

Weekender

SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

Ramblers along the Sacramento River can soak up California history in Old Town, savor alfresco dining on the water, and raise a cheer for Triple-A baseball.

Except as noted, area code is 916 and locations are in Sacramento.

TRAINS AND BOATS

California State Railroad Museum

Gorgeously restored rolling stock such as an 1863 Southern Pacific locomotive; also six-mile excursions by steam train alongside the Sacramento River. 125 I St., 445-6645, csrcmf.org.

Hornblower Historic River Tours

Hour-long boat cruises up and down the waterfront. 1206 Front St., (888) 467-6256, hornblower.com.

HERITAGE Old Sacramento

State Historic Park A 28-acre area of storefronts and wooden sidewalks from the 1850s, '60s, and '70s. Between Front and Second streets.

BIKES AND BALLS

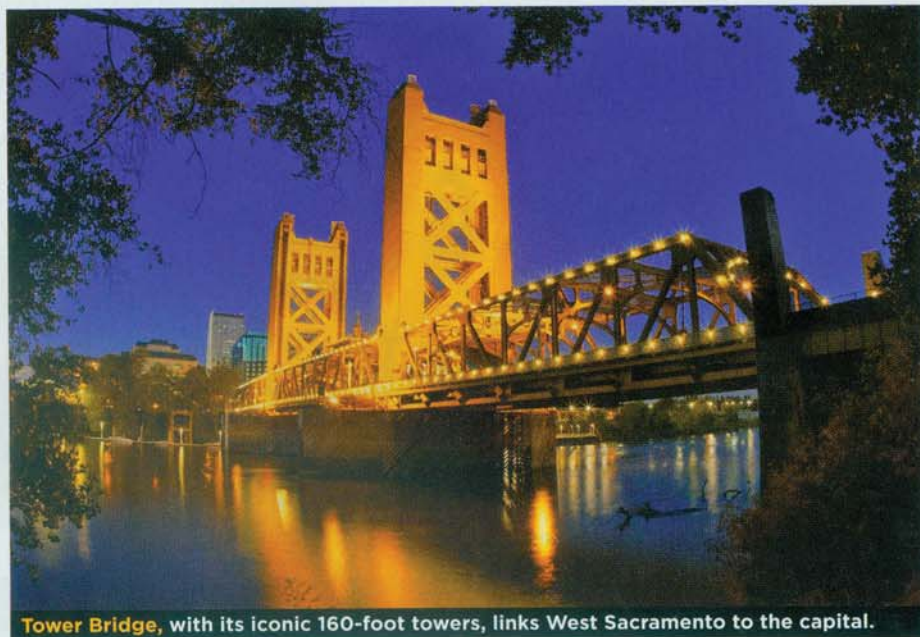
Jedediah Smith Memorial Bike

Trail A 32-mile paved path that runs from Discovery Park up to Folsom Lake. 875-6961, www.sacparks.net.

Mike's Bikes Summer rentals and local biking information. 1411 I St., 446-2453, mikesbikes.com.

Raley Field Fan-friendly, 14,014-seat home of baseball's Sacramento River Cats. 400 Ballpark Dr., West Sacramento, 371-4487, raleysfield.com.

SHOPPING **Gallery of the American West** Museum-quality American Indian objects such as a 1910 basket from



Tower Bridge, with its iconic 160-foot towers, links West Sacramento to the capital.



Who is that masked man?
A Pacific Rim Fest dancer.

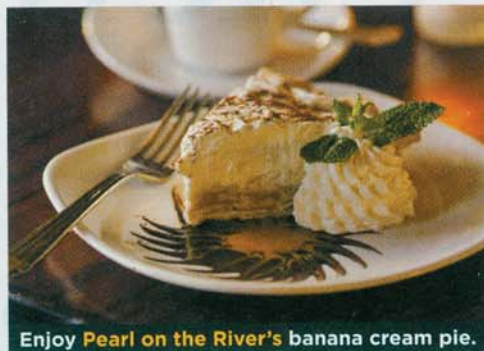


Jedediah Smith Memorial Bike Trail hugs Lake Natoma.

