



SIERRA HERITAGE SCENIC BYWAY

Sierra National Forest

The Sierra Heritage National Scenic Byway is a member of the National Scenic Byway System. This designated route ties the Sierra Nevada Mountains with the eight foothill and mountain communities. The route climbs to 9,000 feet in elevation from the San Joaquin Valley to within viewing distance of the Kaiser, Dinkey Lakes, Ansel Adams and the John Muir Wilderness Areas. The Byway is approximately 70 miles long and takes about 4 hours to drive.

The Byway is open year-round from Old Town Clovis to the Huntington Lake Recreation Area. During the winter season, the portion from Huntington Lake to White Bark Vista is closed due to the snow. Always check on road and weather conditions before leaving.

Old Town Clovis

Clovis is a full-service community with lodging as well as significant landmarks such as the Dry Creek Museum, historical architecture and antique shops galore. Clovis has a wonderful country atmosphere and friendly attitudes top go with it. The Clovis Rodeo is hosted there every April. Many other events occur during the year such as cook-offs and craft shows. During the summer months, don't forget to stop downtown on Friday evenings for the Farmers Market.

Prather (1500')

Further up Hwy 168 is the small community of Prather. This is a nice stop to get refreshments and stretch. It has several restaurants and shops to browse through. Prather has special events throughout the year such as craft fairs and sidewalk sales. Stop at the Forest Service Office as we have maps, information and a wonderful book selection. We can also help you with lodging and food information.

Pineridge (4500')

Stopping at Vista Point you can look out over the San Joaquin Valley where once there were logging mills and apple orchards. In the spring the hills are covered with wildflowers. If you look uphill towards Pineridge School, you are looking at part of the 40-mile route of the Shaver Flume, which transported logs from Shaver to the mills in Clovis.

Shaver Lake (5600')

Shaver has a historical museum talking about logging activities and how the dam was built back in 1927. There are campgrounds near the lake for the camping crowd and motels for the more relaxed trip. Fishing is always good at Shaver, catching Rainbow Trout and Kokanee.

Huntington Lake (7000')

Huntington Lake is ranked as one of the top sailing lakes in the state of California. During the summer months the lake has several sailboat races and many more water activities. Fishing, canoeing and even water skiing are done on this alpine lake. There are several campgrounds and resorts for accommodations during the summer months.

There are numerous hiking trails in the area. The Forest Service offers guided nature walks and campfire programs during the summer.

Kaiser Pass Road (9200')

White Bark Vista

About 1 mile before the White Bark Vista turnoff, Kaiser Pass Road turns into a one lane very narrow road. It is suitable for a passenger car. Note the sign of the sled dogs' graves at the turnoff. The views are spectacular, from forested timber areas to alpine meadows to granite peaks of the Pacific Crest. From White Bark Vista you will be able to see the John Muir, Kaiser and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas.

Year-Round Activities

There are activities for every season along this route. Auto touring, fishing, camping, swimming, horseback riding are among the favorites during the spring, summer and fall.

Winter Activities

The winter months offer an abundance of activities such as cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and snow camping, with many areas for snow play. During the winter months Rancheria campground at Huntington Lake is open for snow camping. There are two resorts at Huntington that stay open year-round for accommodations.

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