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Long before Humboldt was a county, it was a bay inhabited by Yurok, Karuk, Wiyot, Chilula, Whilkut and Hupa tribes, among others. In May of 1853, the area we live and work in today was declared a county almost 50 years after sea otter hunters claimed it and named it after their hero.

In 1850, hunters Douglas Ottinger and Hans Buhne entered the bay and decided that a man they respected, naturalist and explorer Baron Alexander von Humboldt, deserved a bay in his name. Thus, Humboldt Bay and County were born.

GETTING HERE

Taking U.S. Highway 101 North will guide you right into Humboldt County. Once you're north of San Francisco and Mendocino County on U.S. Highway 101 north, you'll enter Humboldt County.

Continuing up U.S. Highway 101 north you'll enter Del Norte county and Crescent City. This is one of the last main stops before you drive into Oregon.

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Redwood Coast Climate

Month	Avg. Temp (°F)	Avg. Rainfall
Jan.	56	3.8"
Feb.	55	3.6"
March	56	2.4"
April	56	2.5"
May	61	0.7"
June	63	0.7"
July	63	0.2"
Aug.	65	0.2"
Sept.	63	0.3"
Oct.	62	1.0"
Nov.	59	7.7"
Dec.	56	11.5"
Annual	60	34.6"

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Orick

STATISTICS

Population: 357

CITY GOVERNMENT

Orick is an unincorporated area of Humboldt County. It does not have a mayor or city council and as such, is governed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The Orick Community Services District manages the town's water system and community hall.

CITY CONTACTS

Orick Community Services District

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Chamber of Commerce

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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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"A Yurok Indian village Ore'q was near the site of the present town."

"The Indians of Redwood Creek, called by the whites 'Bald Hills Indians'...are termed Oruk by the coast Indians, and Tcho-lo-lah by the Weits-peks."

"Early in the 1870s, Swan & Griffin settled in the area of the town, where the ranch served as a halfway point between Trinidad and Requa."

Ancient Indian foot trails crisscross U.S. Highway 101 as visitors enter from the northwest gate of Humboldt County on the highway, also known as the Redwood Highway, on their way to Orick. Twenty-five minutes before arriving visitors drive through towering redwoods amidst majestic mountain views before arriving to Orick, a town of 400, snugly situated along the banks of Redwood Creek.

Twenty minutes before

arriving to town and near the county line dividing Humboldt and Del Norte counties to the north, make sure to take the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway exit (an alternative to U.S. 101) and wend through a literal tunnel of old-growth redwood trees of Prairie Creek Redwood State Park. Larger trailheads for exploring include Big Trees and Ah-Pah, although the parkway offers countless opportunities to park and hike over redwood sorrel carpeted meadows scattered between hundreds of ancient trees. Before returning to the highway, the 10-mile alternative scenic drive offers drivers a flatter choice to the steeper, yet also picturesque U.S. 101. The drive also includes many opportunities to see native and protected Roosevelt Elk herds that roam the park and nearby lagoons.

Just a couple of minutes before getting to Orick, keep an eye out for Bald Hills Road

and take a speedy three-mile drive to Lady Bird Johnson Grove Trail within the Redwood National Park for a breathless walk through virgin redwoods growing among the "tallest trees on planet Earth," according to ongoing studies in the forests conducted by UC Berkeley and Save the Redwoods League. Check out Tall Trees Grove and take a hike to the 1,500-plus-year-old Big Tree while visiting Redwood National Park, which envelops most of the wild nature lands immediately east of Orick.

Once in town, look for the one-of-a-kind redwood carved statues and redwood burl table vendors set up right on the highway. Have a meal at the historic Palm Café & Motel, shop at the grocery, mail your postcards at the U.S. post office and enjoy life in an old town offering visitors the annual two-day Orick Rodeo every July, plenty of fishing and recreation along Redwood Creek, horseback riding, and plenty of room for surf fishing in the Pacific Ocean. The Orick area boasts an emerging artist community inspired by the wild splendor of the forests, clean waterways, and quick access to remote coastal beaches (Visit the local artist's gallery at 121452, Highway 101, Orick for a flavor of their inspirations) To get to the beach, take Gold Bluff Beach Road just north of Orick to the nearby coast where beachcombers can linger and find a variety of treasures such as driftwood, agates, silver dollars or big clam shells, or, drive three minutes south of Orick on U.S. 101 to the Redwood Creek picnic area, or meander along a few miles on a thin sandy spit holding the Redwood Highway between the crashing surf of the ocean to the west and the languid fish and recreation waters of Freshwater Lagoon to the east. Redwood Highway continues south meandering through the Harry A. Merlo State Recreation area and the Humboldt Lagoons State Park trio of lagoons beside the sandy, windswept edge of ocean and forest. Big Lagoon, Stone Lagoon and Dry Lagoon were formed by the clash of two tectonic plates, and are part of the largest lagoon system in the United States.



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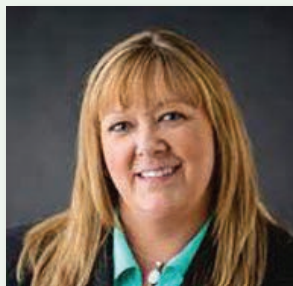
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Trinidad

STATISTICS

Population: 367
Settled: named 1775, incorporated in 1870

CITY GOVERNMENT

The council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at City Hall.

CITY CONTACTS

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"When Sebastian Rodriguez Cermeno, captain of the Portuguese ship San Augustin, discovered and entered the bay in 1595, he did not anchor for fear of rocks. The Bruno de Hezeta expedition entered the bay on June 10, 1775, took possession on the eleventh in the name of the King of Spain, erected a cross, and named it "Puerto de la Trinidad" because it was Trinity Sunday."

Originally inhabited by the Tsurai Indians with a rich culture of living in concert with their lands, their descendants continue to honor their history with a special area within the Patrick's Point State Park

system just north of the town, first incorporated in 1870. Today, the town of Trinidad overlooks a busy fishing port and the iconic Trinidad Head, a huge rock cropping with trails and a historic lighthouse maintained by the Bureau of Land Management and the Coast Guard and open for tours. Trinidad State Beach and the rehabilitated Trinidad Pier offer bay and surf fishing and plenty of areas to launch a kayak for insatiable exploration choices.

The idyllic seaside town, the smallest incorporated city in California, features a variety of tasty eateries and fine dining establishments, as well as the award-winning Moonstone Winery tasting room smack dab in the middle of town and across the street from the Trinidad Gallery, an artists' co-op featuring a collection of fine art from the noted longtime creative community. The Trinidad-to-Clam Beach run brings thousands of runners to town every January, with participants running through ocean forests, pastures, meadows and long stretches of beach.

The town is known for its outdoor festivals and many elaborate crab, salmon and fish feed and barbecues throughout the season. The popular Trinidad Fish Festival is held every Father's Day, attracting thousands together for live music,

fine arts, street performances and of course freshly caught fish and oysters barbecued for the most discerning palates. Trinidad is also home to the impressive Humboldt State University Fred Telonicher Marine Laboratory, located on a bluff a few blocks from town overlooking the ocean. It houses a Public Aquarium in direct proximity to the specialized facilities (culture room for larval invertebrates and algae, a wet lab for rearing marine invertebrates and fish for research, a complete shop for design and fabrication of experimental equipment).

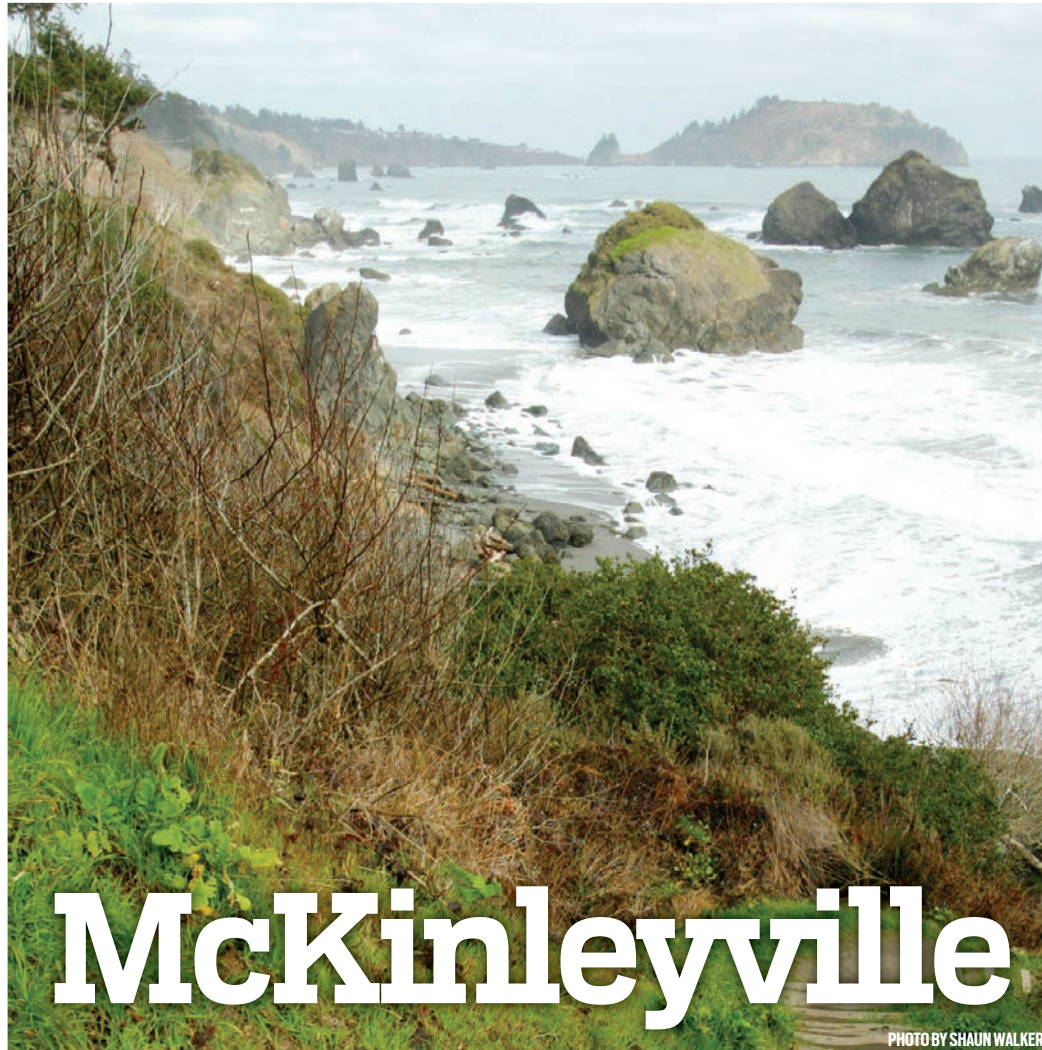
The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse, which is an exact replica of the historic lighthouse, was moved from its location in January 2018 due to unstable land under the structure. There was also controversy with the lighthouse being too close to the Tsurai Ancestral Village when it was located near a small bluff area in town. Negotiations with the Trinidad Civic Club, the Trinidad Rancheria, the Yurok Tribe, and the Trinidad City Council ended with the Trinidad Rancheria temporarily housing the lighthouse and the accompanying bell at its own harbor property near the bottom of Trinidad Head. It will remain there until a new, permanent location is found.