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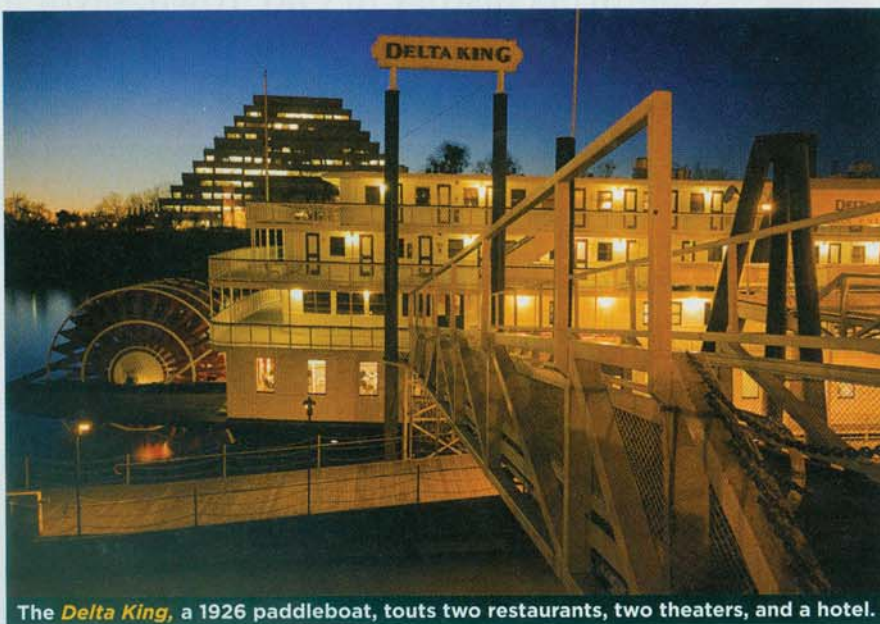
Real horsepower reigns on the streets of Old Sacramento State Historic Park.



Enjoy Pearl on the River's banana cream pie.



The fun is afoot, and on all four walls, at Sock City.



The *Delta King*, a 1926 paddleboat, touts two restaurants, two theaters, and a hotel.

Alaska's Attu Island made of finely woven silk and delicate sea grass, plus vintage silver-and-turquoise rings starting at \$50. 121 K St., 446-6662, gallerywest.com. **Sock City** Some 5,000 styles of socks, from cowhide-patterned classics to fuzzy purple tubes with toes. 1009 Second St., 440-1559, funsockcity.com.

EATS **Pearl on the River** A sleek, glass-walled space serving fresh, tasty fare such as salmon with papaya salsa. 1379 Garden Hwy., 567-3275, pearlontheriver.com. **Rio City Café** Dinner, lunch, and brunch (try the Frangelico French toast) dished up in an airy dining room or at riverside tables outdoors. 1110 Front St., 442-8226, riocitycafe.com.

SLEEPS **Delta King** From \$89 for AAA members. A floating boutique hotel. 1000 Front St., 444-5464, deltaking.com. **Embassy Suites** From \$139 for AAA members. City vistas and river views; breakfast included. 100 Capitol Mall, (800) 362-2779, sacramento.embassysuites.com.

HAPPENINGS **Pacific Rim Street Fest** May 23. A cultural fete of art, food, and entertainment. Old Sacramento, 451-6200, pacificrimstreetfest.com. **Sacramento Jazz Festival** May 28-31. More than 50 traditional jazz acts in multiple venues. 372-5277, sacjazz.com. **Gold Rush Days** Sept. 3-6. Historical reenactments, Wild West gunfights, and do-it-yourself gold panning on streets covered with 200 tons of dirt. Old Sacramento, 808-7777, sacramentogoldrushdays.com.

GET GOING Request the *Northern California & Nevada TourBook* and the *Sacramento North & Citrus Heights* map at AAA.com or any AAA branch office. For more information, visit the **Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau**: 1608 I St., (800) 292-2334, discovergold.org. —CHRISTOPHER HALL

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