



PLUMAS
County Visitors Bureau



Ample snowfall and groomed trails make Plumas County a favorite with snowmobilers.

Discover one of the best snowmobiling destinations in the state on this tour of Plumas County's forests, lakes and winter getaways.

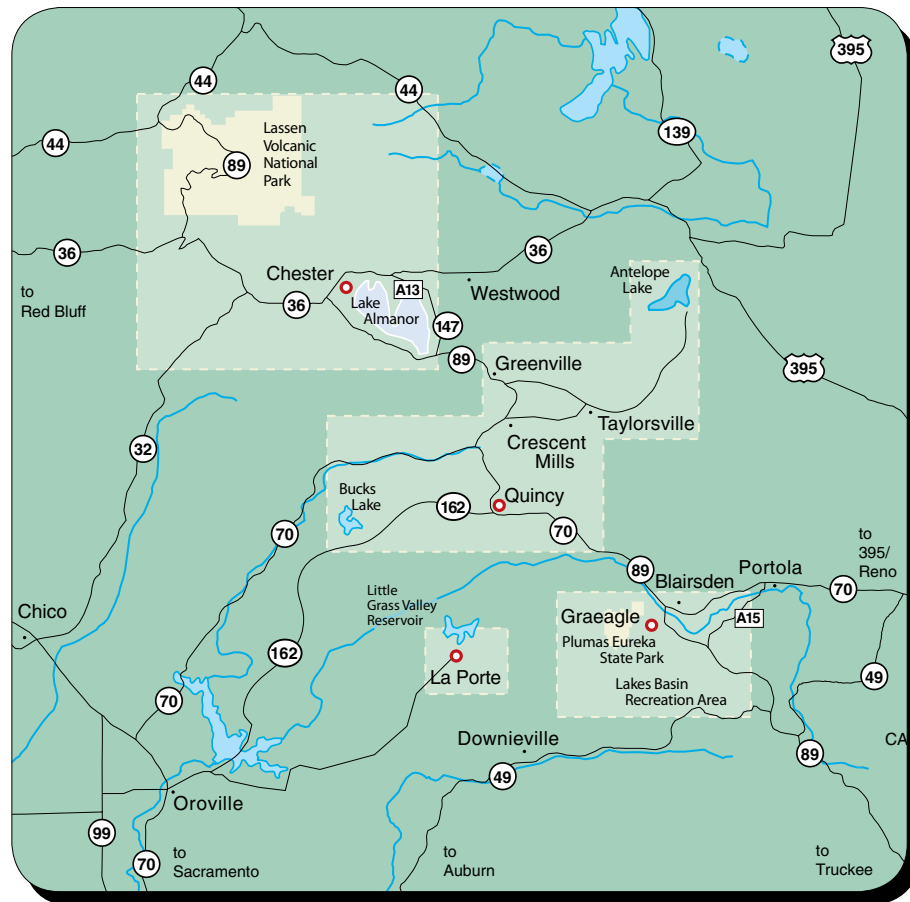


Explore scenery on unplowed roads as well as groomed forest trails.


Tour 11 - Snowmobiling in Plumas County



Plumas County is a snowmobiler's dream. Spectacular beauty and diverse terrain make this area an ideal destination for a snowmobiling getaway. Resorts, shops and restaurants cater to winter-time visitors. During this three-day visit, you can choose from a wide variety of groomed trails and ungroomed routes through two national forests. Maps and more details on the areas, trails, staging areas and warming huts are available by contacting Plumas National Forest (530-283-2050) or Lassen National Forest (530-258-2141).

Many events and live concerts are scheduled for winter, including sled dog races, historic longboard races, snowmobile races, and holiday festivals. Check the events page at www.plumascounty.org for information on events scheduled during the time of your visit.



Day 1- Travel to Plumas County

 **Directions to Plumas County.** Coming from Reno, Lake Tahoe, Auburn or Sacramento, take I-80 to Truckee or I-5 to Red Bluff. From Truckee take Hwy. 89 north to Graeagle. From Red Bluff, take Hwy. 36 to Chester. To reach La Porte, travel Hwy. 70 to Marysville and then Hwy. 20 and County Road E-21.

  **Accommodations and restaurants** are available in the communities of Graeagle, Quincy, La Porte and Chester, all of which are convenient to accessing the beautiful forests in Plumas County.



The Lakes Basin Recreation Area near Graeagle has diverse terrain and spectacular mountain vistas.




Mother Nature provides stunning scenery during the winter months.




Hundreds of miles of trail make Plumas County a haven for snowmobilers.

