

THE HERITAGE TRAIL

Placer County Museums Tour

TRAIL GUIDE

AUGUST 15 & 16, 2015
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

20 MUSEUMS - ROSEVILLE TO TAHOE!



WELCOME TRAIL TRAVELERS!

We are glad you decided to join us on the 2015 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This is the 8th year for the event and 20 museums from Roseville to Tahoe are opening their doors free of charge on August 15th & 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All 20 museums are committed to showcasing history in a fun and entertaining way. For many Trail Travelers, this event has become a family tradition. Whether you are from Auburn, Reno, San Francisco, or Boston, you will enjoy this opportunity to take a trip back in time and get a better understanding of Placer County's rich and colorful history. Each museum on the tour is unique. Aside from immersing yourselves in history, you will enjoy the variety of settings at each museum.

Many of the museums will offer food and beverages including cookies, hand churned ice cream, root beer floats, lemonade and water. Most museums have restroom facilities available. Look for the symbols  in the museum's description.

The museums are grouped in three clusters and are easy to reach from Interstate 80. Seven Valley Museums are located in South Placer. Six Auburn Museums are located within one mile of the Historic Courthouse. Seven Mountain Museums are located in the Sierra Nevada and the north shore of Lake Tahoe. We encourage you to visit several museums during the two day event. This Trail Guide will help you find your way and we invite you back to visit those museums that you missed any time during the year.

Thanks again for joining us. We hope you have a great time!
 Ralph Gibson
 Placer County Museums Administrator
 Chairperson, The Heritage Trail

TRAIL TIPS

THE FOLLOWING TRAIL TIPS WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR DAY.

- For the most up to date information on The Heritage Trail, visit our blog at theheritagetrail.blogspot.com.
- You can begin at any of the 20 participating museums which are identified by red, white and blue trail signs and banners.
- All directions are from Interstate 80 going west to east. Maps are included.
- For questions during the event, call any museum. A phone number is listed for each.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted in the museums.
- Leave pets at home.
- You'll want to bring your camera. Inquire at each museum for flash photography guidelines.
- Be sure to pick up your FREE Get Up & Go card at the first museum you visit.

Enjoy the Trail!

MUSEUMS

VALLEY MUSEUMS

1. Maidu Museum & Historic Site
2. Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum
3. Roseville Fire Museum
4. Roseville Telephone Museum
5. Lincoln Area Archives
6. Rocklin History Museum
7. Griffith Quarry Museum

AUBURN MUSEUMS

8. Placer County Museum
9. Gold Country Medical History Museum
10. Auburn Joss House Museum
11. Bernhard Museum Complex
12. Gold Rush Museum
13. The Benton Welty Schoolroom

MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS

14. Foresthill Divide Museum
15. Colfax Area Heritage Museum
16. Golden Drift Museum
17. Donner Summit Historical Society Museum
18. Gatekeeper Museum
19. Watson Cabin
20. Museum of Sierra Ski History and the 1960 Winter Olympics

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Be sure to pick up a FREE Get Up & Go card at the first museum you visit. After getting your card stamped at four different museums, you will be eligible to enter a grand prize drawing for one of three gift baskets.

BUS SCHEDULE

DISCOVER TAHOE SATURDAY BUS TRIP • \$10.00

Call (530) 889-6500 to reserve a seat on the bus!

FAB parking lot
(corner of B Ave. and Richardson)

Depart: 8:00

The Museum of Sierra Ski History

Arrive: 10:00

Depart: 10:45

Watson Cabin

Arrive: 10:50

Depart: 11:20

Gatekeepers Museum

Arrive: 11:25 **LUNCH STOP**

Depart: 1:00

Donner Summit Historical Museum

Arrive: 1:45

Depart: 2:30

Gold Country Fairgrounds

Arrive: 4:00

EXPLORE THE MOUNTAINS SUNDAY BUS TRIP • \$10.00

FAB parking lot
(corner of B Ave. and Richardson)

Depart: 8:50

Donner Summit Historical Museum

Arrive: 10:00

Depart: 10:45

Golden Drift Museum

Arrive: 11:15

Depart: 12:00

Colfax Area Heritage Museum

Arrive: 12:30 **LUNCH STOP**

Depart: 2:00

Foresthill Divide Museum

Arrive: 2:45

Depart: 3:30

Gold Country Fairgrounds

Arrive: 4:15

VALLEY SHUTTLE TOUR SATURDAY 10:30-5:00 • FREE

Two Pride Industries shuttles will rotate between all seven Valley Museums. At 10:30 one will depart to the Maidu Museum & Historical Site and another will depart at the Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum. The shuttles will run continuously until 5:00pm and are FREE to all Trail Goers!

