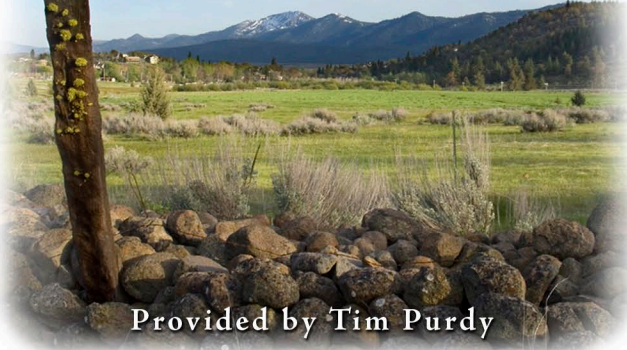


## Background and History of the Susanville Ranch Park



Provided by Tim Purdy

The Susanville Ranch Park property was originally settled by Captain William Weatherlow in 1857. Weatherlow sold the property to William Black Long in 1862. The Long family for the next two generations operated a ranch there and enlarged their holdings by patenting adjacent lands. At the north end of the property, James Bagwell filed a homestead claim for a 160 acre parcel in 1885 and the spring there bears his name (Bagwell Springs). Bagwell sold his place in 1893 to the Long family. In 1919 the Fruit Growers Supply Company located a large sawmill and box factory in Susanville. They acquired the Long family property of 1,300 acres. In 1926 they established a dairy there and two years later leased the operations to the O'Kelly family which operated the dairy under the name of Lassen Dairy and continued this operation at that place up until the 1930's. In the late 1920's the Red River Lumber Company of Westwood began plans to build the Paiute Creek Shortline Railroad. This line ran from Westwood Junction to Susanville via the Paiute Creek Canyon. The railroad was finally completed in 1935 and only operated for two years. The line suffered heavy damage from the winter of 1937-38; causing the Company to revamp their operations. The Company removed the rails and made re-alignments to the road bed, converting it into a truck logging route, which remains intact as the Paul Bunyan Logging Road. The Fruit Growers sold the property there in 1935 to the Republic Electric Power Company- a utility company that acquired the property for the water rights to Bagwell Springs to supply the domestic needs of a growing Susanville. The Republic Electric Power Company experienced two major re-organizations, changing their name to California Utilities and then to CP National. In 1984 CP National donated the property to the County of Lassen.



Beautiful Places  
Cast Reflections  
of Beautiful People

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Encouraged Activities:

Hiking  
Biking  
Running  
Picnicking  
Photography  
Horseback riding

### Prohibited Activities:

Fires  
Firewood cutting  
Overnight camping  
Discharge of firearms  
Operation of motorized vehicles

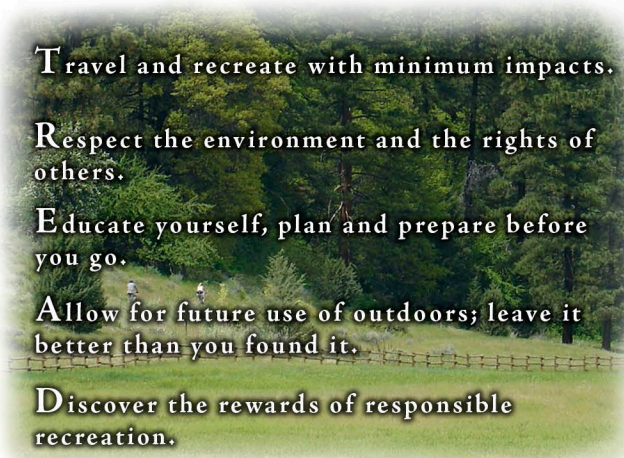
Travel and recreate with minimum impacts.

Respect the environment and the rights of others.

Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go.

Allow for future use of outdoors; leave it better than you found it.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.



# SUSANVILLE RANCH PARK

## Southern Trails



# SUSANVILLE RANCH PARK

Handicap Access

Information Kiosk

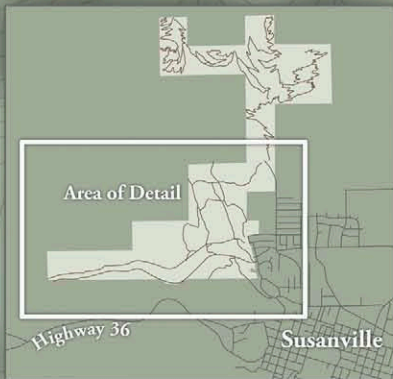
Parking

Viewpoint

Bridge

**Encouraged Activities**

**Prohibited Activities**



All Distances Shown on the Map are in Miles  
Contour Interval = 40 Feet

5200

5200

5120

