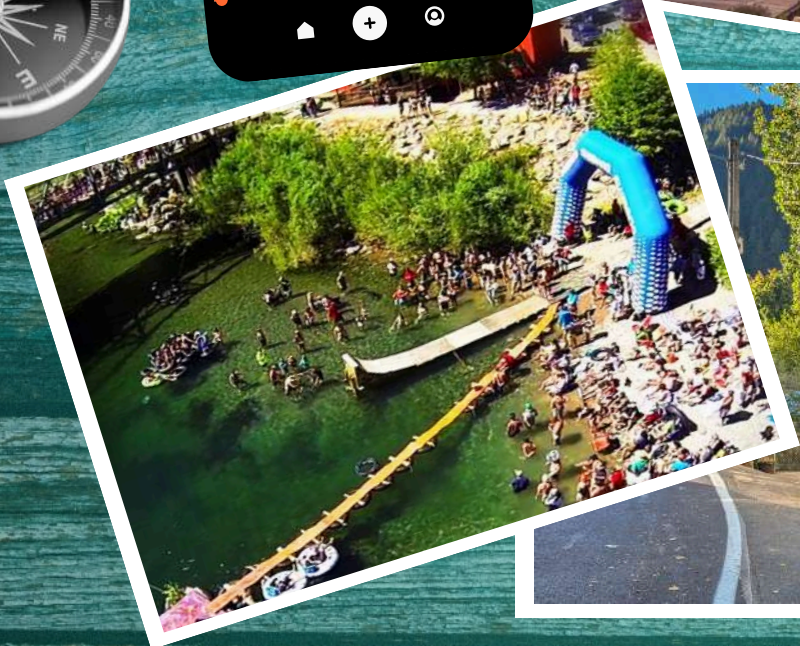


Discover Downieville

DISCOVER DOWNIEVILLE

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Hello

Looking for a New Adventure? Downieville Has It All.

Downieville is a mountain biking boomtown located along Highway 49 in the Lost Sierra region of the Tahoe National Forest. It was founded in 1849, during the historic gold rush. The village built along the banks of two (the North Yuba and the Downie) pristine spring and snowmelt-fed rivers is a year-round destination. Visitors will find a quaint downtown surrounded by the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains. Downtown Downieville features hotels, inns, and cottages for accommodations, restaurants, shops, bars, a day spa, and a gallery to explore.

The Sierra town is host to the legendary Downieville Classic Cross Country Race and Festival. Each year, the town sees its population swell as thousands of athletes and spectators come from all over the United States, Canada, and even Europe to attend one of the top 10 bicycle festivals, according to Outside Magazine. The festival includes two of the toughest mountain bike races, food, live music, and the always-popular Ron's House of Big Air bike jump.

Downieville is also well known for being one of the best locations for other outdoor activities, including white water rafting, kayaking, camping, hiking, fly fishing, and off-roading during the summer, and snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing during the winter.



WHY PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE

with Living in Downieville

Nestled in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, Downieville offers a lifestyle unlike any other. With its breathtaking natural beauty, tight-knit community, and endless opportunities for adventure, it's no wonder so many people dream of calling this charming riverside town home. Whether you're drawn to the historic charm, the outdoor recreation, or the slower pace of life, Downieville has something for everyone.

A Place That Welcomes You In

Downieville isn't just a town—it's a community where everyone plays a role. As Cindy McCreary put it, *"If anyone really has a problem or needs help, everyone is there in different ways."* Whether you're a tradesperson, an artist, a chef, or a business owner, there's always a need for passionate individuals who want to contribute to the town's rich fabric. With such a small population, every new resident makes an impact.



A Year-Round Playground for Outdoor Enthusiasts.

If you love the outdoors, Downieville offers an unmatched lifestyle. Just steps from your door, you'll find world-class mountain biking, with the legendary Downieville Classic drawing riders from around the globe. Hiking trails lead to breathtaking destinations like the Sierra Buttes Lookout Tower, while fishing, swimming, and gold panning in the crystal-clear waters of the Yuba River are favorite pastimes for locals and visitors alike. In winter, residents are only a short drive away from skiing in Truckee and Tahoe, while enjoying the serenity of a quiet mountain home. Interestingly, Downieville sits at a "Goldilocks" elevation. This means you're close enough to drive to the snow and enjoy a full day of winter recreation, but when you return home, snowfall is less frequent, offering a balance of winter fun and easier living.