For more information, visit theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

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County of Placer, Consolidated Communications, Native Sons of the Golden West, and Wave Broadband



Auburn
Parlor #59



Silver Star
Parlor #63 (LINCOLN)

18 GATEKEEPERS'S MUSEUM

130 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City 
530-583-1762 • www.northtahoemuseums.org

The Gatekeeper's Museum, featuring the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection, is a reconstruction of the original Gatekeeper's cabin. Today the museum showcases Tahoe history from the original Washoe inhabitants through the logging era and establishment of the tourism industry in Tahoe Basin. The Steinbach Indian Basket Collection displays a breathtaking collection of over 800 vintage and contemporary Native American baskets, jewelry, pottery, dolls and more from western North America.

Saturday: Historic Tahoe City Walking Tour at 10 am. Meet outside the Blue Agave Restaurant, 425 N. Lake Blvd.

Sunday: The Railroad Regulators will return this summer to maintain peace on the museum grounds.

Directions: Take I-80 east towards Reno. Then take the highway 89 exit-south towards Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe for 13 miles until you reach the Tahoe City "Wye" intersection. Veer right onto West Lake Blvd (Highway 89). Cross "Fanny Bridge" over the Truckee River and the museum is the first left turn.

Normal Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00-5:00

19 WATSON CABIN

560 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City 
530-583-8717 • Museum Phone Number: 530-583-1762
www.northtahoemuseums.org

Built in 1909 by Robert Montgomery Watson as a wedding present for his son, the Watson Cabin is the oldest building constructed on-site in Tahoe City and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The cabin is set up as a typical Tahoe pioneer family dwelling from that era with many artifacts from the Watson family. Docent tours are available on site at the Watson Cabin.

Directions: Take I-80 east towards Reno. Then take Highway 89 exit-south towards Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe. As you approach Tahoe City go straight through the stoplight onto Highway 28 (a.k.a. North Lake Blvd). Watson Cabin is on the right, in the middle of town, above Commons Beach.

MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS



89

RIVER RD

89



TAHOE CITY

N LAKE BLVD

28



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89



W LAKE BLVD

LAKE TAHOE

KINGS BEACH

20 THE MUSEUM OF SIERRA SKI HISTORY AND THE 1960 WINTER OLYMPICS

760 North Lake Blvd., Tahoe City 
www.tahoemuseum.org

Visitors will learn the history of skiing in the Sierra and the history of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games. On display are hundreds of artifacts including official Olympic items such as skis, racing bibs, official results, promotional literature and participation mementos. Dozens of never before exhibited banners, souvenirs and spectacular memorabilia from the Batiste Family Collection are also on display. Recent additions include artifacts from the World War II history of the 10th Mountain Division and replicates of the skis used for 19th century ski racing in the Sierra Nevada.

Normal Hours of Operation: Daily 11:00-6:00

Directions : [same as **WATSON CABIN** except add after Highway 28 (North Lake Blvd)]: The museum is on the right in the Boatworks Mall on the second floor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This is a self guided tour and your participation is voluntary. Please do not hold the Tour Committee, presenters or museum partners responsible for any injury to you, your family, or property.
- You and your family may be photographed during the event and these photos are the property of the Placer County Museums Division.

MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS

DUTCH FLAT

16 GOLDEN DRIFT MUSEUM

32820 Main Street, Dutch Flat  
 530-389-2126 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

Visit the best preserved Gold Rush town in Placer County. This museum is dedicated to the history of Gold Run, Dutch Flat, Alta, Towle and Baxter. Displays include a historical photo gallery, Indian projectile points, fraternal organization memorabilia, Chinese artifacts, and mining and railroad displays. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday and Sunday 11:00: Docent led half hour walking tour of historic Dutch Flat.

