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TRAVEL GUIDE

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An aerial photograph of a river in the Ukiah Valley. The river flows from the top to the bottom of the frame. The banks are covered in lush green grass and vegetation. Several trees with pink blossoms are scattered along the riverbank. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

EXPERIENCE SPRING IN THE UKIAH VALLEY.

Spring arrives in Ukiah with the emergence of blossoms, green vibrancy and wildflowers carpeting the hillsides from March through June. Campgrounds and outdoor stays are swinging open their gates and the valley stretches wide and green in the long afternoon light.

This is the season between the rains and the heat, when everything in the Ukiah Valley is at its most alive. Come wade into the river, bike, hike or chase a bloom, sip wine straight from the source and celebrate the earth and each other.

Spring here is rejuvenation, fresh energy and celebration and every week brings something new.

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CELEBRATE SPRING EVENTS

EARTH DAY UKIAH

April 19th 9am - 12pm
Todd Grove Park

Family friendly, educational booths, live performances, electric auto show.

[Learn more here](#)

EARTH DAY UKIAH CLEAN UP

April 19th 9am-11am
Ukiah Railroad Depot

Volunteer for a community clean-up.

[Pre-register here](#)

ELECTRIC HOMES TOUR

April 26th 1pm - 4pm
7 Locations across the Ukiah Valley

[Learn more here](#)

MENDOCINO COLLEGE SPRING PLANT SALE

April 25th, 9am - 5pm
April 26th, 9am - 3pm
Mendocino College Garden

[Learn more here](#)

SPRING FEST CARNIVAL

June 5th-7th
Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
Carnival rides, livestock, live entertainment
+ community fun. Free gate entry

[Learn more here](#)

For all other events this season please
check: [Visit Ukiah's Event Calendar](#)



IN FULL BLOOM

YOUR GUIDE TO SPRING WILDFLOWERS



LAKE MENDOCINO | SHAKOTA TRAIL

From March until late May this three mile, mostly shaded walk following the western shore of Lake Mendocino, provides access to view beautiful wild blooms with lake views. Accessed from the north via the Pomo Cultural Center at Kyen Campground, or from the south near Coyote Dam off Lake Mendocino Drive.

California sky lupine, shooting stars, and mariposa lilies color the path in spring. One particular meadow blankets itself in mariposa lilies in May and bald eagle sightings are a bonus. The full out and back is 5.6 miles with 603 feet of elevation gain, rated moderate and taking about 2 – 2.5 hours. Dogs are welcome.

[Find trail maps and info here.](#)

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YOUR GUIDE TO SPRING WILDFLOWERS



LOW GAP | CITY VIEW + CANYON CREEK

An 80-acre park situated along Orr Creek featuring miles of scenic, well-marked hiking trails along with a skate park, tennis courts, two playgrounds, dog park, disc golf, archery range, and amphitheater. The Canyon Creek Trail makes about a two mile loop back from the oak groves; combine it with the newer trail for a 4+ mile walk with panoramic Ukiah Valley views. In March the shooting stars, hound's tongue, and western buttercups are among the first to emerge. In April you'll find checkered lilies, Diogenes' lanterns, blue eyed grass, and mule ears among many others. [Find park and trail info here.](#)

Join the free guided [Low Gap Park Wildflower Walk Series](#) and other events by the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society. The Low Gap spring walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 10am–12pm.

Tip: The beloved “Wildflowers of Low Gap Park” brochure, with photos and names of most species found in the park, is available for \$2 at each walk.

IN FULL BLOOM

UKIAH DOGWOOD WALK



UKIAH DOGWOOD WALK

One of Ukiah's most charming spring traditions is hiding in plain sight, a self-guided walking tour through the historic west side neighborhood, following a trail of flowering dogwood trees planted by a single dedicated Ukiah native named Bob Sandelin. Starting in the 1960s, Sandelin spent decades propagating, planting, and gifting dogwood seedlings, affectionately nicknamed "Bobwoods" to friends, neighbors, and anyone he could persuade to plant one. The result is a neighborhood transformed each spring into a canopy of white and pink blossoms. The walk winds through 13 stops across Ukiah's oldest and most beautiful streets, passing heritage homes dating from the 1880s through the 1930s.

Start at the [California Welcome Center, 200 S. School Street](#) and pick up a free brochure [or download a digital one here](#). To catch peak bloom go anytime from April through May.

GET OUTSIDE!

BIKE, HIKE, SWIM + GOLF



GRASSHOPPER | MENDO GRAVEL EPIC

Start in Ukiah and wind your way through the amazing hidden landscapes of Mendocino. May 24th. [Learn more + Register here](#)