And in warmer months, floating down the river from your house into town for lunch isn't unheard of either—just one of the many ways Downieville blends adventure with everyday life.



WHY PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE

with Living in Downieville cont.

A Town Where Kids Can Be Kids

For families, Downieville offers an incredible place to raise children. Sonya Meline, a resident of Downieville for the past five years, moved here because she wanted her son to experience small-town life. "Everyone in my family had always lived in the suburbs, attended big schools, rode the bus, and dealt with huge class sizes," Sonya shared. "I wanted my son to grow up in a place where he knew everyone, where he could walk to school and be part of a real community."

The Downieville School is a gem of the town, with tiny class sizes that fluctuate between just a handful of students to around ten per grade. This allows for a personalized and hands-on approach to education that's hard to find anywhere else.



The Perks of Small-Town Living (With Easy Access to the City)

While Downieville offers the charm of a remote mountain town, it's incredibly accessible. Located just two hours from both Reno and Sacramento, residents enjoy the flexibility of choosing between two major airports. And while Downieville itself remains wonderfully free of big-box stores and chain businesses, it's only a 45-minute drive to Grass Valley or Truckee if you need larger shopping options. It's worth noting that while Downieville has two small grocery stores, they don't always carry everything on a full shopping list. For comprehensive grocery trips, a scenic hour-long drive is often necessary, which is just one of the quirks of living in such a beautifully remote location. Unlike some remote mountain towns, Downieville benefits from exceptional road maintenance. The roads are frequently plowed, and closures are rare thanks to the dedicated road crews who work

tirelessly to keep the town accessible, even during winter storms. And while grocery shopping may require a scenic drive, Cindy McCreary finds joy in the experience. "There's something beautiful about the journey in and out of town—it turns an errand into a breathtaking adventure."





WHY PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE

with Living in Downieville cont.

A Town That Cares. One of the most charming aspects of Downieville is its strong sense of community, where residents genuinely look out for one another. For families, the Downieville School is a hidden gem. With small class sizes, sometimes with just a handful of students per grade, children receive personalized attention in a safe and supportive environment. The school, located within walking distance of most of town, provides an idyllic setting for childhood education. For seniors, Downieville offers a thriving support system. The Golden Rays senior shuttle van provides transportation around town, making it easy for residents to get to appointments, go shopping, or simply visit friends. Seniors also enjoy low-cost community lunches, hosted weekly and sponsored by local favorites chefs like Sabrina of Sabrina's at the Forks and Therese of Cold Rush Café and Boomtown Lounge.



A Thriving Arts & Culture Scene

Despite its size, Downieville has a vibrant arts and entertainment scene. The Sierra County Arts Council regularly brings performances, live music, and events to town, including the internationally renowned Banff Mountain Film Festival at the historic Yuba Theatre. Local venues like Boomtown Backyard, Sabrina's at the Forks, and the Kentucky Mine Museum regularly host live music, adding to the town's lively social atmosphere. Downieville is also surrounded by historic and cultural treasures, from Sierra City and Forest, CA, to Graeagle, Nevada City, and Grass Valley. These neighboring towns offer additional dining, arts, and outdoor adventures while maintaining their own unique mountain-town charm.



A Place for You and Your Four-Legged Friends

Downieville is an incredibly dog-friendly town, where pets are welcomed just about everywhere. Whether it's lounging by the river, joining their owners at outdoor cafés, or greeting passersby on Main Street, dogs are a cherished part of the community.





WHY PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE

with Living in Downieville cont.

Why People Stay

Downieville has little to no housing available because once people settle in, they rarely want to leave. It's a place where nature and community blend seamlessly, where people know their neighbors, and where life slows down just enough to truly appreciate it. Whether you're looking for a fresh start, a peaceful retreat, or a place where your skills and passions can make a difference, Downieville offers a rare and special kind of home. So, if you're looking for a place where you can live, not just exist where your presence matters and adventure is right outside your door, maybe it's time to experience life in Downieville.





