

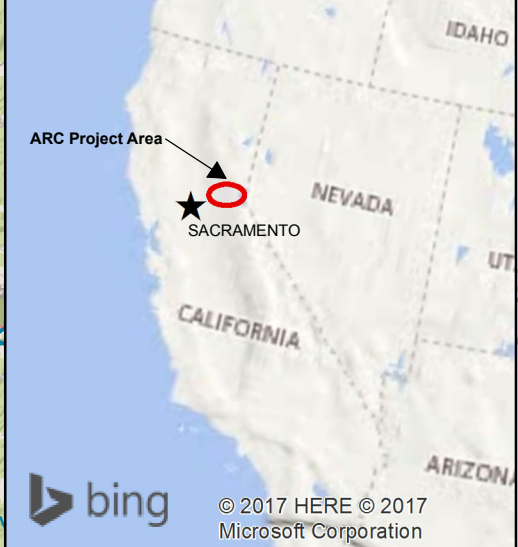
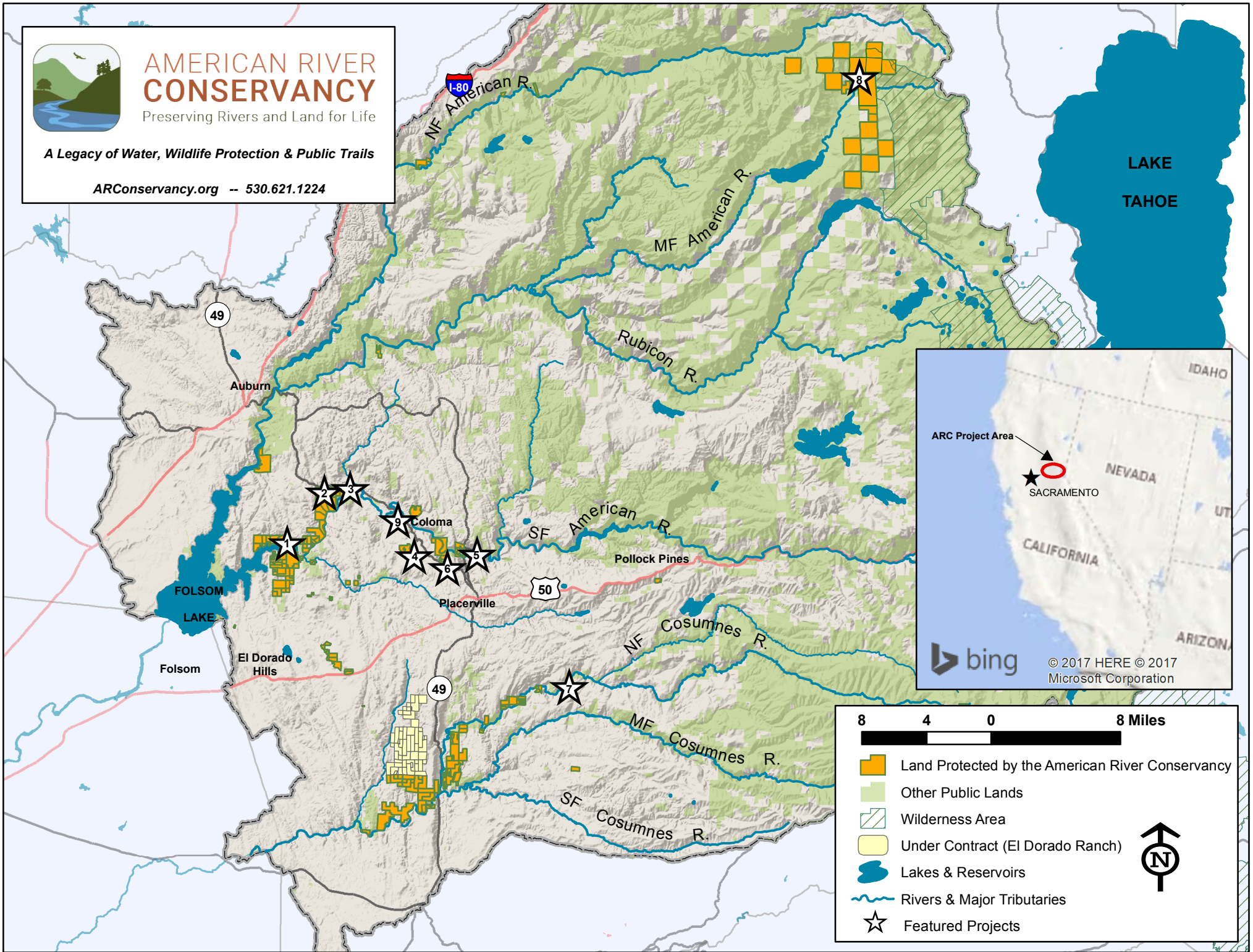


# AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY

Preserving Rivers and Land for Life

A Legacy of Water, Wildlife Protection & Public Trails

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- Land Protected by the American River Conservancy
- Other Public Lands
- Wilderness Area
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### **Acorn Creek Trailhead (700 – 900 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From El Dorado Hills/Hwy 50, take El Dorado Hills Blvd. north to Salmon Falls Rd. Stay on Salmon Falls Rd. for approximately 7 miles. About ¾-mile after the bridge, turn right into the Acorn Creek parking area.

