



SIERRA BACKROADS-----AUGUST 11-12, 2015

We'll be truly exploring new country, for many of you, as we travel over paved U.S. Forestry roads into the heart of our Sierras---fun roads made for sport car driving. We'll leave early Tuesday heading up Highway 65, past Marysville, with a coffee stop near Browns Valley. Then we'll travel Eastward through old gold country towns by the name of Challenge, Clipper Mills, Strawberry Valley, Eaglesville, and onto LaPorte, where we'll have a brief "pit-stop". Then, we'll wind our scenic way past Gibsonville, and onto Highway 70, just east of Quincy, the county seat of Plumas county, where we'll stop for lunch and take a little time to explore the old town on our own.

After lunch, we'll point our cars Eastward on Highway 70, arriving 35 miles later at the small former milltown of Graeagle (located on Highway 89, about 2 miles from the juncture of Highway 70) and now a destination point for summer travelers and golfers. Our overnight stop is at the River Pines Resort, located at the North edge of town. We've arranged for an early check in from 2:00 PM on. River Pines offers a pool and an outdoor bar. For those that wish to walk and shop, there are some interesting stores nearby, along with winetasting at the Indian Ridge tasting room by the park. Dinner will be at Longboards restaurant located at Plumas Pines Golf Resort a short drive away. They have a wonderful view inspired balcony to enjoy an early cocktail. We will provide menu sign-ups later.

Our Wednesday morning will start with a short nearby car trek to the Gold Mountain Golf Resort, where we will have an outstanding breakfast in the Wigwam room of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Nakoma Lodge. The plans were designed in 1928, but never built. They were purchased from the Frank Lloyd Wright Institute by the original developer of Gold Mountain, who reportedly spent some \$8 ½ million on the structure. After breakfast, we'll travel as a group, leaving Highway 89 a short distance south of Graeagle, and turning onto the Gold Lake Forestry road, leaving the Feather River drainage and dropping into the Yuba River drainage. The Gold Lake Highway is a beautiful 25 mile stretch of road that is paved. Don't miss the vistas of our tall and rugged Sierra Buttes as we crest the divide.

As we turn West on Highway 49, another 30 minutes will put us in the heart of the old mining town of Downieville by crossing the last one lane bridge on a major California road. It is an interesting town to walk, with a wealth of history. Many plaques on the old buildings are worth reading. We'll grab an ice cream cone and formally end our trip at this point with everyone returning home on their own. As most of us already know, Highway 49 is a great sports car drive with its many turns and vistas, and with added sightseeing stops at Nevada City and Grass Valley, should you choose, on your way home.

CAR LIMIT: Due to limited facilities, we can handle a maximum of 24 cars.

REGISTRATION: We need you to do two things to reserve your spot for the trip: **E-mail one of our co-leaders to reserve your place;**

Carl & Barbie Grondona--- **See LGSCG Roster**

Bob & Sharon Turner--- **See LGSCG Roster**

ROOM RESERVATIONS ---call after you register with Bob or Carl

River Pines Resort will be holding two types of units for us: deluxe units @ \$100 + Tax, and regular units @ \$85 + Tax. Let them know you are a member of LHSB.

Their address is: 8296 State Highway 89, Blairsden, CA, 96103

PHONE NUMBER: 530-836-2552 Our contact person there is Carol

We look forward to seeing many of you on this trip-----

Bob and Sharon, Barbie and Carl



SIERRA BACKROADS TRIP MENUS

AUGUST 11 – 12, 2015

We have finalized the restaurants, menus and prices. Here are the details. We will make our choice of entrée at the restaurants. Prices include tax and tip.

August 11 –

LUNCH - SWEET LORRAINE'S \$13.50 per person

Lunch will include choice of soft drink, ice tea or coffee.

Asian Chicken and Pear Salad
Half-Pound Burger with Fries
Blackened Chicken Sandwich with Fries
Angel Hair Pomodoro Pasta

August 11 –

DINNER - LONGBOARD'S RESTAURANT \$54.00 per person

Dinner will include a house salad and fresh seasonal fruit shortcake for dessert.

There will be a no host bar and for those who bring their own wine the corkage fee will be \$10.00.

Fresh Seasonal Fish
Certified Angus Beef
Free Range Chicken
Baby Back Ribs (house special)

August 12 –

BREAKFAST BUFFET - NAKOMA LODGE \$28.00 per person

There will be many choices and includes juice, coffee and/or tea.