Directions: From I-80 take Dutch Flat exit and proceed north on Ridge Rd. for 1/2 mile. Turn left on Sacramento Sand proceed down across RR tracks and 1 mile into Dutch Flat. At bottom of hill in town, road turns sharp right to the East and becomes Main St. Museum is 2 blocks up Main St. on right. Parking in on the street.

Normal Hours of Operation: Memorial Day thru September: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 12:00-4:00

17 DONNER SUMMIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

21501 Donner Pass Road, Norden  
 530-308-9668 • www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org

Donner Summit is the richest historical area in California: first wagon trains to California, first transcontinental highway, railroad, telephone line, and air route. On both Saturday and Sunday the DSHS will conduct tours of Summit Canyon, starting at the top and heading downhill to Truckee Donner Land Trust's information kiosk. Car shuttles will be organized to take walkers back up after the three mile walk. During the walk we'll talk about the Lincoln Highway, the first emigrant wagon trains, Native American Petroglyphs, China Wall, snowsheds, etc. – all examples of the richest historical square mile in California. There will be many stories. Meet 10AM either day at Donner Pass at the Sugar Bowl Academy on Old Highway 40.

Directions: On Eastbound I-80, 55 miles east of Auburn, take exit 174 (Soda Springs/Norden) Drive approximately .6 miles to the intersection of Donner Pass Road & Soda Springs Road. Look for flashing yellow light. The Museum is on the right, next to the historic Soda Springs Hotel, now Soda Springs Station.

Normal Hours of Operation:
 Saturday and Sunday 10:00-4:00

14 FORESTHILL DIVIDE MUSEUM

24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill  
 530-367-3988 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

Watch the blacksmiths craft period tools and get an up close look at the first motorized fire engine on the Divide. Be sure to visit our fascinating gold rush and lumber history exhibits. Bring your picnic and enjoy the park that surrounds the museum.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Foresthill exit #121 in Auburn. Head east on the Foresthill Road to Foresthill (17 miles). Turn left at Gold Street and right on Harrison. The museum is on the left next to the historic chapel.

Normal Hours of Operation:
 Memorial Day to Labor Day
 Saturday and Sunday 12:00-4:00

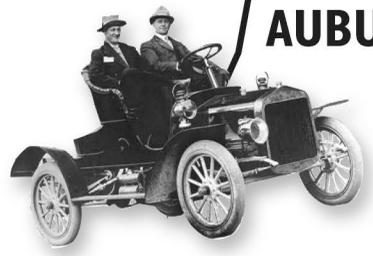
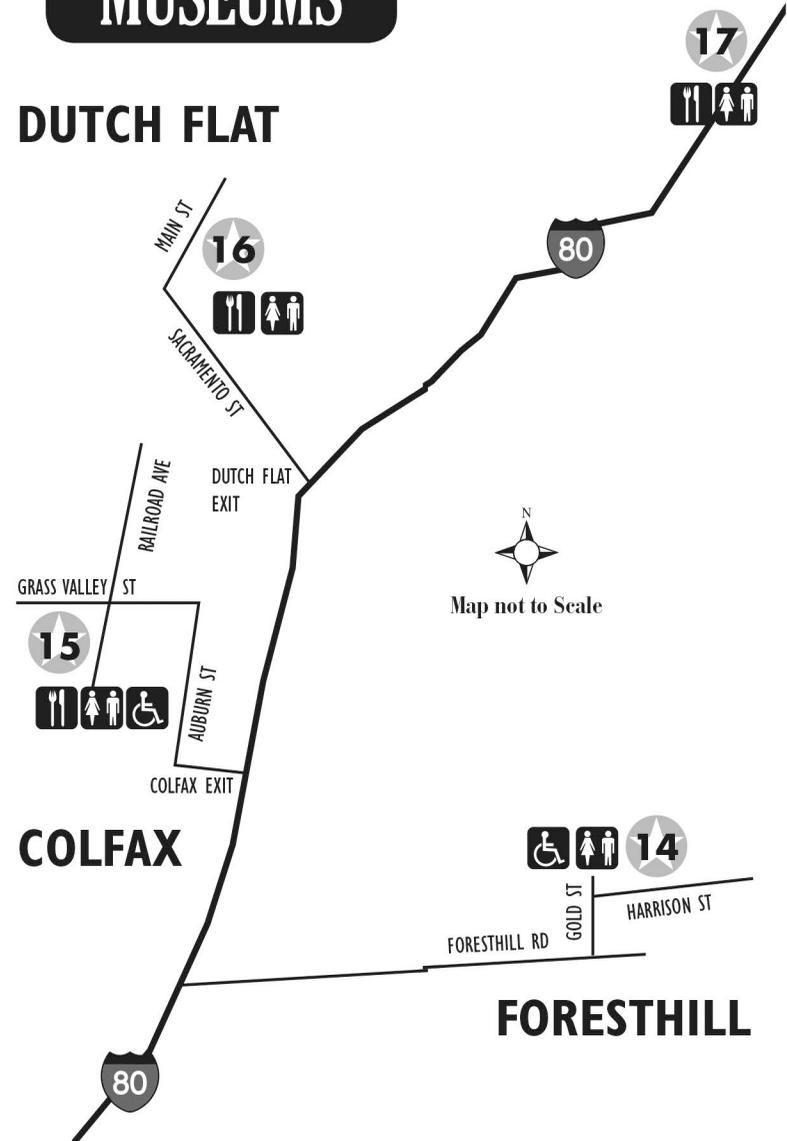
15 COLFAX AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM

