

Friendship Force Sacramento
Monthly Meeting May 23, 2021

Exploring Our Area: Day Trips And Short Trips around Sacramento

Friendship Force of Sacramento – Who We Are

www.ffc-sacramento.org (worldwide: www.friendshipforce.org)

Day Trips to Folsom, Calaveras County, Modesto, Stockton & Lodi

Kathy Hart

Folsom Powerhouse Historic State Park https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=501

Johnny Cash Trail <https://folsomcasharttrail.com/>

Historic Folsom: History, Wine tasting, Restaurants & Boutique Shopping

Events listing at: <https://www.historicfolsom.org/events-schedule/>

Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary <https://folsomzooofriends.org/#>

The Gallery at 48 Natoma

Gekkeikan Sake Brewery Tours & Tasting Room <https://gekkeikan.com/>

1136 Sibley St, Folsom

Murer House & Learning Center <http://www.murerhouse.org/> 1125 Joe Murer Court

Future Chinese Heritage Museum on Sutter St. for a Cross Cultural Experiences

Calaveras County

Angel's Camp Carriage House & Museum <http://angelscamp.gov/museum/>

Murphys Wine tasting Ironstone Caverns

Events & Festivals <https://www.gocalaveras.com/>

- Celtic Faire June 18-20 & Jumping Frog Jubilee (2022)

Calaveras Big Trees State Park preserves two groves of giant sequoias - the world's largest trees - in the North and South Groves. https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=551

Murphys

- Free Walking Tours of Historic Downtown Murphys available on Saturdays. <https://visitmurphys.com/historic-walking-tours/>
- Old Timers Museum: <http://murphysoldtimersmuseum.com/>
- Historic Murphys Hotel & Restaurant
- The Spice Tin in Murphys 457 N. Algiers Street
- Marisolio Tasting Bar 488 Main Street, Suite 101
- Many restaurants, Wine Tasting places & Boutique shopping

Calaveras County Wine Tasting

Calaveras Vineyard Tour: First weekend of the month June - Sept 2021

Events & festivals at <https://www.gocalaveras.com/>

Ironstone Vineyards <https://www.ironstonevineyards.com/>

- Reservations required for tour/tasting
- Free Heritage Museum - Largest crystalline gold leaf specimen in the world
- Concerts in outdoor amphitheater 1894 6 Mile Road, Murphys

California Cavern, State Historic Landmark www.cavetouring.com

- Originally called Mammoth Cave
- California's first show cave & longest cavern system in California
- Guided cavern walk tour 45-80 minutes long
- Beautiful crystalline cave formations

9565 Cave City Road, Mountain Ranch

Modesto-Food & Flowers

Sciabica's CA Olive Oil 2150 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto 85 years old

<https://www.sunshineinabottle.com/gift-shop-tasting-room/>

Hilmar Cheese Company 9001 Lander Ave, Hilmar

<https://www.hilmarcheese.com/>

Free Self-guided Visitor Center Tours during open hours

Duarte Nursery Inc. 1555 Baldwin Rd. Hughson

<https://duartenursery.com/>

An 1883 mansion <https://www.mchenrymansion.org/>

Great Valley Museum on the campus of Modesto Junior College

<https://squareup.com/market/gvmatmjc/>

Stockton Cross Cultural

Cambodian Buddhist Temple (Wat Dharmararam) 3732 Carpenter Road, Stockton

Visitors welcome daily during daylight hours. Free. Over 90 colorful and larger than life jewel encrusted statues celebrate the life and story of the Cambodian Buddha.

Lodi - San Joaquin Museum <https://sanjoaquinhistory.org/>

- 12 modern and historic buildings
- Handicrafts by First Peoples
- Covered wagon & Household furnishings from first settlers
- Agricultural innovations

Lodi Region

- 750 growers harvest >100 types of grapes.
- 85 boutique wineries & 70 tasting rooms.
- Lodi Japanese Garden 11793 N. Micke Grove Rd.
- Historic downtown with shops & restaurants.

- Gourmet cheese from around the world at Cheese Central.

<https://www.visitlodi.com>

Lodi Grape Festival mid Sept 2021

www.festivalnet.com/730/Lodi-California/Festivals/Lodi-Grape-Festival

East Bay Day Trips: Oakland, Walnut Creek, Benicia

Helen Flach

Oakland, California

Kaiser Center Roof Garden, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland

The 3-acre roof garden at Oakland's Kaiser Center was the first major privately owned Roof Garden in the United States. In fact, when the visionary creator cut the ribbon in 1960, it was the largest Roof Garden in the world. Open to the public.

<http://www.usspotomac.org/>

The "Floating White House" was originally commissioned the USCG Cutter Electra in 1934. In 1936 it was renamed the USS Potomac and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht until his death in 1945.

Jack London Square

The Bonsai Collection at Lake Merritt

Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street

Occupying two blocks in the heart of downtown Oakland, Preservation Park is a Victorian neighborhood, a unique collection of historic residences transformed into the City's most innovative workplace and event center.

Oakland Museum of California <http://museumca.org/>

Closed Monday & Tuesday 1000 Oak Street, Oakland Has its own parking garage.