Breakfast Burrito, Nakoma Benedict, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes with Fresh Fruit, Bagel & Lox, Fresh Fruit Parfait

The total cost will be \$95.50 per person or \$191.00 per couple.

Payment due by August 1, 2015.

You will make your food selections when you arrive at the restaurants.

Please make your check payable to:

Gary Musser
See LHSCG Roster for Contact Info

SIERRA BACKROADERS OUTLINE

(See Maps Below)

We'll meet at 7:30 AM on Tuesday morning, August 11th at the usual Orchard Creek parking lot site. Let's form up in three lines of eight cars each, with each group of eight led by Bob, Gary, or Carl. Let's stay in the same group throughout our trip. We'll have "walkie talkies" for the last car in each group, acting as "sweeper", to advise their group leader of any problems. Essentially, each group of eight cars will be independent from the others, which should help make it a more carefree, enjoyable trip. We'll use the time before departure to provide you with maps, Google direction sheets, points of interest, etc. Also, see below for Maps.

We plan to depart by 7:45 AM, traveling for about an hour before reaching our 1st pit stop at the Chevron station as we turn onto the Marysville-La Porte road from Highway 20. Plan for a 30' stop----time for a snack and coffee. For those of you with GPS, you may want to include our five destination stops, as follows:

Lunch Tuesday: Sweet Lorraine's, 384 W. Main St., Quincy, CA, 95971

Motel Tuesday: River Pines Resort, 8296 Highway 89, Blairsden, CA 96103

Dinner Tuesday: Longboards Restaurant at Plumas Pines Golf Resort, 402 Poplar Valley Rd, Graeagle, CA 96103

Breakfast Wednesday: The Wigwam room at Nakoma Golf Resort at Gold Mountain, 348 Bear Run, Clio, CA

Ice cream stop Wednesday: Smoothieville, 200 Main St., Downieville, CA 95936.

We'll then head East, arriving at the old mining town of La Porte after about an hour of travel, having left behind you some very old and remote mining towns that are surprisingly occupied by current day residents. You'll probably notice the Young Life camp just before passing through Challenge. As we leave La Porte, you

will see a State Forestry rest stop building on the right, with ample paved parking. We'll take a 15-20' break. From this point on, until we reach Highway 70, we will be traveling on a paved forestry road. There should be very little traffic, but do watch out for lumber trucks on all curves. Our cell phones will be inoperative in this area. When we reach Highway 70, we'll turn left and go into the old town of Quincy and Sweet Lorraine's restaurant, arriving about one hour after leaving La Porte. Most of us will be seated under the umbrellas on the outside patio. Check with your group leader for departure time to Graeagle.

After lunch, you may wish to walk some of the old town, or visit the Plumas County Museum (info included in your packet), located nearby. We will be only 26 miles from Graeagle, which is located about 2 miles in on Highway 89, as we make the turn from Highway 70. River Pines Resort will be on the left side of the highway, just prior to entering Graeagle. We've arranged for check in as early as 2:00 PM, if you wish. We found the rooms to be neat and clean---the beds comfortable, but bring some extra lighting for reading and a flashlight, as well as a hairdryer. They have a nice pool and outside bar. There are a handful of interesting shops in Graeagle. Indian Peak Winery has wine tasting available on the east side of the little park.