Memorials, such as the

Blessing of the Fleet every Thanksgiving morning honoring fisherman, and the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Ceremony every May honoring those lost or buried at sea. Their names are engraved at the site which is also moved with the lighthouse.

Driving south on Scenic Drive (just a few yards west from the U.S. 101 Trinidad exit) offers visitors some of the most spectacular rocky seashores and views of redwood and fir forests perched on sheer rocky crags overlooking the Pacific Ocean. (For a quick change of pace, visit the Cher-Ae Heights Casino on the Trinidad Rancheria along Scenic Drive about four minutes from town).

Viewing areas along Scenic Drive offer visitors opportunities to see surfers off of Houda Point, whales spouting as they migrate north (March to June) and south (November to January). At the end of Scenic Drive is Moonstone Beach featuring the same iconic rock formations found north and south of Trinidad. These rocks are part of the California Coastal National Monument of which Trinidad is a Gateway City. Cars can drive right up to the beach and enjoy a day cavorting in the sea or nearby Little River before having a fine dining experience at the Moonstone Grill directly above the beach.



McKinleyville

PHOTO BY SHAUN WALKER

STATISTICS

Population: 15,177
Settled: Late 1800s

CITY GOVERNMENT

McKinleyville is an unincorporated area of Humboldt County. It does not have a mayor or city council. The McKinleyville Community Services District manages water, sewer, lighting, recreational services and wetland preserves.

The Board meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road.

CITY CONTACTS

McKinleyville Community Services District

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Chamber of Commerce

1640 Central Ave.
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"Joe Dows bought a tract of land on the river in the Union Township in 1866. The property was on the north bank of the Mad River..." "The prairie ran from Mad River to Little River. This area was known as Dows. When Isaac Minor started a small settlement and store in 1897, it soon became known as 'Minorsville.' When President McKinley was assassinated the people decided to change the name to McKinleyville as most of the settlers were Republican."

McKinleyville was not so long ago known as a place where "horses have the right of way," with even the post office featuring a hitching post. Horses are no longer running herd in town, "but still enjoy the good life, especially in north McKinleyville, better known as Dow's Prairie," according to the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce.

Indeed, visitors to McKin-

leyville can see horses and riders regularly riding along the surf on Clam Beach, located just west and north of McKinleyville. Kite fliers, sand dune hikers, surfers and folks surf fishing make Clam Beach a focal point of mixed and exciting recreational fun, and includes facilities for recreational vehicles and light tent camping.

Fishing, outdoor water sports and bird-watching are the order of many days along the Mad River, running its meandering and changing course from deep within the county's interior miles away to its river mouth emptying just west of town.

Walkers and bikers (and plenty of happy, sniffing leashed dogs) experience the myriad magic of McKinleyville walking along the sight-filled Hammond Trail, a paved path extending from one end of McKinleyville to the other

through sea forests, ocean meadows, and plenty of moss and lichen hung spruce trees framing the trail between Clam Beach to the north and the historic railroad logging Hammond Bridge to the south.

Driving down Central Avenue through the middle of town, visitors see evidence of the rural farming town becoming one of the fastest growing communities on the North Coast, with the McKinleyville Shopping Center serving as the town center, and a variety of shops, restaurants and services up and down the thoroughfare giving visitors the distinct impression it is one of the biggest little towns on the North Coast.

It is easy to find the shopping center driving down Central Avenue because of the "Tallest Totem Pole in the World" marking the location. The 174-foot totem pole was first carved in 1962 by

Ernest Pierson with the help of Johnny Nelson. Pierson wanted to create a tourist attraction for his newly opened McKinleyville Shopping Center.

McKinleyville houses the California Redwood Coast —Humboldt County Airport (formerly known as the Arcata-McKinleyville Airport) served by United Airlines. In the same vicinity a regional Federal Courthouse and a Coast Guard Air Station, the central command for the origin of a variety of search and rescue operations undertaken by helicopter and fixed wing Coast Guard personnel aviation teams along the entire Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino County coastlines. Look for helicopter flybys at many Humboldt County events and fairs, or as they practice over Humboldt Bay, the North and South Spits, or along the Samoa Peninsula

coastline.

At the south end of McKinleyville, turn at North Bank Road for two miles and watch for the Azalea State Natural Reserve, a secluded and quiet reserve for western azalea (*Rhododendron occidentale*). Each spring, a profusion of pink and white blossoms scents the air. Visitors to the reserve can enjoy a beautiful hike during April and May when azaleas are in full bloom.

Town celebrations include the McKinleyville High School homecoming parade marked in late Fall and the half-century old Pony Express Days town celebration always held the first weekend in June. The four-day day community event offers a chili cook-off, a Pony Express Dance, a Saturday Parade down Central Avenue that continues straight into the huge Pony Express Family Fun Festival held in Pierson Park off of Pickett Road southwest of town. McKinleyville Arts

Night is held every third Friday of the month featuring live music, plenty of local art and lots of friendly folks enjoying food and drink as they wander the shops displaying art.

The unincorporated area is largely governed by the McKinleyville Community Services District operating a plethora of youth and adult recreation programs, most from a facility compound that includes the McKinleyville Activity Center (a large multi-purpose gymnasium) and a brand new Teen and Community Center, both located on Gwin Road off of Central Avenue and directly adjacent to Pierson Park. Just a few yards away on the other side of the park is the McKinleyville Library, a Humboldt County Sheriff's Office facility, and the McKinleyville Senior Center, all accessible from Pickett Road off of Central Avenue.



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Willow Creek

“Named because of its proximity to the stream named Willow Creek...” “...(which was) named for the immense growth of willows found along this creek that runs from Berry Summit area to the Trinity River.”

Willow Creek lies within a rugged timber-lined mountain valley populated with about 1,700 self-described “Willow Creekers fond of living in an area known as the “Bigfoot Capital of the World.” Driving to Willow Creek from any direction—be it from the north on State Route 96 (also known as the Bigfoot Scenic Highway) or coming to town along State Route 299 (Interstate 5 (I-5) from the east or U.S. Highway 101 from the west)—provides travelers gorgeous vistas of green-aqua rivers rushing through mossy rock canyons and over granite boulders, and, long views of wildflower meadows climbing into foothills and forest highlands of the Six Rivers National Forest.

Willow Creek sits near the banks of the Trinity River,

and is a full-supply one-stop shop for travelers needing to resupply, relax or dine before continuing the drive for a couple hours to I-5 at Redding, the 45-minute drive to Arcata, or the almost 4-hour trip to Holbrook on I-5, about eight miles south of the Oregon border. (Passengers are encouraged to send in any pictures or video they may happen to catch of Bigfoot along any of these byways that traverse his habitat!). Make sure to catch the Bigfoot Daze parade and festival on August 31, 2019. Dine at the Big Foot Café in the center of town, then take a very short jaunt down adjoining Kimtu Road and catch the latest live theater production put on by the Redbud Theatre, a community theater presence in the area for close to 50 years.

Travelers will find themselves in the Willow Creek American Viticultural Area, located throughout the agricultural region around town. The designated area is made up of

abundant organic gardens and vineries with roadside produce stands abounding, all inviting road travelers to try their fresh goods.

A longtime summer getaway for locals, the Willow Creek area has short-term cabin rentals for fishermen and hunters seeking a sporting challenge or naturalists seeking quiet solitude under star-filled skies or canopy of hardwood and Douglas fir forests. Swimmers can find plenty of swimming holes at the Big Rock Day Use and River Access Area, located approximately 1/4 mile on Highway 96 from the Highway 299 intersection in Willow Creek. Swim, get some sunbathing in, or bring a fishing rod and boat to launch there. Kayakers wishing to float the lower section of the Trinity River often launch from Big Rock. Big Rock, one of many such Six Rivers National Forest areas in proximity to Willow Creek, also contains shaded picnic areas for folks that like to relax out of the sun as they

STATISTICS

Population: 1,710
Settled: 1850s

CITY GOVERNMENT

The Willow Creek Community Services District manages water, lighting and recreation.

CITY CONTACTS

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watch the river flow. Just east of town along State Route 299, following the upper Trinity River, whitewater enthusiasts can access a classic Class III river rafting run with moderate rapids. Driving east a few miles further, boaters can try the Burnt Ranch Gorge, considered one of the toughest whitewater runs in California.



Arcata

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STATISTICS

Population: 18,000
Settled: 1850, incorporated 1858

CITY GOVERNMENT

The council meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

CITY CONTACTS

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"The town, an offspring of the Humboldt boom of 1850, was founded and named Union Town sometime before April 17 of that year by the Union Company... "To avoid confusion with Uniontown (El Dorado County) the name was changed to Arcata in 1860..." "It had first been suggested in the Humboldt Times of Jan. 20, 1855, its advocates asserting (through the process of wishful thinking) that it meant 'Union' in the local Indian dialect..." The name of the Indian village at the site was Kori."

Arcata boasts the only "true" town plaza in Humboldt County. According to the Arcata Society of Historical Sites, "The Plaza's central green space recalls the New England common or the squares of the southern United States, where people pastured livestock in early years and in later times, gathered for social events, picnics, parades or simply conversation and a little sun on a summer day. Former Arcata resident Charles Murdock wrote the Arcata Union in 1895:

"The Plaza should be a thing of beauty and a center of

life and interest. No building should rest upon it, but green sword, and well kept walks, a fountain, shrubs, and trees should be so attractive that it would be the pride of every citizen."

Today the Arcata Plaza tends to feed souls on the wonders of being alive rather than just a place for feeding livestock. The plaza today is the center of activity for varied celebrations and festivals, such as the Oyster Festival in mid-June, a family-friendly Fourth of July celebration, the North Country Fair in September, Pastels on the Plaza in early October (fine chalk art masterpieces on every sidewalk square around the Arcata Plaza), Halloween on the Plaza at the end of October, and the centering venue for the Season of Wonder and Light in December. Every second Friday of the month the stores around the Arcata Plaza act as the venue draw for art lovers enjoying a sip of wine during the popular Arts! Arcata evening while perusing fine art hung at plaza businesses.

Parades around the Arcata Plaza occur year around,

running the gamut from holiday songs sung as Santa takes a double-tour around the plaza in a fire truck, to the thundering syncopated drumming and rhythm dancing of the Samba de Alegria parade during the North Country Faire in September, which also features the All-Species Parade celebrating biological diversity. A most interesting "parade" includes the start of the Kinetic Grand Championship that occurs every Memorial Weekend, with artistic and mechanical genius machines taking their double-turn around the Arcata Plaza before embarking on a three-day cross-country, water crossing, sand dune and pavement plodding race all the way to Main Street, Ferndale more than 40 miles later.

The weekly Arcata Farmers Market, full of mouthwatering organically grown produce presents a cacophony of color, textures, and smells enticing the appetite. The Farmers Market is held every Saturday around the plaza April to November (Main season) and November to March (Winter season) with vegetables, fruits,



plants, home-made food products and flowers of every color available year-round. And just like the Farmer's Market, Arcata's many eateries bring the same sense of fresh farm-to-table menu choices with a huge variety of delicacy choices for the most discerning palates.

