













Directory for Columbia

LODGING

49ER RV RANCH.

RV campsites. Full hookups include cable TV, WiFi. Park has laundry facilities, store, propane, courtesy phone. Campfire sing-alongs. 23223 Italian Bar Rd, P O Box 49, Columbia 95310. 209 532-4978.

CITY HOTEL.

Ten-room historic hotel. Restaurant apparently now only open on special days, such as Christmas. 22768 Main Street, Columbia, CA 95310. 209 532-1479.

COLUMBIA GEM MOTEL.

Motel rooms and six log cabins. Some have refrigerators and microwaves. 22131 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora 95370. 209 532-4508, 800 436-6685.

COLUMBIA INN MOTEL.

Motel. Cable TV, coffee in rooms. Some rooms have refrigerators & microwaves. WiFi, swimming pool. 22646 Broadway, Columbia 95310. 209 533-0446, fax 209 588-0460.

COLUMBIA RV PARK.

RV park, "day, week, or month". 21770 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora 95370.

FALLON HOTEL.

This hotel was once a boarding house, built in 1859 by Owen Fallon. It was later turned into a fancy hotel and operated until the 1940s under various names, including the "Columbia Hotel and Opera House", "Kress Hotel", "Smith Hotel", and "Columbia Inn". In 1947 the state purchased it. It was restored and reopened as the Fallon Hotel in 1986. 11175 Washington St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1470..

THE HARLAN HOUSE.

Bed & Breakfast in a renovated 2-story Victorian with antiques in bedrooms. 22890 School House St, P. O. Box 686, Columbia 95310. 209 533-4862..

MARBLE QUARRY RV PARK.

RV and tent sites. Full hookups for RVs. Store and gift shop, laundry facilities, propane, WiFi, swimming pool, playground, horseshoes, gold panning, hiking trails. 11551 Yankee Hill Rd, Columbia 95310. 109 532-9539, fax 209 532-8631.

UNION HILL INN.

Historic inn on large site with hiking, gazebo, ponds, etc. Four suites in the hotel itself and 3 nearby cottages. 21645 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora CA 95370. 209 533-1494, 888 533-4885 free, 209 533-4885 fax.

WY'S ACRES BED & BREAKFAST.

B&B with four rooms on 13 acre site. Swimming pool, ping-pong & billiards. Family friendly. 8733 Fraguero, Sonora 95370. 888 997-1849, fax 209 533-2721.

EAT & DRINK

BART'S BLACK SKILLET.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast: Huevos Ranchers, sliders, hash, oysters, omlettes, Fr. toast, pancakes, egg dishes, toast. Lunch: Burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads, appetizers. Dinner: Salads, appetizers, steak, pork spare ribs, calamari, linguini. Main Street, Columbia, CA 95310. Hours: Bkfst SaSu 9am-11am, Lunch W-Su 11am+, Dinner Th-Sa 5-8pm.

BILLY WHISKERS CAFE.

Breakfast & lunch. Egg dishes, pancakes, Fr. toast, etc. Sandwiches, incl. grilled panini--chicken & salami special. Burgers, various salads, desserts. Bakery items. 22770 Broadway, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1944.. Hours: Th-Tu 8am-2pm (breakfast 8-11:30am). W closed.

BROWN'S COFFEE HOUSE & SWEETS SALOON.

Sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, soda (incl. sarsaparilla), frappes, espresso drinks, brownies, muffins, and candy. 22760 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1850..

COLUMBIA KATES TEAHOUSE.

Tea, sandwiches, quiche, scones, pastries, soup, salads, coffee, gifts. 22727 Columbia St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1885.. Hours: Daily 11am-4pm.

DAY-O.

Drive by stand. Espresso, smoothies, frappes, tea, Italian sodas, hot chocolate, muffins, cookies. 21770 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia CA 95310.

DEVONS DELECTABLES CAFE & BAKERY.

