



AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA



ASRA PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS:

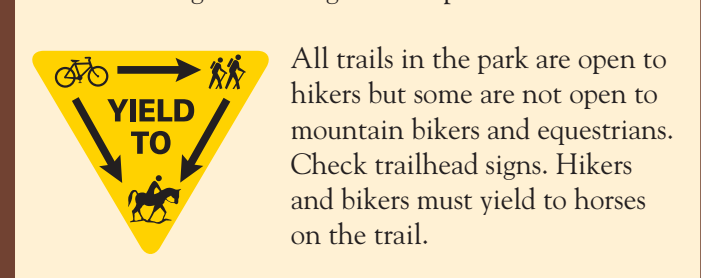
CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PARK ARE CLOSED SEASONALLY.

Some trails may pass thru private land, it is the map user's responsibility to determine whether or not public access is allowed. Always respect the rights of property owners.

- NO FIRES OR CAMPING EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS!**
Camping has seasonal restrictions and can ONLY be built in designated areas in fire rings provided and MUST be attended at all times.
- Plants, animals and historic artifacts are protected. All natural and cultural features of the park are protected by law and must not be removed or disturbed.
- No hunting except in designated areas.
- Life jackets recommended for all river sports.
- Glass containers and alcohol are not allowed in some areas of the park.
- Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control.
- No motorized vehicles or trails except in Mammoth Bar OHV Area.
- Recreational gold panning allowed only in permanent running streambeds. There are special restrictions on the use of metal detectors.
- More detailed information on all aspects of Auburn SRA is available from State Parks headquarters: 531 El Dorado St., Auburn, CA 95603 Ph. 530-885-4527 • www.stateparks.gov Call 911 for emergencies.

TRAIL TIPS

- Carry water and be aware of the park's steep canyons and extreme heat during the summer.
- Don't hike alone.
- Watch out for mountain lions, rattlesnakes and black bears.
- Be alert for ticks.
- Poison oak grows throughout the park.



All trails in the park are open to hikers but some are not open to mountain bikers and equestrians. Check trailhead signs. Hikers and bikers must yield to horses on the trail.

PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUNDS

- Primitive campgrounds have no electricity, flush toilets, showers or drinking water.
- Mineral Bar Campground:** 18 campsites on the North Fork, off Iowa Hill Rd. On a "first come, first serve" basis.
- Ruck-a-Chucky Campground:** 5 campsites on the Middle Fork, off Driver's Flat Rd. On a "first come, first serve" basis.
- Lake Clementine Boatin Campground:** 15 campsites reachable only by boat. Reservations required, 1-800-444-7275 www.ReserveAmerica.com

WARNING!

- BE ALERT FOR TICKS**
The western black-legged tick that is found throughout the Auburn SRA transmits Lyme disease through its bite. Avoid tick bites by checking clothing and body frequently during and after hikes. When bitten, if possible, save the tick for lab analysis.
- STAY OUT OF MINES**
BE ALERT TO SIGNS OF HYPOTHERMIA.

RIVER INFORMATION

RIVER FLOWS CAN BE COLD, SWIFT & UNPREDICTABLE. USE EXTREME CAUTION & PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT. BE ALERT TO SIGNS OF HYPOTHERMIA.

WARNING! RIVER LEVELS MAY CHANGE SUDDENLY! (UPSTREAM DAM RELEASES) DON'T GET STRANDED!



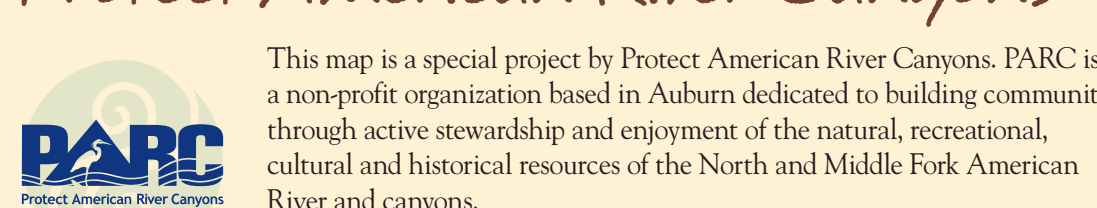
WHITEWATER INFORMATION

NOTE: RIVER FLOWS VARY CONSIDERABLY WITH SEASON AND TIME OF DAY IN THE SUMMER.

Boaters should check in advance the hours of operation and river flow conditions for the Middle Fork and Confluence to Clark Fork. River runs at irregular intervals. www.auburnsra.com For information call Auburn SRA Whitewater office at 530-885-4527.