Arcata boasts its very own art district, dubbed the Creamery District, located at the southwest end of town with the historic Arcata Creamery building serving as the hub of creative development. A walk through the art district gives visitors many "eye-surprises" as they discover hidden environmental art sculptures, brilliant murals and even bright color-festooned trees and shrubs along pathways. The Creamery District offers the Saturday Market, a unique and creative art market, held on the last Saturday of each month from June through September at the Creamery Building at 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata.

Spring and summer bring popular running events that use Arcata and its environs as a rural backdrop of beauty with running courses weaving through Victorian Arcata neighborhoods, pasture lands and meadows, farms and barns, and along Humboldt Bay. Atlanta's Victory Run & Walk, the Humboldt Marathon, the Arcata Community Forest run, and the Bigfoot Run inside the Redwood Bowl at Humboldt State University are but a few of the races run from Arcata.

Mad River County Park offers long sandy beaches with plenty of swimming, fishing, boating and beachcombing access through pristine dunes to the ocean. Take the Giuntoli Lane exit from U.S. 101 (just north of Arcata), go west and take the first right at the traffic circle to Heinden Road. Take a 45 second second drive to Miller Lane, then right on Mad River Road to the very end to reach the beach and boating facilities.

Two crown jewels of Arcata include the Arcata Community Forest, located in the redwood hillside at the end of 14th Street, and the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, accessible at the foot of South I Street and foot of South G Street from Samoa Boulevard.

The 307-acre Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary is home to the city of Arcata's innovative wastewater treatment facility. The sanctuary features an extensive trail system through freshwater marshes, salt marshes, tidal sloughs, grassy uplands, mudflats, brackish marsh and the north end of Humboldt Bay. The sanctuary is located at an optimum location along the Pacific Flyway, a major migratory route for thousands of birds that breed in the far north and winter in California, Mexico and Central and South America. The Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary lists over 300 bird species that visitors can learn more about at the Interpretive Center located

at the eastern end of the sanctuary. North Coast visitors can join a dedicated group of naturalists for the Redwood Region Audubon Society's tour which they lead every Saturday at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine, meeting at the foot of I Street. No reservations are necessary.

The Arcata Community Forest boasts gorgeous hiking and biking trails webbed through the almost 800-acres of coast redwood forest. Originally created in 1955, it is the prime centerpiece of the city's

parks and recreation system and overlooks the main part of town, and sharing the forest with Humboldt State University campus to the north. Arcata has since expanded its community forest land system to include the Sunny Brae Forest (accessible from Buttermilk Lane off of Old Arcata Road) and the Jacoby Creek Forest (accessible from Jacoby Creek Road, Bayside). Both forest are southeast a short distance from town.

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Blue Lake

STATISTICS

Population: 1,265
Settled: 1871, incorporated 1910

CITY GOVERNMENT

The council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Skinner Store Building behind City Hall.

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"Blue Lake, Powersville and Scottsville were combined to make up the present Blue Lake." "...In 1861, the origin of the 13 acre Blue Lake was formed from the flooding of the north fork of the Mad River. For 50 years, it gave the town a resort atmosphere. Changes in the course of the river in the 1920s caused the lake to disappear and become what is today a small pond on private property." "...The town of Blue Lake was incorporated on April 11, 1910."

Blue Lake is a quick escape from the cool summer fog of the Humboldt coast, accessible from U.S. Highway 101 via the State Route 299 exit just north of Arcata. Occasionally, it can be like driving from winter to summer in a matter of minutes, with blue skies and bright skies often greeting sun lovers late Spring until Indian Summer of mid-Fall.

According to a Times-Standard article April 6, 2017, "Clement and Antoinette Chartin arrived in the Mad River Valley in 1869 and began building a settlement, including a hotel, on the shore of the lake," (formed from the flooding of the Mad River). "They returned to France some years later to recruit other new settlers to the area and soon the

Mad River Valley was booming."

Blue Lake today continues to boom with all the amenities of a resort town, but now including a bit of panache with an event menu of music, theatre, pageantry and the creation of arts pleasing visitors and locals alike. The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre, located in the middle of town, is the center of the Blue Lake's universe for year-round nationally acclaimed original plays, musicals and family fun-filled festivals with a long tradition of award-winning shows presented to local, national, and international audiences for over four decades.

The always exciting and diverse Mad River Festival, held in mid June and early to July, is a Dell'Arte showcase of original entertainment, featuring a varied blend of comedy and drama theater offerings, plus a plethora of family-themed shows happening each day.

Tourists in search of small town Americana fun should make plans for the annual Annie & Mary Days celebration on July 14. Celebrated since 1967, it is a celebration of the historic Arcata-Mad River Rail Line, named after Annie Carroll and Mary Buckley, two bookkeepers who

were employed by the railroad around the year 1907. Come to the morning parade, walk to Perigot Park and experience old timey revelry and neighborly fun immersing with live folk music, baseball games, a bocce ball tournament, wood-smoked barbeque, dancing and lots of family games.

The annual Humboldt Folklife Festival, a cornucopia of live acoustic musical performances, workshops and music jams is slated to run July 13 to 20 this year. Come experience Jazz Night, Songwriters Night, Bluegrass Night, a Barn Dance and a free All Day Music Day Festival in the Dell'Arte amphitheater.

The award-winning Mad River Brewery is just a short hike for swimming and water play on the Mad River, accessible just south from the brewery on Hatchery Road from an access road running parallel to the river. Take a tour around the Mad River Hatchery, farming steelhead and Coho salmon fingerlings within its cement waterways and aquariums, and catch a view of the Mad River from picnic areas placed around the hatchery. Continue south on hatchery Road to the very end, about 4 miles from Blue Lake.



"Wiyot people have lived in the Humboldt Bay region for thousands of years. The Wiyot lived in permanent villages along the waterways, which also served as travel and trade routes. Seasonal camps were made on the tribal lands and prairies, and mountainous regions provided berries, acorns, pine nuts, wild game, and basketry materials. Wiyot people actively managed their resources, burning for open grasslands, cultivating edible bulbs, and following strict hunting and fishing protocols. The Wiyot people inhabited "Tuluwat" on present-day Indian Island. This site has always been sacred to the Wiyot people, given to them by the "Creator as the center of our world." The City of Eureka is currently in the process of returning this land to the Wiyot tribe.

The original settlement was established by the Union and Mendocino Companies, headed by C.S. Ricks and J.T. Ryan of San Francisco, and named on May 13, 1850 in an agreement signed by both companies. The name is of Greek origin meaning "I have found it."

Touring along the Redwood Highway, coming in from either the north or south gates of Eureka, visitors will have Humboldt Bay accompany them along their route, just blocks from their drive. The

eastern shore of Humboldt Bay nearest Eureka marks the location of some of the earliest landings by white settlers and their subsequent construction of lumber mills to process timbers from the first stands of virgin redwoods that once grew near the edge of the bay.

Today visitors can turn off the highway, drive to the foot of Herrick Avenue, or Hilfiker Road, or either C Street or D Street (plenty of parking), or, to the foot of F Street (parking and handicapped access) to find different entrances to the Eureka Boardwalk. The boardwalk runs all along the historical bay shore, from Herrick Avenue to the south and Myrtle Avenue to the north east. Bicyclists or walking visitors can watch a huge variety of shorebirds, otters, seals, and even a sea lion or two feeding in the fish-rich waters of Humboldt Bay. During the summer, the Brown pelican, of many species of pelican in the world, is the only pelican that can be seen diving straight down from 50 feet above water, beak first, emerging with a wiggling fish clamped in its huge mouth.

Eureka Boardwalk strollers may glance up and notice a group of cormorants flying by the ferry boat Madaket on one of its many harbor cruises around Humboldt Bay. The restored ferry sometimes putters

around Woodley Island, and, when the tide is right, chugs right under the Samoa Bridge (that connects Eureka to the Samoa Peninsula and North Jetty) perhaps with a piercing toot or two from the boat horn. A short jaunt along the boardwalk to the C Street Plaza will find folks purchasing tickets there, ready to board on one of many Madaket harbor cruises offered visitors—perhaps the summer evening cocktail cruise, the mid-day wildlife and historical cruise, or just a simple fun cruise aboard the oldest passenger carrying vessel in the continuous service in the United States "(that) boasts the smallest licensed bar in California."

Starting in mid-June and lasting all summer long, the C Street Plaza becomes a music venue for the free Summer Concert Series, presenting a different genre of music from regional musical groups every Thursday evening on a stage overlooking the sparkling Humboldt Bay waters. In addition to fine dining, the plaza hosts many community events including the annual Humboldt Bay Marathon in August and the Chicken Wing Fest in September. During good crab seasons, look for the exciting Crab

STATISTICS

Population: 27,226 (2016)
Settled: 1850, incorporated in 1856 and 1874

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Races in January.

Recreation center specializing in outdoor adventures such as sea kayaking, sailing, stand up paddle boarding, canoeing, includes rentals, classes and private instruction.

At the opposite end, look for completion of a section of boardwalk soon connecting the F Street Plaza with the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center on Waterfront Drive, a recreation center specializing in outdoor adventures, such as sea kayaking, sailing, stand up paddle boarding, and canoeing. Nature and boating enthusiasts can rent from a full-scale aquatic equipment program, or participate in scenic tours, boating classes, join group educational outings and learn about local wildlife. Beside the aquatic center is the Adorni Recreation Center, a fitness facility with a drop-in gymnasium and a wide assortment of aerobic and fitness classes (available on drop-in basis); a weight room, and even personal trainer consultations. The center is a membership facility, but most activities from the center's extensive activity calendar are available on a single-use basis to the visiting public.

Old Town frames a signature mix of Victorian buildings located in a roughly twelve-by-three block area dotted with dozens of shops selling wickedly creative ware and clothing, to softly sublime scents, herbs and food delicacies. The merchant's goods and stuffs are all sold along a line of cozy lit storefronts dappled with fine dining establishments, classic oyster bar & grills, fine wine sipping bars, and micro-brew cafés neighboring longtime historic bars "where the elite meets the street." The Lost Coast Brewery not only offers fine dining with its long list of

microbrews at its downtown Eureka location, but also tours at its manufacturing facility at the south end of town on U.S. Highway 101 just north of the Herrick Avenue exit.

Visitors can take a a romantic and historical cruise of Old Town in a Central Park-like horse and buggy courtesy of the Old Town Carriage Co. Visitors enjoy a rhythmic clip-clopping ride down the brick-filled intersections of Old Town after hopping into the waiting carriage, always waiting for visitors at the corner of Second and E streets beside the Old Town Gazebo.

In September, visitors can catch the annual Cruz'n Eureka Auto Show, with shiny buffed-up antique and classic cars, trucks and vans lined up for a few blocks on either side of Second Street. Second Street in Old Town also provides a Victorian canyon for kinetic sculpture racers on their second day of their annual three-day cross country, water-crossing race From Arcata to the north, and headed to Ferndale to the south. The race is held every Memorial Day Weekend. Look for the water crossing portion of the race as kinetic machines of every type and design transform from pavement and sand vehicles to watercraft, entering Humboldt Bay from under the Samoa Bridge (just north of the Adorni Recreation Center), navigating the currents and tides of Humboldt Bay for nearly a half-mile before returning to land in their people-powered machines at the Wharfinger Building at the south end of Waterfront Drive (or the other way around, depending on the tides!).