Sandwiches, salads, quiche, soda, coffee, ice tea. Cakes, bread, brownies, cupcakes, bars, cookies. Free WiFi. Eat-in or take-out. 11256 State, Columbia 95310. 209 588-8136.. Hours: WThSu 8am-3pm,, FSa 8am-4pm, M Tu closed.

EL JARDIN.

Lunch & dinner. Mexican food. Tacos, enchiladas, other traditional items. Seafood, fajitas, salads, soup, various dinner combinations. Soda, margaritas, etc, beer, wine. 22758 Broadway, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1291.. Hours: Daily 11am-9pm.

FALLON HOUSE ICE CREAM PARLOR.

Ice cream cones, sundaes, sodas, floats, milkshakes, malts. Espresso drinks & other hot drinks. Soda (incl. sarsaparilla), lemonade, ice tea, Italian sodas. Washington

St, Columbia. Hours: M-W 10:30-5, ThF 10:30-9:30, Sa 10-9:30, Su 10-5.

GOLDSTREET BAKERY & CAFE.

Bakery and cafe. Cafe has dinner only, Friday-Sunday nights. Burgers, incl. turkey and salmon burgers. Quesadillas, soup, salads. Entrees include steak, filet mignon, salmon, pork and various specials. Desserts. Soda, sarsaparilla, coffee, ice tea, etc. 22690 South Gold St, Columbia 95310. 209 533-2654.. Hours: FrSaSu 4:30pm-closing.

JACK DOUGLASS SALOON.

Sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, chili, snacks, soda (incl. sarsaparilla & wild cherry), draft & bottle beer, wine by the glass, carafe, or bottle. Tables or historic bar. 22718 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 533-4176.. Hours: Daily 10am-6pm. Open until 7pm on Fridays.

PETE'S CAFE.

Breakfast & lunch, dinner on Friday/Saturday only. Family diner-style restaurant. Extensive breakfast menu: eggs, steak, pancakes, waffles etc. Burgers, sandwiches, may different salads. Desserts. Dinner: Steak, pork, chicken, pasta, seafood. 22267 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Sonora 95370. 209 532-2438.. Hours: Tu-Th 6am-2pm, FSa 6am-2pm and 4pm-closing, Su 7:30am-2pm, M closed.

ST. CHARLES SALOON.

Historic saloon. "Ladies, Miners, and Minors welcome". Beer on draft or bottle. Wine by glass or carafe. Soda, including sarsaparilla. Coffee, tea, peanuts, popcorn. Pool table. Sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, pretzels, chicken wings, nachos. 22801 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 533-4656..

DONNY D'S WATERWHEEL SALOON.

Saloon with beer & wine and pizza. Domestic & imported beer, tap and bottled. Pizza of various kinds and pepperoni pizza by the slice. Wings, salad, breadsticks. Live music on weekends. 22265 Parrotts Ferry Road, Sonora CA 95370. 209 532-6206. See Google Places.

WHAT CHEERS SALOON.

Historic saloon with food. Beer, wine, cocktails. Soda including sarsaparilla. Main Street, Columbia, CA 95310. Hours: W-F 3pm-close, SaSu 11am-close. MTu closed.

GAS, GROCERY & DRUG

COLUMBIA MERCANTILE.

Groceries, household supplies, maps, local books, ice cream, wine, beer, soda (incl. sarsaparilla and other historic soda drinks), postcards, greeting cards, hot coffee. Newspapers (SF Chron, Sonora Union Democrat, Modesto Bee). ATM inside. 11000 Jackson, Columbia 95310. 209 532-7611.. Hours: Daily 9am-6:30pm.

LETI'S FRUIT STAND.

Fruit, availability depends on time of year. Cherries, strawberries, peaches, nectarines. Dried fruit and nuts. Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia. Open only in summer.

KWIK-SERV GAS AND R&L MINI-MART.

