



South Yuba River Recreation Area and National Trail

Nestled in the heart of California's historic Gold Country, and straddling the scenic South Yuba River, this landscape offers a rich natural history and endless recreation. Steep, pine-covered canyons transition to gentle slopes and wildflower meadows. Pitch a tent in a tree shaded campground, hike one of the many trails, explore on horseback, fish for rainbow trout, pan for gold, or cool off in a secluded swimming hole.

The South Yuba River Recreation Area is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Nevada City, California. Access to the area is off Highway 49 via North Bloomfield Road. Pickups with campers, travel trailers and motorhomes should use Highway 49 and turn right at the junction of Tyler Foote Road. At the intersection of Grizzly Hill Road turn right and proceed to North Bloomfield Road.

The South Yuba River Recreation Area is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks/DPR).



Facility Descriptions

1 South Yuba Campground (BLM)

This site includes 16 campsites with tables, water, grills, fire rings, pit toilets and trash pick-up. Pay site. \$5.00 per night, per site. The South Yuba River is approximately one mile from the campground. Season of use: April 1st through October 15th (weather permitting).

2 South Yuba National Trail (BLM)

This 15-mile trail is open to hiking, horseback riding, trail running and mountain biking. Trail is closed to motorized vehicles.

Facility Descriptions, continued...

3 Illinois Crossing (BLM)

Located 1 mile from the South Yuba Campground, this site is open for primitive camping and has four tables and a pit toilet.

4 Overlook Point Picnic Site (BLM)

This site is located 1 ½ miles east of the South Yuba Campground. Three Picnic tables are available on site.

5 Humbug Creek Picnic Site (BLM)

Humbug Creek flows into the Yuba River. The picnic site is located 4 ½ miles east of the South Yuba Campground and has two tables available.

6 South Yuba Primitive Area (BLM)

Located 0.3 mile east of the Humbug Creek Picnic Site, this area is open to primitive camping with tables.

7 Humbug Trail (State Parks)

This 3-mile hiking trail parallels historic Humbug Creek and provides access to Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park from the South Yuba River.

Please note: Trail is steep going from the Yuba River to Malakoff Diggins.

8 Rim Trial (State Parks)

This 3-mile hiking trail traverses the rim of the historic Malakoff Diggins.

9 Diggins Trail (State Parks)

This 3-mile hiking trail traverses the interior of the historic Malakoff Diggins.

10 Round Mountain Trail (BLM)

A steep 1 ½ mile trail leading from Round Mtn. Trailhead to the South Yuba Trail. The South Yuba Trail is 4.5 miles in length from Purdon Crossing to Edwards Crossing.

Please Note: Gold panning is allowed in the South Yuba River on the BLM lands shown on the map (see reverse). The only exception noted is for one existing mining claim located in sections 13 and 14.

For more information, please see our BLM website at:
www.ca.blm.gov/folsom



To better enjoy your visit, please remember the following:

➔ You will cross private land along some trails. Please respect the rights of private landowners.

➔ The BLM allows suction dredging for gold in designated areas under a permit system. State Parks allows "pans and hands" only. Check with the responsible agency for more specific information.

➔ The area between a ¼ mile downstream and a ½ mile upstream from Edwards Crossing is a high-density recreation area - Day Use Only. No overnight camping. No suction dredging.

➔ At Edwards Crossing - No motorized equipment such as dredges may be operated off of North Bloomfield Road including motorized vehicles.

➔ Do not leave valuable items inside un-attended vehicles.

➔ There is a 14 day camping limit on BLM public lands.

➔ Pack it in - Pack it out and... Pack a little extra if you can. Help us keep this area clean.



For additional information contact the relevant managing agency:

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Coyote Street, Nevada City, CA 95959
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