

Explore

TUOLUMNE COUNTY'S BEST TRAILS



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YOSEMITE • GOLD COUNTRY • HIGH SIERRA
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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. 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. Make sure to also check weather conditions before you head out on your adventure and note that trails may be icy even when there's no snow or rain. Carry plenty of food and water. [For more information on these trails and others available, visit VisitTCToday.com/TrailHeads.](http://VisitTCToday.com/TrailHeads)

HIKE SNOWSHOE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI BIKE HORSEBACK DOG-FRIENDLY

1 DRAGON GULCH

Length: 3.1 miles

Difficulty: **Easy - Difficult**

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 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.

7 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.

8 WAPAMA FALLS

YOSEMITE'S HETCH HETCHY ENTRANCE

Length: 5 miles/13.4 miles

Difficulty: **Moderate - Difficult**

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 stunning valley scenery. Check for road closures ahead of time and note the trail can be slick due to ice and water.

9 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.

10 CRABTREE LOOP

Length: 4 mile

Difficulty: **Moderate**

Route Type: **Loop**

Meander through the woodlands near Pinecrest Lake and Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort in the Stanislaus National Forest.

11 TUOLUMNE GROVE TRAIL

Length: 1 mile

Difficulty: **Moderate - Difficult**

Route Type: **Out & Back**

Located in Yosemite National Park, this popular trail descends from the trailhead the entire way to the majestic giant sequoias. It is an arduous return ski.

12 SUGAR PINE RR GRADE

Length: 12.1 miles (segment)

Difficulty: **Moderate**

Route Type: **Out & Back**

Hike along the beautiful Stanislaus River on a winding, forested trail that is good for all skill levels and accessible year-round.