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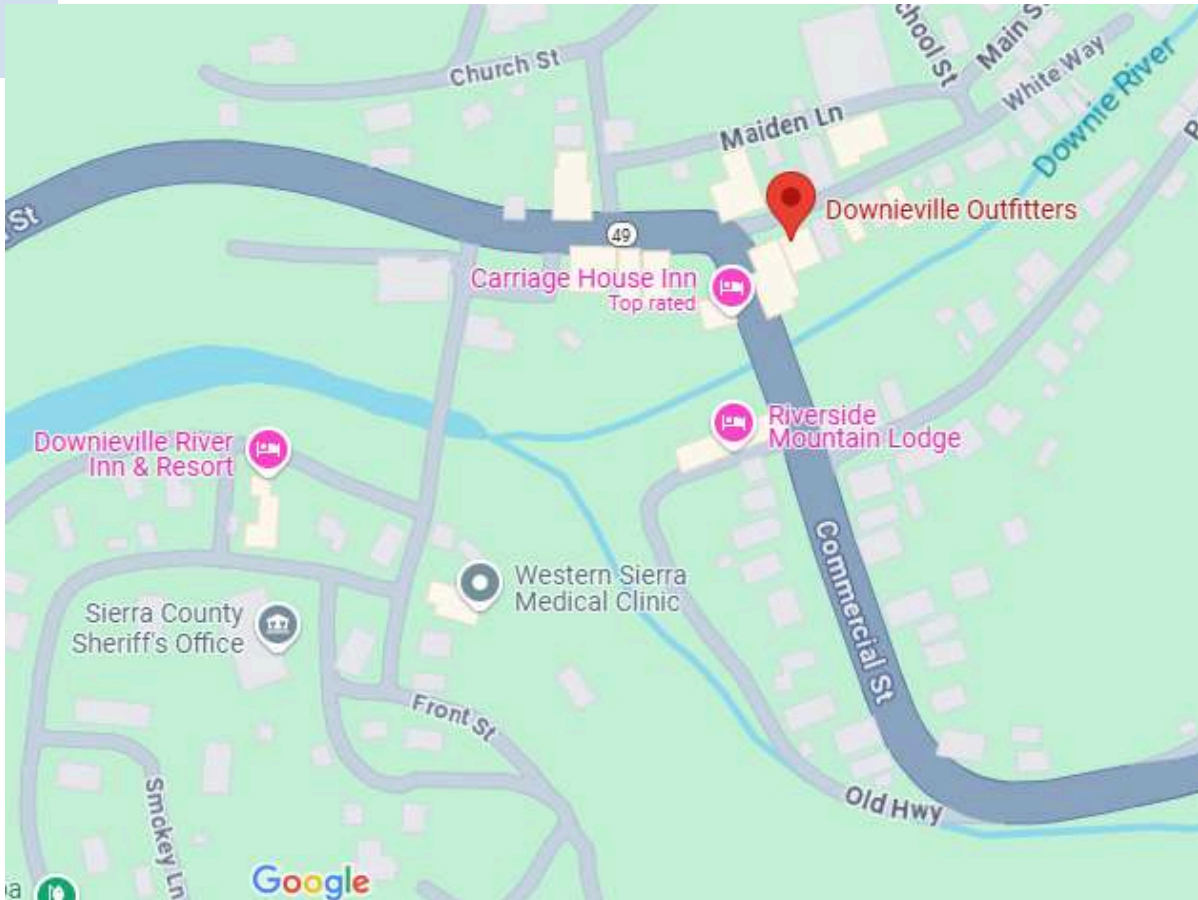
