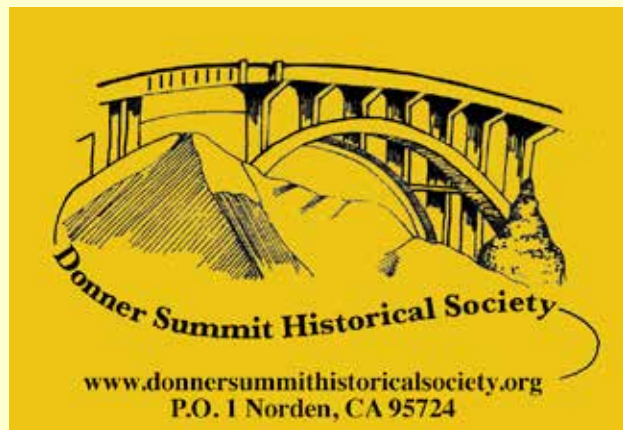


A MOST SCENIC BYWAY



Get off the freeway and enjoy the California Sierra.



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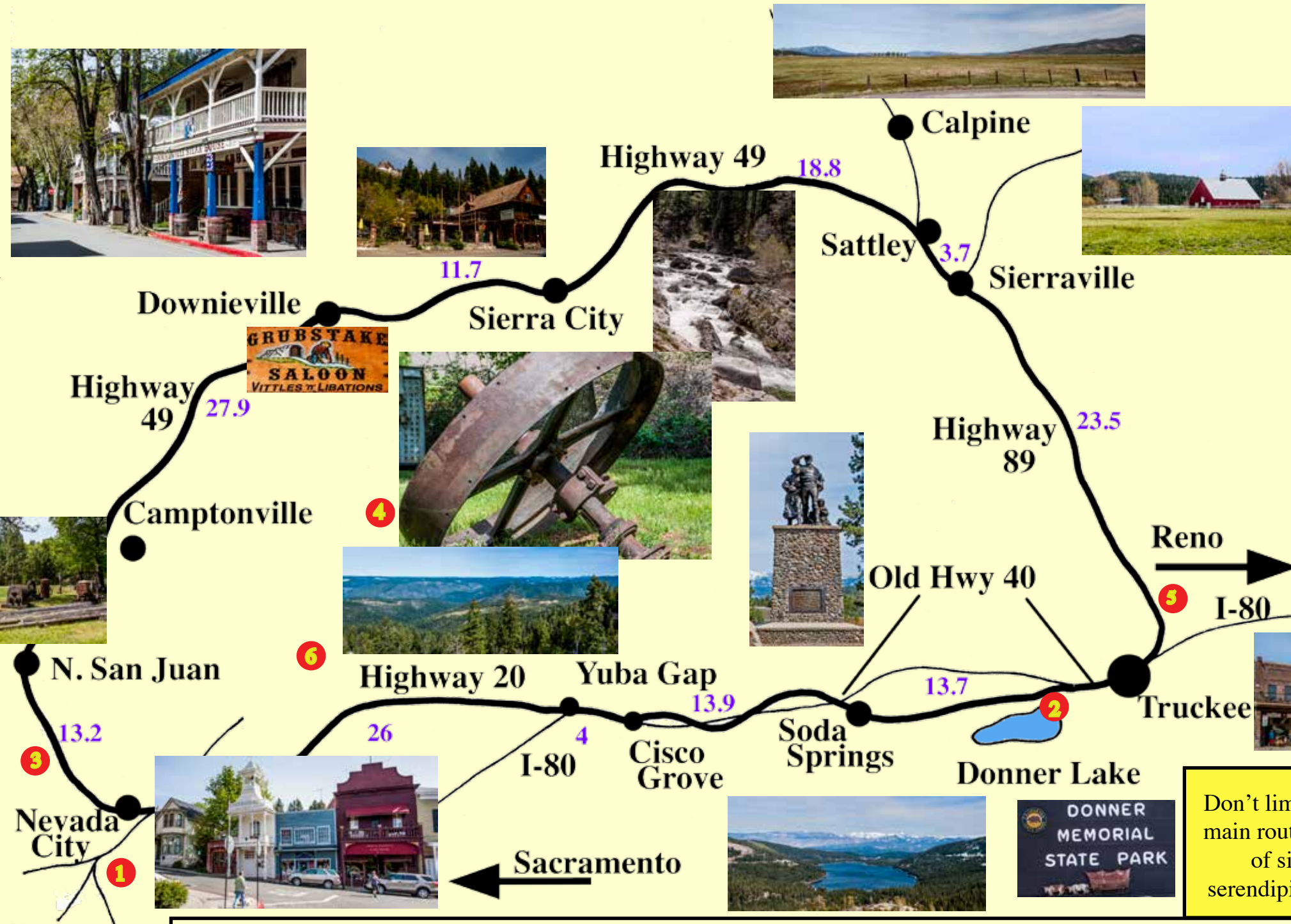
Yuba-Donner Scenic Byway

Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world is in the Sierra and some of the best parts are easily accessible.

The Yuba Donner National Scenic Byway is one of the best routes. It's really interesting and worth a visit as you can see here.

No matter what time of year, the 160 mile Scenic Byway is worth a visit. There are nice picnic spots by the rivers, Fall colors, snow-capped peaks, Gold Rush towns and all kinds of Gold Rush history, old mines, hydraulic mining remains, interesting shops, good food, rivers, forests, historic sites and artifacts, museums, the oldest continually operating hotel in California, nature walks, mountain peaks that used to be islands in the Pacific millions of years ago, and the locations of some of the most fun stories of California history.

Short side trips will take you to more historic sites, Gold Rush towns, one of the longest covered bridges in the U.S., great fishing and swimming spots, high altitude lakes, great scenery, more museums, and the Donner Party camp site.



What to Do

- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Swimming
- Picnicking
- Rafting
- Photography
- Bird watching
- Fishing
- Camping
- Museums
- History
- Gold panning

State parks:

- Empire Mine, **1**
- Donner Memorial, **2**
- South Yuba River, **3**
- Malakoff Diggings, **4**

To See:

- Alder Creek (Donner Party site) **5**
- Rivers
- Streams
- Sierra scenery
- Amazing vista points
- Lakes Basin Recreation Area **6**

Directions: The beauty of a loop is that you can get on or off anywhere you want. In general you are going to go 160 miles along Old Highway 40 over Donner Pass, a few miles on I-80 to Yuba Gap, Highway 20 to Nevada City, Highway 49 over Yuba Pass, and finally Highway 89 to Truckee.

