

In & Around TEHACHAPI!

ANIMALS & AGRICULTURE

ADORABLE ALPACAS

822-6034

A lifestyle come true to be with these wonderful Alpacas. Tour the ranch and see the fantastic products made from the fleece. Open all year, Saturday & Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm. Call or email at adorablealpacas@aol.com. www.adorablealpacas.com

DORNER FAMILY VINEYARD

823-7814

Dorner Family Vineyard is nestled in the southeast corner of historic Cumming's Valley, the ancient land of the Kawaiisu Native Americans. The rolling hills are studded with Blue Oak, Valley Oak and Sagebrush. The rich soil, that has supported these magnificent trees for centuries, now gives way to vineyards. The soil and 4300' elevation have proven to provide ideal growing conditions, overlooked for years, for award-winning wines. Mike & Michele Dorner welcome you to their vineyard and magnificent garden venue. It is the perfect tranquil location for your next wedding and reception. Call for appointment. Tasting Room Hours Friday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm.

www.DornerFamilyVineyard.com

LOS VIAJEROS VINEYARD

562-229-6349

Los Viajeros Malbec is the product of two women who share a passion for travel and fine wine. Malbec grapes love high elevations and thus we wanted to bring this varietal to Tehachapi. Stop by and pick up a bottle! Tasting rooms are open Friday-Sunday, 11am-6pm.

TRIASSIC LEGACY VINEYARDS

822-5341

The Triassic Legacy Tasting Room is the place to sample all of our wines and enjoy a lovely afternoon. Browse our custom selection of wine accessories and merchandise, enjoy a light snack, bring a picnic or BBQ your own steaks! Bring your friends to our tasting room and enjoy a relaxing afternoon complemented by great wine and great people. Open Friday through Sunday



Photo by Kristen Bishop

11am-6pm all year. 24627 Cummings Valley Rd - Enter off Bear Valley Road at Roost Ave.

www.triassicvineyards.com

TEHACHAPI WINE & CATTLE CO.

822-9233

Come & enjoy a vineyard tour, wine tasting & see our variety of gifts. Banquet room available. Open Sat and Sun, 12pm -6pm. Live music starts at 2pm. 26877 Cummings Valley Rd.

www.TehachapiWineAndCattleCompany.com

TEHACHAPI WINERY

821-9587

With 13 acres of vines already planted on the 42-acre property, Tehachapi Winery is also the area's largest wine company in terms of production size. Tehachapi Winery is also unique in that it is producing red wines, whereas other local vineyards are making mostly white and rosé wines. Our focus and passion are four red varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART GALLERIES

Check out the local talent at Gallery N Gifts, Treasure Trove and The Spirited Bead.

BEEKAY THEATRE

822-4037 • 110 S. Green St.

Don't miss our great theatre productions year round. Visit www.tctonstage.com for updated information on what's happening at the Beekay to entertain you.

COLLEEN FARRELL GALLERY

112 E. Tehachapi Blvd., #A

HITCHING POST THEATERS

823-SHOW

See a great first run movie in one of the four state-of-the-art auditoriums with digital sound. Bargain matinees. Call for show times or visit www.hitchingposttheaters.com.

MURALS WALKING TOUR

822-8152

The murals are meant to beautify the downtown area, showcase history of the area for local residents and serve as a historical guide for visitors to Tehachapi. A DVD about the Tehachapi murals

program is available as well as prints of each mural. A walking tour brochure is available at the Museum at 310 S. Green Street, as well as Main Street office and the Chamber of Commerce.

MUSEUMS & HERITAGE

HERITAGE LEAGUE MUSEUM & ERREA HOUSE

822-8152 • 310 S. Green St.

This museum houses extensive samples of life here during the olden days. Collection of photographs and library containing many books available to researchers. Pick up a mapped Walking Tour brochure for locations and details of historic sites in the area. Museum open all year, Friday through Sunday, noon to 4pm with additional days during special events and some holidays. Special visits can be arranged by calling 972-0958. Admission is free.

www.tehachapimuseum.org.

CESAR CHAVEZ NATIONAL MONUMENT

823-6134

29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Rd., Keene. Explore the Cesar Chavez National Monument at La Paz, America's official living memorial to Cesar Chavez. Help celebrate the civil rights revolution Chavez sparked among farm workers, Latinos and Americans from all walks of life. Visit the grounds where history was made. Docent led tours, documentary films, and educational and photographic exhibits offer insight into the history and impact of Chavez's life. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding major holidays. Call for more details on special events. Conference rooms and catering available.

www.chavezfoundation.org

HISTORIC SITES WALKING TOUR

822-8152

Pick up a map or just follow the signs around downtown to see and learn about Tehachapi's rich history. Maps available at Tehachapi Museum, 310 S. Green St.

TEHACHAPI DEPOT RAILROAD MUSEUM

823-1100 • 101 W. Tehachapi Blvd.

Situated in a park-like setting in downtown Tehachapi, the Tehachapi Depot Museum educates the public about railroading and the Tehachapi Loop, which is an integral part of the fabric of the history of the town of Tehachapi. The "Loop" is a world renowned engineering marvel constructed in 1876 by the Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR), Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) predecessor. The Tehachapi Depot was registered as a Historical Landmark on the National Register of Historical Places on October 20, 1999. It offers visitors an opportunity to view railroad equipment & Railroadiana, including the Bill Stokoe



Photo by Toshimi Kristof



Photo by Tristan Stokes

collection of more than 300 railroad artifacts. Part of the Stokoe collection is the largest private collection of operating railroad signals in the United States. Signals are installed in a garden on the Museum grounds. The Museum offers a viewing deck adjacent to the Union Pacific tracks where visitors can sit and watch the trains go by. Friends of the Tehachapi Depot encourage the public to visit, become members and to join us as volunteers in preserving railroad history in Tehachapi. Open 11-4 Thursday through Monday all year long. Available to rent for your next event. Call for details.