Snowmobile tours are offered by Explore! Sierra Touring Company in the eastern part of Plumas County. (530) 932-5450. There currently are no snowmobile rentals in Plumas County.

Graeagle Area

 **Driving to Graeagle:** 50 miles and a 1 hour drive from Truckee on Hwy. 89

 **Lodging check-in:** River Pines Resort (530-836-2552) or Chalet View Lodge (530-832-5528) with breakfast

 **Trails:**

Lakes Basin Recreation Area - Just two miles south of Graeagle, the groomed Gold Lake Highway snakes through the Lakes Basin Recreation Area, connecting highways 89 and 49. This area offers 38 miles of groomed routes for snowmobiling.

Gold Lake Highway - 14 miles with two staging areas and restrooms at the northern and southern end of the highway. A restaurant is located at the southern end at Bassett's Station.


Haskell Peak - 14 miles, accesses many large open areas for cross-country riding.

Howard Meadow - 6 miles. Large open meadows, views of the Sierra Buttes. If ungroomed is challenging with stretches of severe side slope.

Mills Peak - 2 miles. Forest route with great views.

Packer Lake - 2 miles. Views of the Sierra Buttes.

Quincy/Indian Valley

 **Directions to Quincy:** 70 mi. and a 90 minute drive from Truckee on Hwy. 89 then west on Hwy. 70

 **Lodging check-in:**

Ada's Place (530-283-1954)

Gold Pan Motel (530-283-3686)

Lariat Lodge (530-283-1000)

Pine Hill Motel (530-283-1670)

Quincy Courtyard Suites (530-283-1401)

Ranchito Motel (530-283-2265)

The Feather Bed B & B (530-283-0102)

Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch (530-283-0930) with restaurant and bar

 **Trails:**

Quincy area

Snake Lake Road - An easy, ungroomed six-mile road to the campground.

Squirrel Creek Road to Argentine Ridge


Indian Valley area

Antelope Lake Road - A scenic, ungroomed road east of Taylorsville.

Lights Creek Trail - ungroomed north of Taylorsville.

Old Haun Road - ungroomed road north of Greenville.

Bucks Lake

 **Directions to Bucks Lake:** Travel 12 miles and a 20 minute drive west of Quincy to the staging area at Bucks Summit. From this point, travel nine miles on unplowed road either by snowmobile or by snowcat shuttles offered by the resorts at Bucks Lake.



Snowmobilers can also explore off-trail.

Bring your machine or rent one; several staging areas offer access to hundreds of miles of trails with unparalleled winter scenery.



Little Grass Valley Reservoir near La Porte.

Lodging check-in:

Bucks Lake Lodge (530-283-2262, 800-481-2825) with restaurant and bar

Haskins Valley Inn (530-283-9667) includes breakfast

Timberline Inn (530-283-2262, 800-481-2825) with restaurant and bar

Trails: Bucks Lake area includes over 100 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Aarat Loop - 3 miles with short cross-country detour to Mt. Aarat where there are large open areas and views of the Middle Fork Feather River Canyon, the Sierras and the Sacramento Valley.

Bald Eagle - 2 miles ungroomed from Mill Creek, dispersed riding with open areas, hill climbs, and views of the Sacramento Valley and Lassen Peak.

Big Creek Road to Bucks Lake - 10 miles groomed road or unmarked, ungroomed trail.

Bucks Summit to Four Trees - 16 miles, main route with branches to many loop trails.

Cold Water Loop - 9 miles, backcountry riding.

Granite Basin - 13 miles, lower elevations with southwest facing slopes.

Gravel Range - 12 miles, backcountry riding.

Grizzly Loop - 16 miles, follows the shoreline of Bucks Lake and Lower Bucks Lake, with views of the lakes and Feather River Canyon.

Grizzly Summit - 3 miles.

Letter Box Loop - 7 miles, follows mid slope on northern aspects with views of Feather River Canyon.

Lookout Rock - 6 miles. Views of the Sierras and Feather River Canyon.


Lower Daniels - 3 miles, open areas, ridge access and view of rocky bluffs.

Mill Creek - 2 miles, access trail to Bald Eagle area.

Upper Daniels - 2 miles, a popular shortcut back to the staging areas.

Willow Creek - 5 miles, open areas and ridge access offering cross-country opportunities

La Porte

 **To La Porte:** Travel 47 mi. and about an hour from Marysville via Hwy. 20 and County Road E-21.

Lodging check-in:

Union Hotel (530-675-2860) Group rental only - no restaurant, but group may have access to full kitchen

La Porte Cabin Rentals (530-675-0850)

La Porte is renowned for its excellent snowmobiling, with more than 80 miles of marked, groomed trails, a staging area with warming hut and restrooms, and four trailside warming huts.

