



Placerville Neighborhood & Area Guide

GOLD COUNTRY CHARM

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PLACERVILLE GALLERY





Welcome to Placerville

Adventure when you want it.

Small-town charm when you need it. That's Placerville!

Placerville: Gold Country Charm, Sierra Adventure

Placerville is where California history meets the great outdoors. Set in the heart of El Dorado County along historic Highway 49 and just off Highway 50, it links the Sacramento region to the Sierra Nevada. The Gold Rush put Placerville on the map. The lifestyle keeps people here. Hike epic trails. Paddle and swim in rivers and lakes. Chase waterfalls. Climb granite peaks. The Desolation, Mokelumne and Granite Chief Wilderness areas are all within reach, and Lake Tahoe is an easy day trip. In winter, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Kirkwood, Heavenly, Northstar, Back & Cross Country areas are all so close by.

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Between adventures, slow down in Historic Downtown, known to locals as Hangtown. Stroll Main Street's independent shops. Grab a bite at a local restaurant. Raise a pint at the pubs or Barrel Brothers brewery. Tour nearby orchards, farms and vineyards. And when racing season rolls around, catch the dirt track action at Placerville Speedway at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. * Life at 2913 Bedford Ave puts it all close by. Historic Downtown is minutes away. Gold Bug Park, with its historic mine and trails, sits just up the hill. Big-city conveniences stay within easy reach. Historic Folsom and Sacramento are nearby, offering an international airport and abundant medical care.



GOLD COUNTRY

History

From Dry Diggings to Placerville

Placerville's story began with the California Gold Rush.

Originally known as Dry Diggings and later Old Hangtown, the settlement grew into an important stop for miners, merchants and travelers moving through the Sierra foothills.

Gold shaped the community's early growth, turning Placerville into a commercial center during the Gold Rush. Today, that history remains visible in the buildings, landmarks, museums and streets that define the city.

History Still Shapes the Community

Historic Main Street, Gold Bug Mine and local museums offer tangible connections to Placerville's past, while today's restaurants, shops, businesses and community events continue to bring the historic district to life.

The result is a community where Gold Country history isn't simply preserved it remains part of the setting people experience every day.



WALK THROUGH

Placerville's Past

Gold Bug Park & Mine

Few residential areas can claim a historic gold mine as a nearby destination. Located along Bedford Avenue, Gold Bug Park & Mine offers a direct connection to Placerville's Gold Rush heritage, with the historic Gold Bug Mine, stamp mill, blacksmith shop, museum and opportunities for gem panning.

The park also provides approximately two miles of hiking trails, making it more than a historic attraction. It's a place to explore, learn and spend time outdoors.

History. Trails. Something to Discover.

For 2913 Bedford Avenue, Gold Bug Park is part of the neighborhood experience putting one of Placerville's best-known historic destinations practically at the doorstep.

A local landmark with a story to tell and trails to explore.



Downtown & Main Street

Historic Main Street

Main Street is the beating heart of Placerville.

Gold Rush-era architecture frames a lively mix of locally owned restaurants, cafés, galleries, boutiques and antique shops.

This isn't a museum piece.

Historic landmarks sit beside thriving local businesses, and community events keep downtown active throughout the year.

Spend a morning browsing. Linger over lunch. Grab a coffee. Find something you didn't know you needed.

It's old and new, living together.

LOCAL FAVORITES

- Cuppa Coffee & More :coffee, tea & breakfast bites
- The Independent : seasonal American fusion & cocktails
- Placerville Public House : pub fare, craft beer & community events
- The Farm Table : local Main Street dining



Parks, Paddles & Peaks

Outdoor recreation is part of the everyday landscape.

Placerville's foothill setting puts trails, parks, lakes and mountain recreation within easy reach.

El Dorado Trail

The Placerville section of the El Dorado Trail runs through the community and connects with the county's larger trail network. Walk, run or bike through foothill scenery and across the historic Weber Creek Trestle.

Lakes & Water

- Ice House Reservoir : Mountain lake recreation, boating, fishing and surrounding forest.
- Union Valley Reservoir : A larger Sierra reservoir surrounded by forest and mountain terrain.
- Loon Lake : A high-country destination for boating, fishing, camping and exploring.

Beyond Placerville

From local trails to Sierra lakes, rivers and mountain landscapes, the broader El Dorado County area expands the possibilities for hiking, biking, camping, fishing and equestrian recreation.