Old Town is the center of many of the city's distinctive festivals, such as the blocks-long and family-friendly Fourth of July

Celebration (and accompanying evening fireworks show) or the Humboldt-Makers Street Fair where local artisans and crafts makers sell their hand-made ware, offering kids and adults plenty of opportunity to learn about "how things are made." The popular Friday Night Market starts in June, meeting every Friday until mid-October, featuring "Humboldt-Made" goods and foodstuffs, piping hot, locally caught or grown food fare, live music and plenty of locally made wine and ales for any celebratory palette. Old Town also serves as a Victorian background for numerous running and walking events—including, but not limited to—the Thanksgiving Trot, Humboldt Bay Marathon, or the Waterfront Walk & Run.

The Carson Mansion, Eureka's palatial Victorian crown jewel, proudly anchors the northwest end of the Old Town district. The iconic mansion is often touted as the "Most photographed Victorian in the United States." The mansion overlooks the bay and the Halvorsen Park fields, home of the Woofstock Festival for dogs and humans held in August (right after the Mutt Strut through Old Town), the Kids Kinetic Classic, held at the amphitheater in May before the (adult) Kinetic Grand Championship, and a myriad of other family-fun events and festivals held on the fields.

The months June to November brings the Farmers Market to F Street in Old Town on every Tuesday. Part of the North Coast Growers' Association, the market is a venue where local farmers bring their freshest and organic veggies and fruits for sale amidst live music echoing off the Victorian storefronts surrounding the food and plant laden booths.

Old Town and the adjoining downtown district provide more than a half-dozen venues for nearly three dozen bands that rock the entire town during the hugely popular and highly acclaimed four-day Redwood Coast Music Festival, held every May, bring bands together for jazz, swing, Blues, Western swing, zydeco, rockabilly, hop blues, Cajun, and thumping rock & roll, keeping Eureka hopping all weekend with over 100 hours of music.

Make sure to check out the historic Eureka Theater at 7th Street and F Street, keeping an eye out for their "Fourth Friday Flix" mix of eclectic movie offerings, including classic, comedy or horror films. Order Wendy's famous gin and tonics, or martinis while enjoying the show. The historic Eureka Theater hosts other uniquely only-Humboldt special events, such as the annual Strange-Brew Beer Fest in November, the Red Carpet Oscar Viewing Gala in February and the Va Va Voom Burlesque Vixens show, performing popular song and dance revues for the more discriminating audiences.

Blue Ox Millworks at the foot of V Street gives visitors an extraordinary opportunity to step back in time to feel, hear and perhaps even watch the creation of items once needed to survive in a bygone era of the United States. Iron tools molded at a fiery blacksmith anvil, Victorian wood molding made with original, 19th century tools and machines, pottery made from local clay, window making, vegetable inking and fabric designing are just a small sample of traditional Americana skills and know-how still being practiced at Blue Ox, and on display right before visitor's eyes.

The Sequoia Park Zoo, established in 1907, is the oldest zoo in California and one of the smallest accredited zoos in the country. Operated by the City of Eureka, it sits beside a canopy of old-growth redwood trees. Zoo visitors can watch rare and endangered Red pandas munch on fresh bamboo shoots, or, pet, touch and mingle with sheep, goats, llamas, donkeys and chickens in the Contact Corral. Visitors watch in wonder as gibbons and spider monkeys take off chattering while swinging or munching on fresh greens. Handicapped-access paved roadways take folks ambling amongst the pink flamingos or to a jungle-like, walk-through aviary mingling with exotic

birds. Head inside the buildings to explore the Secrets of the Forest and learn how, where and who lives in the redwood forest ecosystem. You can't miss the Bald Eagles home or the extravagant watershed play area with salmon, steelhead and river otters in huge clear tanks.

Water vessels have always been needed for Humboldt's rich fishing and crabbing industry, and many can be seen first-hand by taking a quick hop over the Samoa Bridge from Eureka to the Woodley Island Marina. Dozens of tugs, crabbing and fishing boats are berthed right alongside leisure and pleasure boats. Take a stroll down one of the many piers for a different perspective of Old Town, as well as a grand view of the Carson Mansion, perhaps reflecting off the bay during a slack and windless tide. Across and south from the Woodley Island Marina is the Eureka Marina, with the grand Wharfinger Building anchoring the south side of the marina filled with sailboats and other pleasure craft. The Wharfinger also houses the Humboldt Yacht Club, offering an annual open house June 22, 2019 with free rides offered to the community on members' sailboats. Look for the Great Bay

Races in April and August, or the Trinidad Race North and Trinidad Race South August 24 and 25, 2019.

Sequoia Park, located beside the zoo, offers easy and medium-level hikes through a magnificent fog and sunlight dappled redwood forest groves, with trails bounded by wild rhododendrons, trilliums, wild iris, sorrel, and primordial ferns growing alongside countless wide-leaf oak, alder and Douglas fir trees among the redwood giants. Enjoy the duck pond or have a picnic in the play area or on a secluded redwood log. Make sure to catch the flowers in season blooming at the Sequoia Park Garden located at the northeast corner of the park.

Hikers will not be disappointed with newly developed hiking trail systems beginning to link together along Humboldt Bay and inland among the coast forest hillsides and ridges. The McKay Tract, an area of logged and wild forest lands (beside Redwood Acres Fairgrounds at the southeast end of Eureka) is a developing nature trail system being laid along some of the earliest forest areas logged for timber in the Humboldt Bay area. You can find the entrance to this trail on Harris Avenue, just west and next

to the west entrance to Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. For another hiking experience, take U.S. 101 to the south end of Eureka, park your vehicle in the lot alongside Herrick Avenue exit just off the highway, walk a few yards down Pound Road and take the Hikshari' trail for a meandering 1.5 mile nature hike along the Elk River and through the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. The Hikshari' trail now connects with the Humboldt Bay Trail.

Heading the opposite way (east on the Herrick Avenue bridge over U.S. 101) and take the immediate right onto Elk River Road after crossing over U.S. Highway 101. Drive a couple of miles, then take the right fork at Ridgewood Heights Road (before going up the hill) and stay on Elk River Road for about 6 miles, meandering beside cow fields and grassy hillsides, finally ending up at the north entrance to the federally-protected Headwaters Forest Reserve. The Headwaters Forest Reserve is a group of old growth coast redwood groves, comprising about 7,472 acres, and managed by the Bureau of Land Management as part of the National Landscape Conservation System. About 3,000 of the acres are designated virgin

old growth redwood. Take the eight-mile loop trail climbing from 100 feet above sea level to almost 2000 feet, offering panoramic views of some of the oldest trees on the planet. The Headwaters Forest Reserve is one of the few remaining refuges for an endangered seabird, the marbled murrelet. The Marbled Murrelet make their nests on large redwood tree branches.

Ready to golf among the redwoods? Take F Street south where it turns to Herrick Avenue, and find the Eureka Golf Course, featuring tree-lined fairways, expansive greens, several ponds and a small meandering creek which runs through most of the golf course. For a wide choice of activity, make sure to visit Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, offering everything from stock car races to Humboldt Roller Derby action to satellite horse race betting to countless 2019 festivals including the Best of Humboldt Fair June 22, the Mexican Rodeo June 23, a Gem Fair July 18 to July 21, Many motocross races, dog shows, recreation shows and home and garden shows fill the Redwood Acres events calendar all year long.

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Ferndale

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STATISTICS

Population: 1,372 (2016)
Settled: 1852, incorporated in 1893

CITY GOVERNMENT

The City Council meets the first and second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Ferndale City Hall Annex, 5694 Second Avenue, Ferndale.

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The town was established in 1852 by Seth Louis Shaw, William Allen and other pioneers. It was appropriately named because of the luxuriant growth of ferns in the valley. The post office was established on June 20, 1860, in the Seth Shaw home. Local creameries, and the town's role as a transportation and shipping center in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, fostered prosperity that produced Ferndale's outstanding Victorian-Gothic residential and false-front commercial architecture. The town center is registered as California Histori-

cal Landmark No. 883.

The "Victorian Village of Ferndale" is reached from U.S. Highway 101 at the Singley Hill/Fernbridge exit, about five miles after crossing the 106-year old cement and mortar-built Fernbridge that spans the Eel River. On the way to Ferndale, visitors drive through a rich landscape of expansive cow pastures and working dairies to get to the tight-knit community of families, dairy farmers, artists, entrepreneurs, and ranchers celebrating life pretty much the same way the town folk have lived life for decades.

Main Street Ferndale is a venue of festivity and parades for most of the year—from providing the hose-relay and bucket-brigade roadway needed for the first Fireman muster games of the year in mid-February; to the adorable Pet Parade in June, where children and their pets get dressed up and proudly parade down the street's yellow double-line; to the sheer craziness of the Kinetic Grand Championship event, featuring people-powered contraptions ending their three-day race cross-country race from Arcata; to the charming Lighted Tractor Parade in December; to the patriotic Fourth of July parade with giant U.S. Flag and the Memorial Day parade (a solemn salute to living veterans and veterans that gave their life for their country, ending with a somber, yet moving memorial

service at the historic Ferndale Cemetery).

Confederate and Union soldiers lay together at peace right here in Humboldt County at the Ferndale Cemetery, a short distance from Main Street, Ferndale on Bluff Road. Typically, Civil War soldiers on both sides were buried on the battlefield where they died. However, when President Lincoln arrived in Gettysburg to dedicate the Soldiers' National Cemetery in November 1863, it was dedicated for the Union dead only. There are no Confederate soldiers buried there. It is fitting Humboldt County welcomed the former Civil War foes alike to work and raise families here in the Eel River Valley after the conflict of the 1860s, and fitting there was no problem having their final resting place be together with Union soldiers in the cemetery.

The soldiers who fought for the Union are in gravesites clearly marked "GAR" (Grand Army of the Republic) on painted posts.

Visitors to Ferndale get an authentic feel for a bit of America just as it was decades ago, whether it be shopping from 1940s-style drug stores, visiting quaint coffee and bakery cafés or perusing merchandise from retail stores with decorated storefronts framed within Victorian windows. It's also easy to experience Ferndale from even more than a century

ago by timing your visit for the 121st annual Humboldt County Fair, this year held August 15 to August 25, 2019, at the county fairgrounds in Ferndale. While visiting the festival carnival and going through various halls at the fairgrounds (filled with flowers, art, crafts, flowers and vegetables, quilts, homemaking baking goods, woodworking and other Humboldt-made treasures), visitors can stroll to the Ferndale Racetrack, a few yards away, showcasing some of the best jockeys of the region riding thundering horse races most of the run of the fair.

While in town, look for samples of exceptional and unique architecture, such as the historic Shaw House, (Shaw House Inn) a historic Carpenter Gothic Victorian-style house located at 703 Main Street, or the Four-diamond Gingerbread Mansion, sitting just off Main Street at 400 Berding Street, or admire (and dine and stay) at the elegant Victorian Inn Hotel, built in the 1890s from local redwoods with 14-foot ceilings, and feel an era of elegance and romance from the booming timber industry of more than a century ago. Referred by many as a "boutique" hotel with a fine restaurant and shops, The Victorian Inn Hotel can be found at the south end of town at the corner of Bluff Road and Main Street.

