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Knight Foundry, the nation's last cast-iron foundry, is among the historic sites in Sutter Creek.
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Sutter Creek takes you back

'Jewel of the Mother Lode' still sparkles

Strolling Main Street in Sutter Creek, it's easy to see why the Gold Rush-era town of Victorian architecture calls itself "the Jewel of the Mother Lode." The Amador County hamlet – a 90-mile round trip from Sacramento – is an inviting respite that transports visitors to small-town America.

Make your first stop the **Visitors Center** (71 Main St.) for the gallery of vintage photos and a self-guided walking tour.

Eureka Street leads to the **Knight Foundry and Shops** (81 Eureka St., www.knightfoundry.com). Back in the day, the gargantuan cast-iron foundry (opened in 1873 and the last one in the U.S.) hand-crafted the machinery that drove the gold-mining and timber industries. Tours are offered on second Saturdays; special group tours are available. Call 209-560-6160.

The **Monteverde General Store & Museum** (3 Randolph St.) is a time capsule from 1898. The original ledgers show the first item sold was a gallon jug of red wine for 40 cents. The store closed in 1972, leaving thousands of original goods on the

shelves – castor oil, canned vanilla wafers, plaster-of-paris bandages. Tours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; call 209-267-1344 to arrange other days and hours.

Ask owner Lisa Klosowski to play a tune on her hand-made Italian Porter Swan Elite II while you browse the **Music Box Company's** vast collection of musical boxes, figurines and clocks (64 Main St., www.themusicboxcompany.com).

The emphasis is on "from scratch and homemade" at **Sina's Backroads Café** (74 Main St., www.sinasbackroadscafe.com), as in soups, quiches and biscuits. The pork shoulder for the Cubano sandwich is smoked for 24 hours.

Can you really eat the super-tall and super-good Pub Burger at **Cavana's Pub & Grub** with only two hands? Uh, no, you need four (36 Main St., www.cavanaspubandgrub.com); bring a friend.

Unleash your inner home cook at **Sutter Creek Culinary** (54 Main St., on Facebook), a feast of cookware and artisanal specialties, many locally sourced. Don't overlook 100 exotic spices and seasonings.

Winemaker Gary Miller transformed the **Sutter Creek Cheese Shoppe** (33 Main St., www.suttercreekcheese.com) into a hybrid wine-tasting room and cheese emporium. Five-taste flights are \$10. Best match: 2014 Grenache with Capra Stanislaus goat cheese.

When do pastry and bread transcend the realm of baked goods? When they're from **Andrae's Bakery** in next-door

Amador City (14141 Old Highway 49, www.andraesbakery.com). Visit www.suttercreek.org for details on upcoming special events.

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