In Placerville, the outdoors isn't just somewhere you go. It's part of the setting you live in.



2913 Bedford Avenue

A Street With History.

Bedford Avenue isn't simply an address.

It is a corridor connecting residential Placerville with historic sites, outdoor recreation and the broader Gold Country landscape.

Gold Bug Park sits along Bedford Avenue, while Highway 50 provides regional access just to the south

The Bedford Character

The Bedford Avenue and Clay Street area carries a deeper layer of local history, evolving from an early Gold Rush mining area into an established residential setting.

For 2913 Bedford Avenue, that creates a rare combination:

Historic setting. Outdoor access. Everyday convenience.

Nearby Connections

- Gold Bug Park
- Highway 50
- Historic Main Street
- El Dorado Trail

Location & Connectivity

Between the Foothills & the Sierra

2913 Bedford Avenue puts everyday Placerville close at hand and major destinations within easy reach.



EAST → SIERRA ADVENTURE

- Eldorado National Forest
- Crystal Basin
- Olympic Valley
- Lake Tahoe
- Heavenly

WEST → SACRAMENTO REGION

- Historic Folsom
- Lakes Natoma & Folsom
- Sacramento
- American River
- Sacramento International Airport

IN TOWN → PLACERVILLE

- Historic Main Street
- Cary House Hotel
- Burning Barrel Brewing & Spirits
- Gold Bug Park
- Fountain & Tall Man Museum

NORTH → PLACERVILLE

- Historic Sutter's Mill Gold Mining
- Whitewater Rafting
- Coloma
- South Fork American River
- Auburn Historic Downtown



Dining & Amenities

COFFEE

- Cuppa Coffee & More
442 Main Street
Artisan coffee, tea, breakfast bites and pastries.

DINING

- The Independent
629 Main Street
Seasonal American fusion, craft cocktails & garden patios.
- Placerville Public House
305 Main Street
Pub fare, craft beer, wine and live community events.
- Sweetie Pie's
577 Main Street
A longtime downtown breakfast and bakery destination.

SHOPPING

- Ancient Gold
Gold Country-inspired gifts and local finds.
- Hangtown Originals
Placerville-themed goods and local character.
- Footrafic
Shoes and everyday fashion.





Arts & Culture

Placerville's culture is deeply connected to its history. Historic buildings, museums, galleries, local businesses, and community events all contribute to a creative identity rooted in the Gold Country landscape.

LOCAL HISTORY

The El Dorado County Historical Museum and Fountain & Tallman Museum provide opportunities to explore the area's past and the people who shaped the region. Visit El Dorado identifies both as important Placerville history destinations.

ART & GALLERIES

The broader El Dorado County community supports galleries, exhibits, artists, and cultural organizations that contribute to the region's creative character.

COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY

The Community Observatory offers another kind of cultural experience, giving visitors the opportunity to explore astronomy and view the night sky through reflecting telescopes.

HISTORY MEETS MODERN LIFE

Placerville's cultural character comes from the combination of its preserved history and an active contemporary community. It is a place where historic storefronts, local art, small businesses, outdoor recreation, and community gatherings all exist within the same landscape.



Events & Seasons

SPRING

Spring brings orchard blossoms, greener foothills, outdoor activities, farmers markets, and the beginning of the region's warmer-weather event season.

SUMMER

Summer opens the door to longer days, outdoor recreation, community events, river activities, concerts, and evenings spent downtown.

FALL

Fall is one of the area's signature seasons.

Apple Hill farms, orchards, vineyards, harvest activities, pumpkins, seasonal food, and changing foothill colors draw visitors throughout the region.

Apple Hill is particularly associated with fall family experiences, while many ranches and agricultural businesses operate throughout the year.

WINTER

Winter brings holiday events downtown, Christmas tree farms, wine-country experiences, and easy access toward Sierra snow destinations.

A YEAR-ROUND COMMUNITY

Placerville's seasons are part of what makes the area distinctive. The landscape changes, but the combination of local businesses, outdoor recreation, agriculture, and community traditions remains.

Your Real Estate Guide to Success

This guide is just the beginning...

Explore Placerville.

From Gold Rush history and historic Main Street to trails, orchards, vineyards, and the Sierra foothills, Placerville offers a setting with a strong sense of place and plenty to explore.

Whether you're getting to know the area, considering a move, or looking for your next opportunity in El Dorado County, local knowledge can make all the difference.

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