

Local Area

Located in Solano County near the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, Travis is located midway between Sacramento, the state capital and San Francisco, the cultural heart of the West Coast.

BENICIA

Benicia Chamber of Commerce
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The City of Benicia is a Bay Area City located adjacent to the Carquinez Strait, which is part of San Francisco Bay. A waterfront city, Benicia is known for its small town charm, history and high quality of life. Benicia offers an abundance of leisure and recreational activities.

Events in Benicia include:

Farmers' Market on Thursday evenings from late April through October

First Fridays on First: on the first Friday of each month, late April through October, participating shops and restaurants encourage a festival atmosphere with balloons and live music on First Street. During the summer months, outdoor movies are shown at 9 p.m. near the gazebo at City Park.

Torchlight Parade & Dance: traditionally held on the July 3, Benicia's 4 July parade stretches all the way down First Street and typically includes music, dancing, floats, horses, clowns and live entertainment. A street dance and live entertainment traditionally follow the parade on First Street. Benicia Peddler's Fair: this outdoor event began in 1963 with a few collectable and antique stores displaying their items on tables outside St. Paul's Church. More than 300 antique and collectable dealers as well as other vendors display their wares in booths that span approximately 11 blocks of First Street.

Parks

The Park Division is responsible for providing safe landscape and park facilities to meet the needs of the diverse user groups within the community. The division upgrades and maintains approximately 211 developed acres of Park and landscape areas including the City Cemetery and 5 Lighting and Landscape Districts, a 577-acre regional Park and 68 open space access areas. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us> or call (707) 746-4285.

DIXON

Dixon Chamber of Commerce
220 N. Jefferson St.
Dixon, CA 95620 (707) 678-2650
Fax (707) 678-3654

Originally named Dickson after a citizen, a railroad incorrectly spelled it as "Dixon" in the 1800s and the new spelling has been used since. Dixon is home to the May Fair, the longest running

annual fair in the state of California. It is held at the Dixon Fairgrounds in May, with the four-day event ending each year on Mother's Day.

Dixon is located approximately 23 miles from Sacramento and Interstate 80 passes through the city.

New Residents

New residents to the city should contact City Hall at (707) 678-4975 or visit their website at <http://www.ci.dixon.ca.us> for information on public utilities. These offices will be able to provide you with all the information you will need to have with you in order to start service. For electric, phone, cable, Internet or satellite service please contact your local area providers.

Transportation

Dixon maintains a "Readi-Ride" bus service. This is more of a shuttle service than actual public transportation. They will pick you up and take you to your destination. The Dixon Readi-Ride is a public dial-a-ride transit system, which provides curb-to-curb transit service within Dixon city limits. For service call (707) 678-5020, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and reserve your ride for a minimal fee. After hour calls are recorded and a staff member will return the call after the start of regular business hours.

Parks

There are several parks in the Dixon area and surrounding communities. They provide a great resource to individuals and families alike who enjoy being outdoors. Whether relaxing, picnicking or staying active, the following parks are just a few of the many that you and your family can enjoy.

Argyll Park

Rio Dixon Road
Dixon, CA 95620 (707) 678-3592

Dixon City Park & Facility

285 E. Chestnut St.
Dixon, CA 95620 (707) 678-7050

North West Park

600 E. A St.
Dixon, CA 95620 (707) 678-7000

Patwin Park

West H Street & Pheasant Run Drive
Dixon, CA 95620 (707) 678-7000

Shopping

Sunrise Mall is the closest shopping mall to Dixon where you can "shop-til-you-drop." To keep you fueled for your shopping mission, there are several restaurants and a food court. Other special services offered here are: Sunrise Mall Gift Cards, Complimentary Wheelchairs and Strollers with ID, Security Assistance, Postage, Fax Service (nominal fee), Platinum Club Rewards Card (register for this free card at customer service to receive special offers and

prizes), Super Kid's Club Membership (On Saturday mornings, kids 2 to 10 years of age can participate in entertainment and prizes, one a quarter), and a Children's Indoor Play Area.

Sunrise Mall
6041 Sunrise Mall
Citrus Heights, CA 95610 (916) 961-7150
(33.99 miles from Dixon)

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce
1111 Webster St.
Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 425-4625
Fax (707) 425-0826

Fairfield is located northeast of the San Francisco Bay Area in Northern California. It is approximately 45 miles from both San Francisco and Sacramento. Fairfield was founded in 1859 by Captain Robert H. Waterman, and named after his former hometown of Fairfield, Connecticut. It is the home of Travis Air Force Base and the Jelly Belly factory, and has a population of over 106,000. It shares a border with its sister city, Suisun City. Other nearby cities include Vacaville, Benicia and Vallejo. Fairfield became the county seat of Solano County in 1858.