Fortuna

PHOTO BY SHAUN WALKER

"This place was opened for settlement in the late 1870s by a minister named Gardner, who owned the land. He suggested the name of Fortune for the land. Later, for the sake of euphony, he changed its appellation in 1888 to Fortuna "Goddess of good fortune" in Italian mythology. Names which did not survive were Springville, for the many springs nearby and Slide, for the landslide northwest of the town (in 1876)."

Fortuna was built on the sloping hillsides and meadows along the northeast banks of the mighty Eel River, one of very few rivers, such as the Nile River, that flows northward on Earth. In Spring, Summer and Fall Fortuna is home to some of the best of Humboldt weather, situated between cool Eureka to the north and a toastier Garberville to the south.

The southern gate to Fortuna is at the Kenmar exit from U.S. 101. Turn west for about a minute to gain a grand view of the Eel River from alongside the River Lodge Conference Center, Fortuna's expansive venue for many events, including the Home-Based Business Expo in March, showcasing Fortuna's 170-plus home-based businesses and services. March is also the time for the annual Daffodil Show, staging more than 600 stems of the diversely displayed flowers throughout the large auditorium. The show is one of three major

daffodil shows in the state, drawing local amateur growers and propagators from California and Oregon.

December at the River Lodge brings a capacity-crowd together for the Christmas Music Festival, featuring local performers playing holiday pieces and favorites via ensembles, choirs, and bands and even a community sing-along. The two-day Holiday Craft Fair is an expansive and trendy affair with a myriad of hand-made fine goods and crafts popular with holiday shoppers.

Did you ever want to meet a cowboy or cowgirl? Fortuna is your town! Surrounded by cattle ranches and farms of the Eel River Valley, Fortuna is the center of the cowboy universe for an entire week, when the entire town goes loco on the cowpoke with family fun during the Fortuna Rodeo celebrations, held July 14 to July 21, 2019. Join hundreds of food lovers sampling piping hot bowls of chili made every way

possible by dozens of participating chefs, or bring the kids to the huge Children's Games event, both family-friendly activities filling Main Street sidewalk-to-sidewalk.

A Junior Rodeo, and a Bull Fighters-Only Night featuring Truck Tug-of-Wars, Quadiator Competitions and other Moto-sports games all precede the highlight of the week: the 98th annual Fortuna Rodeo, bringing bronc-busters, bull riders, barrel racers and some of the best cowboys in the U.S.A together for a two-day true Americana experience. Don't forget to romance a cowgirl or cowboy dancing at the annual Bulls, Broncs, Bands and Brews cowboy dance on Saturday night after the rodeo.

Fortuna is known as the "Friendly City" with a downtown business district that prides itself on great customer service, stores plying a rich assortment of retail treasures and personal services, many housed in historical build-

STATISTICS

Population: 12,122 (2016)
Settled: 1875, incorporated in 1906

CITY GOVERNMENT

The council meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall.

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ings lining Main Street for a number of blocks. The Redwood Village Shopping Center at the south end of town brings a stylish panache to the shopping experience with unique boutiques, eateries, and shops all sitting together for the convenience-seeking shopper.

Fortuna is home to the Eel River Brewery, the first certified organic microbrewery in the United States. Visit the lush outdoor beer garden enjoying one of their many award-winning brews, or go inside for a delectable gourmet meal, made quick and delicious, to accompany your ale. Get to the Eel River Brewery by taking a 15-second jog down Alamar Way, (located across from the River Lodge Conference Center) off of Kenmar Road.

Visitors will find Fortuna is fond of having a good time, and Rohner Park, located off of Main Street a few blocks south of the Fortuna Theater, is the center of much of it. Visitors looking for good times can peruse local fine art and crafts

while sipping on hundreds of exceptional wines from local and regional vintners at Art and Wine in the Park held every first Sunday in June. Every fourth Saturday in August (August 24, 2019) is the Hops in Humboldt fest, bringing over two dozen regional microbreweries together for a carnival of beer games, a craftsman bazar, and a live music line-up that puts some hop into the brew-sampling imbibers.

Downtown Fortuna along Main Street is a bevy of family fun and community festivity featuring a Farmer's Market every Tuesday 3 pm to 6 pm in June until the last Tuesday in October. Eel River Valley and Southern Humboldt farmers sell their fresh local produce, live plants and local-made products under the typically sunny and temperate Fortuna weather. The first Saturday in June brings the City Wide Yard Sale, a huge congregation of rummage, collectibles, antiques and a mixture of household furnishings and items spread

up and down Main Street and adjoining city residence blocks. Main Street turns into a shiny bumper to shiny bumper auto extravaganza for the Fortuna Redwood AutoXpo, held every fourth full weekend in July (July 26-July 28, 2019). City blocks are jammed with antique, renovated and rehabilitated classic cars, hot rods, Woodie Wagons and luxury vehicles shined up with hoods open. There are even some chugging and puffing old time farm equipment and antique tractors at Rohner Park highlighting a bit of history.

Love of country and the Red, White and Blue is commemorated every Veterans Day at the Fortuna Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street with members from every branch of the service honored. Fortuna gives an early head start to folks that love fireworks an early dose of the sparkling with the annual 3rd of July fireworks show, always held the evening before the Fourth after an immense family festival and barbecue

spiced up with live music and plenty of family fun, contests and games.

Clendenen Cider Works, the apple of Fortuna's eye, is open August until January offering visitors freshly squeezed apple cider grown from the generations-old apple orchard growing right outside the apple stand. Watch apples being harvested, juices made and take some apple cider, fresh fruit, vegetables, honey, juices, or nuts, home for a unique Humboldt-made treat. During the Apple Harvest Festival, held the first Saturday and Sunday in October (Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, 2019), visitors can hop on and take a ride around the historic apple stand on a tractor-pulled apple wagon, touring apple groves. The Apple Harvest Festival is also celebrated city-wide, with free hayrides, a downtown street fair, a kids carnival and games at the Redwood Village Shopping Center, and danceable live music at Rohner Park.



"The place was first called Eagle Prairie. When the post office was established on August 14, 1876 the name River Dell was proposed as an appropriate name but was rejected because of its similarity to Riverdale in Fresno County. Wildwood, Bellevue and the original Rio Del (one "L") was combined into the Rio Dell community we know today (in the 1940s).

"Wildwood was so named because of the wild country and the rowdy woodsmen that celebrated weekends by fighting and having a good time in this place (the present day business section of Rio Dell)."

Rio Dell is situated on the northwest banks of the Eel River in a narrow redwood tree-studded valley. Tourists traveling U.S. 101 and crossing a bridge beside Rio Dell can look east and gaze on the impressive Scotia Bluffs and an old railroad track bed. The railroad here was once a regular part of travel south and for transport of logs to mills. The Scotia Bluffs and railroad bed still look remarkably similar to that portrayed in the 1927 film "Valley of the Giants" directed by Charles. J. Brabin. The film shows the Scotia Bluffs and the nearby Nanning Creek Bridge

on some impressive shots in the movie. The Eel River, again with the Scotia Bluffs in the background, can also be recognized in scenes where passengers from the Northwest Pacific Railroad train #132 are "spilling" down the hill.

Today, Rio Dell is a primary munitions and supply stop for fisherman and hunters accessing the rich wildlife and fishing areas south, east and west of town. Grundman's Sporting Goods, located on the main drag of Rio Dell at the south end of town on Wildwood Avenue, has supplied sportsmen with supplies for their hunt or fishing adventure since 1937. The store has a resident gunsmith in addition to full-stocked equipment choices for archery and hunting game, or, river, lake, and stream fishing. Fishing gear and hunting arms are ready for the novice to full-fledged visiting fisherman and hunter.

The Rio Dell Wildwood Days, held August 2 to August 4, 2019, is a jam-packed town festival where guests are treated to a street festival, kids fire muster games, the famous Volunteer Firefighter town barbecue (with all the homemade fixings), live music, and even lawnmower races. A spit-n-shine Auto Show fills up half of

the town's main thoroughfare with gleaming antique and sport-select automobiles lining east and west sides of the road. Catch the impressive Town Cruise featuring more than 100 vehicles, slowly showing off their stuff to folks lining the sidewalks as they cruise Wildwood Avenue.

An exciting Fireman's Muster brings local volunteer and civic fire fighters and their departments together from throughout the region to compete in fireman games, such as timed fire hose relay races and fire bucket brigade contests. A Wildwood Days parade with floats, horses, cars, clowns, and a Kids Talent Show and traditional spaghetti feed and barbecue round out the Wildwood Days fun.

The Mingo's Sports Bar at the south end of town is a great place to meet the locals, or to visit before (or after) swimming, sun-worshipping or river fishing at the very nearby Eel River or Van Duzen River fishing holes. One quick access to the Eel River (sport vehicles recommended) is taking Edwards Drive between Mingo's Sports Bar and the north end of the Eagle Prairie Bridge (connecting Rio Dell to Scotia from Wildwood Avenue).

Rio Dell

STATISTICS

Population: 3,408 (2016)
Settled: 1876
Incorporated: 1965
Original names: Eagle Prairie, Wildwood

CITY GOVERNMENT

The council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall.

CITY CONTACTS

City Hall

675 Wildwood Ave.
707-764-3532, fax 707-764-5480
Cityofriodell.ca.gov

Rio Dell - Scotia Chamber of Commerce

(707) 506-5081
406 Wildwood Avenue
Fax: (707) 506-5081
www.riodellscotiachamber.org

Library

715 Wildwood Ave.
707-764-3333

Police

675 Wildwood Ave.
707-764-5642, fax 707-764-2569

Fire

50 W. Center St.
707-764-3329
www.riodellfire.com



Scotia

STATISTICS

Population: 850 (2010)
Settled: 1869
Original Name: Forestville

CITY GOVERNMENT

Formerly company-owned by the Pacific Lumber Company, Scotia is now owned and operated by the Town of Scotia Company, LLC.

CITY CONTACTS

Town of Scotia Company, LLC
113 Main Street, Suites A & C
P.O. Box 245
707-764-5063, fax 707-764-4150
www.townofscotia.com

Library

715 Wildwood Ave.
Rio Dell, CA 95562
707-764-3333

Police

675 Wildwood Ave.
Rio Dell, CA 95562
707-764-5642

Fire

PO Box 185
707-764-4322
email: svfd@gmail.com

"When the Pacific Lumber Company built their mill in 1885, the town was first called Forestville. When the first post office was established, July 9, 1888, the present name was chosen because there was already another Forestville in Sonoma County..." "John A. Sinclair suggested the name Scotia because many of the men were natives of Nova Scotia."

Scotia is a community nestled between steep hillsides and foothills, an area smothered with a mix of second and third-growth redwood trees, mingled with Douglas fir and a few red barked madrone and oak trees.

Scotia was for more than a century a true company town. The entire town was developed and built by The Pacific Lumber Company, with residences occupied by its employees. The sawmills, commercial, and community structures were also built by PALCO, creating a long-term, self-sufficient community.

