



WELCOME TO
OUR LIFESTYLE

Karuk Tribe

An interactive brochure for Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties

The Karuk Tribe is one of the largest Indian Tribal governments in Northern California.

The Karuk Tribal community covers all of Siskiyou County and Eastern Humboldt County from the Siskiyou County/Oregon border to Bluff Creek, encompassing approximately 4,000 miles. The service area has been divided accordingly, because the traditional land boundaries of the Karuk Tribe once included over one million acres of sacred grounds, hunting areas, and Indian communities along the Klamath and Salmon Rivers. The Karuk Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe whose constitution was formally adopted by its members on April 17, 1985. Services provided by the Tribe include general government, education and a variety of social and health services.



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Skiing

Snowboard or ski down California's majestic [Mt. Shasta](#) or Oregon's amazing [Mt. Ashland](#). Night skiing is a relaxing way to start your weekends. Cross Country more your style? Mountains and parks throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon will keep your skis happy.



Camping

There's no better place to roast smores than while camping in Northern California. Klamath River, [Trees of Heaven](#), [Sarah Totten](#) and [Dillon Creek](#) are a few locations to add to your camping destination list.





Fishing

Grab your favorite fishing gear and head to one of the locals favorite fishing spots such as [Trinity Lake](#), [Shasta Lake](#), Lake Siskiyou, or the [Klamath River](#).