New Residents

Once you have found a home that meets your needs it will be necessary to start utility service. Visiting the website below and going to e-services can help you do this. Charges for water, sewer, garbage and recycling will be included on your bi-monthly Fairfield Municipal Utilities bill. For electric, phone, cable, Internet or satellite service go to <http://www.fairfield.ca.gov>.

Transportation

The Transportation Division of Public Works oversees funding, engineering and construction management for all of the streets in the City of Fairfield, as well as the bus services and handicapped transit services.

If you have questions about Bus Routes or any form of public transportation, please use the following contact information:

Public Works Transportation
(707) 434-3800

Recreation and Leisure in Fairfield

With the hectic pace of modern living finding quality time to spend with friends and family, or just time to yourself, can be hard to do. The location of Travis AFB provides access to a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities. No matter which area you have decided to call home during your stay here, all of these can provide a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Jelly Belly Factory Tour

1 Jelly Belly Lane
Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 428-2838

Fairfield is home to the world famous Jelly Belly factory. The factory is open to tours where you can see the process of production in action. Upon arrival to the visitor's center you can order jelly bean-shaped fast foods or have a birthday party in special sound-muffled rooms. Beyond this is the holding area for the tour groups.

No pictures are allowed during the tour, and you must wear paper hats that are mandated by law. The tour will take you to the second story of the factory where videos and tour guides will explain the production process. At the end of the tour free samples are given out. Directions: Take Interstate-80 East toward Sacramento. At Fairfield, exit onto Highway 12/Rio Vista and take a right at first light onto Beck Avenue. Right onto Courage Drive, right onto North Watney Way, and right onto Jelly Belly Lane.

Solano County Library

The Board of Supervisors established the Solano County Library in 1914. The County Library resided in a number of locations until it moved to its first permanent home in Fairfield at the corner of Union and Texas streets in 1931—now a historical gem located adjacent to the new County Administration Center. Over the years, the seven cities in the County joined, left, merged or affiliated with the Library. Today, the County Library serves five of the seven cities in the County—Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo. Benicia and Dixon have their own libraries but are partners with the County Library in providing an online catalog and databases to all County residents.

The Solano County Library is thriving. From five libraries in 1990, it has grown to eight and another branch in the planning stages. Most of the libraries have been modernized with a focus on quick, convenient customer service, good collections of books, movies, music and more: nice furnishings, up-to-date technology and a place for people to come, browse, relax, read and discuss the topics of the day. Please access the Library's website for hours, activities and services at <http://www.solanolibrary.com>.

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky St.

Fairfield Cordelia Library
5050 Business Center Drive

Law Library Hall of Justice
600 Union Ave.

Parks

The city of Fairfield is host to a number of parks and play areas. They also have areas for hiking, biking and walking trails. The parks are divided into community parks, neighborhood parks, open spaces, pocket parks, regional parks and trails. What follows is just a small sample of parks. For more information on the local parks in the area please visit http://www.ci.fairfield.ca.us/cs_parks_pools.htm or call (707) 428-7431 for information or to reserve space for special events.

Allan Witt Park

Swim indoors all winter and cool off all summer at the Aquatics Complex at Allan Witt Park. This City of Fairfield park is located at West Texas and 5th Street. Here you'll find the Fairfield Sports Center and City of Fairfield Rotary Skate Park. This large park has a varied selection of activities such as, tennis courts, recreation building, picnic area, ball fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits. Restroom facilities are available.

Video surveillance equipment in the park is fully functional. The camera feeds are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The monitoring firm has direct access to the City's police dispatchers.

Laurel Creek Park

This City of Fairfield park is located at Cement Hill Road and Peppertree Drive. Members of your entire family will enjoy this park. Watch a game of baseball, play on the play structure and eat at the picnic area. Restroom facilities are available.

The Neighborhood Center is now open. The Center primarily houses the City's "Life After School" program, but will also be available for other programming as suggested by the local community. Video surveillance equipment is fully functioning and is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lee Bell Park

This City of Fairfield park is located at Union Avenue and Travis Boulevard. Lee Bell Park is one of the largest and most popular City parks. Check out the softball, picnic area, play apparatus, volleyball court and horseshoe pits. Restroom facilities are available. A Video Surveillance system has been installed and is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rolling Hills Neighborhood Park

Rolling Hills Neighborhood Park is wonderful for hiking and wild life viewing. Rolling Hills Open Space has 338 acres of space and is located just off Fieldcrest Avenue, near Crownridge Court.

