

# Alpine County

The Alpine County Courthouse in Markleeville.



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## Alpine County Data

**Population: 1,208 (Rank: 58)**

**Land Area (square miles): 739 (Rank: 53)**

Alpine County originally was thought to be in the Utah Territory, and later Nevada Territory. When the California-Nevada boundary was surveyed in 1863 it was discovered that it was part of California. By this time Silver Mountain had become a town of considerable size and the residents petitioned the government to become a separate county. Alpine, named for its high peaks and alpine lakes, became the 46th county in 1864. Silver Mountain was the first county seat and then it was moved to Markleeville in 1875.

Alpine is reached by Highways 88 and 4. Highway 89 connects the county with Highway 395 and Nevada which has the closest urban services. The county has no high school, hospital or incorporated city. Most of the county is covered by the Toiyabe National Forest.

**Towns: Woodfords, Markleeville.**

## Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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# Markleeville

The public library. The town was founded by Jacob Marklee. It has a population of 210. (April 2002)



# Markleeville

The museum sits on a hill behind the town along with an old school house. (April 2002)



# Markleeville

Grover Hot Springs – a state park – is up this road. (April 2002)



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# Markleeville

The old school house. (April 2002)



# Markleeville

The first post office was established in 1863. (April 2002)



# Carson Pass

(May 2002)



# Carson Pass

(May 2002)



# Markleeville

(February 2007)



# Carson Pass

(May 2002)



# Kirkwood

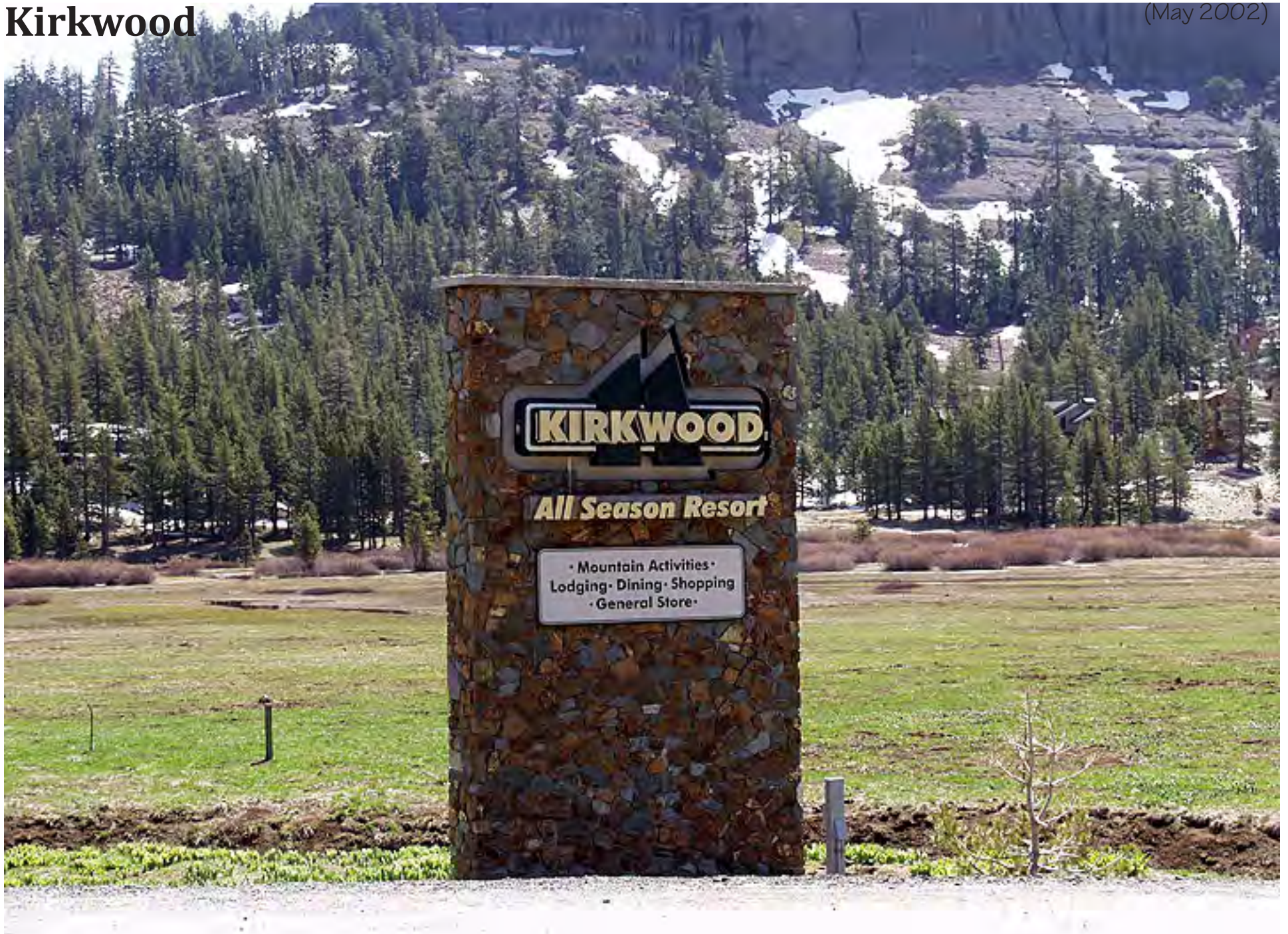
Kirkwood began in 1863 when a local farmer, Zack Kirkwood, built an inn. The inn stayed in the family until 1966 when an investment group bought the property and built a ski resort. (May 2002)





# Kirkwood

(May 2002)



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**KIRKWOOD**



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National Forest

# Carson Pass

May 2022



Kirkwood

(Nov 2002)



# Carson Pass

(May 2002)



# Kirkwood

(May 2002)



# Highway 88

(April 2011)



# Monitor Pass

(April 2011)





# Monitor Pass

The Monitor Pass highway was paved in the 1950's. It is closed during the winter. It is 8,314 feet high. (April 2011)



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# Monitor Pass

(April 2011)



# Walker River

(April 2011)



# Carson Pass

The melting snow freezes in the night to form ice cycles.  
(April 2011)



# Carson Pass

Carson Pass is open all winter making it one of three passes that access Lake Tahoe. (April 2011)



# Carson River

(April 2011)

