

DEER CREEK TRIBUTE TRAIL
WED, OCTOBER 29, 2025
IN HONOR OF SUE GEISLER

GENERAL LOCATION: Nevada City

DIFFICULTY: Moderate—well-maintained trail with some ups and downs

HIKE DISTANCE: 5.5 - 6 miles (out-and-back, with optional ½ mile loop)

ELEVATION: Start about 2,500 feet/Gain about 400 ft.

PACE: Moderate/Relaxed

TRAIL CONDITIONS: Mostly dirt single-track, some gravel road. Short stretch steep and rocky. Poison oak but easily avoidable.

DESCRIPTION: This was a favorite hike of Sue Geisler, founding member, longtime leader, president, and mentor to many of us. We'll bring special memories of Sue to share.

Deer Creek Environs Trail starts just west of Nevada City, crossing an impressive suspension bridge high above the creek to a wooded loop with interpretive panels recognizing the early Nisenan and later mining activity. Returning across the bridge, the Deer Creek Tribute Trail follows the historic Newtown Canal with a side trail down to Stocking Flat where we will have lunch. The elegant Chinese Bridge again crosses the creek, accessing an optional 0.6 mile wooded loop with views across the canyon and creek.

FACILITIES: None at trailhead. We'll stop at Nevada City Hall for restrooms.

DRIVE TIME/DISTANCE: One-hour drive time, about 40 miles one way. Return time to Lincoln approximately 3:30 PM.

DRIVER DONATION: \$8.

HIKE LEADER/SWEEP: Gay Mackintosh mackintoshbg@msn.com/Barb Proffitt

MEETUP/LEAVE TIME: Meet 8:00 AM; Leave 8:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR HIKE:

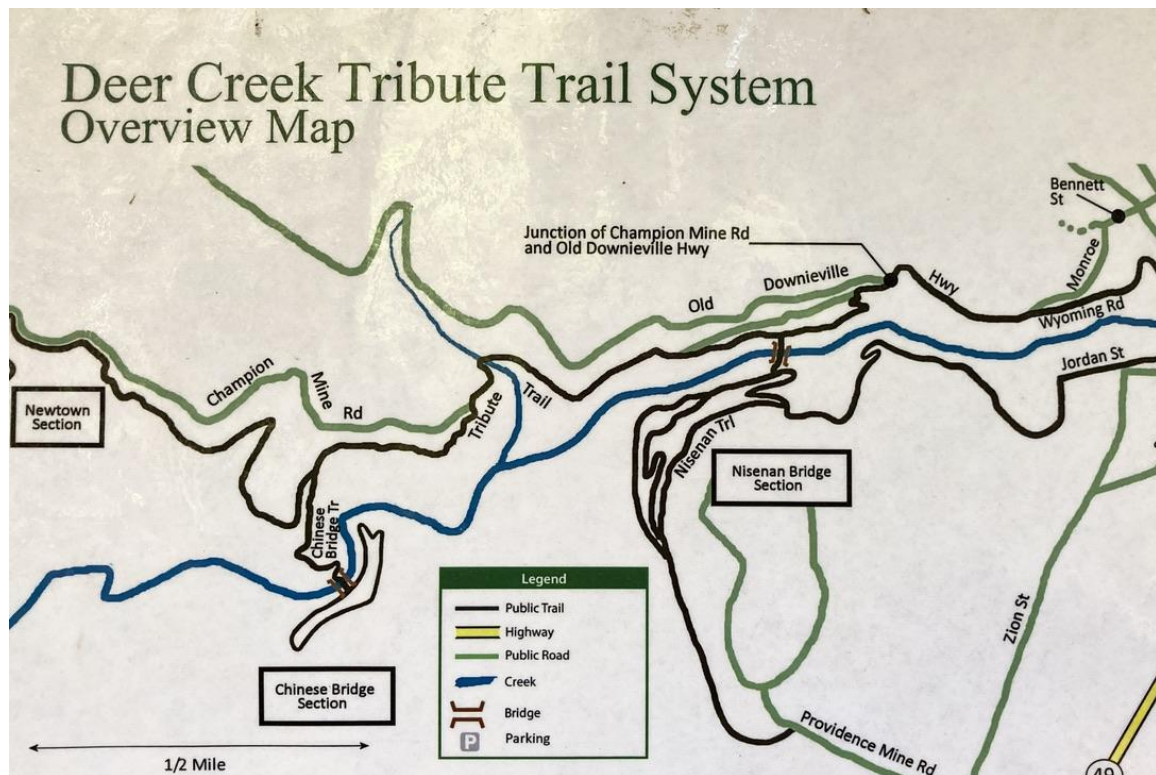
- Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers.
- **If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking.**

What to Bring:

- **PLENTY OF WATER!** Recommend 50 oz. / 1.5 liters minimum for 5-mile hike.
- Lunch, hiking boots/shoes, hat, sun protection, insect repellent, small first aid kit. Wind/rain jacket always advisable. Trekking poles suggested.
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, and emergency contact / phone number.
- Extra pair of shoes to change into after hike and a plastic bag for muddy/dusty hiking boots to keep your driver's car clean

QUESTIONS: Call Gay Mackintosh at 916-209-3628

RAIN CANCELS HIKE



DEER CREEK TRAIL DIRECTIONS

Take I-80 east to Auburn and exit at 119B Grass Valley/Placerville -- Hwy. 49. Turn left at the exit stoplight onto Hwy. 49 and drive north about 27 miles to Exit 185B, Sacramento St. in Nevada City.

Take Sacramento St. straight through stop sign, going downhill to the intersection of Broad St. and Boulder St. Turn left onto Broad St., cross over Hwy. 49 and continue through the main shopping street of Nevada City.

RESTROOMS: Very nice restrooms in City Hall--large, white Art Deco building with flag on your left. Park on street (meters) if possible OR turn left at Bonanza Market on Bridge St. and park as far down hill as possible, leaving driver in car. Ticketing is aggressive. No restrooms on trail.

At base of Bonanza lot, turn right on Spring St. about 2½ blocks to left at stop sign (Bennett St.). Bear left onto Monroe St. and downhill about 150 yards onto Old Downieville Hwy. Head west about 1/2 mile to Y intersection with dirt Champion Rd. on left. Park tight along Champion OR go back up Downieville about 300 yards to park.

43 miles, \$8 Donation to Driver