There are several hiker entrance points:

1. Rollingwood Drive near the Copperridge Unit.
2. Hillborn Road across from the Realtors building.
3. Two Fieldcrest entrances, below the water tank and at the managed wetland on the corner.
4. Hillridge Drive at Union Creek across from the Dunnell property.
5. Martin Drive at the corner of Hillborn and Martin Drives.

Rockville Hills Regional Park

Located just out of Fairfield to the northwest, it can be accessed from either Abernathy or Green Valley Exits on I80. Rockville offers a variety of hiking terrain. Rolling fire roads, twisting single track, easy-to-treacherous descents, rock gardens, jumps and beautiful oak woodlands surround a lake with strategically placed picnic benches. There are no toilet facilities and a \$3 day use fee and \$1 dog fee. Trails are open to cyclists and hikers, but dogs must be on a leash and horses are not permitted.

Golf

Paradise Valley Golf Course

3950 Paradise Valley Road

Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 426-1600

Built in 1993 and designed by Robert Muir Graves, this course features many doglegs that follow the meandering creek. Mature trees line most of the fairways and water comes into play on nine of the holes.

Two small lakes greet players when they tee off on the finishing 18th hole. With the Clubhouse as a backdrop, a perfect approach shot to the two-tiered green sets up an opportunity to score a birdie and finish a great round of golf at Paradise Valley.

Paradise Valley golf course is a "soft-spike" only facility. Please follow the dress code requirements. Legends and Heroes is the choice for dining while at Paradise Valley Golf Course.

Here you can watch all of your favorite events on 30 televisions (several 70-inch), meet new friends, greet old ones and enjoy appetizing foods in a first class restaurant. The lounge and banquet facilities can handle up to 225 people for meetings, seminars, birthday parties or weddings. Call (707) 421-2234 for more information.

Rancho Solano Golf Course
3250 Rancho Solano Parkway
Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 429-4653

Designed by Gary Roger Baird, Rancho Solano celebrated its opening day in March 1990. It is nestled in the hills of Fairfield and offers well-manicured fairways, large, tiered greens and challenging holes for every level of golfer.

Water is a factor on holes 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the front nine and holes 11, 12 and 14 on the back nine. Despite being an open course, club selection is important, especially on the challenging par 3's. Rancho Solano is known for having some of the largest greens on Northern California courses. Rancho Solano golf course is a "soft-spike" only facility. Please follow the dress code requirements.

The Clubhouse at Rancho Solano, the course dining hall, is a modern facility that features both banquet and outdoor patio areas. It's the perfect place for weddings, private parties and business functions. Special event menus are always available, with accommodations available for up to 600 guests. Call (707) 434-1160 for more information and reservations.

Shopping

Westfield Solano
1350 Travis Blvd.
Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 425-1164

Westfield Solano, formerly Solano Mall, is a shopping mall in Fairfield, California owned by The Westfield Group. The four anchor stores are JC Penney, Macy's, Sears and Best Buy. There is also an Edwards Cinemas multiplex located above the Best Buy anchor.

A combination of stores and dining facilities comes to more than 150 places to shop, eat or relax. Mall maps may be found at the concierge desk along with a list of all operational stores. Or you may visit <http://www.westfield.com/solano> for store lists and hours of operation.

Family Fun

Scandia Family Center
4300 Central Place
Fairfield, CA 94534 (707) 864-8558

Scandia Family Center is nine acres of entertainment for the entire family. Featuring two award winning miniature golf courses, state-of-the-art Lasertron Lasertag arena, lil' indy raceway go karts, waterbugs, rock wall and extreme air bounce, baseball batting cages, clubhouse for kids playground, huge arcade and great food, Scandia offers everything from simple birthday parties to grad nights to corporate team building. No matter what the occasion, we strive to make every moment you spend with us a memorable one.

Driven Raceway
1560 Gateway Blvd
Fairfield, CA 94533 (707) 426-3748

<http://www.drivenraceway.com>

Driven Raceway is Northern California's premiere Indoor Kart Racing and Family Entertainment facility with European-style racing and the most sophisticated and high speed electric karts available, along with the most electrifying and unique entertainment attractions in the North Bay. The race-themed glow-in-the-dark Black Light Mini Golf Course is perfect for all ages and is outfitted with some of the most exciting racing designs and props around.