DUNSMUIR HELLMAN HISTORIC ESTATE <http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.com/>

2960 PERALTA OAKS COURT, OAKLAND, CA

Mountain View Cemetery, Millionaires Row <https://www.mountainviewcemetery.org/>

The historic Cemetery master plan was designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted . Buried here: Charles Crocker: Founder of Southern Pacific Railroad and Crocker Bank, Julia Morgan: Architect (Berkeley's Greek Theatre, Hearst Castle), Bernard Maybeck: Architect (Palace of Fine Arts - San Francisco), James Folger: Founder of Folgers Coffee, Domenico Ghirardelli: Founder of Ghirardelli Chocolate

Walnut Creek

- Ruth Bancroft Garden
- Gardens at Heather Farm
- Borges Ranch
- Diablo Foothills
- Howe Homestead

Ruth Bancroft Garden: 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.ruthbancroftgarden.org/>

The Garden and Nursery are OPEN! Spring/Summer Hours (Mar – Oct) Tues – Thurs: 10 to 4; Fri – Sun: 10 to 5 (closed Mon) Fall/Winter Hours (Nov – Feb) Tues – Sun: 10AM to 4PM (closed Mon)

The Gardens at Heather Farm <https://gardenshf.org/>

1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

Borges Ranch Open Space

Established in 1899 by Francisco Borges and his family is an example of an early 20th century central California cattle ranch. Many of the original buildings and structures still exist, including the Borges family home which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The ranch contains barns, corrals, outbuildings, a blacksmith shop, antique farm equipment and farm animals.

Borges Ranch https://www.ebparks.org/parks/diablo_foothills/

1700 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

The Foothills 1,060 acres are valued for their striking geologic formations, their sweeping panoramas of the San Francisco Bay Region and the rural quality of the adjacent rolling grasslands. Castle Rock Recreation Area is located within Diablo Foothills park. 2950 Walnut Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.walnut-creek.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/18/665>

Benicia Historical Museum at the Camel Barns <https://beniciahistoricalmuseum.org/>

In the 1850's and 1860's, the US Army experimented using camels, imported from the Mideast, as pack animals. After the advent of the Civil War the experiment was abandoned. Today the museum houses artifacts from the history of Benicia.

The Museum Complex consists of four original 1850's Benicia Arsenal Buildings.

Benicia Capitol State Historic Park is the site of California's third seat of government (1853-54). It is the only pre-Sacramento Capitol that survives.

The original building has been restored with reconstructed period furnishings and exhibits. The interior includes a board-for-board reconstruction of the building's original floor with ponderosa pine and three of the original desks from the Benicia period.

Located next door to the Benicia Capitol State Historic Park is the Fischer-Hanlon House. This house had once been part of a fire-damaged, gold-rush-era hotel. Joseph Fischer, a prominent businessman in Benicia, purchased a salvageable portion of the hotel and moved it to its current location at 135 West G Street. The hotel was converted to a home for Fischer's family sometime after 1858. In 1968 the family deeded the house with its original artifacts and furnishings to California State Parks. Presently, the house interprets the lives of its upper middle-class family residents from the mid -1800's through 1968. <https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/>

John Muir National Historic Site, 4202 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA

<https://www.nps.gov/jomu/index.htm>

As America's most famous naturalist and conservationist, John Muir (1838-1914) fought to protect the wild places he loved. Muir's writings convinced the U.S. government to protect Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon and Mt. Rainier as national parks.

Reno

Debra Schaefer

Reno's classic red arch located downtown was recently changed to blue.

Virginia Lake is a very popular lake for walking, picnics and enjoying the wildlife. The walk around the lake is approximately one mile.

The Wilbur D. May Arboretum is located within Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, 1595 N. Sierra Street, Reno <https://www.mayarboretumsociety.org>

The Wilbur D. May Museum is a Nevada history museum; located next to the arboretum.

The National Bowling Stadium & Museum. 300 N. Center Street, Reno

Reno's National Auto Museum, 10 S. Lake Street, Reno, <https://automuseum.org>

New "Neon Line," starting at West and 4th Street in downtown Reno.

River Walk and the Truckee River.

Stained glass whale sculpture, City Plaza, Reno

University of Nevada, Reno

Reno murals.

Interstate off ramps rustic metal art.

The Reno Balloon Race www.RenoBalloon.com

Nevada Museum of Art, 160 W. Liberty St, Reno. <https://www.nevadaart.org>

Casinos are not just in Vegas!

Hot August Nights, Virginia City and Reno. <https://hotaugustnights.net>

Hot rods

Wild horses, Reno

Two Sacramento Area Gardens

Marty McKnew

UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden

Spans the campus's 5300+ acres

Includes the historic Arboretum

100-plus acre campus and regional amenity consists of demonstration gardens and scientific collections.

The Putah Creek Riparian Reserve – a stream and grassland ecosystem managed for teaching, research, wildlife and habitat protection

27 Individual gardens, groves and collections

Arboretum Teaching Nursery

Teams of staff, students, and volunteers grow plants for the Arboretum collections and for plant sales.

Capitol Park

Covers forty acres and spans twelve city blocks

Contains species of plant life from nearly every part of the globe

Features fourteen state or national champion trees

Includes many monuments and memorials