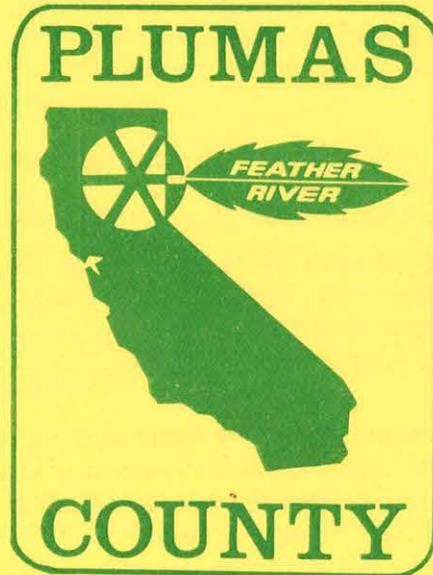


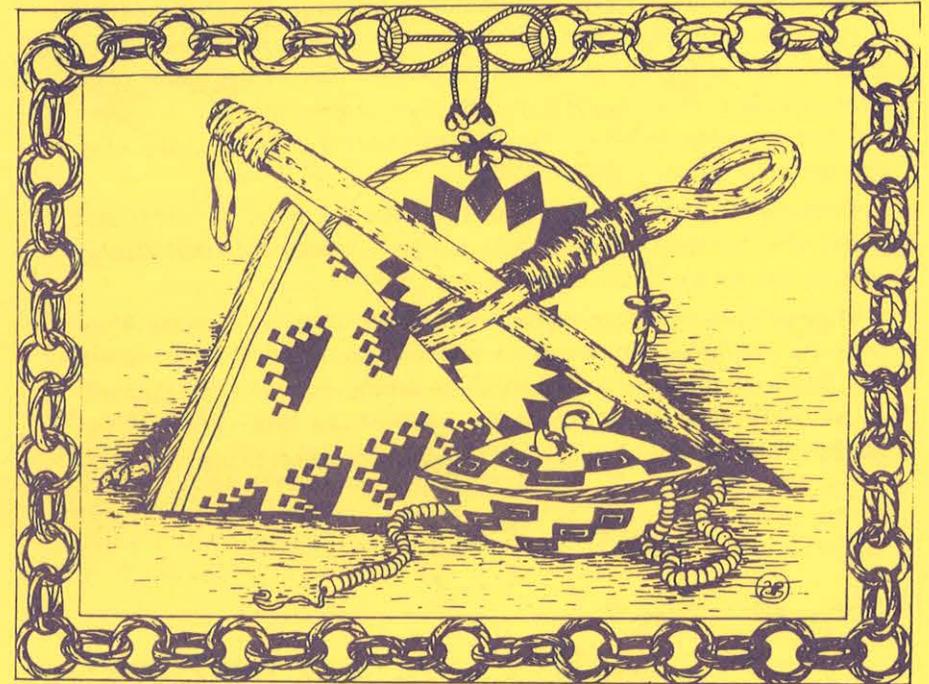
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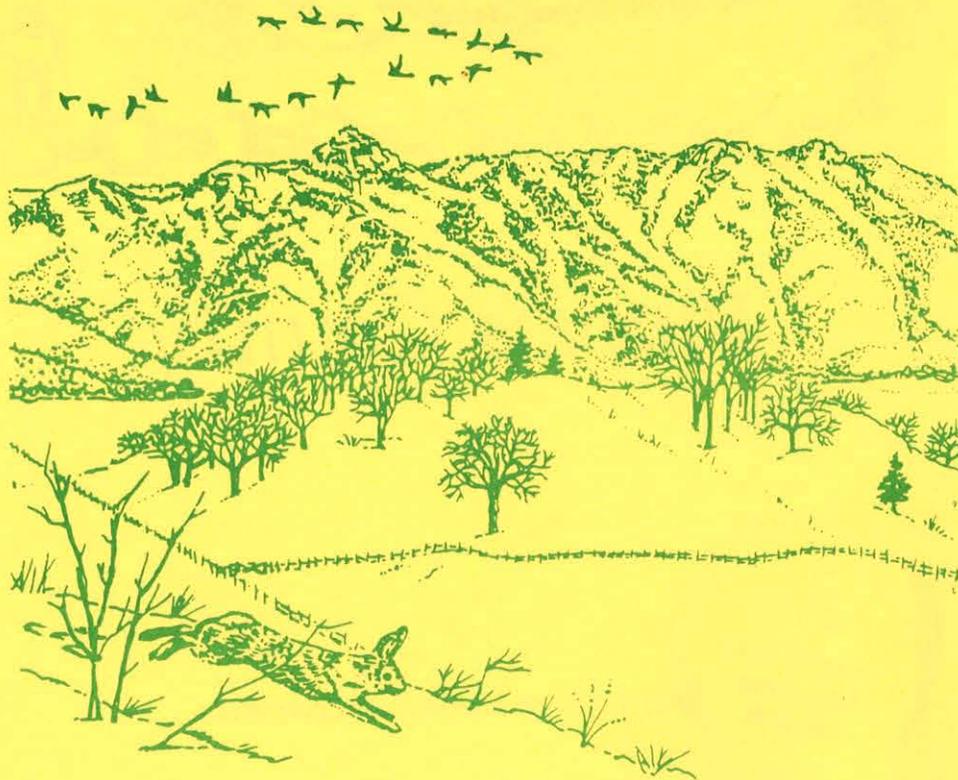
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Our picturesque mountain meadow land has been enchanting visitors since pioneer explorers first came here during the Golden Days of '49. Peter Lassen, a controversial Dane, and his companion, Isadore Meyerwitz, spent the summer of 1851 in this mountain meadow land and named it Cache Valley. The following summer, taking time from his travels of exploration, Lassen returned to erect a cabin and open a trading post at the north-east corner of the valley. During this same year, members of the Noble Emigrant party passed through the valley and were so impressed by the number of Maudus living in the area, changed the name to Indian Valley.

