

Del Norte County

The Del Norte County Courthouse in Crescent City.



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Del Norte County Data

Pop.: 27,507 (Rank: 48)

Area: 1,008 Sq. mi. (Rank: 42)

Recent news reports say that this county is going bankrupt. The county was created in 1857 from Klamath County, which no longer exists. Most of the county is covered by the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. Along the eastern edge of the county is the Six Rivers National Forest. Six Rivers refers to the six wild rivers that drain northwest California. Along Highway 101, from the village of Klamath to Crescent city is the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, which is part of the Redwoods National Park.

With restrictions on logging, the economy has suffered. Crescent City is off the beaten path for the tourism industry. Pelican Bay prison just north of Crescent City is the largest employer. The county has a population of 27,500. In spite of the economic desperation of the county the population grew by 17% since 1990, mostly because of Pelican Bay Prison.

There are only two major highways in the county. Highway 101 runs along the coast and Highway 199 runs to the northeast from Crescent City to Grants Pass, Oregon. It is a beautiful drive along the Smith River and there are plenty of opportunities for camping and fishing.

There is only one large town, Crescent City. The population is 4,000 with about 4,000 more living north of town.

Cities: Crescent City. Towns: Klamath.

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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Klamath

(August 2008)



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Klamath

The headquarters of the Yurok tribe at the Klamath River.
(August 2008)





(April 2002)

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Battery Point

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Old Bridge Over the Klamath

(April 2002)



New Bridge Over the Klamath

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(April 2002)



Battery Point

(August 2008)



Crescent City

Crescent City was founded in 1852 to supply gold mines along the Klamath and Trinity Rivers. (August 2008)



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Crescent City

A large part of Crescent City was destroyed by a tsunami in 1964. The Tsunami was created by an earthquake in Alaska. (August 2008)



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Fort Dick

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Fort Dick

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Pelican Bay Prison

Pelican Bay is the prison for the toughest criminals in the state. It is also a major local industry. (August 2008)



Smith River

(August 2008)



Smith River

Smith River is a small town located in the valley created by the Smith River. It is the "Easter Lily Capital" of the world. (August 2008)



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Smith River

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Smith River entrance to the sea

The Smith River is a “wild” river without dams. It is 25 miles long.
(August 2008)



Klamath

A "tourist trap" on Highway 101. (August 2008)



Klamath

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Klamath

The original Paul Bunyan was built in 1946. The current one was constructed in 1961. It is 49 feet tall. (August 2008)