RIO VISTA

Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce

6 N. Front St.

Rio Vista, CA 94571 (707) 374-2700

Located at the tip of Solano County, the community of Rio Vista is one of the oldest in the county. The original settlement was established in 1858, by Col. Nathan H. Davis, and was located at the mouth of Cache Slough, where it meets the Sacramento River, approximately two miles from its present location. The City of Rio Vista is a special place with an inviting mix of rural and suburban lifestyles and easy access to all of the urban amenities associated with two of the nation's most dynamic metropolitan regions, San Francisco and Sacramento. Rio Vista lies on the banks of the Sacramento River and is within an easy drive to the Napa Wine Country, Sierra ski resorts and Lake Tahoe.

New Residents

The City of Rio Vista welcomes all new residents. Settling into a new home in a new community can offer several challenges. To ease the transition, the City has listed below the contact information for different services and programs.

Utility Services

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (800) 743-5000

Garbage Service Rio Vista Sanitation (707) 374-5644

Water and Sewer

City of Rio Vista Finance

Department (707) 374-2176

Library

Rio Vista Library

44 S. Second St. (866) 57-ASKUS

Golf

The Golf Club at Rio Vista

1000 Summerset Drive (707) 374-2900

<http://www.thegolfclubatriovista.com/>

The imaginative layout in this unique setting where river delta meets rolling hills incorporates lengthy open fairways and generous but challenging greens that test the avid golfer and welcome the novice. The Golf Club at Rio Vista spans over 6,800 yards from the Championship tees and 5,300 from the Forward tees. With a rating of 73.6 and slope of 131, it is a true test for any level of golfer. Carved from the tranquil lands along the Sacramento River Delta, the golf course challenges the player with a number of shots around strategically placed water features that are signature to the course design. Four teeing areas allow playability for every skill level and create an experience memorable for all. For more information about Rio Vista, visit the city's website at <http://www.rio-vista-ca.com>

SUISUN CITY

Established in the 1850s as a focal point of commerce and transportation during California's Gold Rush, Suisun City has not forgotten its roots. The community gathers regularly for civic events in Old Town, which has several public spaces, promenades and an historic shopping district centered on the waterfront. City Hall sits on the waterfront's eastern side providing a familiar local landmark. The Suisun Channel is linked by the Suisun Marsh to Suisun and Grizzly bays and provides continuous boat access to both the Sacramento River and the San Francisco Bay.

New Residents

The City of Suisun City provides domestic water and sewer services for all properties located within its boundaries. These services are supplied through partnerships with regional agencies, though the local billing is handled by the City's Finance Department. Bills for utility service are sent every other month and cover two months' service. Applications for utility services are available at City Hall and Police Department Headquarters (both located at 701 Civic Center Blvd.). A \$30 deposit is required before your application can be processed; checks and money orders should be made out to "City of Suisun City." For answers to any public utility service questions, please call (707) 421-7300. For electric, phone, cable, Internet or satellite service the above offices should be able to refer you to local area providers.

Transportation

A range of transit services in the cities of Fairfield and Suisun City are provided for your benefit. In addition, several partnerships have allowed these communities to provide transit service throughout Solano County and extend to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system and downtown Sacramento. For more information concerning bus routes contact Transit Administration at (707) 428-7635, or fax them at (707) 426-3298.

Library

Suisun City Library
601 Pintail Drive (866) 57-ASKUS

Recreations and Leisure in Suisun

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area

With 84,000 acres of land, bays and sloughs, the Suisun Marsh is the largest contiguous estuarine marsh in the entire United States. The Grizzly Island Complex occupies about 15,300 acres of this prime wildlife habitat. The complex is a patchwork of 10 distinct land parcels, many of which are not connected and are surrounded by private land. They offer a variety of recreation opportunities. The Grizzly Island Complex combines natural tidal wetlands and artificially diked marshes. Each habitat attracts a special kind of wildlife.

Take Interstate-80 north from San Francisco, south from Sacramento. Take Highway 12 off-ramp east toward Rio Vista. Turn onto Grizzly Island Road, at the stoplight at Sunset Shopping Center. Hill Slough Wildlife Area is on both sides of Grizzly Island Road from Highway 12 to the first one-lane bridge. The Grizzly Island Complex Headquarters is 9.5 miles further on Grizzly Island Road.

Joseph A. Nelson Community Center

Located at 611 Village Drive, The Nelson Community Center is a 20,000 square-foot facility located in Heritage Park in the heart of Suisun City. The facility, which was dedicated in 2002, houses the Recreation and Community Services offices, a preschool and a wide variety of

meeting spaces for the various programs and classes offered by the department.

