

Things to Do in the Sacramento Area

- **American River Parkway**

The American River Parkway is considered the “jewel of Sacramento.” The Parkway is 23-miles long and offers visitors a wealth of recreational activities such as fishing, boating, rafting, bird-watching, biking, and walking. Several smaller parks are adjacent to the Parkway including the Ancil Hoffman Park, home to Sacramento’s only nature center, the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail, accessible from the Parkway, was voted the nation’s Number 1 bike path for 2006 by www.Trails.com. To learn more about the American River Parkway, visit <http://www.sacparks.net/our-parks/american-river-parkway/> or call the County of Sacramento Department of Regional Parks at 916/875-6961.

- **Sacramento Zoo**

Check out the Sacramento Zoo, home to over 600 animals, including many endangered or threatened species. The Zoo also is home to award-winning exhibits, and many educational programs. For more information visit <http://www.saczoo.com/index.htm> or call 916/808-5888.

- **California State Railroad Museum**

Visit the California State Railroad Museum. Exhibits cover a wide range of topics, from social issues (such as women’s role in the railroad workplace) to displays of railroad artwork intended to promote California and the West as a tourism destination. Visitors can go for a ride on Steam Powered Excursion Trains (weekends), view sculpture created from railroad spikes and other tools, and take guided group or self-guided tours through the museum. The California State Railroad Museum is located at the corner of Second and “I” Streets in Old Sacramento. For more information call (916) 445-6645 or visit <http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org>

- **California State Indian Museum**

The California State Indian Museum offers visitors an opportunity to view exhibits and artifacts created and utilized by the many diverse tribal groups throughout California. Cultural artifacts include basketry, beadwork, clothing and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Indian tribes. For more information call 916/324-0971 or visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=486.

- **Discovery Museum**

The Discovery Museum in Sacramento has two centers to explore: The Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center and The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center. The Gold Rush History Center provides visitors an opportunity to experience the people, places, and events that have created California as it is today. The Science and Space Center is home to Sacramento’s public planetarium, an animal discovery room, nature trails, and a wildlife pond. Visit www.thediscovery.org to find out more, or call 916/264-7057.

- **Wine Country (Amador, Lodi, Napa)**

Sacramento is close to three wine-producing regions of California, the Napa Valley, Amador County, and Lodi, each known for producing many different varietals including excellent Zinfandel wines. For more information on visiting California Wine Country, check out <http://lodi.winecountry.com/>, <http://www.napavalley.com/wineries/>, or <http://www.amadorwine.com/>.

- **River Cats Baseball**

See Sacramento's own River Cats play the Las Vegas 51s at Raley Field and watch Triple A baseball at its finest! Ticket prices range from \$6 - \$19 each. Call Ticketmaster for tickets at 916-649-TIXS (8497) or visit their website at <http://www.rivercats.com/home/>.

- **Lake Tahoe and the Sierras**

Only two hours away, Lake Tahoe is one of California's most beautiful natural lakes. Numerous activities await visitors to the region, such as biking, hiking, casinos and nightlife, as well as fishing and boating. For more information, go to <http://www.visitinglaketahoe.com/?source=Adwords&gclid=CJSEtvC39YsCFRzaYAodADkwYq>