Looking west from U.S. 101 at the south end of town, most of the remnants of the mighty Pacific Lumber Co. (PALCO) can be easily seen. PALCO was once the largest redwood lumber mill

in the world. Gigantic mills handled gigantic trees, lumberjacks were king of the mountains, and working as a green chain puller, equipment mechanic or overseeing the unloading of enormous redwood logs from trucks (and for many years, from railroad cars) into log ponds to ready for milling into lumber provided a lot of jobs. Log ponds are still visible at Bridge Street, towards the west end of town.

The Town of Scotia Company now owns the residential and commercial structures, while the sawmill is owned and operated by Redwood Company, LLC, formed in 2008 through the reorganization of PALCO. The company mills trees from land holdings consisting of more than 209,000 acres of redwood and Douglas fir trees.

Humboldt County entrepreneurs are beginning to fill some of the vacated and spacious mill housing made available as redwood tree milling slowed. The Eel River Brewing Company (Scotia Brewing Facility and Warehouse), a nationally-recognized organic microbrewery, and AquaDam, a company that makes temporary water-filled barriers which control and divert water, are both anchor tenants replacing the saws,

planers and grinders of the once thriving lumber mill operation.

Summer fun in Scotia is taken seriously, with PALCO Ballpark and Fireman's Park located nearby along the Eel River featuring swimming, athletic fields and a redwood grove perfect for a big picnic or mid-day nap. They are accessible from Main Street (take a right at Bridge Street, then follow Railroad Avenue to the end), all amenities located at the northwest end of town. The holiday season is also taken seriously in Scotia, with houses decked out in full celebration of light amidst the darkness for entire town blocks.

Visit the Scotia Museum on Main Street to peruse artifacts, photographs, and exhibits of the redwood lumber industry in its heydays. Touch a mighty steam engine locomotive used to transport huge redwood trees for milling. Across the street is the historic Winema Theatre, built 100 years ago in 1919, designed by San Francisco architect Alfred Henry Jacobs in a rustic style with redwood logs. A shopping center, including a grocery, deli, gas station and pharmacy, can be found across the street from the historic Scotia Inn.



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Garberville-Redway

“J.E. Wood founded this settlement in 1862. It is named for Jacob C. Garber...born on January 7, 1824...“It is said that he came to California in 1845 at the age of 21 and did some mining in the Trinity mines in 1849...“He settled on a small flat below the present site of Garberville where he engaged in farming and ran a general store...known as the South Fork Trading Post.”

The Redwood Highway becomes a more realistic name when entering Humboldt County at its southern entrance, just north of Piercy. Traffic winds through a grove of gigantic thousand-year old redwood trees enveloping Richardson Grove State Park at this south gate to the county. This five-minute stretch of road compares with nothing else along U.S. Highway 101 (between Canada or Mexico) with its towering cathedral canyon of redwood trees on either side of the roadway filled with thick ferns and going across crisscrossing

flowing streams.

The town of Garberville a few minutes later, visitors enter a town some local folks dub a “time machine” that seems to have landed there among the redwoods decades ago. Garberville can be loosely described as a mix of hippies, students, ranchers and farmers living harmoniously amidst a bustling business community. The common denominator of these hardy Southern Humboldt folks is caring and being kind to the visitors to their town.

Garberville is an oasis of trade and services, located where Mr. Garber figured would be a good central point of commerce when he opened his trading post there more than 150 years ago. Garberville is the hub of the Southern Humboldt region—Alderpoint Road, running east from town, emulates the historic stagecoach route that went once went through Alderpoint, Blocksburg, Bridgeville, and finally on to

Carlotta, Fortuna and Eureka.

Briceland Road, beginning about two miles south from Garberville in Redway, runs west connecting Briceland, Whitethorn and Ettersburg, historic logging communities that carried their timber by mule transport to the port at Shelter Cove to the farthest west (This area of the coast is the southern end of the famed “Lost Coast”.

The enchanted Avenue of the Giants drive, a 31-mile drive north from Garberville along the old U.S. Highway 101, begins just a few minutes north of Garberville. The old route connects the historic logging and farming towns of Miranda, Myers Flat, Weott, Redcrest and Pepperwood.

Driving U.S. Highway 101 a couple miles south of Garberville, visitors will notice the historic Benbow Inn shimmering at night alone within a backdrop of dark forest. The newly renovated and expanded Benbow Inn shines bright white in the daytime,

STATISTICS

Population:
Garberville: 913 (2010)
Redway: 1,225 (2010)
Settled: 1860s

CITY GOVERNMENT

The Garberville/Redway area is an unincorporated part of Humboldt County. The towns do not have a mayor or city council. The Redway Community Services District provides water and waste water to the Redway community. In Garberville, water and sewer services are managed by Garberville Sanitary District. A movement is underway to establish a Garberville Community Services District.

CITY CONTACTS

Redway Community Services District

1150 Evergreen Rd, Suite #2, Redway
707-923-3101

Southern Humboldt Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

782 Redwood Dr., Garberville
707-923-2613
www.garberville.org

Library

715 Cedar St, Garberville
707-923-2230

Garberville Sheriff Substation

648 Locust St, Garberville
707-923-2761
hso@co.humboldt.ca.us

California Department Of Forestry

Garberville Forest Fire Station
324 Alderpoint Rd., Garberville
707-923-2645



with Tudor-style architecture hotel rooms, lobby and restaurant, all still furnished with much of the same antique furniture of the late 1800s and early 1900s period. The elegant and luxurious bar staff will serve you the best old-fashioned gin & tonic of the summer season, or perhaps present you with the richest gin-whiskey choices in the area. Try to make the 4-6 P.M. Happy Hour, so the sun can angle over the roomy balcony right outside the full-service lounge with glass framed Tudor doors. Read a book, have a glass of sherry from a decanter and relax, because tomorrow will be your time to shine on the Benbow Valley 9-hole golf course, easily accessible from your own electric golf cart just a buzz from the hotel's front doors. Try to catch the Benbow Inn Fourth of July fireworks show, perhaps while sipping cognac from your balcony perch. Time your stay at the Benbow Inn to roll out of bed and walk a hundred yards to annual June Summer Arts Music Festival held at the adjoining Benbow Lake State Recreation Area.

If you time it right, take a 10-minute drive south to French's Camp, the site of the 35th annual Reggae on the River, a premiere reggae festival this year held on the first weekend in August (Aug. 2 - Aug. 4, 2019).

Of course, there is plenty of comfortable lodging available right in Garberville. Bring your cowboy hat and sashay on over to the sanctioned Garberville Rodeo, dubbed the "Rodeo in the Redwoods" held every Father's Day weekend (June 14 and June 15, 2019) at the Garberville Community Park located at 934 Sprowel Creek Rd, Garberville.

Garberville is recognized as part of the cannabis industry "Emerald Triangle" and is noted as an emerging "research and development"

area for cannabis, as well as a regional leader for the development of secondary businesses associated with the legal herb. The Humboldt Cannabis College, located in Redway, focuses on medicinal uses of the plant, teaching ecological horticulture methods, as well as corresponding history, laws, and activism efforts related to the legalization of the plant. (Cannabis College does not promote illegal cultivation, sales, or use of cannabis).

Late Spring, summer and early fall bring temperatures that invite visitors to bask in the many swimming holes found along the Eel River. The river menders north, flowing through Richardson Grove State Park, then alongside Garberville and finally along dozens of swimming holes dotting the entire length of the Avenue of the Giants. Most swimming holes are an easy hike leading from an easy parking spot. North Coast visitors can picnic, swim and fish the Eel River at the at the day-use only Southern Humboldt Community Park, located just west of town at 934 Sprowel Creek Road.

Humboldt Redwoods State Park, with headquarters near Myers Flat at Burlington, contains Rockefeller Forest, the world's largest remaining contiguous old-growth forest of coast redwoods. It was named after the great nineteenth-century scientist, Alexander von Humboldt. The park was established by the Save the Redwoods League in 1921, largely from lands purchased from the Pacific Lumber Company. Individual and group campgrounds are found throughout the expansive park, with favorites including, but not limited to, Burlington campground, Hidden Springs campground and the Williams Grove group camping and picnic area.

Resources

www.times-standard.com

The website for Humboldt County's daily newspaper includes local news, business news, sports, style, entertainment, features, opinion, classifieds, advertisements, special sections, weather, obituaries, subscription information and much more.

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Listed below is a guide to economic development agencies in Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

There are a variety of resources to assist North Coast businesses with their needs. If you don't see what you need, call the North Coast Small Business Development Center in Eureka at 707-445-9035, your local Chamber of Commerce, or one of the economic development agencies for further assistance. Chambers are listed separately.

Arcata Economic Development Corp.

707-798-6132
707 K St.
Eureka, CA 95501
www.aedc1.org

Arcata Main Street

707-822-4500
761 Eighth St., Suite C
Arcata, CA 95521 (down the hall from Libation and Willow)
www.arcatamainstreet.com

Del Norte Economic Development Corp.

707-464-2169
882 H St.
Crescent City, CA 95531
www.delnorte.org

Eureka Main Street

707-442-9054
525 Second St., Suite 105
Eureka, CA 95501
www.eurekamainstreet.org

Fortuna Business Improvement District

707-725-9261
PO Box 1000
610 Main St.
Fortuna, CA 95540
www.fortunabusiness.com

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department

707-445-7245
3015 H St.
Eureka, CA 95501
<https://humboldt.gov.org/156/Planning-Building>

Humboldt State University Office for Economic, Community, & Business Development

707-826-4189
Student Business Services Building, Room 427
hsuf@humboldt.edu
<http://www2.humboldt.edu/orced/>

The Job Market

www.thejobmarket.org
▪ Eureka: 707-441-5627, 409 K St., Eureka, CA 95501

North Coast Small Business Development Center

www.northcoastsbdc.org
▪ Humboldt: 707-445-9720, Prosperity Center, 520 E St., Eureka, CA 95501
▪ Del Norte: 707-464-2168

Northcoast Employer Advisory Council

707-441-5702
<https://www.ceac.org/region-1/north-coast-eureka-eac/>

Redwood Region Economic Development Commission

707-445-9651
Prosperity Center, 520 E St., Eureka, CA 95501
<https://harealtors.com/affiliate/redwood-region-economic-development-commission>

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Arcata

707-822-3619
1635 Heindon Road
Arcata, CA 95521
www.arcatachamber.com

Blue Lake

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the historic Skinner Store behind City Hall in Blue Lake. Everyone is invited to attend these monthly meetings.
<https://www.sunnybluelake.com/blue-lake-chamber/>

Crescent City and Del Norte County

707-464-3174 or 800-343-8300
1001 Front St.
Crescent City, CA 95531
www.delnorte.org

Greater Eureka

707-442-3738
2112 Broadway
Eureka, CA 95501
www.eurekachamber.com

Ferndale

707-786-4477
P.O. Box 325
Ferndale, CA 95536
<https://www.visitferndale.com/chamber-of-commerce>

Fortuna

707-725-3959 or 800-426-8166
P.O. Box 797
735 14th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540
www.fortunachamber.com

Garberville-Redway

The Southern Humboldt Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center
707-923-2613
782 Redwood Drive
P.O. Box 445
Garberville, CA 95542
www.garberville.org

Humboldt County Convention & Visitors Bureau

800-346-3482
707-443-5097
info@VisitRedwoods.com
322 First Street
Eureka, CA 95501
www.visitredwoods.com/

Klamath

800-200-2335
P.O. Box 476
Klamath, CA 95548
www.klamathca.org

McKinleyville

707-839-2449
1640 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 2144
McKinleyville, CA 95519
www.mckinleyvillechamber.com

Rio Dell-Scotia

707-506-5081
406 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562
www.riodellscotiachamber.org

Trinidad

707-677-1610
P.O. Box 356
Trinidad, CA 95570
www.trinidadcalif.com

Willow Creek

530-629-2693
P.O. Box 704
Willow Creek, CA 95573
www.willowcreekchamber.com

HUMBOLDT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

• Humboldt County Office of Education

707-445-7000
901 Myrtle Ave.
Eureka, CA 95501
www.humboldt.k12.ca.us

• Community/Court Schools

707-445-7081
The Humboldt County Office of Education operates a number of alternative schools across the county. Enrollment is by referral only. Grades 7-12.

