



# LOVE TUOLUMNE COUNTY

## *Like a Local*

Experiencing the spectacular outdoors and authentic California history are the main reasons visitors make their way to Tuolumne County. Enjoying all that the area has to offer comes with the responsibility to be safe and to be good stewards.

### PREVENT WILDFIRES

#### ON THE ROAD

Make sure that nothing is dragging from your vehicle, particularly when towing and never pull onto dry grass or vegetation.

#### AT YOUR CAMPSITE OR AROUND YOUR CABIN

##### Awareness

Follow posted fire prevention signs regarding fireworks and campfires and other regulations. Learn the area you are visiting and know two ways out of every room, every building and every community you are in.

##### Campfires

- Get a campfire permit online at [www.permit.preventwildfire.ca.gov](http://www.permit.preventwildfire.ca.gov) or from a CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service or BLM station.
- Keep your campfire small, have a 10-foot clearance around it and don't leave it unattended.
- Make sure you completely extinguish your fire using the "drown, stir and feel" method.

##### BBO/Fireplace

- Ensure there is 10-foot of clearance around your BBQ.
- Dispose of ash in a metal container with lid away from any flammable materials.
- Ashes may take several days to cool completely in the can. Do not discard them until they are cool to the touch.

##### Equipment

- Ensure your equipment is in good working order and that you are using it correctly. Mow before 10 am, and never on windy days.
- All gas-powered equipment (ATV's, generators, motocross bikes, weed eaters, lawn mowers, etc.) require a spark arrestor. Check your equipment prior to use to ensure your spark arrestor is installed and is clean and serviceable.

### GENERAL RECREATION

#### Target Shooting

- Shoot in areas free of vegetation.
- Use safe targets, such as paper or clay pigeons, as steel targets or rocks may throw sparks into nearby vegetation.
- Have a shovel and fire extinguisher on hand in case a fire does spark.

### STAY SAFE

#### Safety Tips for Exploring the Back Country

- Don't ever go alone.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Take a communication device with you.
- Always check the weather before you head out. High Country weather can and does change quickly.
- Be prepared! Carry extra water, food and appropriate survival supplies.

### BE A GOOD STEWARD

- Tuolumne County is Too Cool to Trash! Always leave a place better than when you arrived, pack out your litter and recycling and dispose of it properly.
- Respect wildlife.
  - Please don't feed wildlife
  - Watch wildlife from a distance
  - Use bear-proof lockers where they're available or bear-proof canisters when backpacking
- Stick to marked trails to avoid harming plants, and consider taking a bag to pick up trash along your hike.
- Dogs should be on a leash while on trails and streets and picked up after.
- Please don't disturb cultural artifacts.



### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- In an emergency, call 9-1-1
- Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept. 209-533-5855
- City of Sonora Police Dept. 209-532-8143
- Sign Up for Tuolumne County Citizen Alerts while you're in the area: [tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=30](http://tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=30)
- Should a fire or other emergency occur, tune your radio to a local station (FM 92.7, FM 93.5, FM 102.7 or AM 1450) for updates.

#### Using GPS

We do not recommend using GPS to get around Tuolumne County, especially in the mountains. Use maps or stop by a Visitors Center or ranger station for directions. Using a GPS in a rural area can send you on the wrong roads or roads not suitable for regular vehicles.

For more safety and stewardship information, go to [VisitTuolumne.com/safety-and-stewardship](http://VisitTuolumne.com/safety-and-stewardship)