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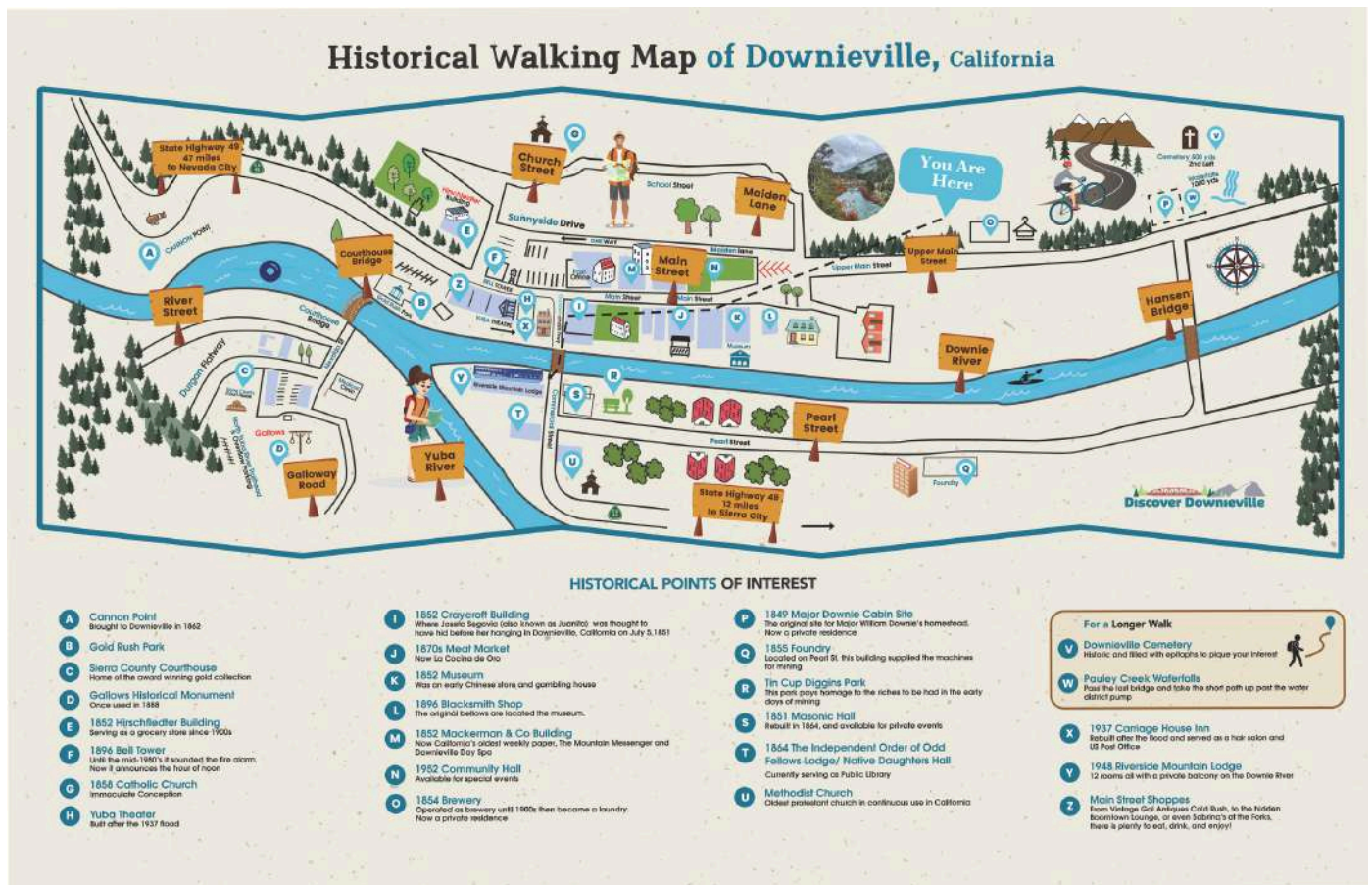
Sacramento, CA to Downieville, Travel Times:

