

Placer County

The Placer County Courthouse in Auburn.
Part 1 of 3. Roseville, Lincoln, Rocklin, Loomis, Newcastle.



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Placer County Data

Population: 248,399 (Rank: 56)

Land Area (square miles): 1,404 (Rank: 23)

Placer County was created in 1851. The name is probably a contraction of the Spanish “plaza de oro” meaning the place of gold. Placer County is different from other Mother Lode counties in that it stretches down into the Sacramento Valley. It includes the valley towns of Roseville and Lincoln. The western part of the county has become a suburb of Sacramento and there is a growing industrial base.

Wood products, fabricated metal products and machinery lead the list of manufactures. Hewlett Packard has built a large plant between Roseville and Lincoln.

Timber production continues with the county producing 1.7% of the state’s timber.

I-80 cuts through the county and most communities are located along this route. Highway 49 continues its north-south path through the county.

Cities: Lincoln, Roseville, Auburn, Colfax, Rocklin, Loomis. Towns: Penryn, Newcastle, Tahoe City, Squaw Valley.

Introduction

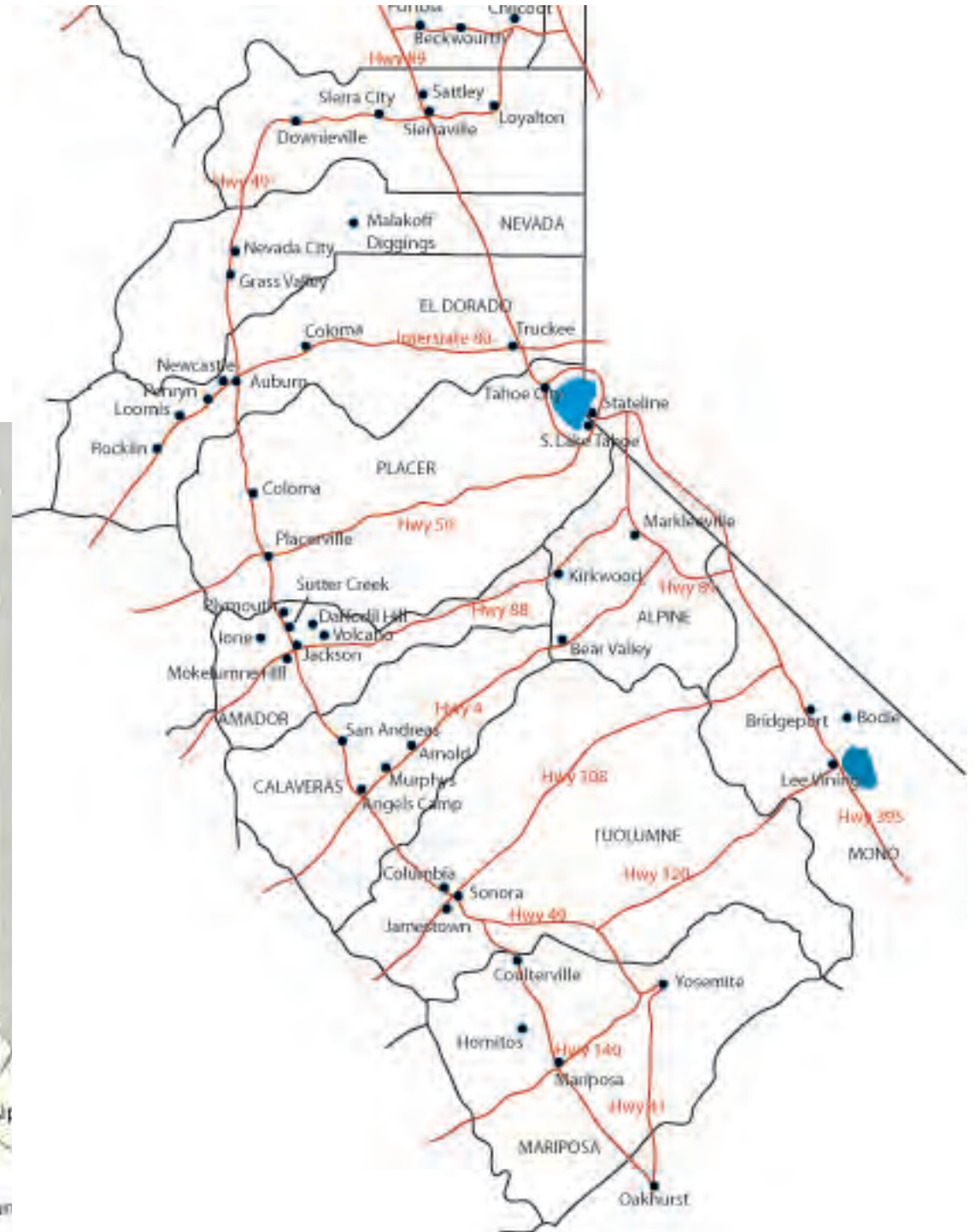
California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state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

(March 2002)



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Roseville was the location of a massive rail yard which prepared trains for the trip over the Sierra. (March 2002)



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(March 2002)



Roseville

(October 2008)



Roseville

Roseville began in 1864 and became a city in 1909. This is Roseville's new city hall. The population has grown to 119,000. (October 2008)



Roseville

The old city hall. (October 2008)



Roseville



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The Galleria is part of Roseville's urban sprawl. (April 2009)



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Lincoln

Lincoln began as a railroad town in 1859. The population has grown to 43,000. (March 2003)



Lincoln



Lincoln

(August 2003)



Lincoln

(August 2003)



Lincoln

Lincoln is famous for the terra cotta and clay sewer pipes produced by Gladding, McBean. The ceramic works was established in 1875. (August 2003)



Lincoln

(August 2003)



Lincoln



Lincoln

(August 2003)



Rocklin

Rocklin is old quarry area where the work was done by Finish miners. Many of the buildings are made of stone. The city was incorporated in 1893. It now has a population of 53,000. (April 2003)



Rocklin

(April 2003)



Rocklin

(April 2003)



Rocklin

(April 2003)



Rocklin

The city hall. (April 2003)



Rocklin

(April 2003)





Loomis

(August 2003)



Loomis

Loomis began as a Gold Rush community. Later orchards were planted and packing sheds were built in Loomis. The town incorporated in 1984. It has a population of 6,400.(August 2003)



Loomis

The packing sheds along old Highway 40. (August 2003)



Penryn

Penryn is the site of the old Griffith J. Griffith quarry which provided stone for many of the buildings in Sacramento and San Francisco. (April 2003)



Penryn

Griffith J. Griffith donated Griffith Park and Observatory to the city of Los Angeles. He is also the first to beat an attempted murder rap on the grounds of insanity. He tried to kill his wife. (August 2003)



Penryn

(August 2003)



Penryn

(April 2003)



Penryn

(April 2003)





Newcastle

Newcastle sits on top of a hill outside Auburn on Highway 40. The town burned in the 1950's. We lived by Folsom which is not too far away. The town was mostly packing sheds for the orchards nearby. (April 2003)



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