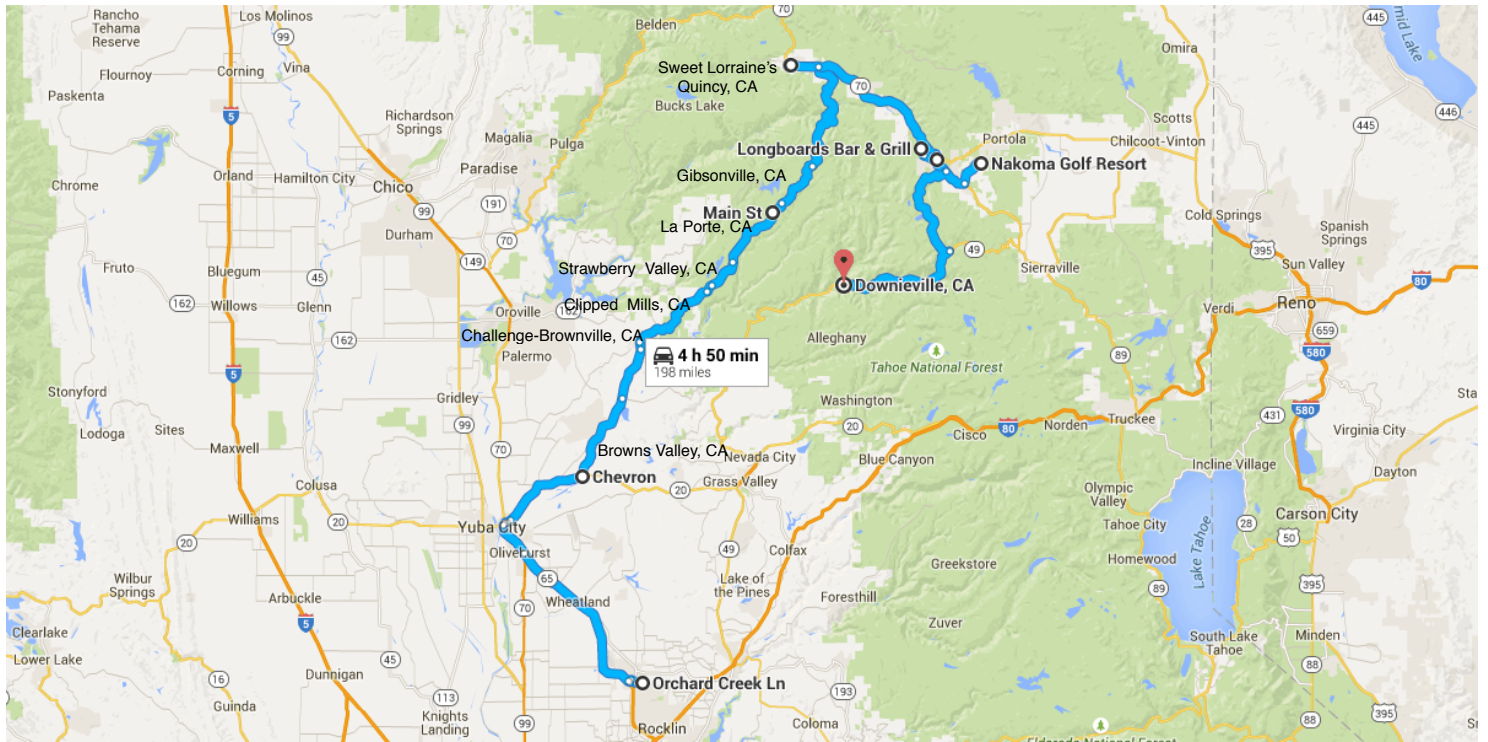
Let's plan on forming up for our short trek to Longboards Restaurant at 4:45 PM, using the paved parking lot on the north side of the Coyote Grill restaurant (adjacent to and part of our complex). We're set up for no-host cocktails on the deck at 5:00, with dinner inside the semi-private area at the rear at 6:00. Let's return to our motel at our individual leisure, after an enjoyable dinner (their wine menu is excellent, by the way).

There's a bit of a challenge in finding Nakoma Lodge, so let's form up on Wednesday morning again on the Coyote Grill parking lot at 8:30 AM. Be sure you are all packed and checked out, as we will not be returning this way. As we climb out of the Mohawk Valley. If you look to your left, you will see the tallest railroad bridge in the Sierras. Delightful buffet breakfast awaits us at 9:00 AM in the Wigwam room of the Lodge. You might want to take your plate to the outside

deck area, with the view spanning the Feather River Canyon and to the mountains bordering Lake Davis.

Let's form up in the parking lot around 10:30. We'll head back to Highway 70 for a few miles, before turning left on the Gold Lake Highway, which is another paved Forestry road that will take us from the Feather River valley to the Yuba River drainage, then follow Highway 49. About an hour after leaving Nakoma, we'll cross a single lane bridge into the old gold rush town of Downieville. Downieville is the county seat of Sierra County - the second smallest county in the State. Turn left and go one block. You'll see the Ice cream store on the corner, and if you turn left again, you will see the park, restrooms, and parking adjacent to the River. About two blocks back on Main Street is located the interesting Downieville Museum. Many of the buildings have historical plaques that are worth reading. At this stop, after a nice ice cream cone, you'll be on your own to follow the scenic Highway 49 home at your own leisurely pace. Don't forget the fun stops at Nevada City or Grass Valley for a late Lunch.

