Historical Geography of the Central Mother Lode

GEOG 3930

A Self-Guided Field Trip

One Unit Credit

The course involves following a carefully prepared trip itinerary which guides the student through the communities of Knights Ferry, Jamestown, Sonora, Columbia, Angels Camp, Murphys, Jackson, Volcano, Sutter Creek, Amador City, and Fiddletown. In each location, students are directed to stop at designated points and play tape-recorded lectures dealing with topics ranging from early gold mines, gold mining methods, mining towns, local history, geography, and geological formations.

The trip takes two days and therefore can be completed in one weekend, spending one night enroute. From Turlock, the round-trip distance is about 285 miles, and from Stockton, it’s 260 miles. Students are to arrange to take this trip at any time during the semester in which they are registered for the course.

The materials needed for the course include the trip binder, the cassette tapes, and a cassette tape recorder. (Students are to furnish their own cassette recorders.) These materials must be checked out from the Geography Department or the CSUS Stockton Office. They can be reserved for a specific time if the department/office is informed well in advance of when they are wanted. Accommodation suggestions are listed later in this flyer. Students must provide their own transportation. Materials are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

A written quiz (short identification) will be given to the student upon completion of the trip. Scheduled quiz times are noted in the front of the trip binder.

It is strongly recommended that the student travel with at least one other person, for it is too difficult and time consuming for one person to drive and read the itinerary. Traveling companions need not be registered.

Grading option is by Credit/No Credit only.

No prerequisite. The course is open to all students.

For further information, call Dr. Schmandt at his office at 667-3557, the Geography Dept. at 667-3127 in Turlock, or the CSUS Office in Stockton at 467-5300.

Lodging & Dining in the Jackson Area

Modern Motels:
Amador Motel, 12408 Kennedy Flat Road. Near the junction of Hwy 49 and 88 in Martel about 1.5 miles north of downtown Jackson ~$65, double. (209) 223-0970.

Best Western Amador Inn, 200 South Hwy 49, Jackson ~$75, double. (209) 223-0211. Mention that you are a student.

Country Squire Motel, 1105 North Main, Jackson. Near the Kennedy Wheels Park in the Jackson Gate area ~$68, double. (209) 223-1657.

El Campo Casa Motel, 12548 Kennedy Flat Road. At the junction of Hwy 49 and 88 in Martel, about 1.5 miles north of downtown Jackson ~$44, double. (209) 223-0100.
Jackson Holiday Lodge, 850 North Hwy 49, Jackson ~$65, queen (209) 223-0486.

**Bed and Breakfast:**
There are more than ten (10) Bed and Breakfast lodging facilities in the Jackson area. For information on these, call the Amador County Chamber of Commerce at (209) 223-0350 or if you are a member of AAA, call your local office for other lodgings.

**Camping:**
Though there are many campgrounds at Lake Comanche 20 miles from Jackson, there is only one close enough to Jackson to be feasible for use if you are on a two-day trip. This is the Indian Grinding Rock State Park Campground located on your itinerary near Pine Grove. Call State Park camping reservations, (800) 444-7275, or call directly to Indian Grinding Rock, (209) 296-7488. $12/night. First come, first served.

**Fine Dining:**
Belloti Inn, 53 Main Street, Sutter Creek. Italian cuisine. (209) 267-5211. Weekend hours: 11:30am-10:00pm Sat./11:30 am-9:00pm Sun

Buscaglia’s, 1218 Jackson Gate Road. Italian cuisine, Jackson’s finest. (209) 223-9992.

Teresa’s, 1235 Jackson Gate Road. Seafood and other specialties. (209) 223-1786. Weekend hours: (Fri & Sat) Lunch: 11:00 am-2:00 pm Dinner: 5:00pm -9:00 pm (Sun) Dinner: 2:00 pm-8:00 pm