

Top 10 Things to See and Do in San Lorenzo Valley



1 Felton Covered Bridge

Considered to be the tallest covered bridge in the United States, this landmark – on the National Register of Historic Places – was the main entry point for Felton for 45 years.

2 Boulder Creek: Small Town America

Local wineries, antique stores, galleries, and a golf course surrounded by majestic redwood trees all add to the charm of this all-American town. Visit the San Lorenzo Valley Historical Museum and pick up a free map for a self-guided walking tour of the area!

3 Roaring Camp Railroads: Felton

Roaring Camp Railroads in Felton hosts visitors on nostalgic rides through the redwoods aboard vintage steam locomotives. Roaring Camp also hosts year-round celebrations like the Summer Gathering of Mountain Men, where visitors can interact with the characters of the 1800s.

4 Mount Hermon Canopy Tour: Santa Cruz Mountains

This exciting eco-adventure through the redwood forests in the Santa Cruz Mountains features zip lines up to 440 feet long and two sky bridges at heights of up to 150 feet. Tour guides bring the history and ecology of the Santa Cruz redwood forest to life as you breezily zip from tree to tree.

5 Big Basin Redwoods State Park: Boulder Creek

Boulder Creek California's oldest state park, Big Basin offers 18,000 acres of old growth and recovering redwood forest, and one of the most

spectacular hikes in the state. With a path that winds along majestic old growth redwoods, graceful waterfalls and gorgeous vistas, the Skyline to the Sea Trail is a must-do for the seasoned hiker.

6 Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park: Felton

Felton With approximately 20 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding, Henry Cowell is home to a centuries old walkable Redwood Grove trail, and 1,800-year old trees. Look for the tallest tree in the park – about 285 feet tall, and about 16 feet wide.

7 San Lorenzo Valley Museum: Boulder Creek

This charming museum offers historical displays on the valley's logging, railroads and daily life.

8 Boulder Creek Golf Course

This challenging 18-hole par 65 Executive Golf course is cloaked in a forested paradise within the Santa Cruz Mountains, surrounded by redwood trees and lakes.

9 Scenic Highway 9

Connecting Highway 1 in Santa Cruz with Highway 17 in Los Gatos, the 35-mile-long Highway 9 winds through the mountain communities of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, and Boulder Creek in the San Lorenzo Valley. Running parallel to the San Lorenzo River, Highway 9 takes motorists through forested scenery under a canopy of trees in some stretches, accented by windy curves and turnouts popular with sightseers.

10 Annual Events

The rich history and independent spirit of the San Lorenzo Valley is also reflected in signature celebrations. For a full list of events, see www.visitsantacruz.org.

The Felton Remembers and Covered Bridge Festival FELTON – MAY

The Parade route starts at the entrance to Henry Cowell Redwoods on Highway 9; the Festival Takes place at Covered Bridge Park and includes live music and family fun!

Boulder Creek 4th of July Parade & Lumberjack Days BOULDER CREEK - JULY

On the 4th of July, enjoy a pancake breakfast in the morning hosted by Boulder Creek Fire Department, Parade to follow mid-morning and Lumberjack Days on July 4th and 5th.

Summer Gathering of Mountain Men ROARING CAMP RAILROADS - AUGUST

Interact with the wild and wooly characters of the 1800s.

The Missing Arm of William Waddell

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK - OCTOBER

This half-mile guided walk through the forest tells William Waddell's saga with a silly tall-tale twist.

For additional information on where to stay and what to do in the San Lorenzo Valley, visit: <http://www.santacruz.org/regions/san-lorenzo-valley>

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