

Amador County, California

General Information:

Located on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains east of Sacramento, Amador County is in the heart of the Mother Lode. It was in this area that gold was discovered on January 24, 1848, in Coloma, California, starting one of the largest gold rushes in the world. Amador County had some of the best producing mines in the area, including Kennedy, Eureka, Argonaut, as well as the Sutter Gold Mine, which is being converted to a working mine again.

The county population is around 38,000.

The county seat is in Jackson, at 1,217 ft. elevation, and has a population of 4,678.

The elevation of the county goes from 250 ft. above sea level to 9000 ft.

Waterways:

The two rivers that border the county are Cosumnes River on the north, and the Mokelumne River on the south.

Amador has many lakes, including Lake Amador, Camanche, and Pardee, in the lower elevations, as well as Caples, Bear River Reservoir, Kirkwood, and Silver Lake in the Upper elevations. While not in Amador County, Lake Tahoe is a frequent destination of tourists as well.

Tourist Attractions:

Kirkwood is a popular ski resort in the winter. One year about 10 years ago, Kirkwood boasted the most snowfall of anywhere in the world—over 20 ft.!

Gold rush towns with their shops and folk lore are large tourist draws.

Daffodil Hill around March 17 each year is ablaze with yellow and white daffodils as well as Dandelion Days that same weekend in Jackson .

Shenandoah Valley with its many wineries and vineyards is popular all year round. Limousines carrying parties of people can be seen traveling to and from the wineries. This valley is located just outside Plymouth.

Amador County Fair is held once a year toward the end of July, and was voted one year by Sunset Magazine to be the best small fair in the country. It has livestock shows and auctions, a rodeo, demolition derby, as well as art show, quilt show, photography exhibits, etc. This is all held at the fairgrounds in Plymouth, CA.

AAUW home tour is held each year in mid-April. (Amador Association of University Women). They raise money for scholarships for seniors.

Home Prices:

Home prices vary greatly, depending where in Amador County you wish to settle. The best way to get a picture of home prices is to go to www.Realtor.com and put in the zip code of the area you are interested in.

lone	95640
Plymouth	95669

Sutter Creek	95685
Jackson	95642

New Home Developments:

With 40% of people in the Bay Area looking to move to more affordable areas, developers are looking to Amador County as a place to build new communities.

Zinfandel Ridge in Amador County has 32 lots it is building out.

Shenandoah Ridge will soon be developed with 137 lots.

Wildflower in Ione is currently building out 72 lots.

Health Care

We have a county hospital, Sutter Amador, part of the Sutter Health facilities in Northern California, located in Jackson.

We are also developing an Urgent Care Center in Jackson.

Ione, California

General Information:

Population of Ione is 7703, but that includes the prison population of 3782, so really the population is 3,921.

Elevation: 299 ft. above sea level, so we see little to no snow each year. (Snow level ranges from 2000 ft. down to 1200 ft. "ish".)

We are located about 30 miles, or 45 minutes from Sacramento, and 2 hours from San Francisco.

Mule Creek Prison

Mule Creek is a medium security prison with 3,782 inmates. It is located on the outskirts of Ione heading toward Sacramento.

Tourist Attractions:

Preston Castle: While no longer a school for juveniles referred by the courts, Preston Castle is a landmark in town. There is a committee for restoration of the now-vacant facility. It's quite a tourist attraction, having been built in 1890-1894.

Methodist Church: This church was built in 1862. It still rings its bells.

Castle Oaks Golf Course: A full 18-hole golf course in the shadow of Preston Castle, it is a beautiful setting for a relaxing day with friends.

Health Care:

lone uses Sutter Amador Hospital located about 15 minutes away in Jackson.

lone is also one of two zip codes that is eligible for Kaiser Permanente Health care. (The other zip code is Plymouth). So if that is important to your family, it's a good thing to restrict your home location to those two zip codes, 95640—lone, and 95669—Plymouth. The nearest Kaiser Hospital is in El Dorado Hills, about 40 minutes away, and a medical center about 35 minutes away in Folsom.

Sports:

Besides school sports, lone participates in a wide range of community sports opportunities.

- Little League
- Youth Soccer League
- Swimming leagues
- Basketball leagues

Of course, there is the usual list of school sports available.

Schools:

Public Schools: lone Elementary is close to the church and is a K-5 school with about 460 students. Also close is lone Junior High which is a 6-8 school with about 346 students. The two high schools in the county are Argonaut High School in Jackson with 547 students, and Amador High School in Sutter Creek with 628 students. lone naturally feeds in to Argonaut High, but you can request an intra-district transfer if you prefer Amador. Both high schools offer AP (advanced placement) classes.

Charter Schools: Mountain Oaks is a home-school alternative for public school.

Visions in Education is an alternative home-school option, located in Carmichael, CA, a suburb of Sacramento, and associated with the San Juan School District. It is the option-of-choice for many of our church families that home school. It is free, and in fact, gives you \$1200 of options to spend on things like sports, field trips, music lessons, etc. They have a CT (certified teacher) that keeps track of your progress and offers suggestions for a successful year.

Folsom Lake College: This is a two-year community college located in Folsom, about 35 minutes away. It has wonderful facilities and a great Harris Center for the Arts which puts on many plays, musicals, etc.

William Jessop University is a Christian university located in Rocklin, CA with 1318 students. Several of our families have students there.

Parks:

lone has six parks, five of which are smaller, neighborhood parks, but one large park which is used by the whole county, Howard Park.

Howard Park has four regulation soccer fields, four baseball fields, a skate park, a mile-long track, as well as picnic areas. We sometimes take our church service down to Howard Park, which is just down the street from the church, and then have a barbeque for lunch together. When the weather doesn't permit, Evalynn Bishop Hall is available for indoor activities.

New Housing Developments:

Because Plymouth is a draw for our church as well as lone itself, the two Developments in Plymouth are potential people for our church. They are Zinfandel Ridge with 32 lots, and the future Shenandoah Ridge with 137 lots.

Wildflower in lone is just down the street from us, and is developing 72 lots. Short videos on Amador County benefits

Link for a video about Amador County:

http://www.elocallink.tv/m/v/player.php?pid=Q6xB7aB32&fp=caamco14_lif_iwd#c|rrs.com_organization_cvn_iwd

Link for Wildflower of Lone Home Development:

www.axioshomes.com