• **Humboldt-Del Norte SELPA**
(Special Education Services)
2822 Harris St.
Eureka, CA 95503
707-441-2051
SELPA provides: Program availability for all children with disabilities, Curriculum/program development - Community Advisory Committee (CAC) support, Community awareness, Program coordination, Staff development, Procedural safeguards, Data collection/management, Fiscal management, Program evaluation/review

ARCATA

• **Arcata School District**
707-822-0351
1435 Buttermilk Lane
Sunny Brae, CA 95521
K-8 district comprised of two schools, Arcata Elementary School and Sunny Brae Middle School. Runs a theme-school program defining special emphasis for each school. Arcata Elementary, grades K-5, has an emphasis on arts and global studies. Sunny Brae Middle School, grades 6-8, has a strong character education program called Second Step. Operates four charter schools: Coastal Grove Charter School, grades K-8, Fuente Nueva, grades K-5, Redwood Coast Montessori, grades K-8, and Union Street Charter, grades K-5

• **Jacoby Creek Charter School District/Jacoby Creek Elementary School**
707-822-4896
1617 Old Arcata Road
Bayside, CA 95524
Grades K-8

• **Pacific Union School District/Pacific Union Elementary School**
707-822-4619
3001 Janes Road
Arcata, CA 95521
Grades K-8
Included in district is Trillium Elementary Charter School, grades K-5

BLUE LAKE

• **Blue Lake Union School District/Blue Lake Elementary School**
707-668-5674
631 Greenwood Ave.
Blue Lake, CA 95525
Grades K-8

• **Green Point School District/Green Point School**
707-668-5921
180 Valkensar Lane
Blue Lake, CA 95525
Grades K-8

BRIDGEVILLE

• **Bridgeville School District/Bridgeville Elementary School**
707-777-3311
38717 Kneeland Rd.
P.O. Box 98, Bridgeville, CA 95526
Grades K-8

CARLOTTA

• **Cuddeback Union School District/Cuddeback Elementary School**
707-768-3372
P.O. Box 7
300 Wilder Road
Carlotta, CA 95528
Grades K-8

CUTTEN

• **Cutten School District**
707-441-3900
4182 Walnut Drive
Eureka, CA 95503
Operates Cutten School, grades 3-6, and Ridgewood School, grades K-2.

EUREKA

• **Eureka City Schools**
707-441-2400
2100 J St.
Eureka, CA 95503
Elementary schools, grades K-5: Alice Birney, Grant, Lafayette, Winship and Washington. Middle schools, grades 6-8: Catherine L. Zane. High school, grades 9-12: Eureka High.
Alternative high schools: Zoe Barnum and Humboldt Bay. Adult Education: Eureka Adult School
Children's Center: Winzler Children's Center
www.eurekacityschools.org

• **Garfield School District/Garfield School**
707-442-5471
2200 Freshwater Road
Eureka, CA 95503
Grades K-6

• **South Bay Union School District**
707-443-4828
6077 Loma Ave.
Eureka, CA 95503
Grades K-6
Operates two schools for grades K-6: Pine Hill School and South Bay School.

FERNDALE

• **Ferndale Unified School District**
707-786-5900
1231 Main St.
Ferndale, 95536
Operates Ferndale Elementary School, grades K-8, and Ferndale High School, grades 9-12.

FIELDBROOK

• **Fieldbrook School District/Fieldbrook Elementary School**
707-839-3201
4070 Fieldbrook Road
Fieldbrook, CA 95519
Grades K-8

FORTUNA

• **Fortuna Union Elementary School District**
707-725-2293
843 L St.
Fortuna, CA 95540
Operates Fortuna Elementary, grades 5-8, and South Fortuna Elementary, grades K-4, the former Rohnerville School District, and Redwood Preparatory Charter School

• **Fortuna Union High School District**
707-725-4461
379 12th St.
Fortuna, CA 95540
Operates Fortuna High, grades 9-12, and East High School, an alternative high school. Strong Creek Community School, grades 9-10, and Academy of the Redwoods. Independent study is offered by the Fortuna Adult School, 707-725-4482.

FRESHWATER

• **Freshwater School District**
707-442-2969
75 Greenwood Heights Drive
Eureka, CA 95503
Operates Freshwater Elementary, grades K-6, and Freshwater Charter Middle School, grades 7-8.

HYDESVILLE

• **Hydesville Elementary School District/Hydesville Elementary School**
707-768-3610
3050 Johnson Road, P.O. Box 551
Hydesville, CA 95547
Grades K-8.

KLAMATH-TRINITY

• **Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District**
530-625-5600
P.O. Box 1308
5 Loop Road
Hoopa, CA 95546
Operates five schools for grades K-8: Hoopa Valley, Jack Norton, Orleans, Trinity Valley and Weitchpec. Operates two high schools: Hoopa Valley, grades 9-12, and Capt. John Continuation High.

KNEELAND

• **Kneeland School District/Kneeland School**
707-442-5472
9313 Kneeland Road
Kneeland, CA 95549
Grades K-8

KORBEL

• **Maple Creek School District/Maple Creek School**
707-668-5596
15933 Maple Creek Route
Korbel, CA 95550
Grades K-8

LOLETA

• **Loleta Union School District**
707-733-5705
P.O. Box 547
700 Loleta Drive
Loleta, CA 95551
Operates Loleta Elementary, grades K-8, and Pacific View Charter School at several sites, grades K-12.

MCKINLEYVILLE

• **McKinleyville Union School District**
707-839-1549
2275 Central Ave.
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Operates Dow's Prairie School and Morris School, grades K-5, and McKinleyville Middle School, grades 6-8.

• **Northern Humboldt Union High School District**

707-839-6470
2755 McKinleyville Ave.
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Operates four high schools: Arcata and McKinleyville, grades 9-12; Tsurai and Pacific Coast, alternative high schools. Also operates Northern Humboldt Adult School and Northern Humboldt Community Day School, Six Rivers Charter High School and the American Indian Academy, grades 9-12.

ORICK

• **Orick School District/Orick Elementary School**

707-488-2821
P.O. Box 128
Orick, CA 95555
Grades K-8

PETROLIA

• **Mattole Unified School District**

707-629-3311
29829 Chambers Rd.
P.O. Box 211
Petrolia, CA 95558
Operates two elementary schools: Honeydew, grades K-5, and Mattole, grades K-8. Operates Mattole Triple Junction High School, grades 9-12, and Mattole Valley Charter School at several sites, grades K-12.

RIO DELL

• **Rio Dell School District**

707-764-5694
95 Center St.
Rio Dell, CA 95562
Operates Eagle Prairie Elementary, grades K-5, and Monument Middle School, grades 6-8.

SAMOA

• **Peninsula Union School District/Peninsula School**

707-443-2731
909 Vance Ave.
Samoa, CA 95564
Grades K-8

SCOTIA

• **Scotia Union School District/Scotia School**

707-764-2212
P.O. Box 217
417 Church St.
Scotia, CA 95565
Grades K-8

• **Southern Humboldt Unified School District**

707-943-1789
110 School Road
P.O. Box 650
Miranda, CA 95530
Operates five elementary schools: Agnes J. Johnson School for grades K-5; Casterlin School for grades K-8; Ettersburg School for grades K-3; Redway School for grades K-7; and Whitethorn School for grades K-7. Operates South Fork Junior-Senior High School, grades 8-12, along with alternative programs in Miranda.

TRINIDAD

• **Big Lagoon Union School District**

707-677-3688
269 Big Lagoon Park Rd.
Trinidad, CA 95570
Operates Big Lagoon Elementary School, grades K-8, and North Coast Charter School, with a campus in Big Lagoon, grades K-8.

• **Trinidad Union School District/Trinidad School**

707-677-3631
300 Trinity St.
Trinidad, CA 95570
Grades K-8

HUMBOLDT COUNTY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

• **Arcata & Rooney -McKinleyville Children's Center**

707-822-1423
1695 10th St., Arcata
Grades preschool-5; afterschool program, grades K-5. Also operates a preschool program in McKinleyville.

• **Arcata Christian School**

707-822-5986
1700 Union St., Arcata
Grades preschool-8

• **Beginnings Inc.**

707-923-3617
P.O. Box 1090
Redway, CA 95560
Grades K-6

• **Humboldt Bay Christian School**

707-822-1738
70 Stephens Lane
Bayside, CA 95524
Grades 1-8

• **Redwood Christian School**

707-442-4625
2039 E. St.
Eureka, CA 95501
Grades K-8

• **Fortuna Junior Academy**

707-725-2988
1200 Ross Hill Road
Fortuna, CA 95540
Grades 1-8

• **Mistwood Center for Education**

707-826-1150
1928 Old Arcata Road
Bayside, CA 95524
Grades K-8

• **Gospel Outreach School**

707-445-2214
PO Box 1022
Eureka, CA 95502
Grades 2-12

• **Mad River Montessori Preschool**

707-822-4027
1710 Janes Road
Arcata, CA 95521

• **Mistwood Montessori School**

707-444-8100
1801 10th St.
Eureka, CA 95501
Preschool and Kindergarten.

• **New Life Christian School**

707-725-9136
1736 Newburg Road
Fortuna, CA 95540
Grades PK through 12

• **Salmon Creek Community School**

707-943-1500
PO Box 670
Miranda, CA 95553
Grades K-8

• **St. Bernard's Catholic Schools**

707-443-2735
St. Bernard's Academy
Grades 7-12
222 Dollison St.
Eureka, CA 95501
707-443-7705
Preschool
115 Henderson St.
Eureka, CA 95501

• **St. Mary's Catholic School**

707-822-3877
1730 Janes Road
Arcata, CA 95521
Grades preschool-8

• **Willow Creek Christian School**

530-629-3332
41240 Christian School Road,
Highway 299
Willow Creek, CA 95573

GRADES K-12

DEL NORTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

• **Del Norte County Unified School District/Office of Education**

707-464-0200
301 W. Washington Blvd.
Crescent City, CA 95531
www.delnorte.k12.ca.us

CRESCENT CITY

• **Elementary schools:**

Grades K-5,
707-464-0310
Grades preschool-5,
707-464-0330
Grades K-6, 707-464-0301
Pine Grove, grades preschool-5,
707-464-0350.

