

Foresthill, California

“A Proud Heritage and a Bright Future”

History:

The Gold Rush

The Foresthill Divide is one of the earliest explored areas of California during the Gold Rush. Foresthill became a town in 1850 due to gold mining operations along the North and Middle Forks of the American River. Today, hundreds of mines, some still active, are found throughout the area.

Logging

After the gold played out, many Foresthill settlers turned to logging the tall trees that cover the Divide and a dozen lumber mills were established. The harvesting of timber, just like gold, eventually became too costly to pursue and the mills were closed, causing many of the residents to seek employment “off the hill”.

Native Americans

Nisenan Indians inhabited the region for about 2,000 years prior to the Gold Rush. The Maidu Indian organization actively promotes the local Native American legacy through education and demonstrations in the community.

Recreation

Today, with the wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities of the Tahoe National Forest, beautiful lakes, rushing rivers and snow covered mountains, Foresthill attracts outdoor enthusiasts from around the world to experience its natural beauty.

Drive Time From:

San Jose, CA - 170 mi NE
(3 hrs)

San Francisco, CA - 140 mi NE
(2.5 hrs)

Sacramento, CA - 52 mi NE
(1.25 hrs)

Auburn, CA - I 80 Exit #121 to Foresthill Rd, 17 mi NE (20 mins)

Reno, NV - 115 mi SW (2 hrs)

Points of Interest:

Crossing the Foresthill Bridge takes you back to the rugged, spectacular land of the Gold Rush days. We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.

- Foresthill Bridge - highest in California at 730 ft!
- Wells Fargo Stage Coach horse ‘Old Joe’s ‘ Memorial Cairn
- Forest Hill Divide Historical Museum
- Veteran’s Memorial Park, Swim Center, Tennis Courts, Ball Field
- St. Joseph’s Church Historic Bell Tower
- Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Foresthill
- Driving Tour of Foresthill Divide
- Placer Sequoia Big Trees Grove
- Duncan Peak - Robinson’s Flat

Gold Rush Towns of the Divide:

- Todd’s Valley, Yankee Jim’s
- Foresthill, Iowa Hill
- Baker Ranch, Michigan Bluff



Foresthill Divide Chamber of Commerce

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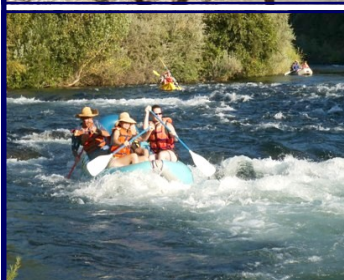
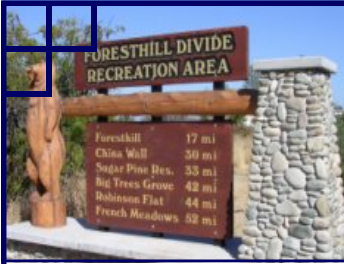
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*Offering valuable information to assist
travelers discover beautiful, historic
Foresthill.*



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Events:

Foresthill offers year-round activities and is proud to be the Hub of the Western States Trail.

- Sled Dog Winter Classic Race
- WS 100 Mile, 1-day Endurance Run
- Historic Gold Country Car Show & Poker Run
- Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration
- Tevis Cup, 100 Mile, 1-day Trail Ride
- Heritage Celebration - Gold Panning Championships
- Harvest Festival

Wedding & Event Venues:

Experience a romantic mountain setting for your special event.

- Forest House Lodge
- Monte Verde Inn
- Veteran’s Memorial Hall & Park

Reservoirs:

Majestic pine forests surround clear, fresh reservoirs offering camping, boating, fishing, hiking and swimming fun for the whole family.

- Clementine - Foresthill Rd
- Sugar Pine - Foresthill Rd
- Oxbow - Mosquito Ridge Rd
- French Meadows - Mosquito Ridge Rd
- Hell Hole - Mosquito Ridge Rd

Camping:

- Robinson’s Flat
- Morning Star - Big Reservoir
- Mumford Bar
- Forbes Creek

Fitness:

- Carpenter’s Place - Gym & Tanning Salon

Where to Eat:

From the spectacular views at Worton’s Market & Deli, to the cozy atmosphere at the Foresthill Grill, diners will find plenty of choices:

- Worton’s Market & Deli
- Ore Cart Steak House
- Over Easy at the Starlite Café
- Pizza Factory
- Subway Sandwiches
- Foresthill Joe’s Coffee Shop
- Foresthill Grill
- Everybody’s Inn
- Red Dirt & Mountain Club Saloons

Where to Stay:

- Christmas Tree Vineyard Lodge
- Community of the Great Commission

Where to Shop:

- PJ’s Collectibles
- Grant’s Hardware
- Foresthill Grocery & Gifts
- Valero Gas Station & Market
- Sierra Mini Mart & Gas Station
- Foresthill Auto Parts & Equipment

Outdoor Adventures:

In cooperation with the Tahoe National Forest, Foresthill supports challenging OHV trails for the riding enthusiast and offers world class white water rafting adventures on the American River.

- China Wall OHV Staging Area
- Middle Fork of the American River
- North Fork of the American River
- Horseback riding - Western States Trail

