Historical Geography of the Northern Mother Lode

GEOG 3950

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 Folsom, Coloma, Auburn, Grass Valley, Nevada City, and North Bloomfield. 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.

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.

Suggested Accomodations in Grass Valley and Nevada City

Modern Motels:
Outside Inn. (530) 265-2233. 565 E. Broad St., Nevada City. Within walking distance of downtown. ~$65, queen. Modestly furnished, AC. Color TV.

Best Western Gold Country Inn. (800) 247-6590 or (530) 273-1393. Hwy 49 at the Brunswick Exit 2 miles north of Grass Valley. ~$125, double.

Coach 'N Four Motel. (530) 273-8009. 628 S. Auburn St., Grass Valley. ~$76, double. Color TV & AC. Take Empire St. exit, go east a few blocks to South Auburn. Turn right and you will see it.

Holiday Lodge. (530) 273-4406. 1221 East Main St., Grass Valley. ~$85, double. Follow Main Street north for just over one mile on Old Hwy 49/20. A nice place.
Northern Queen Motel. (530) 265-5824. 400 Railroad Ave., Nevada City. ~$80, queen. Take Sacramento St. exit to the right, make a hard right, and go down the hill until you see the motel. A nice place.

*Historic Hotels:*

Holbrooke Hotel. (530) 273-1353. 212 West Main St., Grass Valley (downtown). $68, queen. Includes continental breakfast. A beautiful place, built first in 1851, now fully-restored. Also has a fine restaurant, cocktail lounge, and occasional cabaret entertainment.

The National Hotel. (530) 265-4551. 211 Broad St., downtown Nevada City. ~$77 weekdays/~$88 weekends, double. California’s oldest continuously used hotel. A registered historic landmark. Clean and well-maintained.

*Camping:*

Scotts Flat Lake Campground. From Nevada City, drive 5 miles east on State Highway 20 to Scotts Flat Road, then 5 miles south to Scotts Flat Lake. Reservations advised. Near lake $18/night. Away from lake $16/night. Call (530) 265-5302.

*Fine Dining:*

Grass Valley: Holbrooke Dining Room, 212 W. Main St. (530) 273-1353.

Nevada City: The National Hotel Dining Room, 211 Broad St. (530) 265-4551.

Selaya’s, 320 Broad St., reservations advised (530) 265-5697.

Cirino’s, 309 Broad St. (530) 265-2246.