

The Feather River Scenic Byway



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Tour Summary

The Feather River Byway is packed with the scenic wonders of a deep river canyon, including thundering waterfalls, brilliant fall colors, and festive wildflowers. The natural beauty, combined with the man-made wonders of powerhouses, tunnels, and train tracks snaking along the canyon sides, make this one of the more breathtaking drives in California. We begin in the city of Oroville, where luxury hotels and a casino neighbor Lake Oroville and the largest earthen dam in the United States. Then we venture into the northern gold country and Plumas County, over the lowest pass in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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We start our tour in Oroville. Famous in the past for gold mining, it now boasts the largest earthen dam in the United States and world-class recreation at Lake Oroville.



The Feather River Canyon was formed by nature, but man has added some spectacular structures to the area, such as tunnels that were blasted through the mountainsides, power plants that tame the river, and railroads.



The Canyon extends through Plumas County that is well known as California's fall color capital. Maples, poplars, dogwoods, oaks, and Western redbud trees are just a few of the colorful display.



Winter snow blankets the countryside in white and a variety of winter sports are enjoyed here.



Springtime comes alive in the Canyon with an assortment of wildflowers that bloom from April to early summer. Higher elevations show off blooms all summer long.



Small towns offer shops, restaurants, lodging, and tons of history in picturesque settings.



Lake Almanor in Plumas County is the largest lake, with many recreation opportunities. It is also the gateway to Lassen Volcanic National Park via the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway.



Activities abound here throughout each season. Hiking, biking, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, birding, and gold panning are just a few of the things to do.



Railroading defines the Feather River Canyon and the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola has an extensive collection of locomotives and rolling stock.



Train photographers find this area one of the best for shots of rolling stock amidst an expansive landscape.



Panning for gold still brings a shining reward and is one of the fun activities of the area.



Gold seeking pioneers explored the area and you can visit museums such as the Beckwourth Cabin and go on historical tours.

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