Carl and Barbie, Bob and Sharon, Gary and Sharon,



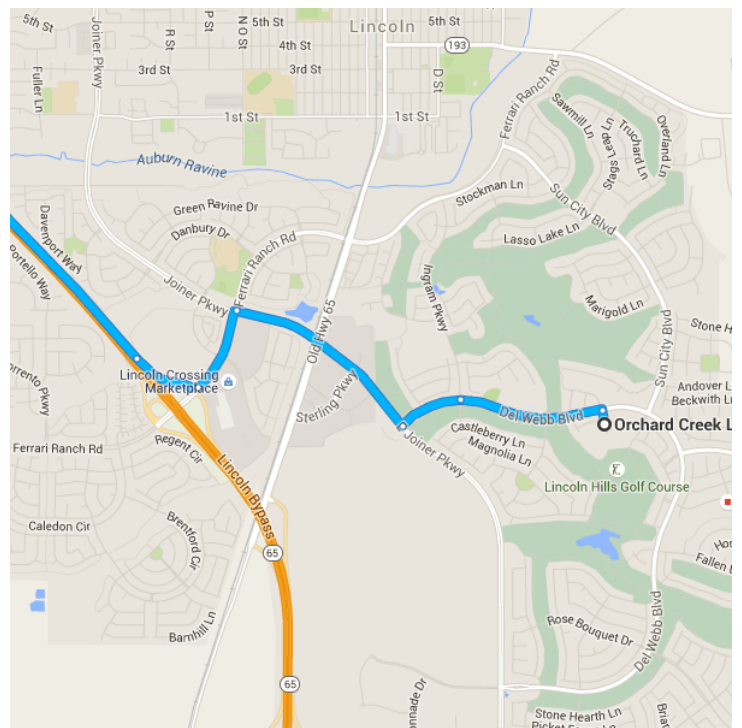
○ Orchard Creek Ln
Lincoln, CA 95648

August 11th

Get on CA-65 N from Del Webb Blvd and E Joiner Pkwy










2.3 mi / 6 min

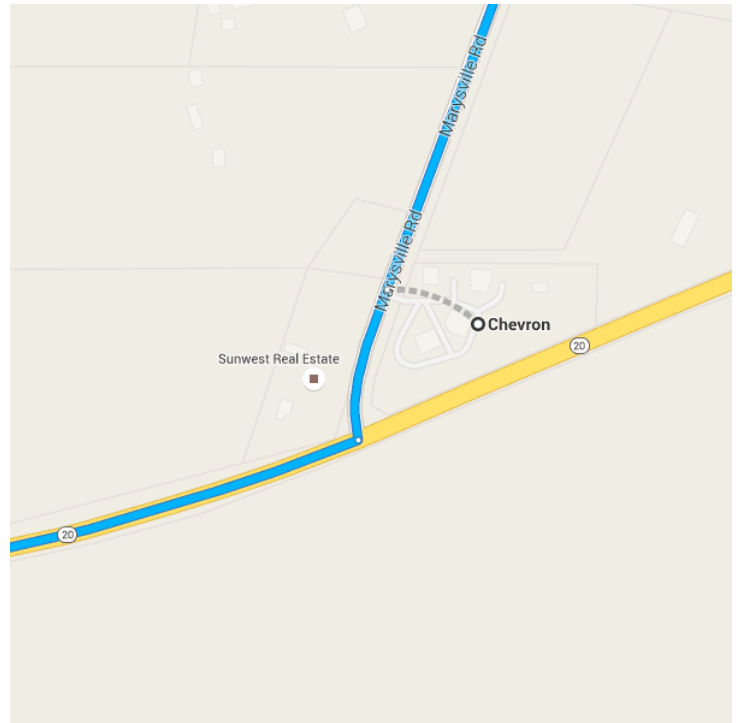
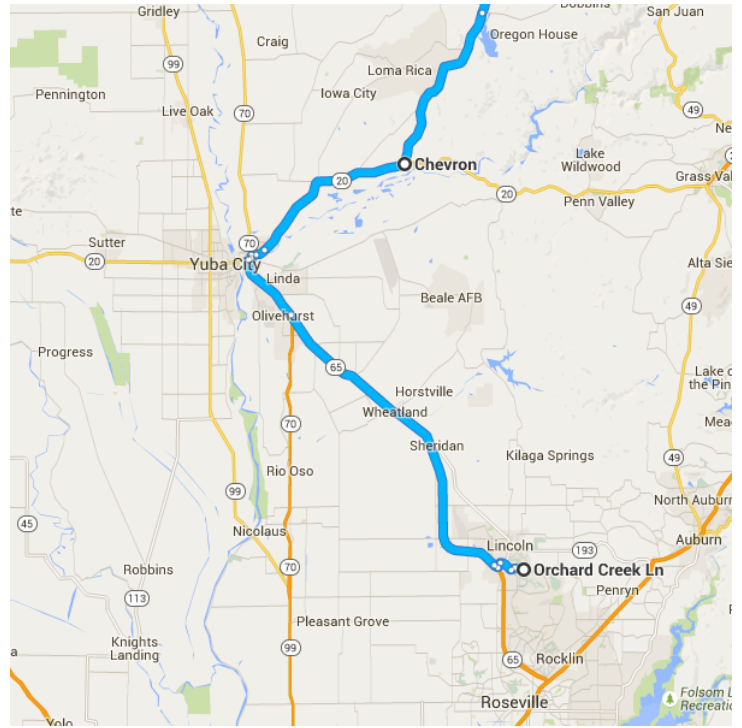
- ↑ 1. Head north on Orchard Creek Ln toward Del Webb Blvd
269 ft
- ↶ 2. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Del Webb Blvd
0.6 mi
- ↑ 3. Continue straight to stay on Del Webb Blvd
0.3 mi
- ↷ 4. Turn right onto E Joiner Pkwy
0.8 mi
- ↶ 5. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Ferrari Ranch Rd
0.3 mi
- ↗ 6. Turn right to merge onto CA-65 N
0.3 mi