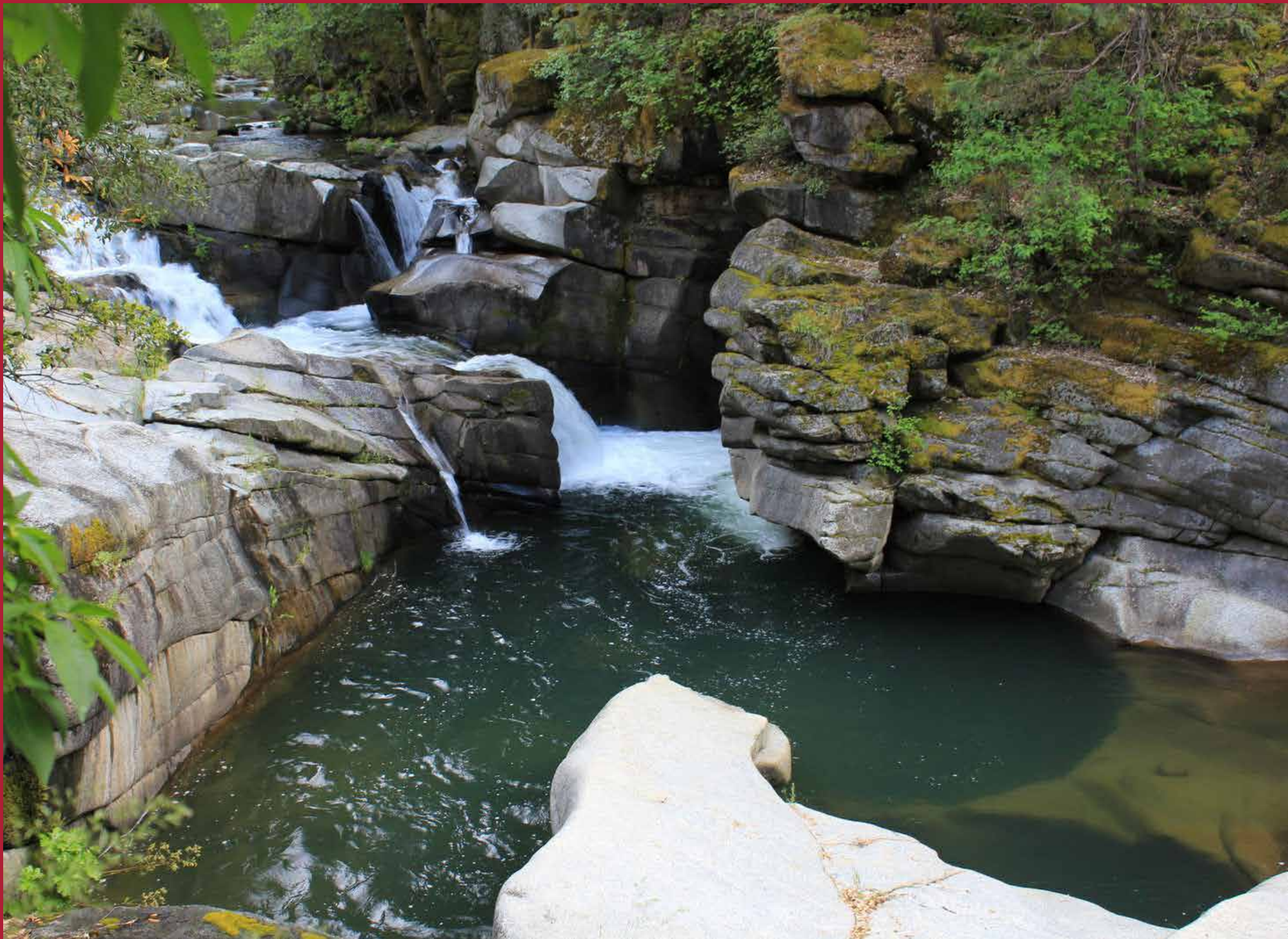
Hiking

Running from Mexico to Canada, the 2650 miles (give or take 10 miles) of the [The Pacific Crest Trail](#) is enough to get any hiker itching to lace up their boots. Other wonderful hiking hot spots are The Upper Desert and [The Marble Mountain Wilderness](#).



River Rafting and Kayaking

Enjoy a fabulous float down river and experience Class II to Class V rapids on the nearby [Klamath](#), Rogue, [Sacramento](#), or [Salmon](#) Rivers. Numerous guide services are available in both Northern California and Southern Oregon.



Swimming

Many creeks along the [Klamath River](#) have great swimming holes; some have been used by locals for generations. Clear Creek, [Dillon Creek](#) are some examples



Rock Hounding

The [Klamath National Forest](#) has some diverse stones and rocks to find. Happy Camp Jade is a rare form of Jade found only around the Happy Camp area. Let's not forget the gold rocks too! Many places to pan for gold along the Scott and [Klamath Rivers](#).



Hunting

Are you a hunter? Do you anticipate opening morning more than your birthday? If so, Northern California and Southern Oregon are the places for you with their abundant [opportunities](#) including, deer, elk, goose, duck, quail, and pheasant hunting.



Bird Watching

With the greatest number of differing species of hawk anywhere in the US, there is no better place to practice your bird watching scavenger hunt than Karuk Aboriginal Territory. Spy on Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles fishing on the Klamath River, and view Herons, Kingfishers, Wood ducks and even Chimney Swifts as they migrate.



Bicycling

Enjoy mountain biking and road cycling, on huge expanses of mountain bike trails. Pedal along miles and miles of old logging roads as they wind through the forest.



Four-wheeling

If taking your tire tread off road gets your adrenaline pumping, you are going to be excited to turn up some dust at our [parks and dunes](#). With varying trail difficulties, the mountain ridges along the Pacific Coast are sure to satisfy any four-wheeling desires.



Horseback riding

Experience the local community in a whole new way by exploring the local mountains and town on horseback.



Drop Camping

Drop camping with local Mule Packing

With only a desire and a day pack, you can trek the local mountains and not have to worry about finding your way back to civilization before night fall. Local [companies](#) will pack in your gear, set up your camp, making your time in the Marble Mountains, Trinity or Russian wilderness relaxing and enjoyable.



Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling has enjoyed tremendous growth, both in participants and the technology of the machines. Today's snowmobiles are safe, dependable and easy to ride, even for the first time operator.



Golfing

Many local golf courses from high-end to affordable are nearby.



Southern Oregon

- Grants Pass-Rogue River jet boat excursions
- Crater Lake National Park
- Lakes with camping and fishing
- Ashland, Oregon-Shakespeare Theater and plays
- Southern Oregon State University



Oregon Coast

Only four hours to the Oregon Coast!
BROOKINGS -

- Harris Beach State Park-Camping and beach access
- Chetco River-Camping and day use parks, swimming etc.