Has diesel. Large selection of wine and hard liquor, snacks, candy, groceries, ice, beer, cleaning supplies. Newspapers: Modesto Bee. Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia.

INFORMATION & HISTORY

CHURCH OF THE 49ERS.

Historic church, originally built in 1849 as the First Presbyterian Church. The original structure was destroyed by fire. The present structure is a replica, completed in 1854. Jackson & Gold Sts, Columbia.

ANGELO'S HALL.

A historic hall where various community events were held, including dances. Angelo's Hall was rennovated in 2008.

BUTCHER SHOP.

Exhibit shows what an 1850 shop that traded beef for gold was like.

CALIFORNIA STORE.

This exhibit is a replica of an 1850s general store, selling "provisions, miner's supplies, and dry goods." North Main Street, Columbia.

CHICKEN COOP.

Chickens in a coop just like they were raised during the Gold Rush.

CHINESE HERBAL SHOP.

Exhibit shows a Chinese herbal remedy shop as it looked in the 1850s. Main St, Columbia.

CLAVERIE BUILDING RUINS.

Ruins of a building built in 1857 by three Frenchmen, including L. Claverie. The area was the French section of town. In 1869 it was sold to Sun Lun Sing and known as "The Old China Store". The area became a Chinese section, and adjacent to it in the mid 1870s was a Joss House and Chinese Theatre. Italian Bar Road, Columbia, CA.

COLUMBIA CEMETERY.

The Columbia Cemetery is distinguished by the "In God We Trust" over its entrance. (Another cemetery, the Masonic, is nearby.) Many people important to Columbia history are buried here. Many headstones are marble, which was available locally at low cost. End of School House St, Columbia. Hours: Gate open Daily 8am-4:30pm. Closed Christmas & Thanksgiving.

COLUMBIA DIGGINS'.

Every year, this site comes alive for four days as a reenactment of what Columbia was probably like in 1852, with a town built primarily with tents, before wooden or stone buildings were built. Columbia St, Columbia.

COLUMBIA GAZETTE OFFICE.

This building was the office of the Columbia Gazette, a newspaper published in the 1850s. Main St, Columbia.

DENTIST OFFICE.

Exhibit shows a dental office as it looked in the late 1800s. Dental tools and instruments from various periods, from the 1850s to the 1890s. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

DRUG STORE.

Exhibit shows an 1850+ era drug store, with an extensive array of bottles, boxes, and drawers filled with pharmaceutical & herbal remedies. Also shown are historic tools for making, handling, and packaging pills and suppositories. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

EAGLE COTAGE.

This structure was a miner's boarding house first built in 1854. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt several times. The current building is a replica of the original built in 1961. It is now used for community meetings. (The archaic spelling is not a typo.) Washington St, Columbia.

COLUMBIA NO. 1 ENGINE COMPANY.

Historic fire house, displaying two hand-operated fire engines, including the well-known "Papette".

FIRE HOUSE NO. 1 (ENGINE TUOLUMNE).

This fire house (previously a china shop) was put into use in 1857 after Columbia's second great fire and for many years housed the "Papette" fire engine. On display here is Citizen No. 1, a historic fire engine on loan. Papette is now in the fire house on Main Street. State St, Columbia.

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE.

On this site in March, 1850, Dr. Thadeus Hildreth, while camping for the night with his brother and a few other miners, found gold. As word of the discovery spread, a tent city sprang up that led to the founding of the town of Columbia. Columbia St, Columbia.

COLUMBIA JAIL.

Circa 1860 jail, with two cells. Walk inside. Columbia St near Jackson, Columbia. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

JUSTICE COURT.

Exhibit shows the Columbia Justice Court courtroom as it appeared in the 1850s. Hours: 10am-4pm.

JOHNSON'S LIVERY.

Exhibit shows a historic livery stable ("Horses bought, sold, & traded") with examples of horse-drawn carriages inside. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

MASONIC HALL.