Continue on CA-65 N. Take CA-20 E to Marysville Rd in Yuba County

38.3 mi / 42 min

-  7. Merge onto CA-65 N
21.6 mi
 -  8. Continue onto CA-70 N
4.4 mi
 -  9. Turn right onto State Hwy 70 E/9th St (signs for Oroville)
0.2 mi
 -  10. Use any lane to turn left onto B St
0.3 mi
 -  11. Turn right onto CA-20 E/12th St (at light)
0.3 mi
 -  12. Continue straight onto E 12th St
0.6 mi
 -  13. Continue onto CA-20 E/Levee Rd
 Continue to follow CA-20 E
10.9 mi
- Turn left onto Marysville Rd
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394 ft / 20 s
40.7 mi / 48 min



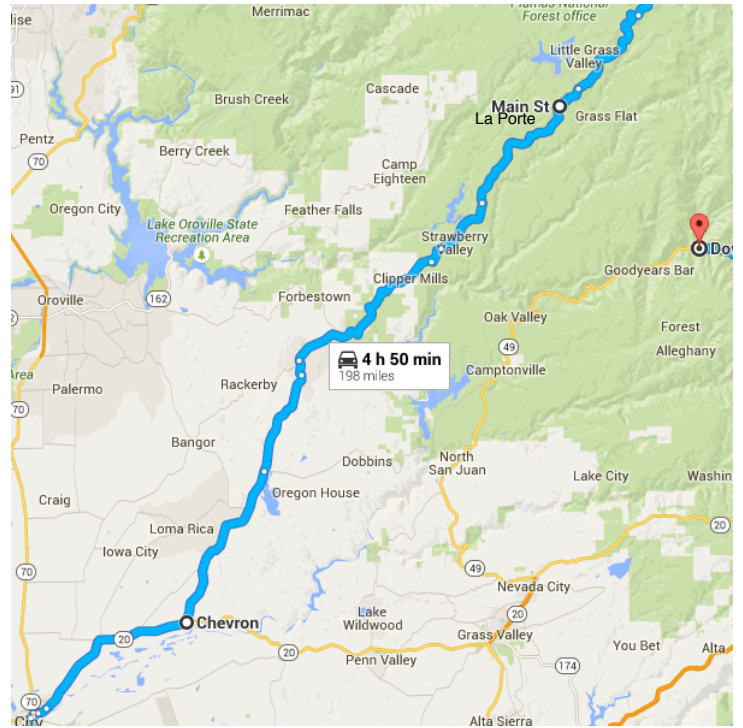
 **Chevron**
5362 Marysville Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918



Take Marysville Rd, Willow Glen Rd, La Porte Rd and Quincy La Porte Rd to Main St in La