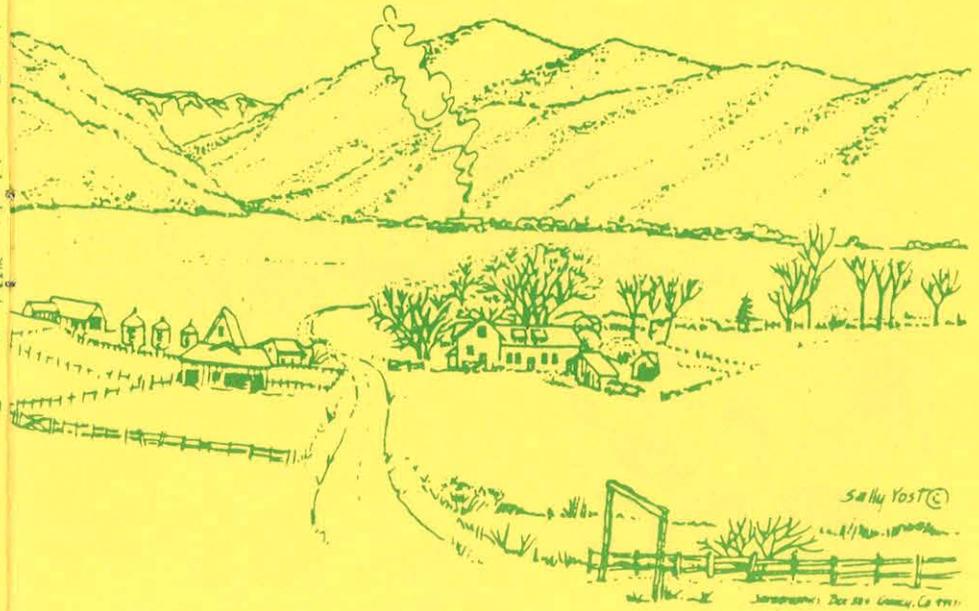
Permanent settlers soon followed to take up the fertile fields and plant roots for their families. Many of the homes and farm buildings seen in the valley today were erected by these early pioneers.

Modern visitors frequently tell us it is love at first sight when they view our verdant meadows and the alpine mountains which surround us. We hope that you will share these sentiments, and that you will pause with us long enough to see more of our little corner of the world. Please consider this a most sincere invitation to visit our area.



CANYON DAM

Canyon Dam is the most westerly town of Indian Valley and serves as the gateway to beautiful Lake Almanor. Calgon Mining Company's Goldstrip Mine is currently in operation just outside of Canyon Dam. It is the largest operating mine in Plumas County. It employs approximately 70 people in an open pit gold mine. With several hundred acres of claims, the mining operation will continue at least for 5 years.



CRESCENT MILLS

Crescent Mills is the first community the motorist encounters when approaching Indian Valley from the Feather River Canyon. Named for the sickle-shaped flat upon which the town is located, Crescent Mills grew around a 30-stamp crushing mill which started operation here during the early 1860's.