- **Driving:** The fastest way to get to Downieville from Sacramento is by car, which takes about 1 hour and 59 minutes. The road distance is approximately 103 miles.
- **Bus and Drive:** You can take a bus from Sacramento to Colfax Depot, then drive to Downieville. This option takes about 3 hours and 5 minutes.
- **Train and Drive:** You can take a train from Sacramento to Colfax Amtrak Station, then drive to Downieville. This takes approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Reno, Nevada to Downieville, Travel Times:

- **Driving:** The fastest way to get to Downieville from Reno is by car, which takes approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes. The road distance is roughly 120 miles.
- **Bus and Drive:** You can take a bus from Reno to Truckee, CA, then drive to Downieville. This option takes about 3 hours and 45 minutes.
- **Train and Drive:** You can take a train from Reno to Truckee Amtrak Station, then drive to Downieville. This takes approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes.

Downieville Walking Map





DISCOVERING DOWNIEVILLE

A Gold Rush Gem with a Storied Past

Nestled in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, Downieville, California, is a town steeped in Gold Rush history, rugged adventure, and small-town charm. Once a bustling mining hub that rivaled San Francisco in size, Downieville's story is one of resilience, transformation, and an enduring connection to its wild surroundings.

The Gold Rush Boom

In the fall of 1849, prospectors flooded into the North Yuba River canyon, drawn by rumors of gold deposits. Philo Haven is believed to be the first to strike gold in the area, but soon after, countless others followed—including Major William Downie, for whom the town was eventually named. At its peak, Downieville was home to over 5,000 fortune seekers, making it one of the largest towns in California at the time.

Like many Gold Rush settlements, Downieville experienced booms and busts, but what set it apart was its ability to endure. Though the wild gold frenzy has long since faded, the town remains vibrant, filled with rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and a strong sense of community.



A Town of Trials and Triumphs

Downieville was built quickly, with miners setting up tents and rough cabins along the riverbanks. Frequent fires reshaped the town multiple times, destroying wooden structures and forcing residents to rebuild again and again.

Today, the historic downtown stands as a testament to that perseverance, with well-preserved 19th-century buildings, charming storefronts, and the iconic one-lane bridge connecting both sides of town.

Another fascinating chapter in Downieville's past is its place in California legal history. In 1851, the town became the site of the only known public execution of a woman in state history—a tragic and controversial moment that remains part of Downieville's lore.







DISCOVERING DOWNIEVILLE CONT.

A Gold Rush Gem with a Storied Past



Outdoor Adventure in Every Season

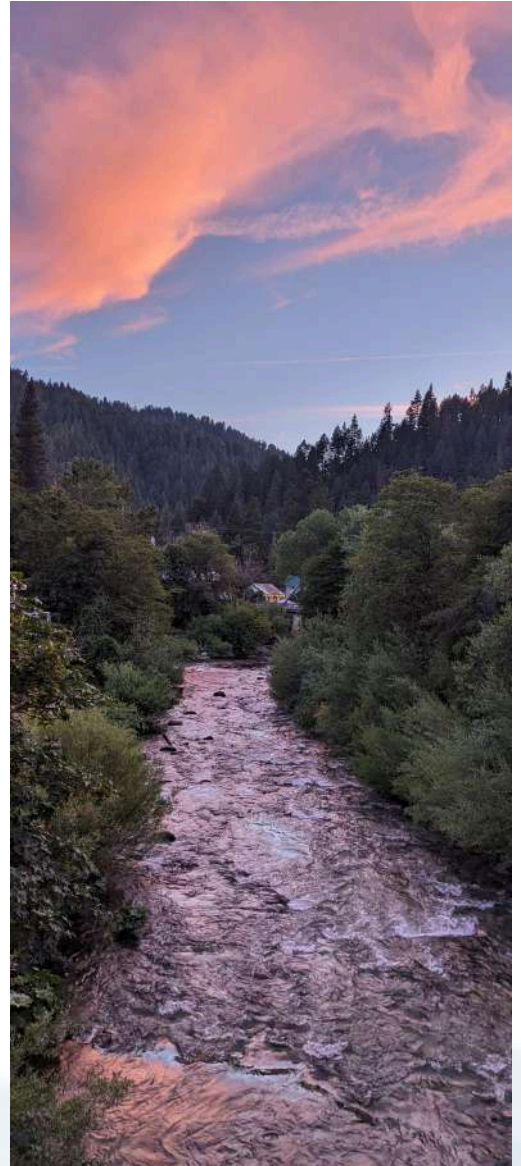
While Downieville's gold may be harder to find, its outdoor treasures remain abundant. The town sits at the confluence of the North Yuba and Downie Rivers, offering year-round opportunities for fishing, swimming, and gold panning. Today, Downieville is perhaps best known as a world-class mountain biking destination, home to the legendary Downieville Classic, an annual race that draws riders from all over the globe.