This state-of-the-art facility is designed to be the community's center, a focal point of civic pride and a resource for every Suisun City resident.

Among the programs available to people of all ages and walks of life offered by the Recreation and Community Services Department are:

- Instructional classes
- Field sports
- Basketball
- Softball
- Flag football
- Dance
- Martial arts
- Preschool
- Seniors programs
- Facility rentals

Please call (707) 421-7200 for a complete list of activities and services that are available.
Lambrecht Sports Complex

The Lambrecht Sports Complex offers little league fields, softball fields and full concession stands. A golf driving range is also conveniently located adjacent to the complex. Visit the complex at 4499 Petersen Road or call (707) 421-7200 for reservations or information.

Suisun City Marina

The Suisun City Marina was rebuilt in 1994 and provides 150 rental-berthing slips along with a 300 ft. guest dock and free public boat launch ramps at the south end of the marina. A new Harbormaster building was also constructed at 800 Kellogg St. Visitors can reach the Marina Supervisor at (707) 429-2628(BOAT).

The Suisun Channel was also dredged providing deep-water access for most recreational boats. The Channel itself provides direct access to the waterways of the California Delta and San Francisco Bay. The slough winds through the Suisun Marsh, which is one of the largest contiguous wetland preserves in the nation. The 84,000-acre marsh, the largest remaining coastal wetland in California, lures nature-lovers, fishermen, hunters and all categories of boaters. Daily office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

North Bay YMCA

Located at 586 E. Wigeon Way, the North Bay YMCA provides the residents and visitors of Solano County with quality health and fitness facilities, positive recreational activities and fun for the entire family. Offering classes for a wide array of sports and physical fitness, the facility will help you and your family remain active and fit. For a list of classes and activities please call (707) 421-8746.

Sunset Bay Kayaks

Located at 607 Main St., Sunset Bay Kayaks offers kayak rentals and tours. Special events such as the "Full Moon Paddle" require minimum reservations. This is a beautiful way to observe the estuary and relax on the water.

Western Railway Museum

Located at 5848 California 12, approximately 12 miles east of Highway 80, the Western Railway Museum gives visitors the opportunity to ride historic streetcars and interurban electric trains

from all over California and other western states. Streetcars loop the shaded picnic grounds. Interurban cars run over the restored main line of the old Sacramento Northern Railway. With over 50 historic cars on display, railway exhibits, the Museum Store and Gift Shop and the large, shaded picnic grounds, the Western Railway Museum is ideal for family and group outings. For hours of operation or any other information about the museum please call (707) 374-2978.

Shopping

There are many local businesses to meet all of your shopping needs. Suisun currently has no large shopping centers but community leaders are planning the construction of such a center. The closest mall is the Westfield Solano, which is located at 1350 Travis Blvd. in neighboring Fairfield. For a complete list of their stores and hours of operation call (707) 425-6968 or visit <http://www.westfield.com/solano> for more information.

VACAVILLE

Vacaville Chamber of Commerce
300 Main St., Suite A
Vacaville, CA 95688 (707) 448-6424
Fax (707) 448-0424

Vacaville is located in Solano County between Sacramento and San Francisco. The city was founded in 1852 by William McDaniel and named after Juan Manuel Vaca, who had received a substantial land grant from Don Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo.

The city was formerly a Pony Express stop and was home to many large produce companies and local farms which flourished due to the Vaca Valley's rich soil. Today the city is known for its retail shopping and its annual Vacaville Fiesta Days and Onion Festival. Other nearby cities include Fairfield, Napa, Dixon, Suisun City and Winters. The University of California, Davis campus is located about 20 miles to the northeast.

New Residents

New residents to Vacaville need to contact City Hall, located at 650 Merchant St., and go to the Public Works Department to set up water/sewage services. You may also contact them at (707) 449-5170. City Hall employees should also be able to tell you who to contact for electric, phone, cable, Internet or satellite service.

Sanitation

Recology Vacaville Solano operates recycling, refuse and yard waste collection, and can answer questions or address issues related to the actual pickup of materials.

For information regarding your collection schedule, contact Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945. The office is closed for all major holidays; however, the collection schedule is only affected by Christmas and New Year's Day. During those weeks, all collections on the holiday itself and for the remainder of the workweek following it will be one day later. Normal Friday collections will be done on Saturday.