Lumber, not gold bearing quartz, is milled here today and a modern mill and moulding plant provide employment in the area.

Business establishments serving the community include a post office, service station, hotel-restaurant and general store. The hotel and general store were built in 1927 after nearly the entire town of Crescent Mills was burned in 1926. The buildings as they exist today on Highway 89 are very cleverly restored and display a treasure of items from the past.

There is a 9-hole golf course, par 66 which has carts, full lunch counter, R.V. park and driving range, located at the junction of Highway 89 and the county road to Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE

Located on the far side of Indian Valley, Taylorsville traces its heritage to Jobe T. Taylor, who settled here in 1852. A picturesque settlement that has changed little over the years, Taylorsville possesses a charm that many find irresistible.

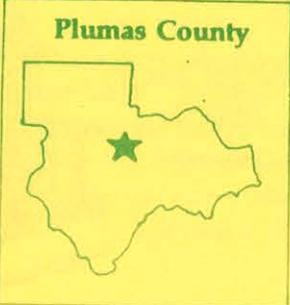
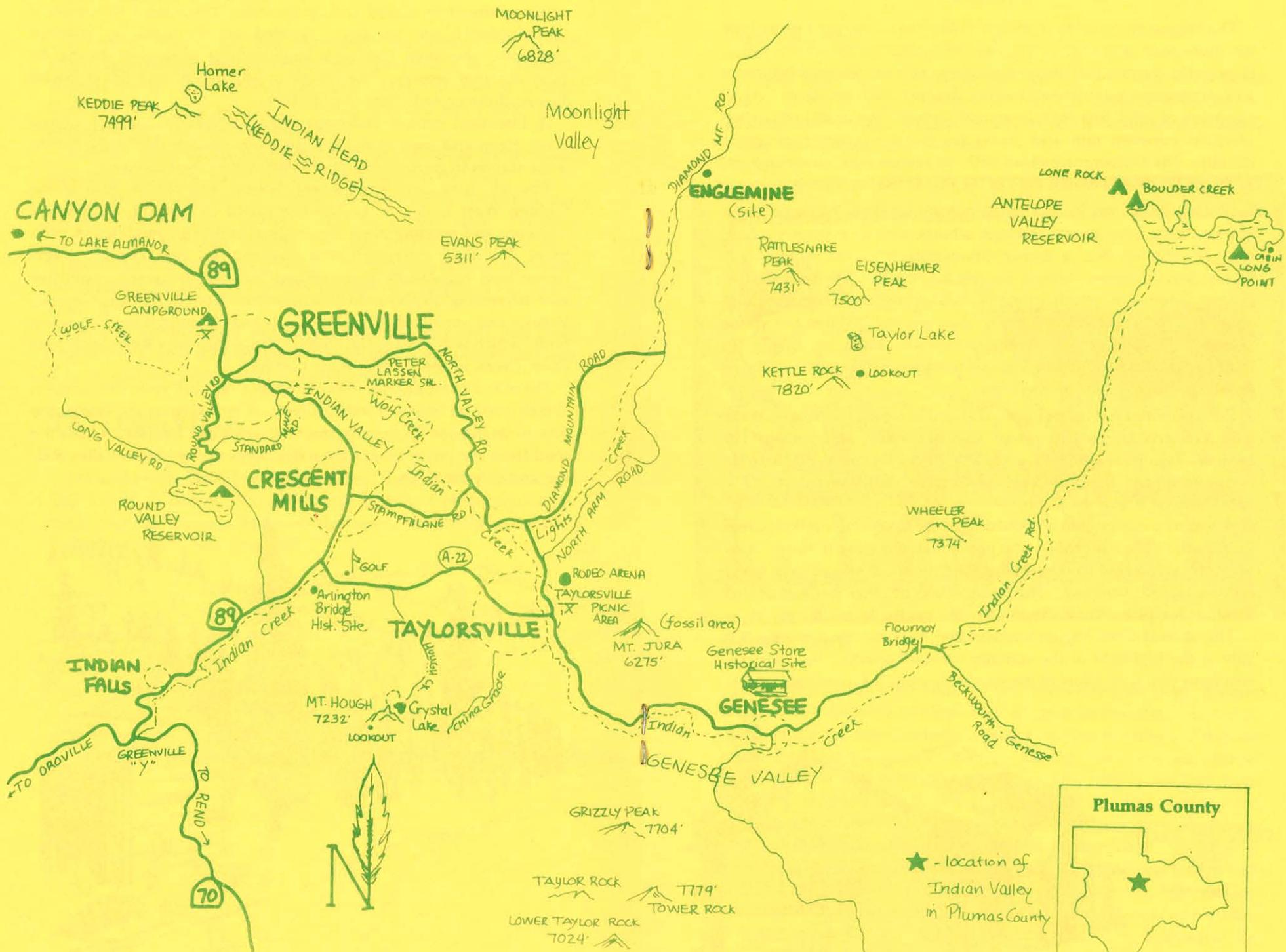
Several business establishments, a volunteer fire department, post office, elementary school and community church serve the needs of the residents and visitors. Located on the road to Antelope Reservoir, the town receives a large number of tourists during the busy summer season. The Fourth of July parade and Silver Buckle Rodeo draw crowds from a wide area.