- CLASS I:** Flat-moving water, small riffles with no obstacles.
- CLASS II:** Waves present, but no obstacles.
- CLASS III:** Longer rapids, bigger waves, stronger currents and chutes or holes.
- CLASS IV:** Steeper, longer, faster currents, big waves and holes and multiple obstacles.
- CLASS V:** More dangerous than Class IV, has waves or holes that will flip boats. Always scout and usually portaged.
- CLASS VI:** Not runnable. High risk of serious injury or death.

Protect American River Canyons



This map is a special project by Protect American River Canyons. PARC is a non-profit organization based in Auburn dedicated to building community through active stewardship and enjoyment of the natural, recreational, cultural and historical resources of the North and Middle Fork American River and canyons.

PARC sponsors community watershed education programs, college scholarships, the On Tour Auburn Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Fiddle Safety Day, seasonal cleanups, habitat restoration and park visitor improvements. PARC also sponsors hikes and outings that focus on American River ecology and history.

Please consider becoming an annual PARC member! Membership in PARC keeps you informed on important canyon protection issues and recreational opportunities; it also helps provide vital funding for our community river outreach programs. Join us in the fun and adventure of protecting our American River watershed.

PARCland is American River land purchased in collaboration with the Placer Land Trust as our commitment to advancing the California Wild & Scenic values of the North Fork of the American River.

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- Auburn River Festival
- And PARC members!

Local Museums

Placer County Courthouse Museum
101 Maple Street
Auburn, CA
530-889-4507

Bernhard Museum Complex
291 Auburn Folsom Rd.
Auburn, CA
530-888-6891

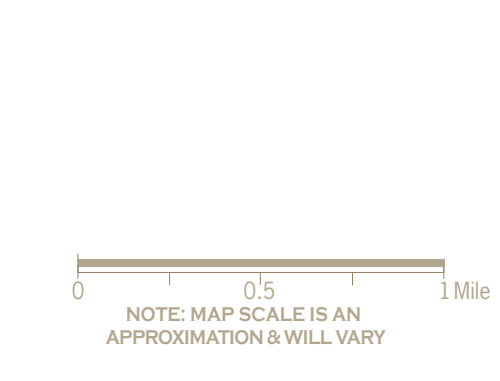
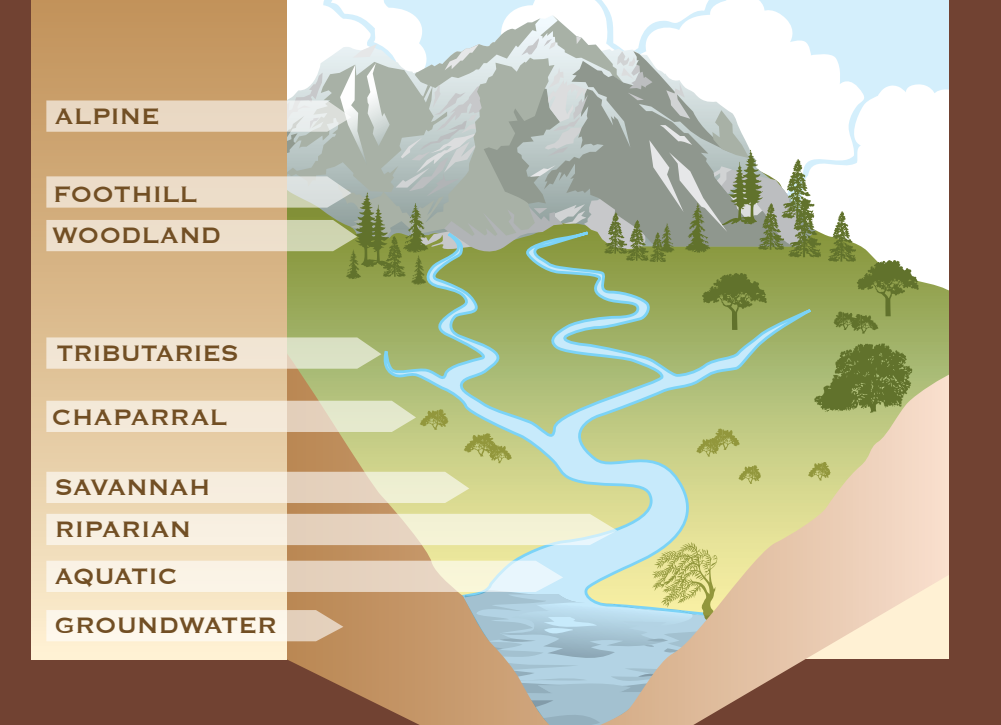
Gold Rush Mining Museum
601 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA
530-889-4500