99 Railroad Street, Colfax   
 530-346-8599 • www.colfaxhistory.org

This charming museum features the history of the railroad, gold mining, fruit ranching and the struggles of our pioneer families, the Maidu, and the Chinese. Musical performances by the Begin Family and the Lyrical Locos and a gold mining display and demonstration can be enjoyed on Saturday. On Sunday there will be guitar music.

Normal Hours of Operation: 10:00-3:00 Daily

Directions: From I-80 take Colfax exit #135. Go right until you cross over the freeway and come to the stop sign at Auburn Street. Turn right and go to next stop sign. South Auburn Street curves left onto Grass Valley Street. Turn left onto Railroad Street, just after the big Colfax Hotel. Do not cross the railroad track. Museum is in the Passenger Depot on Railroad St.



1 MAIDU MUSEUM & HISTORIC SITE

1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville   
916-774-5934 • www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum

Explore an ancient Indian site where Valley Nisenan Maidu Indians lived for thousands of years. Discover native plants and over 400 bedrock-grinding holes. Experience the unique and rare sandstone petroglyphs. There will be hands-on children's activities, historic site guided tours and an Indigenous art gallery. The Museum Gift Shop offers a wide selection of books about Native Californians, handmade jewelry, minerals, arrowheads, nature-related items, snacks and drinks.

Saturday and Sunday

10:00 & 1:00: Guided tours of the museum and nature trail.

Self-guided tours all day.

Directions: I-80 to Douglas East. East on Douglas to Rocky Ridge. Turn right (south) on Rocky Ridge Dr. Watch for Johnson Ranch Drive sign. Turn left onto Johnson Ranch Drive. The Maidu Museum will be on your right. Follow signs for parking.

Normal Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00, and Saturday 9:00-1:00

2 ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CARNEGIE MUSEUM

557 Lincoln Street, Roseville • 916-773-3003  
www.rosevillehistorical.org

The museum is housed in a 102-year-old building with a very eclectic collection of items. There is a working model railroad, old toys, irons, tools, business cameras and even a horse drawn carriage. There will be marble games for children, an interactive picture game for all, as well as a video of pictures of old Roseville

Directions: Take Atlantic/Eureka off ramp. Go West on Atlantic to Yosemite. Turn right on Yosemite St. and go to stop sign. Turn left on Sierra Blvd. Museum is on your right. Public parking is on the left as you come off the bridge.