Description: Open to the public October 2017. Oak woodland, riparian and chaparral habitats. Dappled shade and wildflowers in Spring.

Difficulty/Distance: Moderate – Advanced. 1.5-mile trail connects to the South Fork American River Trail System.



### **Cronan Ranch (700 -- 1,300 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 49 north towards Auburn. About 6 miles past Coloma, turn left onto Pedro Hill Rd. , and make a left into the parking area.

Description: About 12 miles of trails network through oak savannah, riparian and oak woodland habitats. Great for hiking year-round, with the exception of mid-day in the summer. Access to the South Fork American River.

Difficulty/Distance: Easy-Moderate



### **Magnolia Ranch (700 – 1,300 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 49 north towards Auburn. About 4 miles past Coloma, Magnolia Ranch will be on your left, across from a winery.

Description: This area includes open grassland, oak woodland, and streamside habitats. Easy walking access to the South Fork American River at Greenwood Creek. Spectacular views on the ridgetops.

Difficulty/Distance: Easy



### **Wakamatsu Farm (1,200 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 49 north towards Coloma. About 4 miles in, turn left onto Gold Hill Road. Turn right onto Cold Springs Road. Continue for about ¼-mile until you see a farm stand on your left. Continue to the green gated entrance on the right. Turn in and park in the gravel lot.

Description: This working historic Farm is open to the public only on scheduled farm tour dates and open farm days. Weekly volunteer opportunities. The Farm includes oak savannah, wetland, riparian and peaceful bucolic farm settings. Call ahead to check availability.

Difficulty/Distance: Easy. 1 mile of wheelchair accessible trail; an additional 1.5 miles of hiking trails that access historic features.



### **Chili Bar River Park (960 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 193 north towards Georgetown. Chili Bar is on the left about 1.5 mile in.

Description: This park on the South Fork American River provides river access and day use. Provides space for boating, fishing, picnic and river-front activities. \$3/person day use fee + \$3 parking fee. Managed by American River Conservancy.



### **Red Shack/Old Flume Trail (1,000 - 1,690 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 49 north towards Coloma. About 4 miles in, you will see a little red shack on the left (Coalwell's Farm). The trailhead parking is opposite, on the right.

Description: This trail offers access to the South Fork American River. Spectacular wildflower displays in the early – mid Spring. ARC donated this property to the BLM in 1991.

Difficulty/Distance: Difficult. Steep 3 miles round trip.



### **Buck's Bar (2,400 ft. elevation)**

Directions: Heading east on Hwy 50 from Sacramento, take the Missouri Flat Rd. Exit. Head south on Missouri Flat Road to Diamond Springs. Turn left on Pleasant Valley Road. Turn right on Buck's Bar Rd. after about 6 miles. Pull off on the right side of the road in a dirt parking turnout just before a hairpin left turn. If you go over the bridge on the river, you've gone too far.

Description: A popular rock-climbing destination and swimming area. Granite outcrops and oak-conifer mix with an understory of wildflowers in Spring.

Difficulty/Distance: Easy – Moderate.



### **American River Headwaters (6,000 – 7,500 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Auburn, take Foresthill Road to the town of Foresthill. Turn right onto Mosquito Ridge Road to French Meadows Reservoir, and then turn left onto French Meadows Rd. Talbot Creek Campground and Trailhead is a great place to park to access Picayune Valley Trail and the northern property sections.

Description: Accessible late May – October. Peak wildflower blooms in July. White fir-Red fir forest with clear headwater streams supporting healthy trout populations. ARC owns 7,000 acres of forested lands in various stages of restoration and management. Please contact ARC for more information about access and hiking opportunities. Surrounding USFS land is always open to the public for a myriad of recreation opportunities.

Difficulty/Distance: Moderate – Difficult. Mileage variable. Overnight backpacking in Granite Chief Wilderness is possible.



### **American River Nature Center (760 ft. elevation)**

Directions: From Placerville, take Hwy 49 north towards Coloma. The American River Nature Center is located at 348 Highway 49 in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park (MGDSHP). Look for the yellow building with green trim.

Description: A small but unique natural history center with mounted wildlife displays, live animals and interactive watershed and nature exhibits. The bookstore features naturalist field guides, t-shirts, children's books and river-themed literature. Walk through the native plant garden surrounding the Nature Center and discover the historic trails in the MGDSHP. State Park Day Use Fee is \$8. Open Fri-Sun 10-4.

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