Joss House Chinese Museum
200 Sacramento St.
Auburn, CA
530-823-0723

Placer County Visitors Bureau
1103 High Street
Auburn, CA
530-887-2111

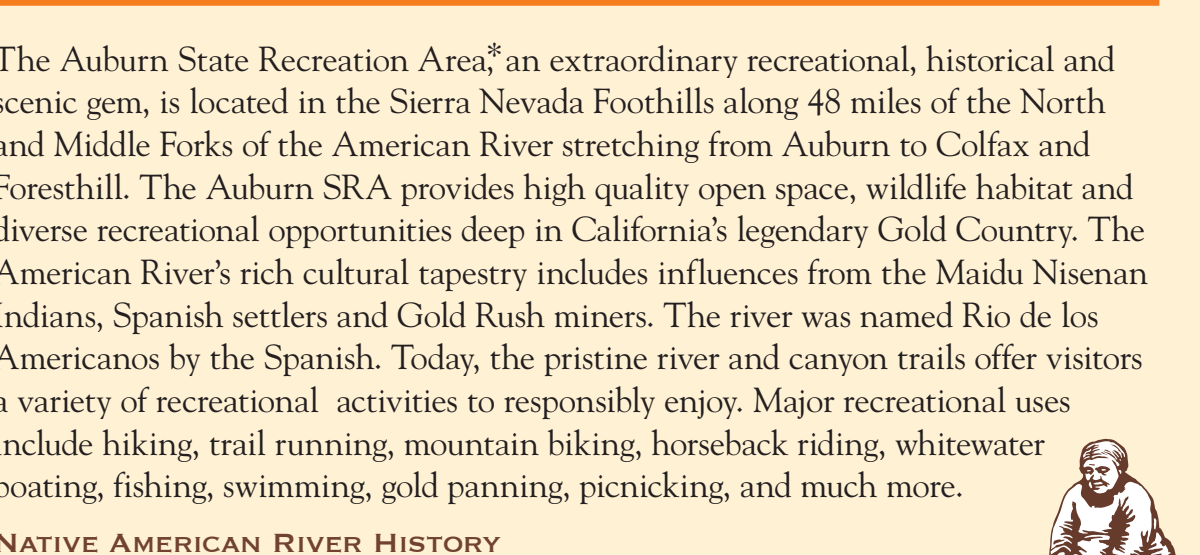
Forest Hill Divide Museum
24601 Harrison St.
Forest Hill, CA
530-367-3988

RIVER AND CANYON ECOLOGY



NOTE: MAP SCALE IS AN APPROXIMATION & MAY VARY

Welcome to the American River



The Auburn State Recreation Area, an extraordinary recreational, historical and scenic gem, is located in the Sierra Nevada Foothills along 48 miles of the North and Middle Forks of the American River stretching from Auburn to Colfax and Forest Hill. The Auburn SRA provides high quality open space, wildlife habitat and diverse recreational opportunities deep in California's legendary Gold Country. The American River's rich cultural tapestry includes influences from the Maidu Nisene Indian, Spanish settlers and Gold Rush miners. The river was named Rio de los Americanos by the Spanish. Today, the pristine river and canyon trails offer visitors a variety of recreational activities to responsibly enjoy. Major recreational uses include hiking, trail running, mountain biking, horseback riding, whitewater boating, fishing, swimming, gold panning, picnicking, and much more.

NATIVE AMERICAN RIVER HISTORY

The scum grinding rocks in the Confluence area are visible reminders of the many Maidu Nisene Indian village sites that flourished along the American River and the canyon rim. The Maidu Nisene fished for salmon, hunted game, and gathered acorn. Both edible and medicinal plants were collected as well. Their rich seasonal calendar marked time with "Big Time" dance ceremonies in the village round house called the "kum". The Maidu Interpretive Center, located in Roseville (916-774-9994), provides programs and exhibits that illustrate the connection between the people, their culture, and the natural world.

GOLD RUSH RIVER HISTORY

In 1848 the discovery of gold by James W. Wicks at Sutter's Mill on the South Fork in Colusa quickly spread to the North and Middle Forks. The "world rushed in" to pan and dig the precious metal from the river and canyons. Both the North and Middle Forks were intensively mined, and sizeable towns and camps grew up within the canyons and along the rivers to support the mining operations. Today, the supply roads and trail the miners used are the nucleus of the recreational trail system in the Auburn State Recreation Area. The Gold Rush Mining Museum is located in the historic Auburn Depot, (see Local Museums below) and offers a glimpse into Placer County's Gold Rush history.

MOUNTAIN QUARRIES RAILROAD BRIDGE

The Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge, also known locally as "No Hands Bridge," is the most recognizable historical monument in the Confluence area. The Pacific Portland Cement Company completed the 120 foot long, triple-span concrete bridge in 1912. At that time it was the longest concrete railroad bridge in the world. The bridge and connecting rail line were built to haul limestone from the Portland Cement Quarry, located a mile up river on the Middle Fork, to the Southern Pacific main line in Auburn. In 2004 the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places. In 2014, the bridge was designated California Historic Landmark #1051.

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