

WELCOME TO COULTERVILLE

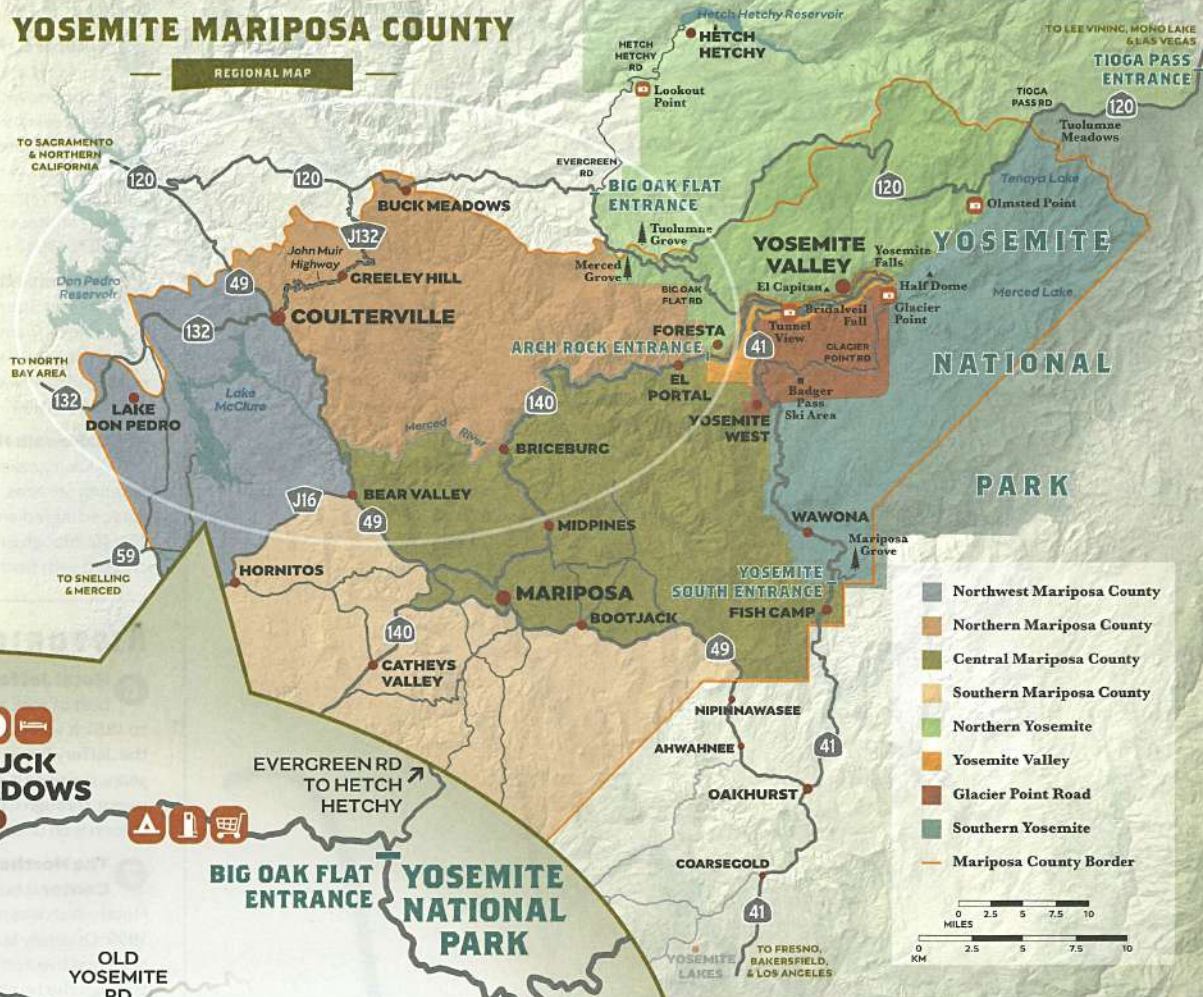
AREA MAP

DRIVING TIMES & DISTANCES

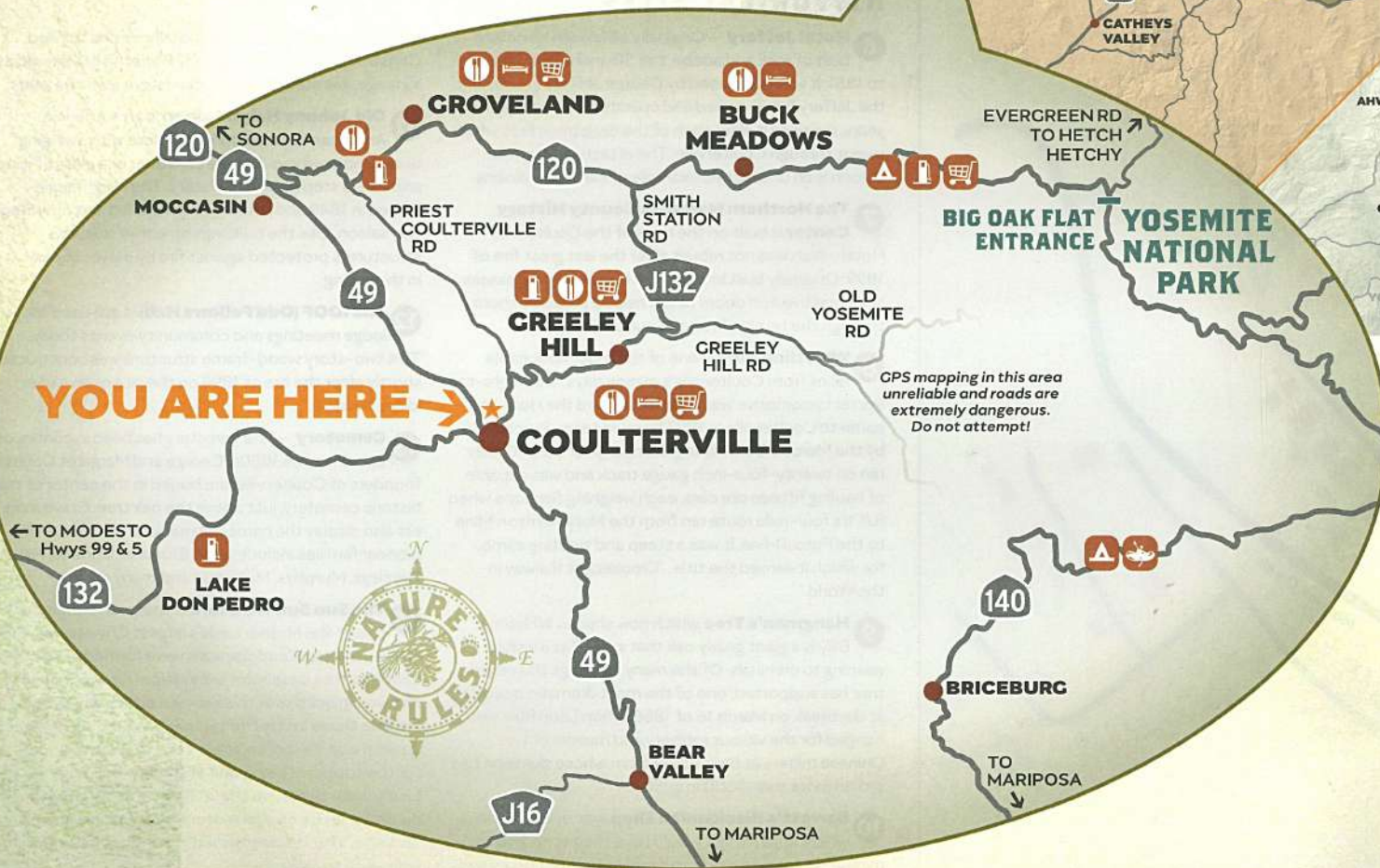
Greeley Hill	6.1 miles	9.8 km	13 minutes
Groveland	12 miles	19.3 km	27 minutes
Don Pedro Market	10 miles	16 km	15 minutes
Yosemite Gate – Big Oak Flat Entrance	33 miles	53.1 km	45 minutes
Yosemite Valley	60 miles	96.5 km	1 hour 30 minutes

YOSEMITE MARIPOSA COUNTY

REGIONAL MAP



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WELCOME TO HISTORIC COULTERVILLE

California State Historical Landmark No. 332

EST. 1849



WHISTLING BILLY

Located on the original John Muir Trail —
a historic, scenic route into Yosemite!