Exhibit shows a Masonic meeting room and various artifacts (e.g., a ceremonial trowel) associated with the Masons. The building was erected in 1855, razed, then restored in 1949. Washington St, Columbia.

MINING EQUIPMENT EXHIBIT.

Outdoor exhibit of mining machinery, including water wheels (to get energy for equipment), a stamping mill, and a "monitor" that concentrates water to produce high pressure for hydraulic mining. Near Columbia St, Columbia.

COLUMBIA MUSEUM.

Exhibits under glass show photos and artifacts from early Columbia on various topics, including schools, women in the mines, banking, gambling, hard rock mining, gold panning, the Chinese, and Native Americans. Free 22 minute video of park shown in rear. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST MUSEUM.

Exhibit shows photos, medals, plaques and other artifacts from this fraternal society that was important to life in the mid to late 1800s. Main St, Columbia. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm.

PROSPER ROCHER BREWERY SITE.

OLD COLUMBIA SCHOOL HOUSE.

Historic school preserved as it was with old style desks, blackboards, and wood stoves. Enter via door at south end. Enter 2nd floor via stairway at north end. Picnic tables nearby. School House Rd, Columbia. Hours: Gate to road up to school house open Daily 9am-4pm.

HISTORICAL MARKER--TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD.

Plaque reads: "Springfield received name from abundant springs gushing from limestone boulders. Town with its stores, shops and hotel, built around plaza. Once boasted 2,000 inhabitants. Believed founded by Donna Josefa Valmesada, Mexican woman of means with reputation for aiding Americans in War with Mexico. During heyday, 150 miners carts could be seen on road, hauling gold-bearing dirt to Springfield springs for washing."

A. N. FISHER & CO. STAGE OFFICE.

Walk in to see exhibit of 1850s stagecoach line office. Buy tickets here for stagecoach rides around Columbia. Stagecoaches run daily during summer and FSaSu at other times.

Fares: Child/Senior: inside \$5, shotgun \$8.
Adult/teen: inside %6, shotgun \$9. Hours:
Daily 10am-4pm.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

This historic church, built in 1856, was the first brick church built in California. The church is on Kennebec Hill and includes a cemetery.

WELLS FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.

Exhibit shows a shipping office (wagon or statecoach) as it looked in the 1850s, with a safe, old desk, strongbox, and an elaborate scale for weighing gold. Main St, Columbia.

WILSON-MCCONNELL HOUSE.

Completed in 1878, this house was lived in by Mrs. James McConnell and her 8 children until the 1930s. It was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. McConnell in 1941, who restored it and moved in in 1943. Dr & Mrs. McConnell were close friends with Gov. Earl Warren and through him were instrumental in establishing Columbia State Park. The home was used in the movie "High Noon" in 1952. Mrs. McConnell passed away in 2003 at the age of 99, and the home was purchased by the State in 2005.

SHOPPING

PARROTTS BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Has a working forge and makes iron objects that are for sale, including horseshoes, crosses, candle holders, dinner bells, wire racks, hooks, and tables. 22737 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-0445..

CANDLE COURTYARD.

Candle dipping. You start with one of various shapes blanks and create a candle by dipping it into a sequence of waxes of different colors. Main St, Columbia 95310. Hours: 10am-4pm.

COLUMBIA CANDLE & SOAP WORKS.

Candles, soap, incense, beeswax products. Nearly all products made here in the shop. 22719 Broadway, Columbia 95310. 209 536-9047..

NELSON'S COLUMBIA CANDY KITCHEN.

Hand-dipped chocolates, hard candy drops, peanut & other brittles, fudges, taffy, licorice, and lollipops. 22726 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-1127.. Hours: M-F 9am-5pm, SaSu 9am-6pm.

COLUMBIA BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS.

Books on historic themes, gifts, posters, 1850s toys, photos, Indian jewelry & wampum. Hats. Part of a historic variety store. 22725 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 533-1852.. Hours: Daily about 10am-5pm or so.