Transportation

Vacaville City Coach, an independent agency, handles public transportation. Service hours usually run Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday services are not offered. For more information, please call (707) 449-6000 or visit their website at <http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/citycoach>

Vacaville Libraries
Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center
1020 Ulatis Drive (866) 57-ASKUS

Vacaville Public Library-Town Square
1 Town Square Place (866) 57-ASKUS

Recreation and Leisure in Vacaville Downtown Vacaville

Fine dining, concert settings and other entertainment all in an outdoor setting! The community playground and Senior Center are only a short stroll away along with the downtown public library building and a public plaza. The Creek Walk is always an enjoyable event and they hold special gatherings and functions throughout the year. For more information visit their website at <http://www.creekwalk.com>, here you will find a list for all the events currently planned.

The Vacaville Museum

Located at 213 Buck Ave. in Vacaville, The Vacaville Museum is meant to collect and preserve artifacts relating directly to the history of Solano County and to promote an awareness and understanding of county history and culture by offering interpretive exhibits and associated programs, events and workshops.

You may contact the museum at (707) 447-4513 to hear information on exhibits or visit their website at <http://www.vacavillemuseum.org>.

Parks

Vacaville is home to a large number of parks and outdoor facilities that you and your family can enjoy. The list below is only a small sample of what the city has to offer.

Alamo Creek Park

Two tennis courts, nine fitness stations and a horseshoe pit are only a few of the points of interest in this nine-and a-half acre neighborhood park located on the corner of Buck and Alamo.

Arbor Oaks Park

A small three acre park that includes picnic tables, a playground and open turf areas with shade trees can be found at Elmira and Leisure Town Road.

Arlington Park

This 18-acre park is located at Foxboro Parkway and Peabody. It includes four ball fields, two football fields, a large picnic area, restrooms and a concessions building. The off-street parking can hold roughly 200 cars.

Fairmont/Beelard Park

Bordered by Beelard Drive, Alamo Creek and Putah South Canal this eight-acre park has a tot-lot, a basketball court and a jogging/biking trail.

Hawkins Park

Summerfield Drive and Newport Circle hosts this six-acre park. Tennis courts, basketball court and a horseshoe pit are all easily accessible along with picnic tables and BBQ pits.

Keating Park

Holding seven baseball diamonds, three grandstands and seven backstops, this park also has multi-purpose fields and storage areas. This beautiful 20 acres is located at the corner of California Drive and Alamo Lane on the CMF grounds.

Lagoon Valley/Pena Adobe National Park

Located on Pena Adobe Road off of interstate 80, this park has BBQ grounds, bike trails, a small pond, horseshoe pit, hiking and the historic Pena Adobe Home. The park also has a 30,000 square foot fenced in dog park so the "other" member of your family can enjoy time away too.

Pheasant Country Park

This seven-acre park contains picnic tables, a basketball court, playground, multi-purpose field and exercise stations. Conveniently located at Caldwell Drive and Madison Avenue, this small park is enjoyed by people year round.

For more detailed park information, or to find a park near your home, go to

http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/community_services/facility_rentals/parks.php, and enjoy the weather in your new home.

Golf

Whether you're just learning or an advanced expert, you'll find that golfing can be fun for all levels and ages. Listed below are just a few of the local golf courses that you and your family can look into for a day of trying something new or practicing your skill. Check the military buyer's guide section of this guide and your local yellow pages to find more golfing locations near Dixon.

Green Tree Golf Club

999 Leisure Town Road

Vacaville, CA 95687 (707) 448-1420

You are in for a very pleasant surprise and a great experience at the Green Tree Golf Club. Over the past two years the focus has been on improving the playing conditions to make Green Tree Golf Club the best value in the area for great golf!

Shopping

Nut Tree

In 1921, when the Power Family set up a modest fruit stand along I-80 in Vacaville, who would have imagined they were starting a business that would become a driving force in retail for most of the 20th century. But so it was. The Nut Tree simply took off. In no time, it was the state's first major road stop, drawing Californians in droves with its eclectic mix of western California cuisines, packaged dried fruits, miniature railroad, fly-in airport and retail offerings. It set retail trends across the nation and became an icon as it hosted events for everyone from stars and sports celebrities to dignitaries and even royalty. Conveniently located along the heavily traveled corridor of I-80 between San Francisco and Sacramento, the Nut Tree was literally right off the highway. Now the Nut Tree is back, and once again, it's making history with a bold new look, a unique mix of your favorite retail stores, restaurants and services, as well as the beloved and newly renovated Nut Tree Plaza, designed especially for kids with a carousel, a miniature railroad and a life-size chessboard. Today, just as many years ago, a visit to the Nut Tree is sure to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for the whole family.

