

- ✓ CARRY & DRINK WATER
- ✓ DON'T DRINK WATER FROM STREAMS
- ✓ WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR
- ✓ A CELLULAR PHONE CAN BE A LIFE SAVER
- ✓ WALK OR JOG WITH A BUDDY
- ✓ A WALKING STICK CAN ASSIST WITH SUPPORT & FEND OFF ANY WILDLIFE
- ✓ IF ANY PROBLEMS OCCUR CALL - (209) 532-7725 or (209) 532-3508
- ✓ FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

TRAIL TIPS

The Dragon Gulch Trail is located in the City of Sonora. The Trail is dragons, United States Army Cavalry soldiers, who stayed in the area and mined for gold in the ravine. The existing trail network provides visitors with a unique opportunity to stroll through the Mother Lode's beautiful oak woodlands. Over 3 miles of natural shaded trails allow visitors to travel along the seasonal creek to vistas that provide spectacular views of Historic Downtown Sonora and the surrounding mountain ranges. The trails vary in difficulty providing the perfect opportunity for the casual walker and for those who want a strenuous hike or jog. Bikers are also welcome to use the trail but please yield to pedestrians.

When visiting the beautiful City of Sonora take time to enjoy the Dragon Gulch Trail!

Trail Information:

- EXISTING LENGTH - 3.1 Miles of Trails
- HOURS - Dawn to Dusk
- DIFFICULTY - Easy to Strenuous
- SURFACE - The southerly section of the Creekside Trail is surfaced and *ADA accessible*, the North Forest Trail is paved, all other trails are natural surface
- CAMPING - No Camping
- FEES - No Fees

How to get to the Trail:
 The Dragon Gulch Trail is within easy driving, or walking distance, (approx. 1/2 mile) from Historic Downtown Sonora.

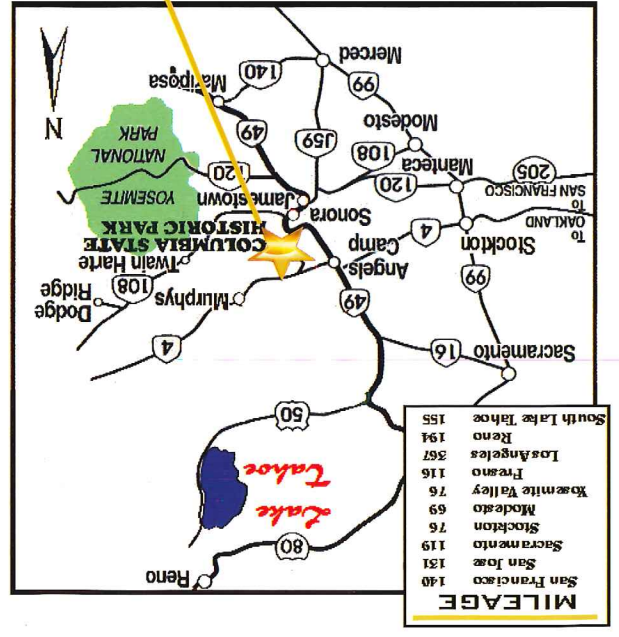
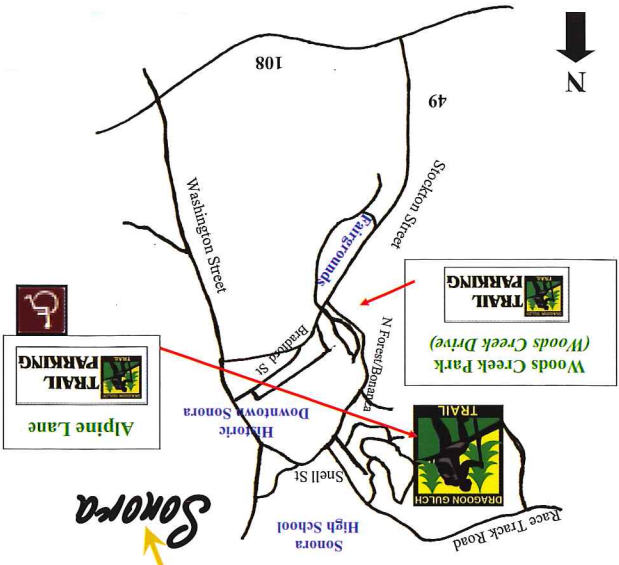
The Woods Creek Trailhead is located at Woods Creek Park. From Highway 49 (Stockton Street), heading north, turn left on Woods Creek Drive (across from the Mother Lode Fairgrounds) and follow the signs to the trail entrance. If traveling south on Highway 49 (Stockton Street) turn right on Woods Creek Drive. Parking is available at the trail entrance. Public restrooms are available at Woods Creek Park.