Hiking trails wind through the Tahoe National Forest, leading to hidden waterfalls, historic mining sites, and panoramic mountain views. In the winter, the region transforms into a quiet, snow-dusted paradise, perfect for snowshoeing, photography, and serene solitude.

A Community That Endures

Despite its remote location, Downieville thrives as a tight-knit community, welcoming visitors looking to reconnect with nature and history. The town hosts annual events like Gold Rush Days, the Downieville Classic, and local music festivals, all of which celebrate the town's unique past and present.

Whether you're exploring the historic downtown, dipping your toes in the crystal-clear river, or biking the rugged Downieville Downhill, one thing is certain—this little mountain town is a place where history and adventure collide, offering a glimpse into California's past while remaining an unforgettable destination in the present.





The Sierra Buttes
Trail Stewardship



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Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and enhancing trails in the Lost Sierra. Through volunteer efforts, donations, and community events, we create sustainable recreation opportunities that benefit both people and nature while supporting local economies.

WHAT WE DO

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Community Development – Creating local jobs and boosting outdoor tourism.

Volunteer Opportunities – Join us for trail days, stewardship events, and fundraisers.

Signature Events – Downieville Classic, Lost and Found Gravel Grinder, and Trails for All.

WHY IT MATTERS

Trails bring people together, provide outdoor recreation, and stimulate rural economies. Every donation and volunteer effort supports healthier communities, cleaner environments, and sustainable access to the great outdoors.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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Date/Time: April 4-6, 2025, 7:00 PM (Sunday Matinee at 2:00 PM)

Location: The Yuba Theatre, Downieville

The Banff Mountain Film Festival brings the best mountain films from around the world to Downieville. Experience thrilling adventures, breathtaking scenery, and inspiring stories.



Downieville Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date/Time: April 19, 2025, 12:00 PM – TBC

Location: Downieville School Yard

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2025 DOWNIEVILLE EVENTS

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Date/Time: May 3, 2025, 12:00 PM – TBC

Location: North Yuba River Hall, Downieville

Don your most whimsical hat and join us for a Mad Hatter Tea Party! Enjoy tea, treats, and fantastical fun.



Downieville 4th of July Parade, Street Races & Tug-of-War

Date/Time: July 4, 2025, 12:00 PM – TBC

Location: Main Street, Downieville

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Date/Time: August 7-10, 2025

Location: Downieville

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Downieville Mountain Brewfest

Date/Time: September 6, 2025, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – TBC

Location: Main Street, Downieville

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Downieville Halloween History Tour

Date/Time: October 25, 2025, 3:00 PM

Location: Tin Cup Diggins/Yuba Theatre

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Veterans Day Ceremony

Date/Time: November 11, 2025, 12:00 PM – TBC

Location: Bell Tower, Downieville

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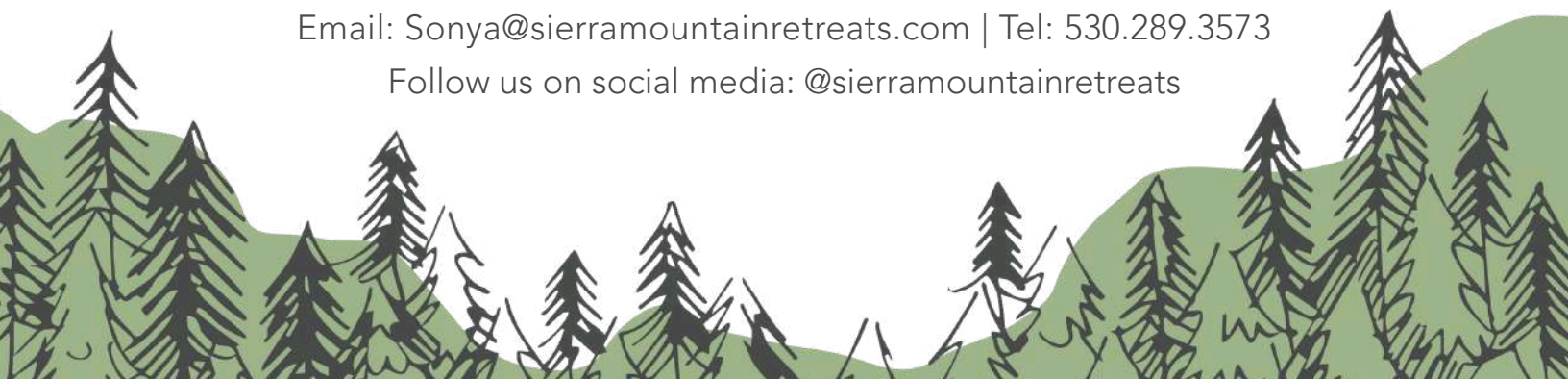
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The Heartbeat of Sierra County