Porte

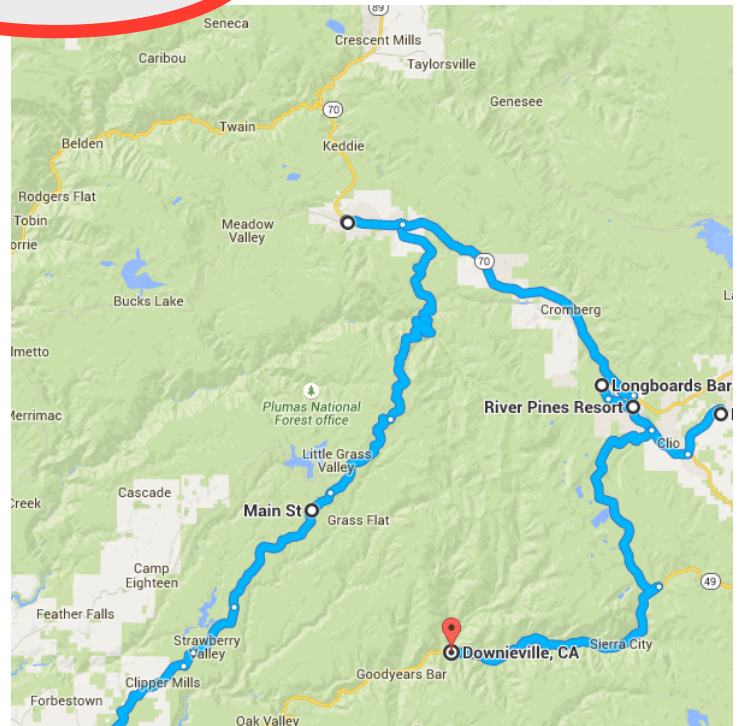
- ↑ 15. Head north on **Marysville Rd** toward **Stern Ln**
----- 11.3 mi
 - ↑ 16. Continue onto **Willow Glen Rd**
----- 6.7 mi
 - ↑ 17. Continue onto **Willow Glenn Rd**
----- 1.0 mi
 - ↗ 18. Slight right onto **La Porte Rd**
----- 12.2 mi
 - ↑ 19. Continue onto **Barton Hill Rd**
----- 1.2 mi
 - ↑ 20. Continue onto **La Porte Rd**
----- 4.3 mi
 - ↑ 21. Continue onto **Quincy La Porte Rd**
----- 9.0 mi
 - ↑ 22. Continue onto **Main St**
----- 0.2 mi
- 45.9 mi / 1 h 8 min



○ Main St La Porte, CA 95981



- ↑ 23. Head southeast on **Main St** toward **Rabbit Creek Rd**
----- 2.0 mi
- ↘ 24. Turn right onto **Quincy La Porte Rd**
----- 7.3 mi
(Name Change - Continue Straight)
- ↑ 25. Continue onto **La Porte Rd**
----- 20.2 mi
- ↙ 26. Turn left onto **CA-70 W/CA-89 N/E Main St**
i Continue to follow **CA-70 W/CA-89 N**
----- 3.5 mi
- ↙ 27. Turn left onto **Bradley St**
----- 312 ft