A historical marker fashioned from a millstone brought around Cape Horn and used in the first flour mill built in the Pacific Northwest stands in front of the elementary school west of town.

The Mt. Jura Gem and Mineral Society and Native Sons of the Golden West Lodge of Taylorsville joined in building a combined museum and meeting place, the original building completed in 1973. Since that time a western style building has been erected. New rooms have been added to the original building to house an extensive and interesting display of historical artifacts from Indian and Genesee Valleys and surrounding areas. An outside mining display is being built, which will include the original stamp mill from Rich Gulch near Rush Creek in the Feather River Canyon.

There is a campground and picnic area one half mile east of town situated on the banks of Indian Creek. A tennis court and horseshoe pits are at the site for the enjoyment of locals and tourists. Across the road from the picnic area is the rodeo arena of the Indian Valley Riding and Roping Club.





GREENVILLE

The largest community in Indian Valley traces its true history back for more than a century. Commercial center for the entire valley, Greenville offers a full range of business and service establishments to a permanent population of approximately 2,700 residents. At an elevation of 3,500 feet with an annual precipitation of 25 to 40 inches (divided between rain and snow) we have a typical four-season climate. The temperature varies with the season from an average low of 20 above to an average high of 80.

In Greenville we have a modern hospital, First National Bank, Plumas Bank, elementary and high schools with an average student-teacher ratio of 19:1, a branch library, sheriff's sub-station, U.S. Forest Service offices, judicial court and volunteer fire department.

The community has 8 churches, numerous active service clubs, civic and fraternal organizations and activity groups for young people. Availability of summer and winter sports are among the many advantages gained by living in a community so surrounded by an abundance of natural resources.

Public utilities consist of Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Bidwell Water Co., Citizens' Utilities, a sewer disposal system and garbage collection. Two television networks, NBC and CBS, are available to the community and surrounding area through UHF translators. T.V. cable service is also available.

A county campground and picnic area are located along Wolf Creek, just north of town for those who prefer camping close to town. Also, we now have a new recreational park on the south side of town which has a baseball diamond. The construction of other facilities at this location are planned for the future.

The annual Gold Digger's celebration held the third weekend in July is the highlight of the summer vacation season. Indian Valley residents join with many of the visitors to make it a memorable event.

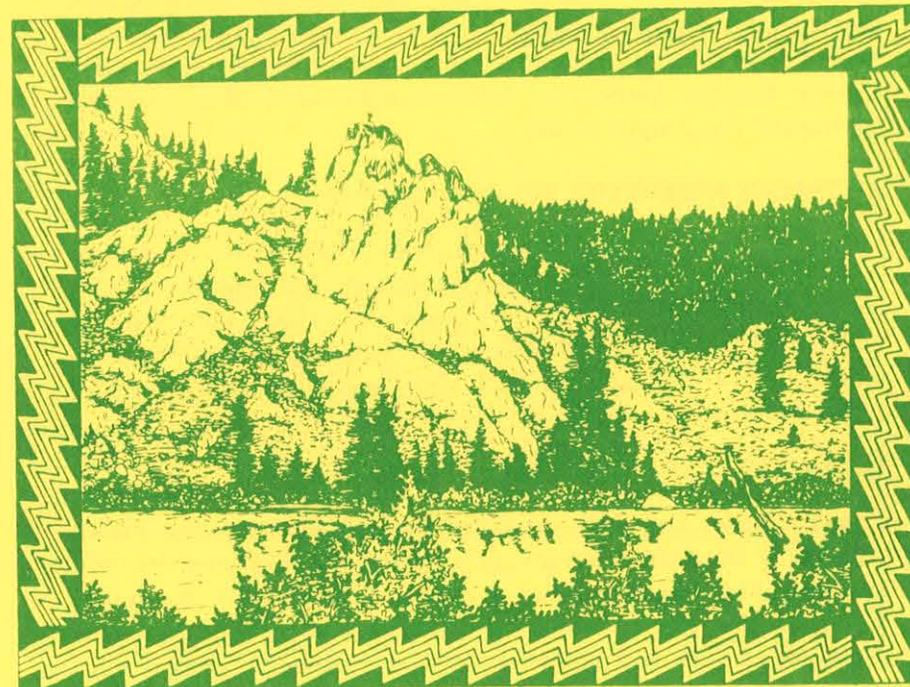
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LAKES