FANCY DRY GOODS.

Shirts, hats, dresses, pants, vests, bandanas, gifts, books on quilting, cloth. 22735 Main Street, Columbia 95310. 209 533-1849.. Hours: Daily 10am-4pm [verify].

THE FARMER'S FRIEND.

Seeds, gardening tools, plants, hats, gifts. 11259 Jackson, Columbia 95310. 209 532-2894..

KAMICE'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ESTABLISHMENT.

Studio photographs visitors in 19th century costumes. 22729 Main Street, Columbia, CA 95310. 209 694-6843. Hours: M closed, Tu by appt, W-Su 10am-5pm.

MATELOT GULCH MINE SUPPLY STORE.

Gifts, rocks & minerals, art objects made from minerals, gold nuggets, maps, mining supplies. Pan for gold in nearby sluice boxes. 22675 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-9693..

PIONEER EMPORIUM.

Household goods, kitchenware, gifts, cookbooks, dining utensils, T-shirts, jewelry, toys, postcards, greeting cards. 22711 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 588-0955..

TOWLE & LEAVITT.

Gifts, jewelry, books on Gold Rush, housewares, T-shirts, soap, postcards, greeting cards, posters, toys, minerals. Main & State Sts, Columbia 95310. 209 532-7306..

UMQUA BANK.

This still working bank is in the D.O. Mills building, built in 1854 and housing the D. O. Mills bank. It has a secret passage that leads to the assay and smelting shop. ATM. 22710 Main St, Columbia 95310. 209 536-5901..

RECREATION

49ER MINING SUPPLIES.

Leads tours of gold mining and gold panning at Woods Creek in Jamestown. Also sells mining supplies. 11940 Yankee Hill Rd, Columbia 95310. 209 588-1635..

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Has occasional nighttime public lectures and movies. Sometimes has low-cost gourmet meals prepared by students of the Culinary Arts Institute, at Cellar Restaurant on weekdays (lower level, Manzanita Bldg). 11600 Columbia College Dr, Sonora 95370. 209 598-5100, , Celler Rest. 209 588-5300..

FALLON HOUSE THEATRE.

One of two theatres in the area run by the Sierra Repertory Theatre. Recent productions include "Red, White, & Tuna", and "Master Class". 11175 Washington St, Columbia 95310. 209 532-4644..

HORSE RENTALS.

Apparently closed, at least for season.

SMITH NATURE TRAIL.

SPRINGFIELD FLYING SERVICE.

Tours of the Mother Lode area in a Cessna 172 or a 1943 biplane. 10767 Airport Rd, Columbia 95310. 209 532-4103..

SPRINGFIELD TROUT FARM.

Fish for rainbow trout (very easy). Gear provided, no license needed, pay by the size of the trout caught. Trout cleaned and packed in ice. Family friendly. Open all year. 21980 Springfield Rd, Sonora 95370. 209 532-4623.. Summer Hours: Daily 10am-5pm. Sept-May: Th-M 11am-5pm. Tu-W closed.

SERVICES

COLUMBIA AIRPORT TERMINAL.

Columbia Airport (FAA ID is O22) is open to the public, elevation 2118 ft, attended 8am-5pm, jets allowed. 10723 Airport Rd, Columbia 95310. 209 533-5685...

COLUMBIA LAUNDROMAT.

Coin laundry. Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia. Hours: Daily 7am-9pm.

POST OFFICE, COLUMBIA.

Typical services, including Express Mail. The zip code for Columbia is 95310. 22628 Parrotts Ferry Rd, Columbia 95310. 209 532-7557.. Counter Hours: M-F 8am-4pm, Sa not posted, SuH closed.

WI-FI INTERNET ACCESS

WI-FI AT DEVON'S DELECTABLES.

Wi-Fi at sandwich shop/bakery. ID is "Devon's Delectables". No password required.