28. Turn left onto Main St



i Destination will be on the right

344 ft

33.1 mi / 1 h 4 min

○ Sweet Lorraine's

384 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971

Lunch

29. Head east on CA-70 E/CA-89 S/Main St toward Railway Ave



i Continue to follow CA-70 E/CA-89 S

23.0 mi

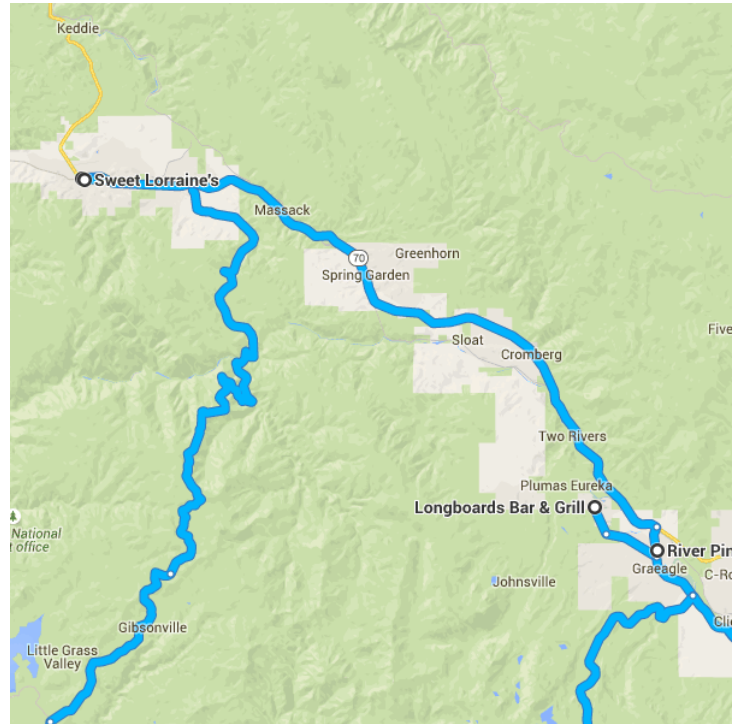
30. Turn right onto CA-89 S



i Destination will be on the left

0.7 mi

23.7 mi / 28 min



○ River Pines Resort

8296 California 89, Graeagle, CA 96103

Lodging

31. Head south on CA-89 S toward Johnsville Rd



0.2 mi

32. Turn right onto Johnsville Rd (Continue up Hill)



1.7 mi

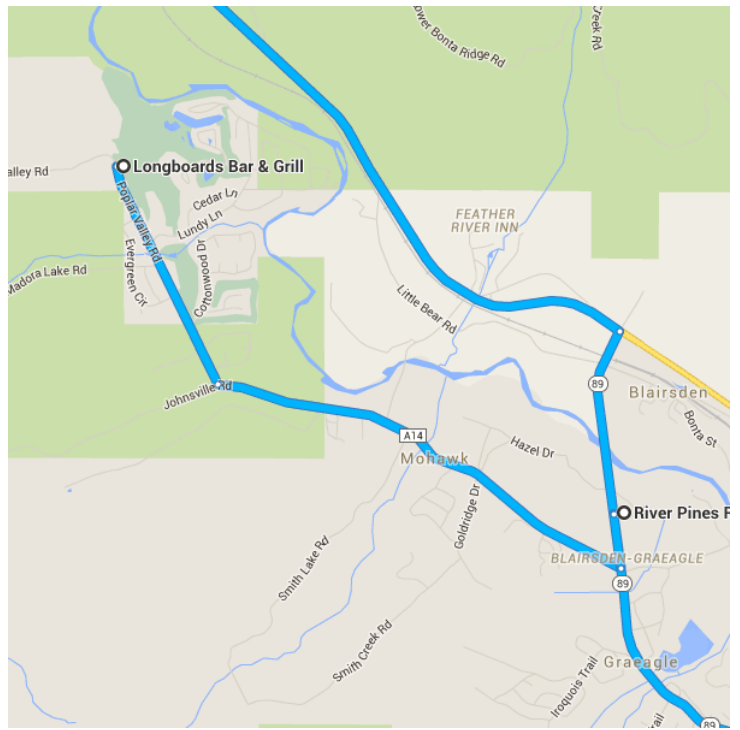
33. Turn right onto Poplar Valley Rd



i Destination will be on the right

0.9 mi

2.8 mi / 6 min

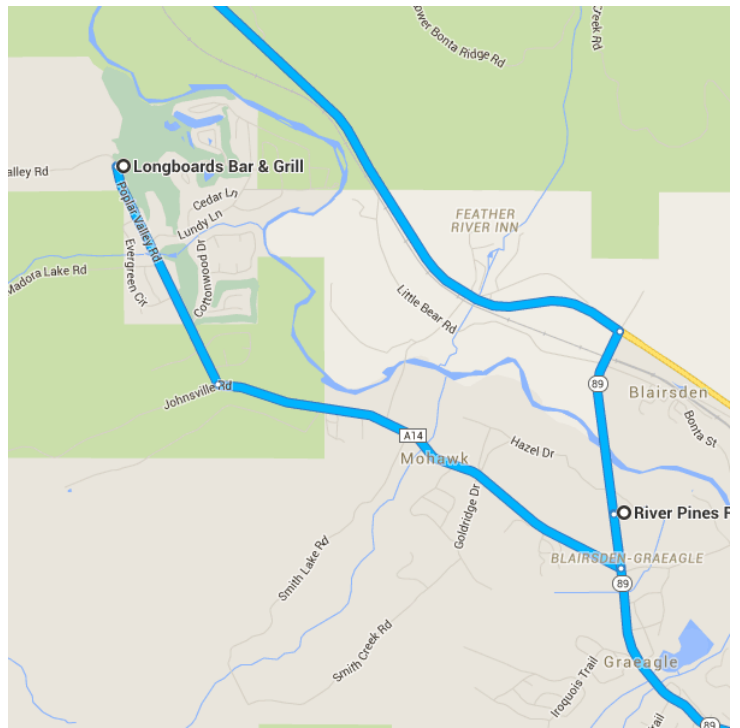


○ Longboards Bar & Grill

402 Poplar Valley Road, Blairdsden, CA 96103

Dinner

- ↑ 34. Head south on Poplar Valley Rd toward Evergreen Cir
0.9 mi
- ↩ 35. Turn left onto Johnsville Rd
1.7 mi
- ↩ 36. Turn left onto CA-89 N
0.2 mi
 ⓘ Destination will be on the right
2.8 mi / 6 min