TAYLOR LAKE

Taylor Lake lies directly below the Forest Service lookout on Kettle Peak. It is a favorite fishing hole with local anglers who covet its eastern brook trout. Inquire locally as to the conditions of access roads before attempting the trip.



HOMER LAKE

Another of the alpine lakes on the crest of Keddie Ridge, Homer Lake hosts numerous rainbow trout of considerable size. However, these prizes are only available to anglers willing to make a 15 minute walk, for Homer Lake is a "hike-in" fishing hole. The lake can be reached via a trail branching off the logging road leading up from Setzer Camp near Greenville, or by a rough jeep trail climbing the eastern side of the ridge. Homer Lake is the first of a three lake hiking trail which includes Deerheart Lake and Hidden Lake. The trail is well defined with an abundance of beautiful undisturbed foliage and wildlife. The uniqueness of this 1½ hour hike in the high altitude area, caused by volcanic eruptions, leaves these tiny cold water lakes trapped in rugged rock formations and you can only appreciate the full magnitude of this by viewing it.

DEERHEART LAKE

Eastern brook trout are the top attraction at this tiny alpine lake on the far eastern side of Keddie Ridge near the top. This is an ideal spot for the overnight backpacker.

CRYSTAL LAKE

Well populated with eastern brook trout, Crystal Lake is nestled below the Mt. Hough fire lookout, access via a rough road leading up from Taylorsville, or an improved dirt route, branching off Highway 70 near Keddie. Visitors are welcome at the fire lookout, manned during the fire danger season.

ANTELOPE RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA

Twenty miles up Indian Creek from Taylorsville, covering a maximum of 890 acres when filled to capacity, Antelope Reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout. It is a popular trout fishery and summer recreational area. The U.S. Forest Service operates 3 camping areas with a total of 209 camping units. Boat launching ramps, running water and sanitary facilities are available.

ROUND VALLEY RESERVOIR

Round Valley Reservoir, also called Bidwell Lake, is the recreational paradox of the Feather River region. Lying at a 4,500 foot elevation and ringed by fragrant conifers, it appears to be an ideal trout water. Ironically, the lake is a warm water fishery, and contains numerous large-mouth bass and bullheads, plus an abundance of blue gill. Almost everyone who tries, catches fish. The California record for large-mouth black bass was a 14-pounder taken from Round Valley in 1948.

Campgrounds, with running water, sanitary and shower facilities, and a boating concession operate here during the vacation season. Cabins are also available. No swimming or wading is allowed since the lake provides domestic water for the town of Greenville.

LAKE ALMANOR

Lake Almanor is the largest lake in Plumas County with 26,600 surface acres. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. owned, Lake Almanor offers boating, swimming and angling for trout and warm species in season. Public campgrounds, picnic areas, trailer parks, resort motels and free public launching ramps offer an abundance of recreational facilities. Lake Almanor is located 9 miles from Greenville via Highway 89.

RIVERS & STREAMS

Indian Valley and the mountains around it lie within the territory drained by the North Fork of the Feather River. The largest stream crossing the valley is Indian Creek, which parallels Highway 89 between the Greenville "Y" on Highway 70 and Crescent Mills. Lights Creek in the north arm of the valley and Wolf Creek, follow through Greenville, are its primary tributaries.

Local streams contain both native and planted trout. Fishing rates from fair to very good.

MINING DAY GHOSTS

Several abandoned towns of the mining boom times are located in the vicinity of Indian Valley. Largest of the ghostly ruins are Walkermine and Engelmene, both former company-owned communities of considerable size, which housed employees of these two copper-mining-giants.

Ruins of gold mining camps are found at Cherokee, Indian Falls, and Round Valley. Seneca, a well preserved gold mining center in the deep gorge of the Feather River Canyon below the Lake Almanor dam, now bustles as a recreational retreat.

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