PIONEER CEMETERY In Golden Hills off Westwood Blvd., down Iris St. to Violet St.

Learn about the history of Tehachapi by the only enduring reminder of the original town site of Williamsburg, now known as Golden Hills.

TEHACHAPI RAILROAD LOOP Just out of town on Woodford-Tehachapi Rd. toward Keene

The widely recognized famous Tehachapi Loop was the greatest engineering achievement on the railroad line between Northern and Southern California. Going southeasterly from Keene, a train first passes through an entry tunnel. The track then does a complete counterclockwise loop, passing over the entry tunnel before continuing easterly. The loop is 3,799 feet long, with a typical diameter of about 1210 feet. By continuing to gain elevation throughout the loop, engineer Hood was able to make up the needed elevation (about 77 foot rise in the loop). With modern freight trains, often more than a mile long, the locomotive passes over (or under, depending upon direction) the final cars of its own train! This single-track line, essentially unchanged, is still in constant use today: 122 years after its completion. It passes an average of 36 freight trains each day. This attests to the superior job of both engineering and construction done by the two civil engineers and the Chinese laborers.

www.LookUpTehachapi.com

TEHACHAPI VISITOR'S CENTER 200 W. Tehachapi Blvd, Freedom Plaza • 825-5003

Knowledgeable volunteers are ready to assist the traveler with recommendations for food, lodging, local events, shops and points of interest.

HIT THE TRAIL

NUOOAH NATURE TRAIL

The Nuooah Nature Trail loops 1/4 mile within the Tehachapi Mountain Park at an elevation of 5920 feet and featuring 20 interpretive signs and markers describing vegetation and the history of the Nuooah American Indian Tribe.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL U.S. Forest Service

This trail runs from Mexico to Canada following the crest of the Sierra Nevada for much of its length. The route over Cameron Ridge offers sweeping vistas of the Mojave Desert, the Garlock Fault, and over 3500 wind turbines. Open to the public, but hikers are advised to stay on the trail. There are trail heads for the Pacific Crest Trail along Cameron Road. One is the junction of Cameron Road and Tehachapi-Willow Springs Road on the southwest end, and another is along Cameron Road near the railroad tracks on the northeast end. For the best views and the easiest walking, follow the trail northeast from the junction of Tehachapi- Willow Springs Road and Cameron Road toward Cameron Ridge.

WALK/RIDE THROUGH GOLDEN HILLS

Take the scenic path on your bike or on foot, with your dog or with a friend, along the marked trails of beautiful Golden Hills. Park at Meadowbrook Park or Golden Hills CSD (21415 Reeves St.). Runs North/South from Hwy. 202, under Red Apple Road, almost to the railroad tracks. Wheelchair accessible. Bike paths also run along Westwood Blvd., Red Apple Rd., up Mountain View and beyond! The newly added Nature Park offers 2.7

miles of trails and can be accessed off Westwood Blvd. or Woodford Tehachapi Rd. All trails are left in a natural condition. Take your time and watch for the varied wildlife. Bikers and walkers welcome. Please keep your dogs on a leash and stay on the trails for your safety.

TOMO-KAHNI STATE PARK 946-6092

Tomo-Kahni, or "Winter Village," was the site of a Kawaiisu (Nüwa) Village. Tours begin with an orientation at the Tehachapi Museum 310 South Green St. Afterwards, participants must caravan or carpool 12 miles to the park. The moderately strenuous walking tour takes between two and three hours to complete. Due to the extremely sensitive nature of the site, Tomo-Kahni is available to the public by tour only, led by trained State Park Volunteers on weekends during spring and fall months. Tomo-Kahni is at an elevation of over 4,000' and the weather is variable, so layered clothing is recommended. Water, sun protection and good walking shoes are also necessary. The tour program is coordinated by the Mojave Sector of California State Parks and dedicated volunteers. The program is supported entirely by donations which are used to staff tours, purchase interpretive equipment and materials and to provide training for docents. For more information visit www.parks.ca.gov

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

MOUNTAIN SPIRIT CENTER 822-7776

Hike in the surrounding mountains, uniting with the serene nature, breathe fresh air, refresh your energy and calm your mind. Open daily 8-5.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY AIRPORT 822-5267

This privately owned airport is So Cal's premiere site for soaring. Whether you fly in or drive in, you'll be able to enjoy our clear skies along with a host of activities to keep you busy. Glider rides available. Restaurant on site.

TEHACHAPI SCENIC WIND FARM 831-1038

The Tehachapi wind farm, with around 5000 wind turbines, is the second largest collection of wind generators in the world, but is the largest wind power array in the world in output. Public roads pass through the wind farm, as does the Pacific Crest Hiking Trail. Self-guided tour brochures available through Kern Wind Energy Association or call to arrange group tours. Tune your car radio to 1610 AM, Tehachapi's own Highway Advisory radio station, for more info about the wind turbines of the Tehachapi Pass.

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