

# 21 Things To Do in Tuolumne County

Nature, outdoor, and history enthusiasts embrace every moment of getaway through Tuolumne County, located 2 ½ hours east of the San Francisco Bay Area. You'll want to take in everything as you visit iconic Yosemite National Park, the heart of California's Gold Country, and the awe-inspiring High Sierra.

Here are the top 21 things you can't miss on your trip through Tuolumne County!

## -Yosemite and Groveland Areas-



1. Visit Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite National Park. Enjoy spectacular scenery while hiking around the reservoir to see fabulous waterfalls that rival those in Yosemite Valley. Tip: Arrive early; parking is limited, also note that the Hetch Hetchy Road is open limited hours.



2. Hike along the Tuolumne River to Carlon Falls. The trailhead is on the Stanislaus National Forest, but the falls, which are a great place to cool off and have a picnic, are located in Yosemite.



3. Explore Yosemite's neighboring public lands. The Stanislaus National Forest offers plenty of hiking and biking trails in beautiful scenery. Thrilling off-road Jeep tours are also available.



4. Embark on a whitewater rafting adventure on the Tuolumne River with one of several reputable outfitters. Exciting half-day trips and multi-day excursions paired with great food and company are available.



5. Go on a guided excursion to try something new such as fly-fishing, photography or backpacking in the wilderness.



6. See the area the way the pioneers did—on horseback. Horseback ride through the countryside at the Pine Mountain Lake Equestrian Center.

7. Explore the town of Groveland. Shop, dine, golf, try a local craft brew or mosey up to the bar at the longest continuously operating saloon in California.



8. Learn about the area at the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum which holds an extensive collection of cultural and natural history exhibits highlighting the area.



## -Gold Country-

9. Rent a boat, swim, fish or hike at Lake Don Pedro, one of California's stunning massive reservoirs. Now dog-friendly.



10. Visit Jamestown where several of the town's buildings that date back to the 1870s and 1880s are occupied by quaint historic inns, restaurants, shops, a cigar bar, brewery and wine tasting room. Stop by the Jamestown Museum at Rocca Park, and walk along the Walk of Fame highlighting Tuolumne County's show business history. Chicken Ranch Casino offers non-stop gaming action and Bingo.



11. Ride the rails on a historic train to a bygone era and take a tour of one of the few remaining working railroad roundhouses in America at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park.





12. Sonora, the County Seat, is a great base camp for a visit to Tuolumne County. It's an easy access point to all of the fun in the surrounding area with many lodging options. Its historic downtown is home to shops, restaurants, historic buildings, fascinating museums and exciting escape rooms just to name a few things to do!



13. Step back into California's Gold Rush history in Columbia State Historic Park where you can stroll along wooden sidewalks, ride an authentic stagecoach (your dog can too!), pan for gold and chat with knowledgeable and friendly townspeople dressed in period attire.



14. Experience the arts in quaint art galleries or enjoy superior live theatre performances at Sierra Repertory Theatre or live music at outdoor summer concerts and festivals.



15. Relax at Indigeny Reserve on the lush 160 acre preserve nestled in the hills of Sonora. Friendly staff serve hard ciders and spirits produced on site. The shaded picnic area and trails are surrounded by organic apple orchards.

**-High Sierra-**



16. Get off the beaten path in the town of Tuolumne, where Black Oak Casino Resort offers entertainment for the whole family. The Westside Trail is an easy hike with scenic views and spectacular spring wildflower displays. Pay respects at the 9/11 & War on Terrorism Memorial in the middle of town.

17. Visit the town of Twain Harte, a charming mountain town boasting unique shops, dining options, hatchet throwing and a classic, vintage miniature golf course.



18. Take a scenic drive through the High Sierra along Sonora Pass. Magnificent vistas, trails, lakes, rivers and streams create endless opportunities for every outdoor enthusiast and feature breathtaking scenery and fresh mountain air.



19. Boat (boat rentals available in summer), swim, camp, hike, fish and enjoy the scenery at the popular Pinecrest Lake.



20. Get in the saddle for a trail ride in the High Country. Aspen Meadow Pack Station and Kennedy Meadows Pack Station offer rides into some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable.



21. Try the tastes of local wines and craft beers throughout Tuolumne County where makers enthusiastically share their local beverage creations in unique locations.



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