The Alpine Trailhead, *ADA trail access*, is located off of Alpine Lane. Drive north on Highway 49 through Historic Downtown Sonora, at the Historic Red Church, turn left onto Snell St. If traveling south on Highway 49, north of Historic Downtown Sonora, turn right on School St., and then turn right on Snell St. Once on Snell St., continue through the first intersection. At the next street turn right onto Calaveras St. and then left onto Alpine Lane. Stay on Alpine Lane and at the first intersection (about 1/8 mile) keep to the left. The trail entrance and parking lot is accessed at the end of the street. *Remember that this gate is locked at dark.*

- PLEASE DO NOT**
- ✓ Take alcoholic beverages on the trail
 - ✓ Take glass containers on the trail
 - ✓ Carry firearms, BB or pellet guns, sling shots, bow & arrows or knives with over a 3 1/2 inch blade on the trail
 - ✓ Carry or use paintball guns
 - ✓ Leave pets unattended in hot vehicles



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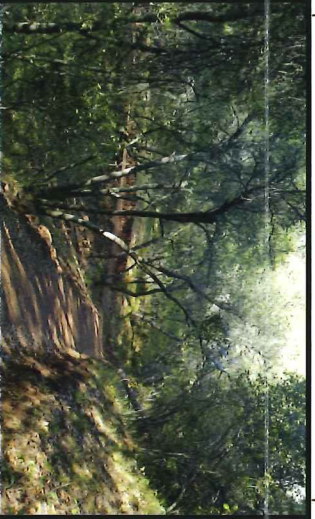
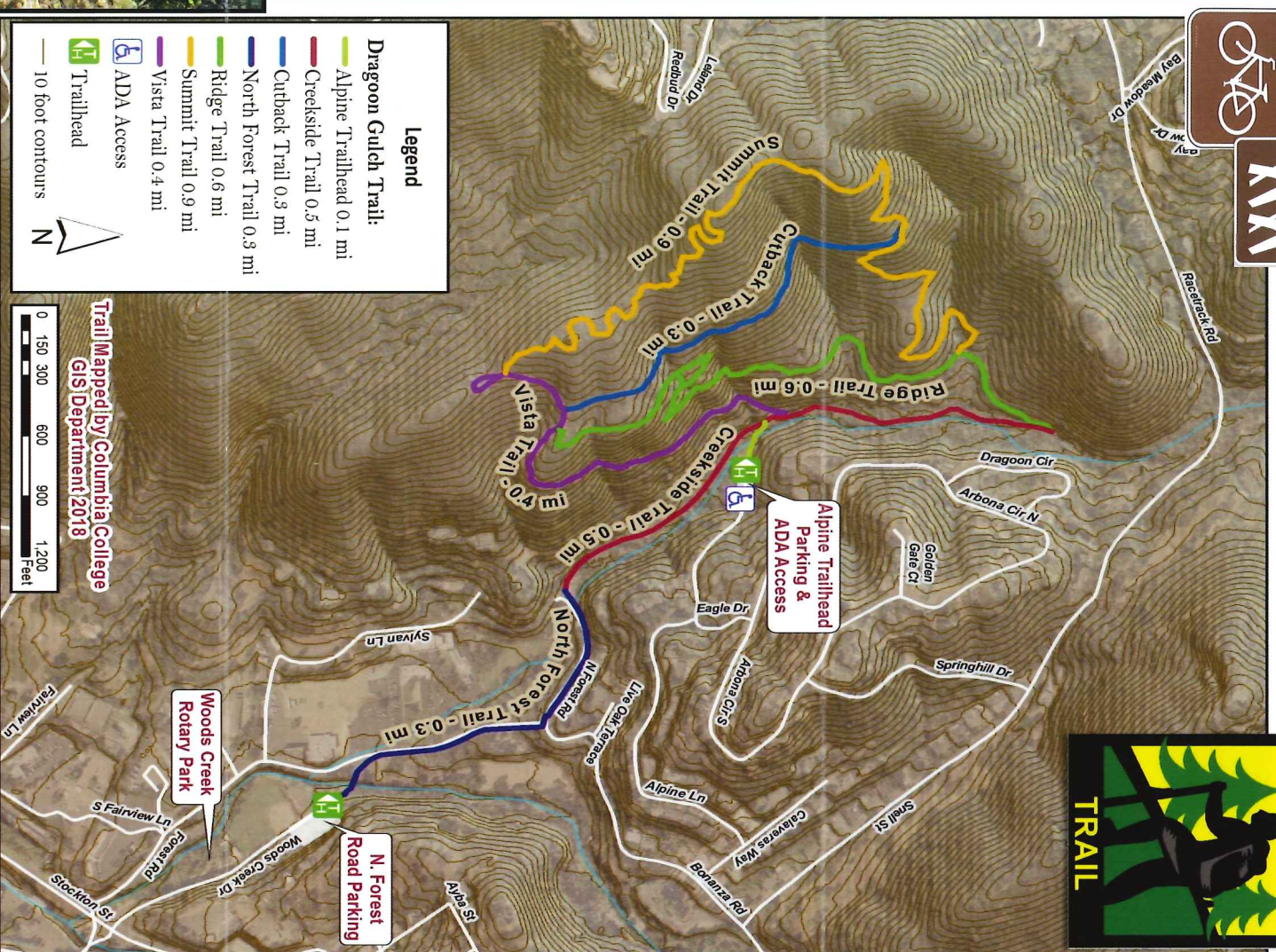
“TAKE ONLY PICTURES,
LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS”

