). Events are often available at Feather River College and Quincy High School. For a schedule of events, call Plumas Arts. (530-283-3402)

Day 2 - Quincy to Chester

 **Breakfast in Quincy:** See restaurant listings

The 100-mile full-day tour to and from The Chester/Lake Almanor basin presents many opportunities for exploring Plumas County's recreational paradise.

 **Travel to Chester** by heading west on Hwy. 70, then turning right (north) after 10 miles onto Hwy. 89. Stay on Hwy. 89 through the Indian Valley, emerging at Lake Almanor, and continue along the west side of the lake to Chester (trip is 48 miles total, allow 1 1/4 hours). The Lake Almanor loop is



Lake Almanor and Lassen Peak

included in the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, recently named an All American Road.

Lake Almanor and **Chester** offer year-round recreation, and the area serves as a gateway to Lassen Volcanic National Park. Almanor features spectacular views of majestic Lassen Peak.

📍 Attractions in Lake Almanor and Chester include:

Lake Almanor Recreation Trail - Turn right off Hwy. 89 onto an unpaved road across the highway from the Humbug/Humboldt Rd. From the parking lot, a 10-foot wide trail leads northeast to the shoreline of Lake Almanor. Spectacular views of the lake, Dyer Mountain and Lassen Peak can be seen along the entire 9-mile paved trail.

Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District 900 E. Hwy. 36, located 1 mile east of the intersection of Hwy. 89 and Hwy. 36, just 1 mile west of Chester. This ranger station offers public restrooms, an interesting display of wildlife and bird specimens, free pamphlets on the local area and a gift shop filled with books and unique treasures.

Shopping in Chester (allow 1 1/2 hours) along Main Street

🍴 Lunch in Chester/Lake Almanor: See restaurant listings

Afternoon beverage stop:

The Coffee Station (530-258-4112) 192 Main St.

🚌 Depart Chester traveling east on Main St. to road A-13, then turn south onto Hwy. 147, following the east side of Lake Almanor to Hwy. 89. Stay on Hwy. 89 south to Indian Valley.

The communities of **Greenville** and **Crescent Mills** are part of the Indian Valley, which is named for the Native American Maidu who were the valley's original inhabitants. The area is dotted with ranches, old barns, grazing cattle, and quiet roadways – which are great for spotting fall colors.

📍 Stop at Crescent Mills to visit **Crescent Country**, a unique antique and gift shop (530-284-6016).

OPTION:

📍 Indian Falls - allow 30 minutes - Depending on the agility and physical condition of the tour group.

🚌 To view the falls turn left off Hwy. 89, 2 miles after the turn-off to Taylorsville. Follow this dirt road 100 yards down a slope to a small dirt parking area. Follow the steep dirt trail 1/4 mile down to the edge of Indian Creek where an open rocky area overlooks the falls and large swimming hole, a popular spot with locals.

🍴 Dinner in Quincy Area: See restaurant listings

Day 3 – Quincy to Graeagle and Portola

🏠 Motel Check-out

🍴 Breakfast in Quincy: See restaurant listings

🚌 Depart Quincy traveling east on Hwy. 70. At 3 miles turn right on La Porte Rd.

During the fall, view the magnificent **English maple tree** 1 mile south on the left side for a wonderful photo opportunity.

🚌 Return to Hwy. 70, turn right, and continue east along the Feather River National Scenic Byway. Oaks, cottonwoods, maples and willows provide significant fall color along this route, which eventually follows the Middle Fork of the Feather River. You'll pass the historic Feather River Inn, which has been serving visitors since 1915.

Arrive at the intersection of Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 89 (25 miles, 40 minutes from Quincy). Turn right onto Hwy. 89 and drive 1 mile to Graeagle.

📍 In Graeagle, explore the shops and galleries this quaint town has to offer (allow 45 minutes).



Indian Falls near Greenville





A former boarding house for miners now houses the museum at Plumas-Eureka State Park.

View a Gold Rush site, drive a train, hike to a waterfall and tour impressive buildings old and new on this road trip filled with adventure.


The village of Graeagle features an array of identical red buildings that once were homes for workers at the former lumber mill. Today they house shops and services, and the nearby Graeagle Mill Pond is a popular spot for relaxation.

OPTION 1


 **Plumas-Eureka State Park** (530-836-2380) Open 9am-4pm in summer; when staff is available during the rest of the year.

 **Travel (west) for 5 miles on road A-14.** Advance appointment required for the museum during off-season. Admission is free. (allow 1 hour)

The museum and park are located at the foot of Eureka Peak, which produced some \$25 million in gold from hard-rock mining during the late 1880s. Both are within the tiny Gold Rush town of Johnsville, which preserves the rich heritage of the area's gold mining legacy. The indoor-outdoor complex includes a miners' boarding house, the five-story Mohawk Stamp Mill, a blacksmith shop and a restored miner's home.


 **From the museum, continue west on A-14** for a few blocks to see Johnsville's historic buildings. Then take A-14 to back to Hwy. 70. Turn right (east) onto Hwy. 70 and continue 8 miles to Portola.