Normal Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 12:00-4:00 and every 2nd Saturday 12:00-4:00

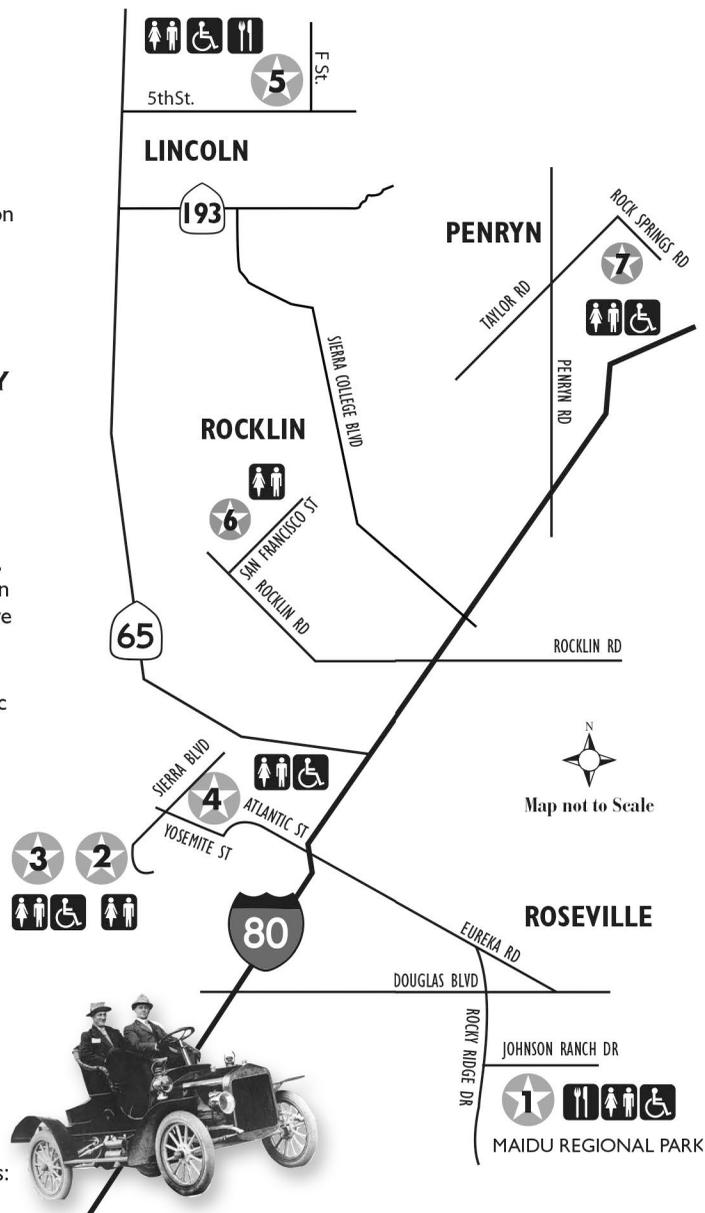
3 ROSEVILLE FIRE MUSEUM

400 Lincoln Street, Roseville, CA 
(916) 538-1809 • www.rosevillefiremuseum.org

The Roseville Fire Museum celebrates the rich history of the Roseville Fire Department, local agencies, and the fire service through a collection of historical artifacts, pictures, and videos. We educate the public on current operations of the Roseville Fire Department and personal fire & life safety. Take a tour of Roseville's original Fire House during renovations. Timed Activities: Beginning at 10:00 a.m. we will provide a guided tour, every hour on the hour with our last tour at 3:00 p.m.

Normal hours of operation: The museum is not open and is under renovation.

VALLEY MUSEUMS



4 ROSEVILLE TELEPHONE MUSEUM

106 Vernon Street, Roseville • 916-786-1621  

From magnetos to Mickey Mouse and everything in between, come absorb a little bit of telephone history. Presented by Consolidated Communications, formerly SureWest, this is among the most extensive collections of antique telephones and memorabilia in the nation. It's fun, exciting and educational.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take Atlantic St.-Eureka Rd exit. Go west on Atlantic, stay straight to go onto Vernon St. The museum will be on your right.

Normal Hours of Operation: By appointment only.

5 LINCOLN AREA ARCHIVES MUSEUM

640 Fifth Street, Old City Hall on the Plaza, Lincoln   
Museum Phone Number: 916-645-3800 • www.laamca.org

View Nisenan artifacts, Native American arrow heads, Gladding McBean & Co. photographs and displays, gold scale from Van Trent Mine, military displays and Chinese baskets. Delight your eyes with restored buggies and a grain scale from the local Walter Jansen & Son. Enjoy an on-going wood burning stove cooking demonstration. Prize drawings each day include books written by our local historian Jerry Logan, lectures on tape, postcards and items from local merchants. Beverages and cookies available.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, Hwy. 65 to Lincoln; take exit 314 Lincoln Blvd. Turn right on 5th St., Museum is on the plaza between Lincoln Blvd. and F Street.