THE TOWN OF COULTERVILLE

State Historical Landmark No. 332, Coulterville is an authentic California gold rush town. During its heyday, it was a major gold mining and supply center. Coulterville remains filled with historic buildings and memories of the "49ers." In 2011, Coulterville was named #4 on True West magazine's 'Top Ten True Western Towns' list. George and Margaret Coulter traveled by covered wagon from Pennsylvania to California in 1849. Upon learning that the large number of placer miners seeking their fortunes in the three local creeks had to travel 30 miles over rough trails to get supplies, Coulter purchased a large supply of merchandise and opened business in a large blue canvas tent over which he conspicuously flew the American flag. The tent soon became a landmark to nearly 2,000 miners in the area, and they called the place Banderita, or "Little Flag." In 1852, the discovery of gold caused the community to grow rapidly. Hard rock mining kept the town thriving as placer gold grew scarce. On March 5, 1872, the name of the town was changed to Coulterville to honor its founder.

The lure of gold drew miners from around the world. During the Gold Rush, Coulterville boasted of nine nationalities with a population estimated at over five thousand. There was an estimated Chinatown



HOTEL JEFFERY

1870*

population of over one thousand. The Sun Sun Wo Co. Store, built of adobe in 1851, is all that remains of that area of the town.

The town was plagued by both fire and flood. In 1862, a major flood wreaked havoc, with all buildings located along the creek destroyed or heavily damaged. Large portions of the town burned in three major fires, each occurring in July, exactly twenty years apart: 1859, 1879 and 1899.

Boasting to have had the "crookedest railroad in the world," the original 'Whistling Billy' locomotive now stands under the local hangman's tree at the museum. Across the street stands the Hotel Jeffery, whose 30-inch thick walls, made of rock and clay binder, date back to 1851. The connecting Magnolia Room is an authentic early-day saloon. In Coulterville's heyday, there were 25 saloons and 10 hotels scattered around town. Beginning in the late 1800s, Coulterville became a popular stop for Yosemite bound tourists. They came by stage-coach and horseback and stayed overnight.

The first paved route into Yosemite ran through Coulterville, bringing the horseless carriage. This route, via Coulterville (Highway J132/ John Muir Historic Route), is still one of the shortest and most scenic ways to travel to Yosemite National Park.

THE TOWN OF COULTERVILLE HISTORIC SITES

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| 1 Whistling Billy | 12 Gazzolo Store | 23 Canova Warehouse | 34 Magnolia Saloon |
| 2 Hangman's Tree | 13 Gazzolo Store | 24 Grenfell House | 35 Hotel Jeffery |
| 3 Coulterville Hotel | 14 Gazzolo Buiding | 25 Harlow House | 36 The Old Schoolhouse |
| 4 Wells Fargo & McCarthy's Store | 15 Commissiona Store | 26 Yosemite Garage | 37 Public Cemetery |
| 5 Bandstand | 16 Ellis House | 27 Sample Family Home | 38 Musante House |
| 6 Jail | 17 I.O.O.F. Building | 28 Bruschi Store | 39 James Gazzolo House |
| 7 Barrett Blacksmith Shop | 18 Canova Store | 29 Cigar Store | 40 Catholic Cemetery |
| 8 E.E. Warne Store | 19 Candy's Place | 30 Old Johnny Haigh Saloon | 41 Tiscorgnia House |
| 9 Powder House | 20 Sun Sun Wo Store | 31 Old Post Office | 42 Coulter House |
| 10 Bruschi Brothers Warehouse | 21 Site of the Ching Cemetery | 32 Café | |
| 11 The Mint | 22 The Boardwalk | 33 Chinese Laundry | |

Please see descriptions on
reverse side.

