

Tuolumne County

The Tuolumne County Courthouse in Sonora.
Part 2 of 2: Priest Grade, Groveland, Olmsted Point,
Tioga Pass.



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Priest Grade

This is one of the steeper ascents over the Sierra. Highway 120 rises 910 feet over six miles. The old Priest Grade Road is steeper rising the same height over 2.7 miles. (September 2007)



Priest Grade

(September 2007)



Priest Grade

This is the old road. The newer road is in the background. (September 2007)



Priest Grade

(September 2007)



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Priest Grade

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Big Oak Flat

The population of Big Oak Flat and Groveland is 3,388. (September 2007)



Big Oak Flat

(September 2007)



Groveland

Groveland and Big Oak Flat are both communities that date back to Gold Rush Days. Now they thrive on the traffic to Yosemite Park. (September 2007)



Groveland

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Groveland

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Lake Tenaya

(September 2007)



Tioga Pass

Tioga Pass is the highest of the Sierra Passes at 10,000 feet. It is open from May-June to October. (September 2007)



Tioga Pass

(September 2007)



Tioga Pass

(September 2007)



Tioga Pass

This topographic model is found at Olmsted Point. (September 2007)



Yosemite Park East Entrance

(June 2010)



Lake Tenaya

(June 2010)



Lake Tenaya

(June 2010)



Tuolumne Meadows

(June 2010)



Tioga Pass

(June 2010)



Tuolumne Meadows

(June 2010)



Half Dome as seen from Olmsted Viewpoint

(June 2010)



Tuolumne Canyon



Sonora Pass

(May 2002)



Sonora Pass

(May 2002)



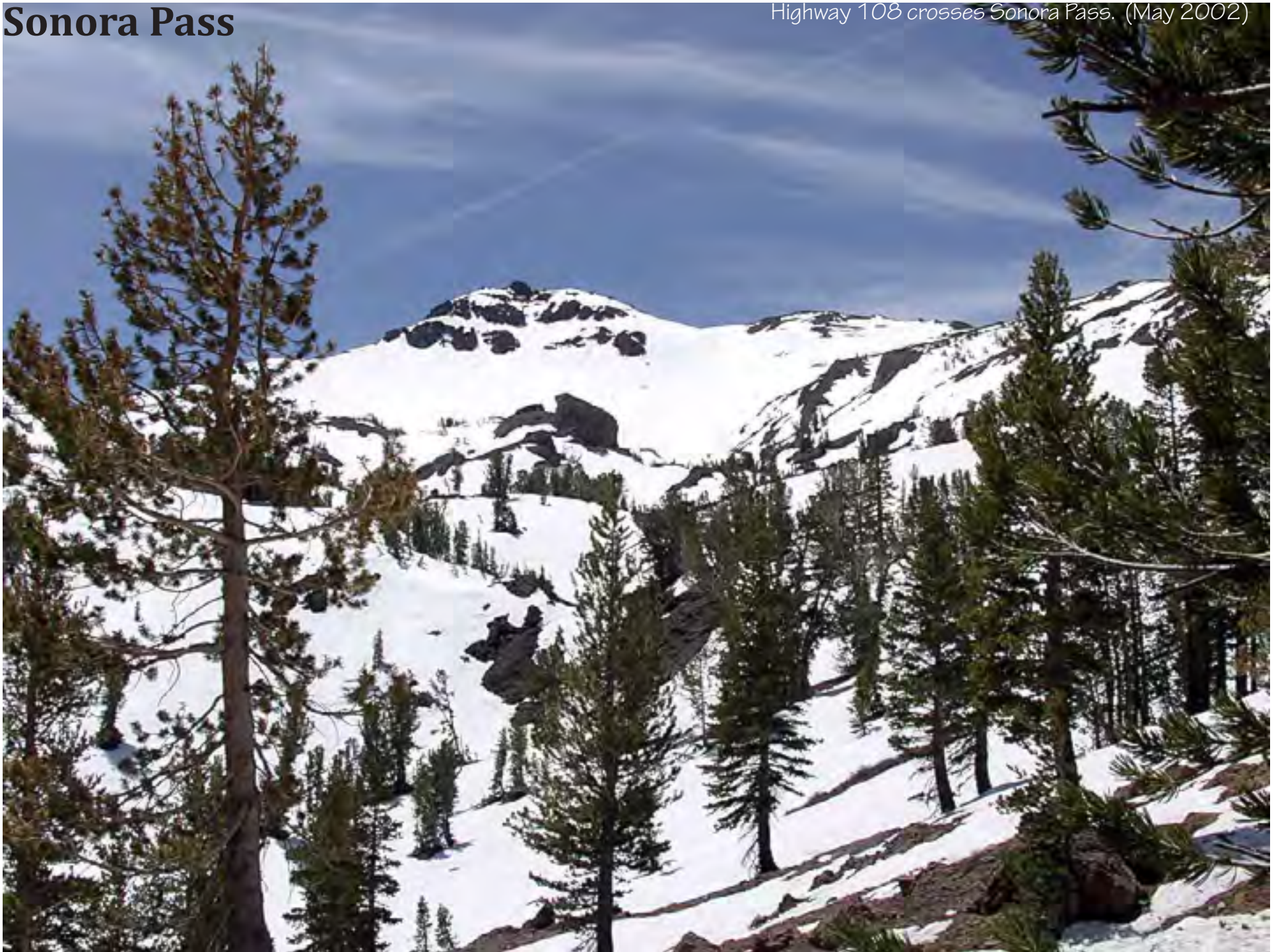
Sonora Pass

(May 2002)



Sonora Pass

Highway 108 crosses Sonora Pass. (May 2002)



Sonora Pass

(May 2002)



Sonora Pass

(May 2002)



SONORA MONO TOLL ROAD

OLDEST OF THE TRANS-SIERRA EMIGRANT TRAILS TO CALIFORNIA IS SPECTACULAR SONORA PASS, CROSSED BY HIGHWAY 108, SECOND HIGHEST (9,626 FEET) OF ALL HIGHWAY CROSSINGS OF THE RANGE. THE BARTLESON-BIDWELL PARTY, WITH MULES, HORSES AND OXEN, MADE THE FIRST CROSSING ON OCTOBER 18, 1841. THIS ROUTE WAS NOT ATTEMPTED BY WAGONS UNTIL 1852. "GRIZZLY" ADAMS TOOK THE TRAIL OVER SONORA PASS IN APRIL, 1854, AND REPORTED "ON ALL SIDES LAY OLD AXLE TREES AND WHEELS....MELANCHOLY EVIDENCE OF THE LAST SEASON'S DISASTERS." THE PRESENT ROUTE FIRST PROJECTED IN 1862 WAS FINALLY COMPLETED AS A TOLL ROAD, DUE TO THE EXTREME COST, BY MONO, TUOLUMNE AND STANISLAUS COUNTIES IN 1865. IT WAS SAID TO TAKE THREE WEEKS FOR A SIX-HORSE TEAM TO MAKE THE ROUND TRIP BETWEEN SONORA AND BRIDGEPORT.

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Sonora Pass

The Walker River follows Highway 108. (May 2002)



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Note group of buildings to the left in the photo. This is a Marine Corps base. This was built in the Korean War to train Marines in mountain fighting. (May 2002)



Sonora Pass

(May 2002)

