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### DAYTRIPS



Mary Dedrick's Main Street Cheese Shop in Placerville offers up to 400 varieties.  
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## Go for cheese, ice cream, history

**Placerville is an easy day-trip, a vital Gold Rush-era town that's become something of a dining destination.**

But we weren't headed to Cascadia or the Independent. Instead, our first stop was Mary Dedrick's Main Street Cheese Shop, which has served a smorgasbord of goodies for 17 years.

"I like the concept that you can shop here and get more than cheese," she said. Our tour took us past sweets (New York cheesecake, baklava, pies) and the amazing Wall of Crackers (60 kinds). Nearby are jams and jellies, salumi, olive oils, chocolate covered oranges and figs, honey, nuts and chocolate bars (think bacon).

The star is the cheese case, with 200 to 400 varieties (depending on the season) from a dozen countries. "It's still not enough," Deidrick said.

Each Friday, Dedrick gets a delivery of chewy artisanal breads, hand-made by a lone baker in Sacramento. The loaves are baked in an almond wood-fired brick oven

in his backyard. "My favorite is his roasted garlic," Dedrick said.

Placerville was originally Old Dry Diggins in Gold Rush days, until three members of the Owl Gang were hung for murder in 1849. As a warning to the lawless, the town changed its name to Hangtown.

On the site of the hanging, the Hangman's Tree saloon operated from 1895 until it closed in 2009. Tim and Sue Taylor saved the rickety building from demolition, remodeled and reopened as the Hangman's Tree Ice Cream Saloon.

As good as the ice cream is – Cascade Glacier from Oregon – the place is really a museum, starting with the leaded-glass front door and continuing to a wall covered in old photos and of-the-era art. Move on to the antique bar and stools, a wall mural painted in 1940s and two antique iron doors with antique shotguns as handles.

"We were trenching the foundation and uncovered more than 200 Gold Rush-era artifacts," said Tim Taylor. "Everything in here has a story." Just ask him.

**Main Street Cheese Shop, 2 Main St., 530-344-8282, [www.facebook.com/dedrick-scheese/](http://www.facebook.com/dedrick-scheese/)**

**Hangman's Tree Ice Cream Saloon, 305 Main St., [www.hangmanstree.com](http://www.hangmanstree.com)**

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**UPCOMING EVENT:** Find an array of El Dorado wines (and brews, of course) at Placerville's ninth annual Oktoberfest, Oct. 19. Details at [www.placervilleoktoberfest.com](http://www.placervilleoktoberfest.com).



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