- * **PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT**
- * Carry out your own trash
- * No smoking is allowed
- * Protect wildlife and vegetation
- * Respect adjacent private properties and do not trespass
- * Stay on the established trail
- * Bikers yield to pedestrians
- * Bikers keep your speed down to a reasonable pace
- * No motorized vehicles or equestrians are allowed on the trail
- * Camping or building fires is strictly prohibited
- * Recognize your limitations and your assumed risk
- * **PETS MUST BE RESTRAINED BY LEASH AT ALL TIMES AND KEEP PETS CALM & QUIET PICK UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PET DROPPINGS**



The City of Sonora hopes that you enjoy the Dragoon Gulch Trail but does not take the responsibility for personal injury or losses while

Existing Trail Map



EXISTING TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS -

North Forest Trail – (0.3 mi./Average Slope 5%) *Moderate*

The North Forest Trail leaves from the kiosks area at the Woods Creek Park entrance. Following the Trail Pavement Markers, cross over the bridge and continue along N. Forest Road. This trail is well shaded and travels through a quiet neighborhood to connect with the Creekside Trail.

Creekside Trail - (0.5 mi./Slope 1.5 to 4.5%) *Easy*

This southerly section of this trail is surfaced and **ADA accessible** from the Alpine Lane Parking Lot. The trail travels along the seasonal creek. As you walk along the trail you will see remnants of the mining that occurred in the Dragoon Gulch during the early 1800's. This trail connects with the North Forest Trail, Vista Trail and Ridge Trail.



Ridge Trail – (0.6 mi./Average Slope 5%) *Moderate*

The gentle grade of this naturally surfaced trail travels through groves of native oaks and Ponderosa Pines. Note the mine pit and sections of the miner's ditches as you walk along the trail. This trail connects with the Creekside Trail, Summit Trail and Vista Trail.

Vista Trail – (0.4 mi./Average Slope 11.5%) *Strenuous*

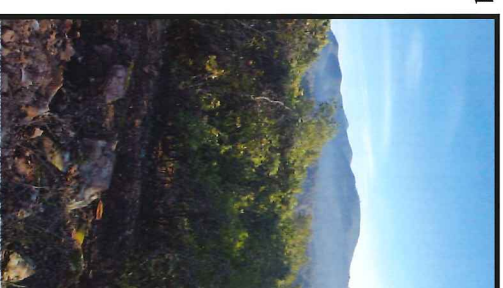
This naturally surfaced trail is the steepest of the Dragoon Gulch Trail System but well worth the effort to see the beautiful vistas at the top of the trail as you look over Historic Downtown Sonora. A canopy of Manzanita bushes provide natural shade and in the spring this trail is abundant with wildflowers. This trail connects with the Creekside Trail, Ridge Trail, Cutback Trail and Summit Trail.

Summit Trail – (0.9 mi./Slope 5 to 10.5%) *Strenuous*

This naturally surfaced trail is the longest of the Dragoon Gulch Trail System but it is worth the hike as you meander along the Gulch's ridgetop and enjoy beautiful views of the surrounding mountain ranges. Sections of this trail are steep but it is shaded by Manzanita bushes and native oak trees. This trail connects with the Vista Trail, Ridge Trail and Cutback Trail.

Cutback Trail – (0.3 mi./Average Slope 5%) *Moderate*

This naturally surfaced trail provides users with a shorter connection to the Vista Trail and trail exits while enjoying the natural beauty that lines the trail. This trail connects with the Vista Trail and Summit Trail.



For information about additional trails within Tuolumne County go to Tuolumnecountytrails.com.