

Communities

Contributed by Alan Seegmiller
Sunday, 20 January 2008
Last Updated Monday, 28 June 2010

The "Villages" in Trinity County

We enjoy a rural lifestyle in Trinity County. The larger communities; Weaverville, Hayfork and Lewiston include residential neighborhoods and business districts. There are also many mid to smaller communities; Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Junction City, Big Bar, Big Flat, Salyer and Wildwood, are a few examples. The smaller communities include a small, local store, gas pumps and a Post Office.

BIG FLAT, BIG BAR & DEL LOMA - Located Down River, West of Junction City on Hwy 299; these communities nestle the Trinity River. Popular among rafters and kayakers is "Pigeon Point" run, a 5 mile stretch of class three whitewater. You will also encounter quiet stretches for swimming and tubing. In season, anglers fish for trophy steelhead and salmon. You will find small country stores, gas pump, Post Office and a few restaurants. My favorite is the popular "Straw House" in Big Flat; great fresh food menu, their own coffee brand and a Spectacular Trinity River view just feet from the spacious patio.

BURNT RANCH, HAWKINS BAR & SALYER - These Villages also nestle the Trinity River, West of Del Loma on Hwy 299. Burnt Ranch Gorge is an intense class five stretch of whitewater. Just below the Gorge you will discover quiet stretches of the Trinity, flowing through sheer canyons and sandy beaches. A popular spot in the season, for steelhead and salmon. Groceries, gas and RV parks with easy access along Hwy299.

COFFEE CREEK - A pristine community, in the most northern corner of the county; past Trinity Center on Hwy 3 North. A tiny community nestled among the peaks, with groceries, Post Office, RV parks, resorts and vacation rentals. Coffee Creek Road provides easy access to Trail Heads in the Wilderness Area; great views of the Trinity Alps.

DOUGLAS CITY - Located at the junction of Hwy 299 and Hwy 3 South; between Lewiston and Weaverville. In season, the Trinity River in Douglas city is a popular stop for steelhead and salmon. Groceries, gas pump and Post Office and a great group of friendly locals. Many folks enjoy this area for it's easy access to Historical Weaverville and still enjoy the availability of ample sized parcels for that 'get away' location.

HAYFORK - Located in the County's largest valley, on Hwy 3 South. Hayfork is the second largest community at 2,500 (approx). The County's largest airport is located next to Hayfork. A few great restaurants, groceries, gas pumps, hardware, and welcome accommodations. Just minutes from the heart of Hayfork, you will find lush and private homesteads.

HYAMPOM - Located on the South Fork of the Trinity River, 18 miles from Hayfork. Considered by many to be the County's finest agriculture region. Hyampom's Asian pears have been known to have set the standard for California. In the last few years, Hyampom's vineyards have produced some award winning wines. South Fork National Recreational Trail, fishing and swimming; are popular with travelers and locals alike.

LEWISTON - Located off Hwy 299, approx 43 miles East of Redding, with a population of approx. 1,500 residents. The Historic District of Lewiston is nestled along the Trinity River. Antique store, restaurant, lodging and RV parks are will within a short stroll to the Old Lewiston Bridge. The Trinity River hatchery is located in Lewiston, where salmon and steelhead are raised. Fly fishing in this portion of the Trinity is known world wide. Nearby Lewiston Lake offers trout fishing, lodging, RV parks and a true treat in wildlife watching.

TRINITY CENTER - Located at the North end of Trinity Lake, with marinas and it's own airstrip. Groceries, gas pump, restaurant and the popular Scott Museum; are all within easy access. RV parks, lodging and campgrounds are abundant. This area is also offers easy access to the Trinity Wilderness Area, with trails for majestic sightseeing.

WEAVERVILLE - The County seat, located on Hwy 299, West of Douglas City. Historic Weaverville along the junction of Hwy 299 West and Hwy 3 North, features art galleries, restaurants, organic food store, coffee shops, lodging, museum and the Joss House State Park. Population is approx. 3,700 residents, elevation is 2,300 feet. As you enter from the eastern outskirts of town, there is a large grocery store, Longs Drugs, Starbucks, sporting goods and hardware stores.