OPTION 2


 **Western Pacific Railroad Museum** at Portola. (530-832-4131.) Advance appointment advised during off-season (allow 45 minutes.) Open seasonally April to October from 10am to 5pm daily.


Railroad buffs from all over the world visit the Western Pacific Railroad Museum, where you can view displays, inspect historic trains and even drive a locomotive. Train rides in cabooses and vista flatcars around a one-mile track are offered. This hands-on museum is housed in a former Western Pacific diesel shop, and includes 12,000 feet of track.

Shopping along Commercial Street and Hwy. 70 in Portola (allow 45 minutes)


 **Lunch in Portola:** See restaurant listings

 **Turn south off Hwy 70** onto county road A-15. Travel 5 miles to Nakoma Golf Resort.

 Visit **Nakoma Golf Resort** (530-832-5067) to see its unique Frank Lloyd Wright design and browse the gift shop.

 **Continue south on A-15 to Hwy. 89.** Turn right on Hwy. 89 and travel 2 miles, though Graeagle, to Hwy. 70. Turn left (west) onto Hwy. 70 to make your trip back to Chico.

NOTE: *Off-season business hours vary. Many local restaurants and attractions are happy to accommodate groups during non-business hours by advance appointment. Contact the sites prior to planning your tour to ensure a positive travel experience.*

 **For more information on this tour,** contact the Plumas County Visitors Bureau at 800-326-2247 or visit www.plumascounty.org.



The Nakoma Golf Resort, an original Frank Lloyd Wright design, near Portola.



Plumas County Restaurant Guide for Tour Groups

Call to verify off-season hours.

Quincy

Breakfast

- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Morning Thunder Cafe (530-283-1310) 557 Lawrence St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.

Lunch

- Cafe Le Coq (530-283-0114) 189 Main St.
- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Moon's (530-283-0765) 497 Lawrence St. (Groups only.)
- Morning Thunder Cafe (530-283-1310) 557 Lawrence St.
- Pangaea (530-283-0426) 461 W. Main St.
- Pizza Factory (530-283-4545) 490 W. Main St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.
- Stoney's Country Burger (530-283-3911) 11 Lindan Ave.

Dinner

- Cafe Le Coq (530-283-0114) 189 Main St.
- Moon's (530-283-0765) 497 Lawrence St. (Groups of 20 or less, weekday only.)
- Pangaea (530-283-0426) 461 W. Main St.
- Pizza Factory (530-283-4545) 490 W. Main St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.
- Sweet Lorraine's (530-283-5300) 384 W. Main St.

Chester/Lake Almanor

Breakfast

- Bidwell House (if the group is staying there, 530-258-3338) #1 Main St., Chester
- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- St. Bernard Lodge (530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester

Lunch and Dinner

- Cotton Candy Diner (530-258-1950) 300 Main St., Chester
- Knotbumper (530-258-2301) 274 Main St., Chester
- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- Maria's Walker's Mexican Restaurant (530-258-2225) 159 Main St., Chester
- Mi Casita Mexican Restaurant (530-258-1879) 686 Main St., Chester
- Peninsula Grill (530-596-3538) 401 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor
- St. Bernard Lodge 530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester

Portola

Breakfast

- Dee's Station Cafe (530-832-4852) 165 Pacific St.

Lunch

- Casa Carmelita (530-832-5360) 165 E. Sierra St.
- Dee's Station Cafe (530-832-4852) 165 Pacific St.
- Pizza Factory (530-832-0430) 197 Commercial St.

Dinner

- Casa Carmelita (530-832-5360) 165 E. Sierra St.
- Log Cabin (530-832-5243) 64 E. Sierra St.
- Pizza Factory (530-832-0430) 197 Commercial St.

Graeagle

Breakfast/Lunch

- Bonta St. Bistro (530-836-1497) 190 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Cafe Mohawk (530-836-0901) 1228 Johnsville Rd., Mohawk
- Gumba's Pizzeria & Grill (530-836-1212) 350 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Mountain Cuisine (530-836-4646) 250 Bonta St., Blairsden
- The Village Baker (530-836-4064) 340 Bonta St., Blairsden

Dinner

- Coyote Bar & Grill (530-836-2002) Hwy. 89
- Grizzly Grill (530-836-1300) 250 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Gumba's Pizzeria & Grill (530-836-1212) 350 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Longboards Bar & Grill (530-836-1111) 402 Poplar Valley Rd., Plumas Pines Estates
- Mt. Tomba Dinner House (530-836-2359) 10 minutes west of Graeagle on Hwy. 70 in Cromberg
- Sierra Valley Lodge (530-994-3367 or 800-858-0322) Off Hwy. 89, Calpine
- Trattoria Rosa Cucina Italiana (530-836-0371) 15 minutes west of Graeagle on Hwy. 70 in Cromberg

Greenville

Breakfast/Lunch

- Anna's Cafe (530-284-1998) 300 Main St.
- Sierra Sunrise (530-284-6968) Hwy. 89

Dinner

- Main Street Dinner House (530-284-6888) 305 Main St.