

Tour 15 - Auto & Motorcycle Clubs Scenic Touring Along Roads Less Traveled



Hwy. 70, Feather River National Scenic Byway

Drive quiet rural byways and backcountry roads with breathtaking mountain vistas and charming small towns.

Plumas County is crisscrossed with backroads winding through rugged canyons, fragrant pine forests and pristine mountain meadows. Along these paved and unpaved routes you can expect to find an abundance of geological formations, historical sites, wildlife, waterfalls, vibrant seasonal color, and crystal clear lakes and streams.

A new publication, "Backcountry Discovery Trail" is available from any U.S. Forest Service office in the county. It contains maps and driving directions for dozens of off-highway routes for your enjoyment.



Day 1 Graeagle and Quincy

- Plumas-Eureka State Park
- Plumas County Museum

Day 2 Touring Plumas County

- Select one or more self-guided tour routes

Day 3 Touring and return home

- Select another tour





Downtown Graeagle


Many annual events and live concerts are scheduled during the off-season (October through May). Contact the Plumas County Tourism Council for information on events scheduled during the time of your visit. (www.plumascounty.org)

Plumas County is easily accessible from every direction. Highways 70 and 89 pass through the entire county. Travel routes are detailed in the free Plumas County Visitors Guide. Contact the Plumas County Tourism Council for a copy. (www.plumascounty.org)

Day 1 - Arrival in Plumas County: Graeagle and Quincy

 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. Explore the shops and galleries in this quaint town (allow 45 minutes.)

 **OPTION: 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. Free admission. (allow 1 hour)



Mohawk Stamp Mill, Plumas-Eureka State Park




Quiet scenic routes attract all types of car clubs.




Fall foliage in Indian Valley

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 miner's 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.

 **Lunch in Graeagle Area:** See restaurant listings

 **Return to Hwy. 70** and travel west 24 miles to Quincy.

 **Lodging check-in** - Quincy

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)

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

 **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, candy, toys and more are located along this route.

 **Dinner in Quincy** - See restaurant listings

 **Evening entertainment** can also include a movie at the historic Town Hall Theatre on Main St. or a community concert or show (depending on schedule.) Athletic and other events are often available at Feather River College and Quincy High School. You can also workout at the Feather River Fitness Center or try out your skill at the bowling alley.

The Town Hall Theatre is open Thurs-Mon and offers a movie starting at 7pm, with a matinee at 4pm on Sunday only. (530-283-1140)

La Sierra Lanes bowling alley is open evenings seven days a week. (530-283-1633)

Quincy Library is open until 8pm on Thursdays. (530-283-6310)


Feather River College schedules evening events. (530-283-0202)

Feather River Fitness and Recreation Center is open until 9pm Mon-Fri. (530-283-2255) One-day passes are available.

Plumas Arts schedules evening concerts and exhibits. (530-283-3402).

Quincy Jr. Sr. High School hosts evening events. (530-283-6510)

Day 2 - Touring Plumas County

 **Breakfast in Quincy** - See restaurant listings

 **Depart Quincy:**

Select from the following list of self-guided driving tours, or one from "Backcountry Discovery Trail," combined with a lunch stop at a local restaurant or picnic site and browsing shops in small communities.

NOTE: Some tours are not accessible during snow season. These are indicated with ().**

 An Ancient Trail of the Mountain Maidu Indians - 67 mile, 2 hour route.

Beckwourth-Antelope Lake, Indian Valley Route** - 75 mile, 4 hour route, closed with first snow-fall.

Plumas County Fall Color Guide - multiple routes from Quincy on paved all-weather roads.



Great terrain and vistas for motorcyclists.



Hwy. 89, Volcanic Legacy All American Road

Bucks Lake Loop - Quincy** - 37 miles, 1-1/2 hour paved route, closed with first snowfall. There is no printed brochure for this route.

Feather River National Scenic Byway - 130 mile, 3.5 hour route on Hwy. 70, an all-weather highway.

Frenchman Lake - Dixie Valley Loop** - 75 mile, 4 hour loop tour on paved and gravel roads, closed with first snowfall.

Historic Town Sites On The Plumas National Forest** - 30 miles, 2 hours along unpaved roads, closed with first snow.


Humboldt Summit - Humbug Valley Loop** - 69 miles, 4 hours, closed with first snowfall.

Indian Valley - Antelope Lake Loop - 33 miles, 1 1/2 hours, paved all-weather road.

Lakes Basin - Gold Lake Highway Loop** - 39 mile, 1 1/2 hour paved loop, closed with first snowfall. There is no printed brochure for this route.

Volcanic Legacy All American Road - Lassen Park - Chester-Lake Almanor Loop - 93 mile, 4 hour, paved all-weather road, except the 29 mile portion through Lassen Park which closes with the first snowfall. The south entrance to the park up to the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center is open year round and is just 4 1/2 miles north of Hwy 36. This route is the southern terminus of the newly named All American Road, which continues northward to Crater Lake, Oregon.


Quincy-LaPorte-Johnsville Route** - 66 mile, 4 hour route, closed with first snow.

 **Lunch** – See restaurant listings


 **Return to Quincy**


 **Dinner in Quincy Area** – See restaurant listings

Day 3 – More touring and return home

 **Breakfast in Quincy** – See restaurant listings

 **Motel check-out**

 **Depart Quincy** and select a self-guided driving tour and lunch location from the previous list.

 **Visit Nakoma Golf Resort** (530-832-5067) to see its unique Frank Lloyd Wright design and browse the gift shop. This is the final stop before leaving Plumas County and concluding the tour.

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





Along a backcountry route near Beckwourth.



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