

TRY A DAY IN DUNSMUIR VIA STARLIGHT OR BUS

It could never have been Union Pacific's intention to bring back one of the most popular trains in California history, but for several months this past summer, the hapless railroad's extremely late service resulted in a passenger windfall, at least to rail passengers in the know who wanted to see the fabled scenery of Shasta and Siskiyou Counties by daylight.

Also, Dunsmuir, California's historic railroad town, is a wonderful stopover point for trainwatching, fishing or general relaxation. If the railroad reverts to its old ways once the news attention has lifted, the best opportunity for scenery may be on southbound Coast Starlight 11, regularly four to six hours late by Dunsmuir all summer.

That makes for a Dunsmuir departure between 6 and 8 in the morning, optimizing Sacramento River Canyon scenery, including the fabled Cantera Loop, scene of the fabled Southern Pacific stringline derailment which poisoned the Sacramento River in 1994.

If the train keeps running on time in the middle of the night, there is the alternative of the Caltrans bus connection, at least until the next timetable change. It provides Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin stations with a run that arrives Dunsmuir by 6pm. That allows an opportunity for dinner in one of Dunsmuir's homey restaurants.

TRAC member Dede Cathcart, on a recent trip to Dunsmuir, put together the following tourist information:

DUNSMUIR FOR TRAIN TRAVELERS

Dunsmuir is roughly 4 blocks wide and 4 miles long. Sacramento Ave., where the railroad Depot is today, was the first commercial street of Dunsmuir. After Hwy. 99 came through Dunsmuir, commerce shifted one block to Dunsmuir Ave.

TRANSPORTATION

Dunsmuir has no taxi cabs, so travelers get around town on foot, bicycle, or car. By the current schedule, a big white Amtrak bus leaves a stop next to City Hall every morning at 10:45a.m. to take train passengers to connecting trains in Sacramento.

TRAINS

Dunsmuir is a California Historic Railroad Town inducted to the National Registry of Historic Structures in 1982. Dunsmuir was established as a major link in the north-south lines in 1887. The roundhouse no longer stands but the turntable does. Trains still stop here, which allows you to view them. A new train viewing area is currently under construction. During the annual Railroad Days celebration, train rides and tours are some of the attractions. **AMTRAK DEPOT** – the only operating passenger railroad station in Siskiyou County. 800 USA-RAIL

ACCOMMODATIONS

TRAVELODGE – 5400 Dunsmuir Ave. Pool. \$call (530) 235 4395.

PAM'S PLACE- 5969 Dunsmuir Ave. Pool. Hot Tub. BBQ picnic. \$100-279 B & B. (530) 235 0189.

CAVE SPRINGS RESORT – 4727 Dunsmuir Ave. Pool, internet, cable, hot tub, pets ok, kitchen, and BBQ picnic. \$42 and up. RV-\$22 nite WC. (530) 235 2603.

RAILROAD PARK RESORT– South of town. 100 Railroad Park Ave. Pool, cable, Pets \$10, kitchen, BBQ Picnic. Can stay in railroad car caboose. \$94-150. RV & CG \$20-28. AAA (530) 235 4440.

FOOD AND DRINK

BROWN TROUT CAFÉ and gallery - 5481 Sacramento Ave.

BLUE SKY, Sengthongs' – Thai café open 7 days 5 pm 7 pm. Lounge and bar 5pm-12am reservations. 5855 Dunsmuir Ave.



CORNERSTONE BAKERY AND CAFÉ – 5759 Dunsmuir Ave (530) 235 4677. Mon & Thrs 7a.m-3p.m., F & Sat 7 a.m. -9pm, sun 8 am-2pm. American Courmet.

BURGER BARN – 5942 Dunsmuir Ave, Dunsmuir, CA (530) 235 2902. Home of the barnbuster. Outdoor picnic tables, **CAFÉ MADELINA**. Mediterranean. 5801 Sacramento Ave. Thurs-Sun 5-11pm (March-Oct) reservations suggested (530) 235 2725.

WATERFALLS

MOSSBRAE FALLS – A most beautiful waterfall and worth the 2 mile hike to get there. enjoy the cool, moist breezes and lush foliage.

HEDGE CREEK FALLS

A short hike takes you to this waterfall where you can find the hidden cavern.

FISHING

The Sacramento River is a world class rainbow trout fishing stream. Fly, oure, or bait fish. Kids will find many places with easy access. It's fun for the whole family. Please check the regulations on limits, licenses, hooks, etc. The Sacramento River is open year round for fishing.

FISHING GUIDES AND SUPPLY

BIGFOOT'S FLY FISHING GUIDE SERVICE (530) 926 5381

TED FAY FLY SHOP -4310 Dunsmuir Ave. (530) 235 2969.

DUNSMUIR ROD CO - 5210 Florence Loop (530) 235 4058

MANFREDI'S DEPOT. 6920 Dunsmuir Ave. (530) 235 2141.

ALPINE GOURMET MARKET. 4737 Dunsmuir Ave., (530) 235 2314.

ANNUAL EVENTS

APRIL – Last Saturday. Official fishing season opens.

MAY – Garden Club Flower Show. Memorial Day weekend British Car Show and City Wide Yard Sale.

JUNE - Renaissance Festival, Tribute to the Trees, Sheriff/Veteran Bike Run.

JUNE –SEPT- Saturday Farmers Market. Fresh produce and crafts. 9:30am - 12:30pm on Dunsmuir Ave next to children's playground.

JULY – Railroad Days

AUGUST – Siskiyou Golden Fair

SEPTEMBER – Sacramento River Clean Up & Lions Club BBQ.

DECEMBER – Candles in the Canyon Christmas Celebration.

PARKS

DUNSMUIR CITY PARK – STEAM ENGINE DISPLAY. Botanical garden, baseball field, Olympic swimming pool, river access picnic area, tennis court.

TAUHINDAULIA PARK – River Access, Picnic tables.

RAILROAD PARK VIEWING AREA – Sacramento Avenue

CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK – climbing, camping, and picnics

For swimming, rafting, kayaking, hiking, and more check with the Chamber Office (530) 235 2177.

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