Nut Tree Village is located at 1681 E. Monte Vista Ave. in Vacaville. For more information call (707) 447-6000 or visit their website at <http://www.NutTreeUSA.com>. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Premium Outlets

Located off Interstate I-80 and Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville Premium Outlets is more than just an impressive collection of the finest brands, it is one of the area's largest shopping destinations. Include a shopping stop during your next trip to the area. Located between San Francisco and Sacramento, you're sure to find impressive savings all year round. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (707) 447-5755.

VALLEJO

Vallejo Chamber of Commerce

427 York St.

Vallejo, CA 94590 (707) 644-5551

Fax (707) 644-5590

The City of Vallejo's story begins in 1844 when General Mariano G. Vallejo saw the promise of the area. Named after him and twice the site of the state capitol in the 1850s, Vallejo grew into an important shipping and naval center. Legend has it that Mare Island got its name after Gen. Vallejo drove a herd of horses across the Carquinez Strait.

Established in 1854, Mare Island Naval Shipyard was the West Coast's first shipyard. Closed in 1996, Mare Island now stands poised to become an industrial, commercial and residential centerpiece for the city into the next millennium. A strong economy and affordable housing has meant new prosperity for Vallejo, as new businesses and new residents come to the city. Waterfront and Mare Island redevelopment have become a community effort, with input from residents helping shape the future of what could become the most important economic generator of the city.

The city's Ferry Terminal and ferry service have served as a model for the rest of the Bay Area, helping make Vallejo a transportation and commuter hub for the North Bay. Six Flags, restaurants and the Downtown Farmer's Market help make Vallejo the vibrant community it is today.

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Formerly called Six Flags Marine World, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is the only combination wildlife park, theme park and oceanarium in the world. This Northern California theme park now features rides, shows and animal attractions in three distinct areas called: "Land," "Sea" and "Sky." Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is located 30 miles northeast of San Francisco in Vallejo. The theme park is accessible from San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento.

Call (707) 643-6722 or visit <http://www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom> for more information.

Golf

Mare Island Golf Club

1800 Club Drive (707) 562-4653

<http://www.mareislandgolfclub.com/>

Mare Island Golf Club in Vallejo, California was established in 1892, making it the oldest course west of the Mississippi. Recently expanded back to a full 18-hole facility by renowned Pacific

Rim architect Robin Nelson, the new course is designed to challenge golfers of all abilities. Half of the holes wind through tree-lined fairways, while the other half offers a more links-style journey. The majority of holes offer a magnificent view of San Pablo Bay, the Napa River, Mt. Tamalpais and on a clear day the Golden Gate Bridge.

Blue Rock Springs Golf Club
655 Columbus Parkway (707) 643-8476
<http://www.bluerockspringsgolf.com/>

WOODLAND

In 1853, Henry Wycoff settled in a grove of oak trees and opened a small store; not long after that other businesses followed. This included a store owned by Major F. S. Freeman, who offered free lots to anyone who would clear the land and build homes. Soon the settlement of Yolo County was renamed Woodland and in 1862, the Yolo County seat was transferred to Woodland from present-day West Sacramento.

Various transportation routes create a wealth of opportunities for industry and commerce. Easily termed in the "Heart of California," Woodland's proximity to the state capital of Sacramento places it near the political pulse of the state. Outside the San Francisco seismic area, Yolo County covers an area of 1,034 square miles, bounded by the Sacramento River on the east, Putah Creek on the south, Colusa County on the north and the Coast Ranges (Little Blue Ridge and Vaca Mountain Range) on the west.

New Residents

New residents to the city should contact City Hall at (530) 661-5850 or visit their website at <http://www.cityofwoodland.org> for information on public utilities. These offices will be able to provide you with all the information you will need to have with you in order to start service. They should also be able to tell you who to contact for electric, phone, cable, Internet or satellite service. City Hall is Located at 300 First St. in Woodland.

Transportation

Woodland is located in the Yolo County Transportation District. Bus services are provided by YOLOBUS. For a complete list of all public transportation available from YOLOBUS visit their website at <http://www.yolobus.com> or call (530) 666-2877.

Recreation and Leisure in Woodland

The City of Woodland Parks and Recreation

The City of Woodland Parks and Recreation offers year round programs including summer and fall activities. These include events for both youth and adults. After school programs, basketball, dance classes, sports camps and summer concert series are just a few examples of activities sponsored by Woodland Parks and Recreation. For information and a list of classes or events please visit <http://www.cityofwoodland.org/gov/depts/parks/default.asp> or call (530) 661-2000.

