

# Mendocino County

The Mendocino County Courthouse in Ukiah.  
Part 1 of 3: Sinkyone Wilderness, Westport,  
Laytonville, Covelo, Boonville.



## **Mendocino County**

**Population: 87,841 (2010)**

**Area: 3,878 sq. mi.**

The county was one of the original counties when the state was founded in 1850. It was governed by Sonoma County because it had a small population until 1857. The county derives its name from Cape Mendocino, which was probably named in honor of either Antonio de Mendoza, Viceroy of New Spain, 1535–1542 (who sent the Juan Cabrillo Expedition to this coast in 1542), or Lorenzo Suárez de Mendoza, Viceroy from 1580 to 1583. Mendocino is the adjectival form of the family name of Mendoza.

Large stands of Douglas Fir and Redwoods made this a major lumbering area. Coastal lumber schooners picked up the lumber at little ports along the coast and carried it to San Francisco. Fort Bragg also became a fishing port.

In recent years marijuana cultivation has become a major activity. It is estimated that two thirds of the economy is based on marijuana,

The county seat is Ukiah which is the largest town.

**Cities: Fort Bragg, Pt. Arena, Ukiah, Willits, Towns: Boonville, Covelo, Hopland, Laytonville, Manchester, Mendocino, Potter Valley.**

## **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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# Whale Gulch

Whale Gulch is a small community located along the Lost Coast. This is an area that is so rugged there is no highway following the coast. (May 2007)





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(May 2007)





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# Four Corners

(May 2007)

**King Range Wilderness Day Hike**  
**THURSDAY MAY 31**  
 Meet with Ash Brook, Sandy Beach & York Street Wilderness Creek Trailhead

**W.G.V.F.C. FIRE MEETING**  
 5-13-07 CANCELED  
 Sun-5-20-07 10:00AM  
 Active member's Communications VERY IMPORTANT

**Jeopardy Night**  
 Thursday, May 24  
 Everyone is invited to...

**2007 Reggae Festival**  
 The Market Community Center Presents The 2nd Annual  
 Peter Rowan & Crucial Reggae  
 Crown City Rockers x Winston Jarrett  
 Melvin Seals & JGB  
 Benjamins x David Jacobus-Strauss Band x J. Costa  
 Loversley Station x Sambada x Delta Nine x Tempest  
 The Center x Bull Sisters x Eva Perla x Green Lemon x Scott Bushkoff  
 & just about every local band, performer, and dance troupe out there.

**At Benbow Lake State Recreation Area**  
 Saturday, June 2 & Sunday, June 3, 2007  
 10am to 10pm Saturday  
 10am to 10pm Sunday  
 Sliding scale donation  
 \$12 & up per day - \$20 & up for weekend pass  
 Hike 10 & under free  
 Info: (707) 923-3268 www.mtsol.org

**Wilderness Addition Exploration**  
 East Fork Blue Creek  
 Sat. & Sun. June 23, 24  
 Relaxed Senior Backpack - with Yoga, Naps, Painting, and Wilderness Celebration! Hike 2 miles down to creek then 2 miles upstream to campsite.  
 Or, Dayhike  
 Or, "Off-Trail" Leaderless Adventure  
 Bushwhack Hike for Hearty Backpackers  
 \*Meet Sat. Sun USFS Peach Creek Campground located one mile north of Orleans. Friday night campers encouraged.  
 For details:  
 See May Ecomews page 3,  
<http://makiyushiki.blogspot.com>  
 Leader Lynn: [lynn-r@sbglobal.net](mailto:lynn-r@sbglobal.net)

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 Great for brushing driveways  
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# Sinkyone Wilderness

The Sinkyone Wilderness is part of the Lost Coast of Northern California. (May 2007)





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# Sinkyone Wilderness

Needle Rock. This once had a tall rock spire but the 1906 Earthquake knocked it off. (May 2007)





# Sinkyone Wilderness

The ranger station at Sinkyone. (May 2007)





# Sinkyone Wilderness

Notice the black sands on the beach. (May 2007)





# Highway 1

(August 2008)





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# Westport

Originally it was called Beall's after its founder Sam Beall. The name was changed to Westport when James Rogers opened a timber port here in 1877. (August 2008)





# Westport

(August 2008)





# Westport

(August 2008)





# Westport

(August 2003)





# Piercy

Confusion Hill is one of those tourist traps along Highway 101. (August 2003)





# Piercy





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# Laytonville

The town was founded by F.B. Layton in 1874. A post office was located here in 1879.  
(March 2004)





# Laytonville

(March 2004)





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(March 2004)





# Laytonville

(March 2004)





# Covelo

This is the backroad to Round Valley. (March 2004)





# Covelo

(March 2004)





# Dos Rios

(March 2004)





# Covelo

Covelo began in 1860. It acquired a post office by 1870. It was named after a village in Switzerland. This is a view of the valley. (March 2004)





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# Boonville

Boonville was founded by John Burgot in 1862. It is famous for its folk language called Boontling. It is also famous for a variety of concerts and festivals. It has a population of about 1,000. (June 2011)





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