Trails:

Silvertip/Quincy Road Loop - 22 miles, travels towards Onion Valley and down Silvertrip Springs Road, with beautiful views.

Onion Valley - 1 mile off Silvertip/Quincy Road Loop, just north of the South Fork Feather River crossing. A favorite destination and play area.


Little Grass Valley Reservoir Loop - 17 miles, with spectacular views of the lake.

Wagon Wheel/Lexington Hill - 5 miles, with 360-degree views of Sacramento Valley and the Sierras.



A view of Lake Almanor is a highlight on the trails outside of Chester.

Chester

 **Directions to Chester:** Travel 183 miles from Sacramento, Interstate 5 to Red Bluff, then east on Hwy. 36. Or 128 miles from Reno, U.S. 395 north to Susanville, and west on Hwy. 36.

 **Lodging check-in:**

Plumas Pines Resort (530-259-4343)

Best Western Rose Quartz Inn (530-258-2002)

Bidwell House B & B (530-258-3338) includes breakfast

Cedar Lodge Motel (530-258-2904)

Childs Meadow Resort (530-595-3383) with restaurant and bar

St. Bernard Lodge (530-258-3382) with restaurant and bar

 **Staging areas:**

Chester-Lake Almanor Snowmobile Park


Swain Mountain - 60 miles of designated trails with 3 loop trails.

Morgan Summit - 77 miles of designated trails, restrooms and a warming hut.

Jonesville - 60 miles of designated trails with 3 loop trails.

Fredonyer - 90 miles of designated trails with 3 loop trails.

NOTE: *Off-season business hours vary. Contact the businesses prior to your arrival to ensure a positive travel experience.*

 For more information on this tour, see www.plumascounty.org



The road to Bucks Lake is not plowed, making it a destination resort on snowmobile.



Plumas County Restaurant Guide for Tour Groups

Call to verify off-season hours.

Quincy

Breakfast

- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Patti's Thunder Cafe (530-283-3526) 557 Lawrence St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.

Lunch

- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Moon's (530-283-9900) 497 Lawrence St. (Groups only.)
- Patti's Thunder Cafe (530-283-3526) 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.
- Roundtable Pizza (530-283-2320) 60 E. Main St.

Dinner

- Moon's (530-283-9900) 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

- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- St. Bernard Lodge (530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester

Lunch and Dinner

- Knotbumper (530-258-2301) 274 Main St., Chester
- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- Locker Room Sports Grill (530-258-5010) 300 Main St., Chester
- Luciano's Cucina Di Pasta (530-596-4133) 449 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor
- Maria's Mexican Restaurant (530-258-2262) 159 Main St., Chester
- Red Onion Grill (530-258-1800) 303 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor
- St. Bernard Lodge (530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester
- Tantardino's Pizzeria and Pasta (530-596-3902) 401 Ponderosa Dr., Lake Almanor

Portola

Breakfast

- Alpine Grill (530-832-1200) 448 W. Sierra Ave.
- Sharon's Cafe (530-832-4874) 270 Commercial St.

Lunch and Dinner

- Alpine Grill (530-832-1200) 448 W. Sierra Ave.
- Lena's Cantina (530-832-5360) 165 E. Sierra Ave.
- Log Cabin (530-832-4400) 64 E. Sierra Ave.
- Pizza Factory (530-832-0430) 197 Commercial St.
- Sharon's Cafe (530-832-4874) 270 Commercial St.

Graeagle

Breakfast/Lunch

- Bontaful Gardens (530-836-1619) 190 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Coyote Bar & Grill (530-836-2002) Hwy. 89
- Gumba's Pizzeria & Grill (530-836-1212) 350 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Mountain Cuisine (530-836-4646) 250 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Nakoma Golf Resort (530-832-5067) 348 Bear Run, Clio

Dinner

- Coyote Bar & Grill (530-836-2002) Hwy. 89
- Cuccia's Pasta-Pizza-Wine Bar (530-836-2121) 1228 Johnsville Road
- Grille at Chalet View Lodge (530-832-5528) 72056 Hwy. 70, between Graeagle and Portola
- 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

Greenville

Breakfast/Lunch

- Anna's Cafe (530-284-1998) 300 Main St.

Dinner

- Main Street Dinner House (530-284-6888) Hwy. 89