Normal Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday 11:00-3:00 and the 1st Saturday of each month 11:00-3:00.

6 ROCKLIN HISTORY MUSEUM

3895 Rocklin Road, Rocklin 
916-624-3464 • www.rocklinhistory.org

Museum contains many photos of Rocklin pioneers, buildings and artifacts plus extensive story photos of J.P. Whitney's land holdings and life in Rocklin. The basement contains antiqued quarry tools and railroad equipment. Saturday 11:15: Granite splitting demonstration and Antique Surface Splitting Machine explanation by Roy Ruhkala. Directions: From I-80, take the Rocklin Road exit. Turn west on Rocklin Road. The museum is one half mile at intersection of Rocklin Road and San Francisco Street, across from the City Hall. Park on San Francisco Street and enter museum's back door. Normal Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 1:00-4:00

7 GRIFFITH QUARRY MUSEUM

Taylor and Rock Springs Roads, Penryn  
916-663-1837 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

Step back in time, literally, at the beautiful 23 acre Griffith Quarry Park and Museum this weekend! Come see our exhibits highlighting the early history of the granite industry in Placer County and a 1908 era Horse-Drawn wagon. Directions: From I-80 eastbound take the Penryn exit, turn left on Penryn Road then right on Taylor (approx 1/2 mile). Follow Taylor Road to top of hill, then right on Rock Springs. Entrance to Quarry will be on your immediate right.

Normal Hours of Operation: Saturday and Sunday 12:00-4:00

8 PLACER COUNTY MUSEUM

101 Maple Street • 530-889-6500   
theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

The museum provides an overview of Placer County history from Pleistocene fossils through the construction of I-80. Highlights include the Pate Collection of American Indian Artifacts, a mid-19th century printing press, and a large gold collection. Activities include: Alma Bell in the Women's Jail (she was arrested for murdering her lover in 1909); author Art Sommers will be on hand to sell and sign his books (Auburn, Placer County, Dutch Flat and Donner Summit); The Placer County Genealogical Society will be present to answer questions about family research; and our "Deputy Sheriff" will help you make your own historic "mug shot" (bring your own camera!).
Normal Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00-4:00

9 GOLD COUNTRY MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM

219-100 Maple Street • 530-887-1915 
www.goldcountrymedicalmuseum.com

The restored Victorian that houses the Medical Museum is on the site of the first hospital in Placer County, est. in 1855. Medical, dental and nursing implements, equipment, furnishings, pharmaceuticals, ephemera, and local history are displayed, plus a collection of "quackery" gizmos and gadgets. View a real doctor's buggy in the carriage house.

Activities include: demonstrations of quackery. Get "zapped" and "cured"; ongoing tours and explanations offered by qualified personnel; M&M pills dispensed by Dr. Feelgood as needed to cure moods, pains, and grouchiness in young and old; a prize drawing for Bleed, Blister, and Purge, a book about medicine in the Gold Rush era.