○ River Pines Resort

8296 California 89, Graeagle, CA 96103

August 12th

- ↑ 37. Head south on CA-89 S toward Johnsville Rd
4.9 mi

38. Turn left onto Portola McLears Rd



3.8 mi

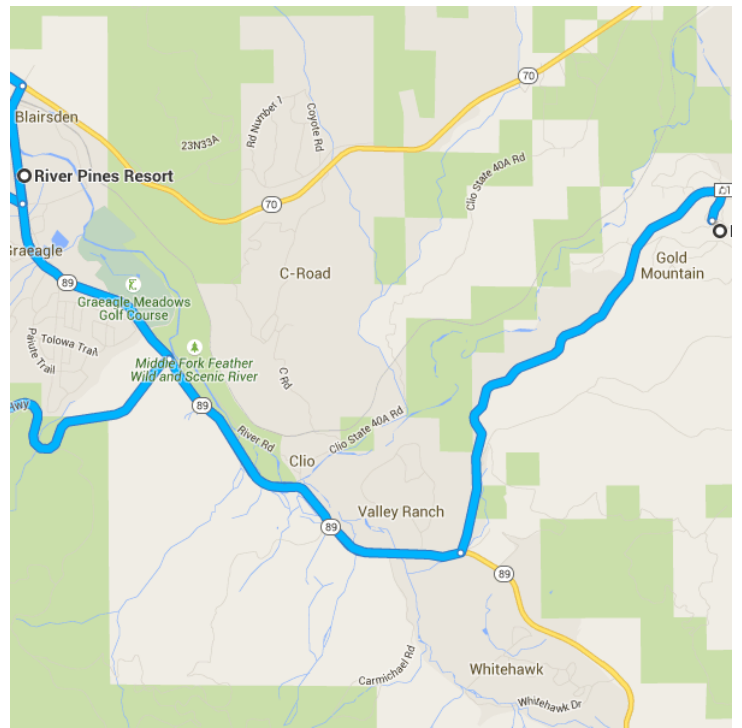
39. Turn right onto Bear Run



Destination will be on the left

0.2 mi

8.9 mi / 14 min



The Wigwam Room

Nakoma Golf Resort

348 Bear Run, Clio, CA 96106

Breakfast

40. Head north on Bear Run toward Red Sky



0.2 mi

41. Turn left onto Portola McLears Rd



3.8 mi

42. Turn right onto CA-89 N



2.9 mi

43. Turn left onto Gold Lake Hwy



15.5 mi

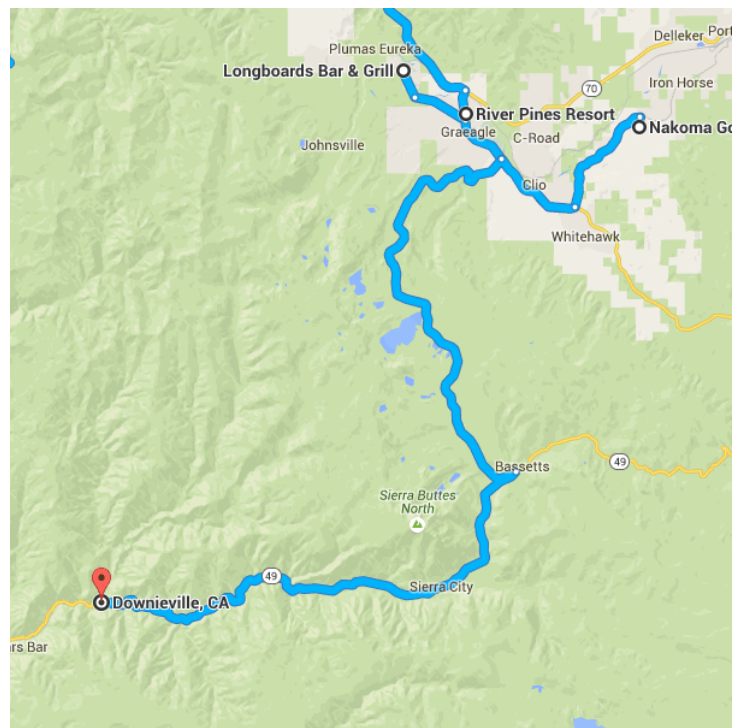
44. Turn right onto CA-49 N



(Going South on CA-49)

17.5 mi

39.9 mi / 56 min



Smoothieville, 200 Main Street

Downieville, CA

Ice Cream

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

Have a Safe Trip Home