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

By Sonya Z. Meline

Nestled in the rugged beauty of Sierra County, Downieville is not just a historic gold mining town—it's a thriving hub of outdoor adventure, thanks in large part to the visionary Connected Communities project by the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS). This innovative initiative is transforming our beloved region into a network of linked trails, inviting visitors to explore the stunning landscapes that make our home so special.



Look at these
Downieville businesses
supporting the trail!

A Legacy of Renewal

For generations, Downieville's heartbeat was powered by gold prospecting and timber. But as those industries waned, our community needed a new source of vitality. That's where Connected Communities comes in. Born right here in Downieville, this project has shown how trail development can breathe new life into rural towns, attracting adventurers and creating jobs while preserving our cherished natural spaces.

A Trail to Prosperity

Partnering with federal land managers and local communities, SBTS is creating a recreation-focused lifestyle that promotes economic opportunity. By expanding trail access and diversifying recreation, this initiative fosters a thriving outdoor industry—part of an \$887 billion sector—that benefits all of us in Sierra, Plumas, Butte, Lassen, and Nevada Counties, as well as our neighbors in Washoe County, Nevada.

Building a Sustainable Future

The Connected Communities project isn't just about trails; it's about creating a sustainable future. From planning and environmental review to trail creation and ongoing maintenance, this effort supports fire recovery, boosts local economies, and provides opportunities for youth employment and environmental education. It's a learning landscape where young people can gain skills and confidence as they help preserve our wilderness.



The Heartbeat of Sierra County

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Continued...

Your Stay Supports This Vision

By staying at the Riverside Mountain Lodge or Carriage House Inn, you are directly supporting the vision of Connected Communities. Each year, we proudly adopt a trail through this program, ensuring its upkeep and accessibility for generations to come. Currently, we sponsor the North Yuba Trail, where you'll find a plaque recognizing our commitment to this initiative. This is our way of giving back to the trails that make Downieville such a special place to visit and live.



Downieville: The Spark That Ignited a Movement

We're incredibly proud that Downieville is one of the first communities to be revitalized through this program. It's this passion for trails and community that drew us here and convinced us to make Downieville our home. Watching our town become a gateway for exploration has been a rewarding experience—one that we hope will inspire other small towns to join the journey.



An Invitation to Explore

As you enjoy your stay with us, we invite you to explore the trails that wind through our breathtaking landscapes. Every step you take is part of a broader story—a story of connection, revitalization, and shared stewardship. Whether you're biking, hiking, or simply soaking in the beauty, know that your adventure supports a community effort to keep our mountains and forests accessible and thriving for generations to come.

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HOW WE CONNECT

How We Connect Along the Lost Sierra Route

Discover the rugged beauty and rich history of Downieville and its surrounding areas, nestled deep within the Lost Sierra. Explore a network of trails that wind through stunning landscapes, connecting charming mountain towns and offering endless opportunities for outdoor adventure. Whether you're a seasoned hiker, a mountain biking enthusiast, or simply seeking a peaceful escape, Downieville and the Lost Sierra Route provide an unforgettable experience in the heart of California's wild backcountry.