• **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

CRESCENT ELK

Grades 6-8, 707-464-0320

• **HIGH SCHOOLS:**

Del Norte High School,
Grades 9-12, 707-464-0274
Sunset Continuation High School, grades 9-12,
707-464-0380

• **CHARTER SCHOOL:**

Castle Rock

Grades K-12,
707-464-0390

FORT DICK

• **Redwood Elementary School,**
Grades K-8,
707-464-0360

GASQUET

• **Mountain Elementary School,**
Grades K-8, 707-457-3211

KLAMATH

• **Margaret Keating Elementary School**
Grades K-8,
707-464-0340

SMITH RIVER

• **Smith River School**
Grades K-8, 707-464-0751

ALTERNATIVE

• Bar O Boys School,

Grades 9-12,
707-954-5601
Public school for offenders,
adjacent to the juvenile
detention facility northeast of
Gasquet on U.S. Highway 199.
A Del Norte County Office of
Education program.

• Elk Creek

Grades 7-12,
707-465-0447
A Del Norte County Office of
Education program affiliated
with the juvenile detention
facility.

• McCarthy Alternative Education Center

Grades 7-12, 464-0399
A Del Norte County Office
of Education program with
enrollment by referral from
probation department only.

• Educational Options,

Grades 1-12,
707-464-0750
Independent study programs:
Avalon Elementary School
and Paragon High School.
Enrollment by referral from
teacher or by parents' request.

DEL NORTE COUNTY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

• Foursquare Christian School

707-464-9501
144 Butte St.
Crescent City, CA 95531
Grades preschool-12

• Crescent City Jr. Academy

707-464-5229
1770 Northcrest Drive
Crescent City, CA 95531
Grades preschool-10

• St. Joseph School

707-464-3477
330 E St.
Crescent City, CA 95531
Grades K-8

• Crescent City Seventh-day Adventist School

707-464-5229
1770 Northcrest Dr.
Crescent City, CA 95531
Grades 1-8

HIGHER EDUCATION

• College of the Redwoods

7351 Tompkins Hill Road
Eureka, CA 95501
800-641-0400
707-476-4100
www.redwoods.edu
The Redwoods Community
College District was formed
in 1964 by an election of the
people of Humboldt County. Its
main campus is in Eureka, with
campuses in Crescent City and Fort
Bragg, along with instructional
sites in Hoopa and Garberville.
Classes include academic and
transfer programs; community and
economic development programs;
and professional and technical
programs.

• Humboldt State University

707-826-3011
1 Harpst St.
Arcata, CA 95521
www.humboldt.edu
Humboldt State University,
founded in 1914, is the
northernmost campus of the
California State University system.
The university offers more than
170 undergraduate, graduate and
pre-professional programs.

FAMILIES/CHILDREN

First 5 Del Norte

707-464-0955
494 Pacific Ave.
Crescent City, CA 95531
First 5 Del Norte promotes the
health, development, and wellness
of children ages 0 to 5 and their
families by utilizing, increasing,
and sustaining resources to
support innovative, integrated,
family-centered, culturally
appropriate programs and services.
www.delnortekids.org

Indian Action Council of NW CA, Inc.

707-443-8401
2905 Hubbard Lane Suite C
Eureka, CA 95501
Tutoring and advocacy focusing
mainly on the American Indian
family.

Changing Tides Family Services

707-444-8293, 800-795-3554
2379 Myrtle Ave.
Eureka, CA
changingtidesfs.org
Formerly Humboldt Child Care
Council, this child care and family
resource agency provides services,
support, referrals, child care
subsidies and vouchers, children's
centers, respite care.

CASA

(Court Appointed Special
Advocates)
Humboldt: 707-443-3197
Del Norte: 707-464-3320
www.californiacasa.org
Provides trained volunteer
community members who
are appointed by a judge to
advocate for a child who has
been removed from home due to
abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Northcoast Children's Services

707-822-7206
1266 Ninth St.
Arcata, CA 95521
www.ncsheadstart.org
Head Start and Early Head Start
programs for Humboldt and Del
Norte counties.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Listed here are some of the
services available in Humboldt
and Del Norte counties. If
you don't see what you need,
the Humboldt Community
Switchboard at 707-441-1001 may
be able to help.

Del Norte County Website

www.co.del-norte.ca.us
Official county website. Lists
county services, commissions,
meeting agendas, county parks
and more.

Humboldt County Website

https://humboldt.gov.org/
Official county website. Lists
county services, commissions,
meeting agendas, county parks
and more.

Humboldt Transit Authority

707-443-0826
133 V St., Eureka, CA
www.hta.org

LIBRARIES

Humboldt County Main Branch

707-269-1915
1313 Third St.
Eureka, CA 95501
https://humboldt.gov.org/library
Hours: Tuesday noon - 5 p.m.,
Wednesday noon - 8 p.m.,
Thursday noon - 5 p.m., Friday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 11
a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Sunday and
Monday.

Partial list of services at main
branch: Children's room; public
meeting rooms; equipment
for the handicapped; the
Humboldt Room (local history

and government documents);
Serendipity used book store;
Kris Kelly Health Information
Center (consumer health
research). Bookmobile serves
residents countywide. Public-
use computers available at all
branches.

Humboldt County Branch Libraries

(hours vary, call branch): Arcata,
707-822-5954;
Blue Lake, 707-668-4207;
Ferndale, 707-786-9559; Fortuna,
707-725-3460; Garberville,
707-923-2230; McKinleyville,
707-839-4459; Rio Dell, 707-764-
3333; Trinidad, 707-677-0227;
Willow Creek, 530-629-2146.

Humboldt State University Library

707-826-3431
1 Harpst St.
Arcata, CA 95521
library.humboldt.edu/
Non-students may purchase a
borrower's card. No card needed
to use materials on site. The
library also has a Humboldt
Room.

College of the Redwoods Library

707-476-4260
7351 Tompkins Hill Road
Eureka, CA 95501
www.redwoods.edu/library
Residents of high school age or
older may obtain a free library
card. Photo identification
required.

Humboldt County Law Library

707-476-2356
812 Fourth St.
Eureka, CA 95501
Collection for on-site use
only. Includes California laws,
California case law, regional
reports of case law, U.S. codes.

Del Norte County Library

707-464-9793
190 Price Mall
Crescent City, CA 95531
www.delnortecountylibrary.org
Hours: Monday through
Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed
Sundays.

Del Norte County Law Library

707-464-8115 Ext. 126
450 H St.
Crescent City, CA 95531
Collection for on-site use only.
Includes California laws, federal
supplements, Federal Reporter,
California Reporter, California
Codes, U.S. Codes, law journals,
U.S. Supreme Court reports.

SENIORS

Area 1 Agency on Aging, Del Norte/Humboldt

www.alaa.org

■ Humboldt: 707-442-3763;
Senior information and
assistance: 707-442-9591 or 800-
408-4636

Retired Senior Volunteer
Program: 707-442-3711
434 Seventh St.
Eureka, CA 95501

■ Del Norte: 707-464-7876
1765 Northcrest Drive
Crescent City, CA 95531
The Area 1 Agency on Aging
advocates, plans, coordinates,
develops, and delivers a
range of senior, information,
volunteer and caregiver services
in Humboldt and Del Norte
counties.

Del Norte Senior Center

707-464-3069
1765 Northcrest Drive
Crescent City, CA 95531
www.delnorteseniorcenter.org

Humboldt Senior Resource Center

707-443-9747
1910 California St.
Eureka, CA 95501
humsenior.wordpress.com
The Humboldt Senior Resource
Center is committed to providing
services, information, education
and recreation for seniors,
families and caregivers in
Humboldt County.

McKinleyville Senior Center

707-839-0191
1620 Pickett Road, Azalea Hall
McKinleyville, CA 95519
[http://mckinleyvillecsd.com/
senior-programs](http://mckinleyvillecsd.com/senior-programs)

SPECIAL NEEDS

Glen Paul School

707-445-7068
2501 Cypress Ave.
Eureka, CA 95503
Programs designed to meet
the special education needs
of children and youth, ages
three to 22, who are physically
handicapped, severely
developmentally delayed or
multiple handicapped. Services
include: Identification and
referral, speech and language
services, adapted physical
education services, occupational
and physical therapy, vocational
and transition programs.

Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR)

707-443-7077
1707 E St., Suite 2
Eureka, CA 95501
Private nonprofit agency
incorporated in 1955. Connects
disabled people with the
community by providing
opportunities for learning, living
and employment.
<https://www.hcar.us/>

Humboldt Council of the Blind

707-839-0588
<https://humguide.com/hcb/>
A group of blind and sighted
people working to increase
independence, security, equality of
opportunity and quality of life for
blind and visually impaired people.

VETERANS

North Coast Veterans Resource Center

707-442-4322
109 Fourth St.
Eureka, CA 95501
[http://www.vetsresource.org/vrc-
north-coast.html](http://www.vetsresource.org/vrc-north-coast.html)
Full range of services and
vocational counseling for veterans.

SPECIAL INTEREST /ADVOCATES

Eureka branch of the NAACP

707-502-2546
P.O. Box 1434
Eureka, CA 95502
contact@eurekanaacp.org

North Coast AIDS Project

707-441-5074
<https://nasen.org/map/>
Health Education Division
908 Seventh St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Legal Services of Northern California

123 Third Street
Eureka, CA 95501
707-445-0866
Del Norte County Toll-Free: 800-
972-0002
Senior Legal Assistance Program:
707-443-9747 ext. 245
<https://lsnc.net/office/eureka>

Raven Project

707-443-7099
523 T St.
Eureka, CA 95501
[https://www.facebook.com/
ravenproject](https://www.facebook.com/ravenproject)
Organization that reaches out to
youth aged 21 and younger whom
are homeless, runaway, traveling,
disenfranchised, street, or at risk.

Hospice of Humboldt

707-445-8443
3327 Timber Fall Court
Eureka, CA 95503
www.hospiceofhumboldt.org

WELL-BEING SERVICES

CRISIS/PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Del Norte County Child Protective Services:

707-464-3191

Mental Health Services:

707-464-7224

Humboldt County Domestic Violence:

707-443-6042

24-Hour Crisis Line:

707-445-7715

North Coast Rape Crisis Team:

707-445-2881

Child Abuse Services Team:

707-476-1240

Youth Crisis Line:

800-843-5200

EMERGENCY FOOD /SHELTER

Eureka Rescue Mission

707-445-3787
110 Second St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Men's Shelter:

707-445-3787
110 Second St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Women and Children's Shelter

707-443-5016
107 Third St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Serenity Inn (shelter)

707-442-4815
2109 Broadway
Eureka, CA 95501

St. Vincent de Paul dining facility

707-445-9588
35 W. Third St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Food For People - Food Bank

707-445-3166
307 West 14th St.
Eureka, CA 95501

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Alcoholics Anonymous

24-hour hotlines:
Humboldt County: 844-442-0711
Del Norte County: 707-464-3411
<http://aahumboldt.delnorte.org/>

Del Norte County Drug & Alcohol Services:

707-464-4813

Hoopla Tribal Alcohol Program:

530-625-4236

Humboldt County

Alcohol & Other Drug Programs:
707-476-4054

Narcotics Anonymous for Humboldt and Del Norte counties:

707-444-8645

United Indian Health Services:

Arcata: 707-825-5000
Crescent City: 707-464-2919
Fortuna: 707-725-7988
Klamath: 707-482-2181
Smith River: 707-487-0215
Weitchpec: 530-625-4300



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