Woodland Toy Library

Located in downtown Woodland next to Freeman Park, this Library is a nonprofit, membership organization open to all Yolo County families, as well as family daycare providers and day care centers. Membership is \$15 a year or free for volunteers. Once joining you can check a maximum of three items out and keep them for a period of three weeks. Fines are charged for lost, damaged or late return on toys. The Toy Library is operated as a community service and is staffed by volunteers. For more information, please call the Woodland Parks and Recreation Department at (530) 669-7139.

AREAS OF INTEREST

The location of Travis Air Force base provides easy access to California Wine Country in the Napa and Sonoma valleys, as well as many diversions offered at popular tourist destinations like Lake Tahoe, Monterey and Yosemite National Park where you and your family are sure to build lasting memories.

Lake Tahoe

By the late 19th century, Lake Tahoe had become a popular vacation spot for wealthy San Francisco residents. With a total population of 65,000 and approximately three million visitors each year, the Tahoe Basin remains the same awe-inspiring place that drew the Washoe Indians here 10 thousand years ago.

The lake is located roughly one-and-a-half hours Northeast of Sacramento. For more information please visit <http://www.visitinglake-tahoe.com> or call (888) 434-1262.

Monterey

The City of Monterey is located on Monterey Bay along the Pacific coast in central California. The city is noted for its rich history of resident artists beginning in the late 1800s and its historically famed fishery. Monterey is home to the Naval Postgraduate School, the Defense Language Institute, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, the former Fort Ord, part of which is now the site of California State University Monterey Bay; Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Monterey American Viticultural Area, Cannery Row, Fisherman's Wharf and a Marine Mammal Center field station located in the area. It is from Monterey that the semi-hard cheese known as Monterey Jack originated. For more information please visit <http://www.monterey.org> or call (831) 646-3866.

Napa Valley

The Napa Valley is one of the most popular tourist attractions in California, and world renowned for its wines. The fame of its wineries is matched by the reputation of its restaurants. Combined with the beauty of the area, they provide a vacation holiday without equal anywhere in the country. Located 20 miles from Fairfield, it is easily accessible for those living in the area around Travis AFB. For more information please visit <http://www.napavalley.com>

Sacramento

Located in California's expansive Central Valley, Sacramento is the capital of the State of California. In spite of major military base closures and the decline of agricultural food processing, Sacramento continued to experience massive population growth in the 1990s and early 2000s. Sacramento has several museums, theatres and recreational parks. There is always something to do when you visit the city. Whether it is fine dining, music or theater Sacramento can meet all your cultural tastes. For tourist information please visit <http://cityofsacramento.org> for a calendar of events and other local information.

San Francisco

San Francisco is located on the tip of the San Francisco Peninsula, with the Pacific Ocean to the west, the San Francisco Bay to the east and the Golden Gate to the north. The city gives its name to the surrounding San Francisco Bay Area. San Francisco is a popular tourist destination, both national and international, and is notable for its chilly summer fog, steep hills and architectural variety. Famous landmarks include the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, the cable cars, Coit Tower and Chinatown. For tourist information please visit <http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com> or call (415) 391-2000.

Muir Beach

Located about 2 miles from the entrance to Muir Woods National Monument, the beach is about 1000 feet long and 200 feet wide, with coarse sand and several large boulders. There is a parking lot at the beach, which is then accessible via a footbridge. The community itself flanks the northwest side of the beach.

Muir Woods National Monument

Muir Woods National Monument is a unit of the National Park Service on the Pacific coast of southwestern Marin County, California, 12 miles north of San Francisco and part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. It protects 559 acres, of which 240 acres are old growth Coast Redwood forests, one of the few remaining in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sonoma Valley

Sonoma Valley is home to some of the earliest vineyards and wineries in the state, some of which survived the phylloxera epidemic of the 1870s and the impact of Prohibition. Its wineries are generally well prepared for receiving tourists.

Located 45 minutes North of San Francisco, it is nestled between the Mayacamas and Sonoma mountain ranges. For more information please visit <http://www.sonomavalley.com> or call the Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau at (866) 996-1090.

Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park has long been a destination for tourists. This national park covers an area of 761,266 acres or 1,189 square miles and reaches across the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain chain. Over 3.5 million people visit Yosemite each year, with most visitors only seeing the seven square miles of Yosemite Valley. The Park was named a World Heritage Site in 1984 and Yosemite is internationally recognized for its spectacular granite cliffs, waterfalls, clear streams, Giant Sequoia groves and biological diversity. Roughly 89 percent of the park is designated wilderness.

Located roughly 200 miles Northeast of Sacramento it is well worth the drive to see the majestic beauty of one of our nations National Parks. For more information please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/> or call (209) 372-0200.