GOLD BEACH (mouth of Rogue River)

- Jet boat excursions up from mouth of Rogue River to Agnes, Oregon
- Beaches
- Charter Ocean Fishing
- Camping and fishing on river

Going north on 101-Bandon, Coos Bay, Winchester Bay all the way to Astoria, Oregon



California North Coast

CRESCENT CITY -

- Battery Point Lighthouse
- Beaches
- Charter ocean Fishing

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

- [Trees of Mystery](#)
- [Redwood National Park](#)
- [Loleta Cheese Factory](#)
- [Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum](#)



Happy Camp History

Happy Camp is located at the top of California in Siskiyou County, deep in the heart of the Klamath National Forest and on the banks of the Klamath River at the confluence of Indian and Elk Creeks.

The people of the Karuk Tribe, meaning “upriver” people, have lived here since before history. In July 1851 a group of prospectors arrived from downriver, prospecting as they came and made camp here. They named the camp “Happy Camp” and that became the name of the town that grew up here. Many other sites of gold discovery became ghost towns, but Happy Camp endured.

Miners at Thompson Creek area saw a large, ape-like creature which scared the Chinese miners, so that they wouldn’t go back to work for days. Today modern “Bigfoot” teams camp out and look for the legendary creature with modern technology. If no large apes are found, they’ve at least had a great time camping in the forest.

When mining declined, the lumber industry became the chief occupation. The Klamath National Forest, Happy Camp District, was founded here in 1905. Happy Camp was well known as the “Steelhead Capital of the World!” Fishing and hunting as well as the natural beauty brought visitors, and when the road was completed in 1928 travel became easier

The State of Jefferson Scenic Byway is a memorial to a movement to carve a new state from Oregon and California. Due to the lack of state maintenance of roads and services, a

movement to secede from California and Oregon and become the “State of Jefferson” was begun in the 1940’s. This “revolt” was every Thursday but ceased December 7, 1941 with Pearl Harbor when we rejoined our “united” country to help win a war. Mines from the area provided needed resources and the roads were improved to bring them out for the war effort.

When the last large lumber mill, Stone Forest Mill, closed in 1995, the community diversified in small business and recreation opportunities. Visitors and new residents come to escape the congestion of the city for the natural peace of the country life. The government of the Karuk Tribe remains here and provides a great deal of help to all the people of the area. Panning for gold, rafting or kayaking down the Klamath, hiking, biking, backpacking or camping draw many visitors each summer. Viewing wildlife, rock hounding, especially for Happy Camp jade, and a vast array of outdoor family recreation are available. The community is surrounded by wilderness areas: Red Buttes to the east, Siskiyou to the west, Marble Mountains to the south, and Kalmiopsis wilderness by the Oregon Caves to the North in Oregon.

Volunteers from many service and social organizations have a big impact on the community. Hometown festivals, like the Bigfoot Jamboree each Labor Day weekend, provide parades, fun, food and celebrate community values. It’s a friendly little town!

Come and visit, we’d be glad to have you!

Additional Info

[101 Things to do in Humboldt County](#)

Yreka's Top Five Places to Visit:

1. HISTORIC MINER STREET

Take a walk back in time as you stroll this historic street. Find the Yreka Bakery (It's a palindrome), check in at the old Franco American Hotel and stop in the old City Meat Market for a taste of our Gold Rush town's history. Find the 26 historical markers that catalogue the history of the buildings

2. GREENHORN PARK

Named for an inexperienced miner who appeared to lack mining skills but proved everyone wrong by mining quite a bit of gold out of the creeks above the park, this city park is now home to a beautiful lake, walking trails, the Siskiyou Arboretum, playground equipment and much more.

3. HISTORIC HOMES

Yreka is home to over 75 Victorian homes built in the 1800s and early 1900s. The architecture features everything from Queen Anne to Art Deco and Gothic Revival to Nee-Classic Rowhouse.

4. GOLD DISPLAY

Yreka is home to the largest gold nugget display south of Alaska. Valued now at over \$3 million dollars, this display is featured in the foyer of the Siskiyou County Courthouse at 311 4th Street.

5. SISKIYOU COUNTY MUSEUM

Home to the Siskiyou County Historical Society; the museum features exhibits of Native Americans, gold Miners, timber, and Chinese and the pioneer settlers of Siskiyou County. There is an outdoor museum as well featuring replicas of many historical buildings.