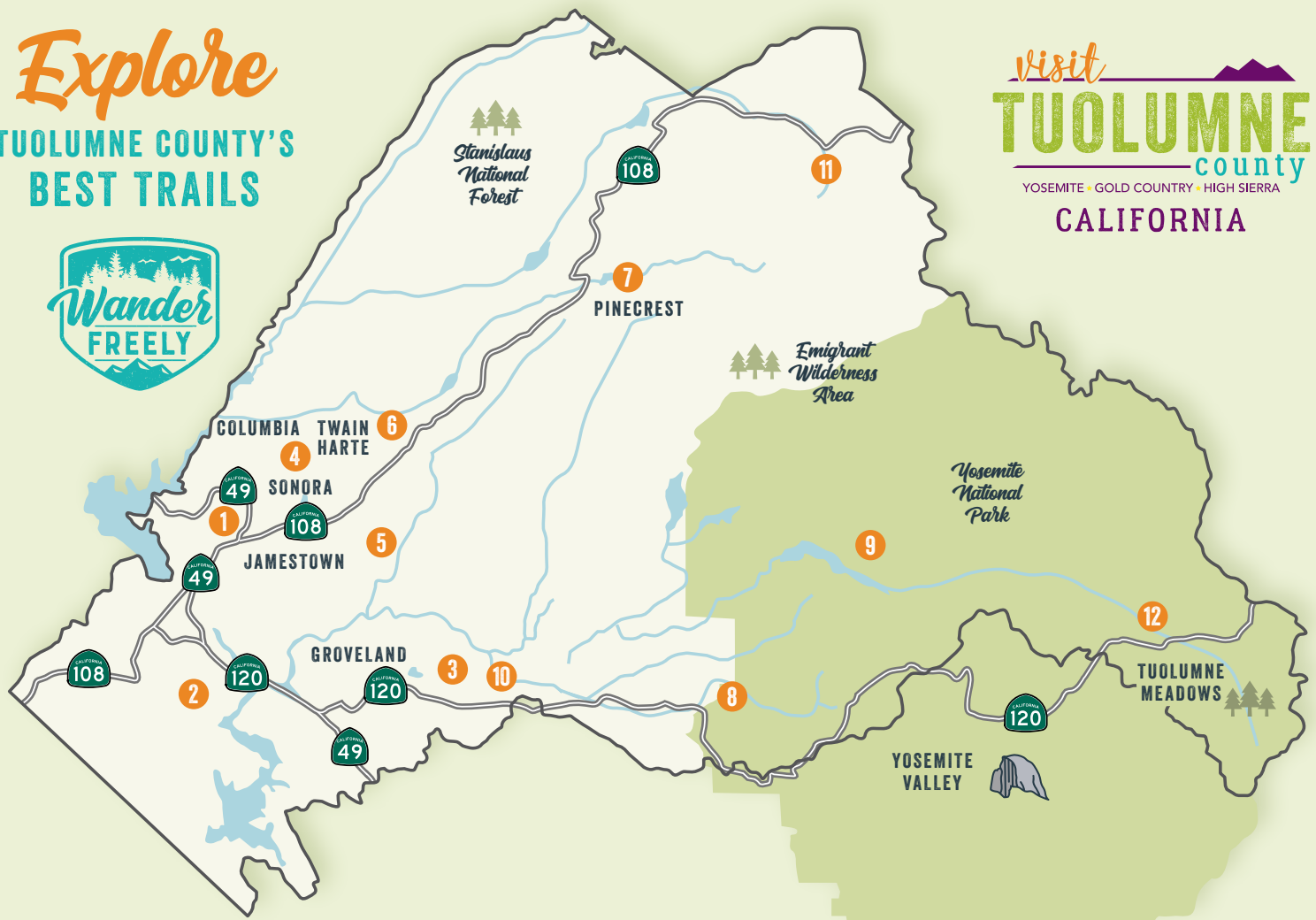


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## TUOLUMNE COUNTY'S BEST TRAILS



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Outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds love Tuolumne County and it's easy to see why. There's much to enjoy here and literally hundreds of trails to choose from. This top 12 list will guide you to beautiful locations. Please be sure to recreate responsibly, stay on the trail, be wildlife aware, pack out what you pack in and leave no trace so others can enjoy it too. For more information on these trails and others available, visit [VisitTCToday.com/TrailHeads](http://VisitTCToday.com/TrailHeads).

HIKE BIKE HORSEBACK DOG-FRIENDLY

### 1 DRAGON GULCH

Length: 3.1 miles  
Difficulty: **Easy - Strenuous**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
Stroll through the Mother Lode's oak woodlands along beautifully shaded trails with stunning panoramas of downtown Sonora and its surrounding mountain ranges.

### 2 RED HILLS RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

Length: **Varies**  
Difficulty: **Easy - Moderate**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
Several trails feature wildlife, serpentine formations, a wide variety of plants and gorgeous spring wildflowers. You can even spot bald eagles in the winter.

### 3 FERRETTI RD TRAIL NETWORK

Length: 5.6 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
Trail network includes a 1.3 mile bike-only loop with optional features and views into Yosemite and the Tuolumne River Canyon.

### 4 COLUMBIA COLLEGE FITNESS TRAIL

Length: 1.6 miles  
Difficulty: **Easy**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
Enjoy an invigorating hike around Columbia College with workout stations and pond views.

### 5 WEST SIDE RAILROAD TRAIL

Length: 10 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
Once a railroad grade used for logging, this trail winds around the mountainside with wildflowers, butterflies and picturesque Tuolumne River landscapes.

### 6 SUGAR PINE TRAIL

Length: 4.7 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
The year-round trail is a family and dog friendly option primarily used for hiking, walking and running. The trail offers water features, a wide gravel path plus surrounding trees which provide plenty of shade.

### 7 PINECREST LAKE LOOP TRAIL

Length: 3.9 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
The popular trail loops the entirety of Pinecrest Lake and crosses the Stanislaus River and the dam.

### 8 CARLON FALLS

Length: 3.8 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
Hike into Yosemite Wilderness along the clear Tuolumne River to beautiful falls. The trail head is located outside the park, and park fees are not required.

### 9 WAPAMA FALLS/RANCHERIA FALLS

**YOSEMITE'S HETCH HETCHY ENTRANCE**  
Length: 5 miles/13.4 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate - Strenuous**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
One of the more popular trails in Yosemite leads to some of the park's tallest waterfalls. The 5-mile portion provides spectacular sights of Tueeulala and Wapama Falls, while the longer 13.4 mile hike also includes Rancheria Falls and stunning valley scenery.

### 10 LITTLE GOLDEN FOREST TRAIL

Length: 2 miles  
Difficulty: **Easy**  
Route Type: **Loop**   
Co-sponsored by Little Golden Children's Books and the National Arbor Day Foundation, this family-friendly trail takes you into Stanislaus National Forest.

### 11 RELIEF RESERVOIR

Length: 6.1 miles  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
A great hike for beginning backpackers, this trail includes Kennedy Meadows and the Relief Reservoir with amazing mountain and lake scenery.

### 12 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

Length: 12.1 miles (segment)  
Difficulty: **Moderate**  
Route Type: **Out & Back**   
This National Scenic Trail is a treasured pathway stretching from the Mexican border in Southern CA all the way up to the Canadian border in WA. This Tuolumne Meadows to Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp portion travels through Yosemite and includes a granite beach, waterfalls and beautiful wooded areas.