

Trail Information

There are several trails at Bridgeport (see map on reverse). The map on the back also shows points of interest within the Bridgeport area. These include the 1862 Historic Covered Bridge, the Visitor Center, Rest Rooms, the Historic Barn, Englebright Lake, parking lots and the Kneebone Family Cemetery. Specific information regarding these points of interest can be obtained at the Visitor Center from Rangers or Docents.

Point Defiance Loop Trail (# 1)

Start: From the main parking lot, cross covered bridge and turn left onto the trail.

Route: Walk along and above river over, up and down the trail to Point Defiance (tables and restroom). Continue clockwise up the fire road and then down switchbacks to the North Parking Lot.

See: Views of the South Yuba River including sand bars as the river flattens out before joining the main Yuba and the lake behind Englebright Dam. See wildflowers along the trail in season.

Cemetery Loop Trail (# 2)

Start: Walk down the turnpike from the Visitor Center or park at the Cemetery.

See: There is a descriptive sign at the Cemetery.

Kneebone Beach Trail (# 3)

Start: Walk from the main parking lot to the new bridge and follow the road that begins on the bridge's west end.

Walk: Follow the road from the new bridge upstream along the river to the swimming beach.

Buttermilk Bend Wildflower Trail (# 4)

When: The main wildflower season is March-May

Start: At the north parking lot beyond the new bridge

Route: Pick up a wildflower brochure from the kiosk at the lower trail entrance. Take either the upper or lower trails from the parking lot-they join after the lower trail ascends a staircase.

See: In season, wildflowers are marked. The trail contours along the north bank of the river with views of

the river and its swimming beaches. At the French Corral Bridge, California newts may be found in the pool. Continue upstream to view more wildflowers.

Buttermilk Bend Trees & Shrubs Self-Guided Trail (# 4)

Start: At the north parking lot beyond the new bridge

Route: Follow the Wildflower Trail, described above.

See: Twenty four species of trees and shrubs are identified along the trail.

Historic Ranch Self-Guided Trail

Start: Take a trail brochure from the holder at the Visitor Center entrance.

Walk: Follow the brochure and numbered sign posts.

See: The trail leads from the Visitor Center to the Cemetery, Gas Station, Barn and Bridge.

Visitor Center Trail (# 5)

Start: At the Visitor Center, walk through the Native Plant Garden (adjacent to the restrooms).

Walk: Continue counter-clockwise parallel to the river to the Cemetery. Retrace your steps back to the Visitor Center or return via the Cemetery Loop Trail.

Park Rules & Regulations

- ♦ No alcoholic beverages or glass containers
- ♦ Dogs must be on leash at all times
- ♦ Do not pick wildflowers
- ♦ No diving; no lifeguards on duty
- ♦ No firearms, fires or camping
- ♦ Respect private property - stay on trails.
- ♦ All natural and cultural features are protected and may not be removed or altered
- ♦ Hands & pans only for gold mining

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Trails of the South Yuba River State Park *at Bridgeport*



Buttermilk Bend Trail



