



A Map of  
Big & Little  
Butte Creek  
Canyons  
*Not to Scale*

BUTTE COUNTY

EVENTS OF 140 YEARS IN BUTTE CREEK CANYON

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| <p>1832 JOHN WORK with his exploring party for the Hudson's Bay Fur Company traversed the Butte Creek area in December 1832.</p> <p>1844 SAMUEL NEAL'S RANCHO ESQUON of 22,193 acres of land was along Butte Creek. His sawmill was located in the foothills on Little Butte Creek.</p> <p>1849 JOHN COX with his family spent the winter in their covered wagon at the mouth of the canyon on Big Butte Creek.</p> <p>1851 RICH BAR gold mining town established on the west bank of Big Butte Creek.</p> <p>1852 J. R. BROTHERTON'S STORE located on Big Butte Creek near Rich Bar.</p> <p>1853 BUTTE CREEK CHINATOWN settled near Rich Bar on Butte Creek.</p> <p>1853 PARADISE mining camp established on west bank of Big Butte Creek several miles above Rich Bar.</p> <p>1854 HELLTOWN gold mining camp on west bank of Butte Creek about three miles below Paradise.</p> <p>1854 WATSON'S GRIST MILL &amp; DISTILLERY was located near the mouth of the canyon on Big Butte Creek.</p> <p>1856 CENTERVILLE mining supply center midway between Rich Bar and Helltown.</p> <p>1857 RICH BAR renamed DIAMONDEVILLE.</p> <p>1869 CENTERVILLE - NIMSHEW TOLL ROAD begun.</p> <p>1872 SEWELL'S TOLL GATE placed across the Centerville - NimsheW Toll Road.</p> <p>1872 CENTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL opened.</p> | <p>1872 DIAMONDEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL opened.</p> <p>1880 JOHN ADAMS POST OFFICE opened at Centerville.</p> <p>1883 HONEY RUN ROAD began by way of Little Butte Creek to Paradise.</p> <p>1885 CENTERVILLE - NIMSHEW TOLL ROAD sold. The last toll road in Butte County.</p> <p>1886 FIRST COVERED BRIDGE BUILT across Big Butte Creek to connect Honey Run road with the Centerville - Chico road.</p> <p>1894 PRESENT CENTERVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE built.</p> <p>1894 COVERED BRIDGE washed out by flood waters of Big Butte Creek.</p> <p>1895 THREE GEORGE WARFIELD children drown in Big Butte Creek while attempting to ford the stream on their way to school.</p> <p>1896 PRESENT HONEY RUN COVERED BRIDGE BUILT. Built in three sections with a three level roof. This is the last covered bridge in Butte County.</p> <p>1899 FIRST HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT built in Butte County at Centerville.</p> <p>1965 HONEY RUN COVERED BRIDGE DAMAGED. The southern section was completely destroyed when struck by a run away car. Danger of losing the bridge became apparent. The Honey Run Covered Bridge Association was organized to restore and preserve this historic structure.</p> <p>1965 FIRST HONEY RUN COVERED BRIDGE BREAKFAST served at the bridge began a fund for restoration of the bridge and to establish a public park nearby. Pancake breakfasts are held each spring.</p> |
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1972 MAJOR RESTORATION and grounds work done.

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