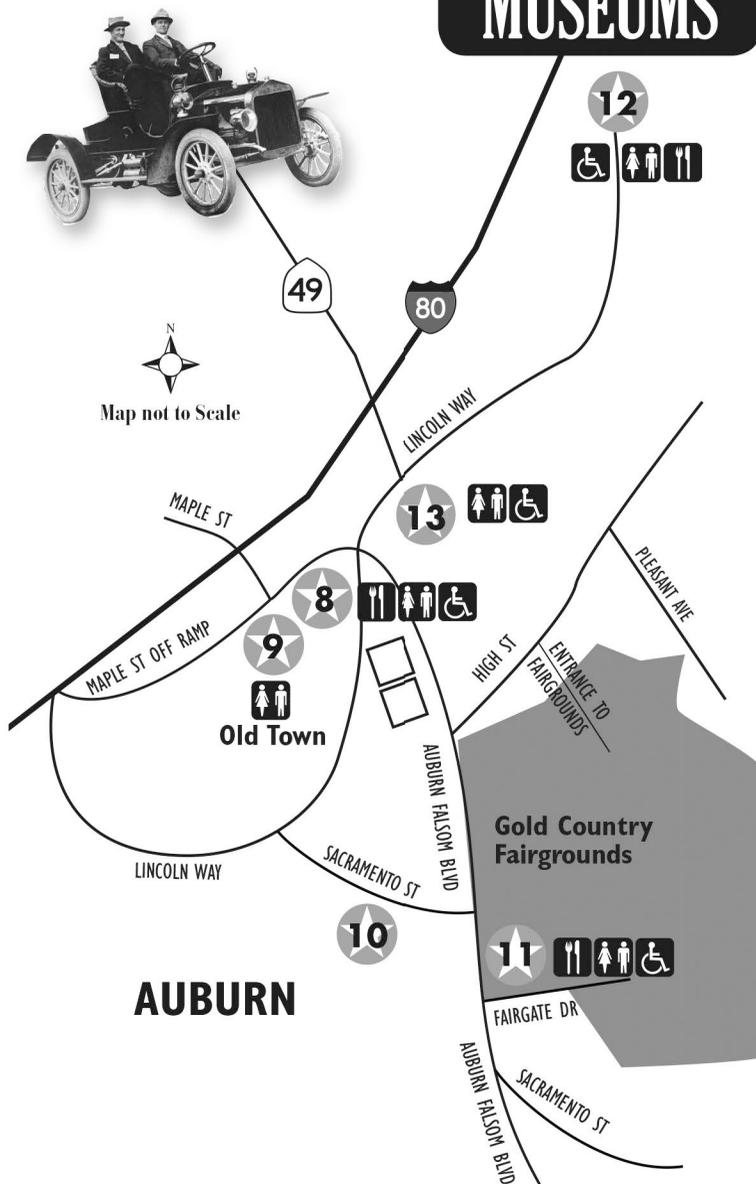
Normal Hours of Operation: Currently open by appointment.

10 AUBURN JOSS HOUSE CHINESE MUSEUM

200 Sacramento Street, Old Town Auburn
Contact day of event: 530-346-7121

View circa 1880's Auburn's original Joss House Altar and artifacts from early Auburn Chinese community; a house museum with a Chinese school; Ling Ying Association meeting place; and a hostel for transient Chinese primarily from the mid 1920s to late 1960s.
Normal Hours of Operation:
Open 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00-3:00

AUBURN MUSEUMS



11 BERNHARD MUSEUM

291 Auburn-Folsom Road, Auburn   
530-889-6500 • theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

Join us at the Bernhard Museum for good old-fashioned fun! Curl your tongue and prepare to blow in our watermelon seed-spitting contest ...or enter to win a prize for Best Pie. Visit with Mrs. Bernhard herself, visit her home and learn about the building's history from Gold Rush inn to immigrant farm to beloved museum. Build a replica produce crate, and be sure to explore our old-fashioned toy station and the wagons restored by the Native Sons of the Golden West. Snacks will be available and the local Girl Scouts will sell water.

Don't miss the fabric art demonstrations and quilt show on the second floor of Mr. Bernhard's 1874 Winery. Bonitata Boutique Wines will have a selection available for tasting below.

Normal Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Sunday 11:00-4:00

12 GOLD RUSH MUSEUM

601 Lincoln Way, Auburn • 530-889-6500   
theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

After panning for gold with the Mother Lode Goldhounds, step inside the museum to uncover the many ways to Strike It Rich and enjoy exhibits on mining. Relax with a glass of lemonade before heading to the next museum.

Normal Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Sunday 11:00-4:00

13 THE BENTON WELTY SCHOOL ROOM

1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn • 530-906-0712  

Take a trip back to the 1920s at the Auburn Grammar School, built in 1915 and now Auburn's City Hall. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Get a rare sense of old school days in a classroom packed with photos, scrapbooks, maps and old school books. Try your hand at string games and penmanship. Enter the free "just for kids" basket drawing. There is ample parking behind the building.

Normal Hours of Operation: Open by appointment only.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

For all of the Auburn museums except the Benton Welty Schoolroom, take the Maple Street off-ramp from eastbound I-80. Follow the brochure map to locate museums. For the schoolroom, exit at Highway 49 and head south one block to City Hall. The museum is on the second floor of City Hall.