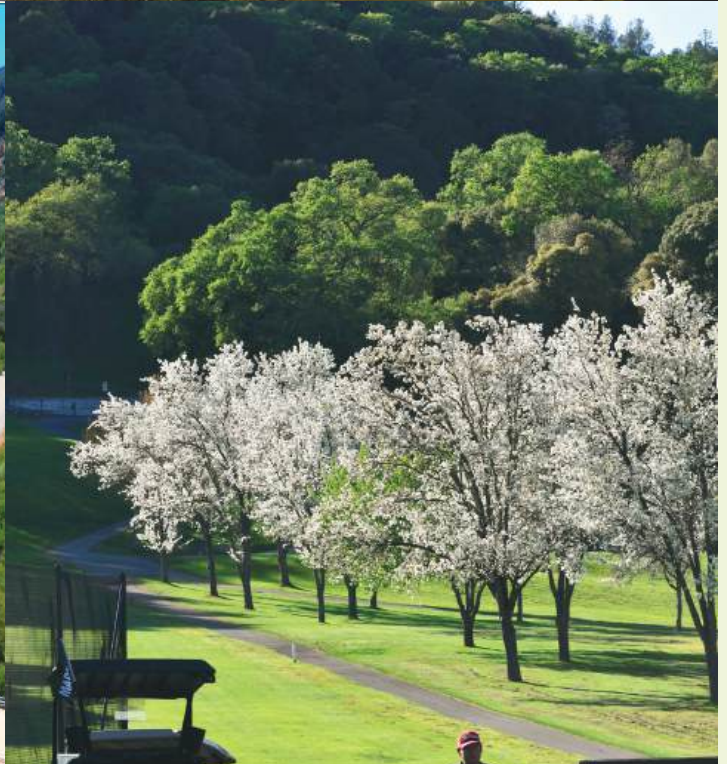
LAKE MENDOCINO

Miles of hiking trails, from easy to more advanced. Woodland + lake views. [View Google Map here](#)



EAST FORK RUSSIAN RIVER SWIM SPOTS

Various pull off + park spots, along Potter Valley Road to Potter Valley. [Google map pin](#)



UKIAH VALLEY GOLF COURSE

18 hole public course with valley views, pro shop and club house. [Info + Reservations](#)

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11th

A Perfect Day For Mom

MORNING: Grab Mother's Day brunch downtown at any one of our [great restaurants](#).

MID MORNING: Shop downtown Ukiah's boutiques for one of a kind finds, jewelry, books, home goods and spring collections. Stop by [California Welcome Center-Ukiah](#) for a local bottle of wine.

AFTERNOON: Pack a picnic and grab day use pass at [Vichy Springs](#). Enjoy soaking in the naturally carbonated mineral pools and have your picnic lunch poolside at the Olympic sized pool. If time permits, plan to hike some of the 700 acres of wildflower covered trails to see the Chemisal Falls. Tip: Book ahead!

EVENING:

Enjoy a patio dinner at one of [Ukiah's downtown restaurants](#) where you'll find seasonal menus and local wine, to enjoy the warm spring evening.

Gift tip: [Vichy Springs and Orr Hot Springs](#) both offer gift certificates, but book early, both fill up fast on Mother's Day weekend!



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 21st

A Perfect Day For Dad

MORNING: Grab a coffee, tea or special drink and pastry to start the day off right. [Ukiah Coffee shops, bakeries and cafes](#)

MID MORNING: Hit the links. Grab an early tee time at [Ukiah Valley Golf Course](#), 18 holes on a public course open since 1931, tucked between Todd Grove and Low Gap Park. Grab lunch at the club house afterwards.

AFTERNOON: Head to the [Taste of Redwood Valley](#), and taste local wine. Redwood Valley wineries open for self guided tastings, food, and live music across family owned estates just 15 minutes north of Ukiah.

Note : This event is on Saturday, June 20th.

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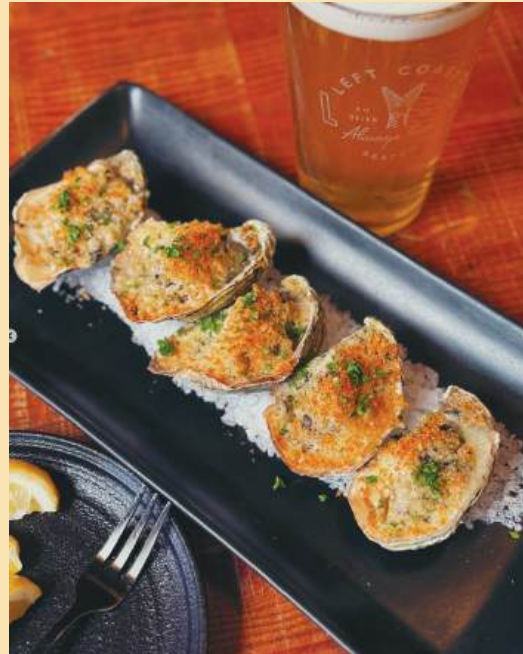
Grab a picnic and head out to enjoy an evening sunset [fishing session at Lake Mendocino](#).

Gift tip: A gift certificate to [Ukiah Valley Golf Course](#) or stop at the [California Welcome Center](#) for a Lake Mendo hat or local wine.



FRESH EATS + TREATS

SPRING FLAVORS + COOL BITES



Spring is the Ukiah Valley's most fresh season at the table. The [Ukiah Farmers Market](#), every Saturday at Alex Thomas Plaza, hits its stride from April through June: the first strawberries and snap peas, spring onions, fresh herbs, and garden starts arrive alongside year round favorites like sourdough, raw honey, and North Coast seafood.

Downtown patios open up and local kitchens get inventive with spring produce, valley grown salads, seasonal pastas, seafood and cool treats.

For a full directory and to find all about our great cafés, restaurants, bakeries and brewery visit www.visitukiah.com.

SHOP LOCAL

LOCAL WINE + MERCH + SHOP SMALL



Ukiah's spring season is the perfect time to shop local treasures. Stop by the [California Welcome Center-Ukiah](#) for Lake Mendocino hats, stickers and a curated selection of local wines, your one-stop shop for spring sipping and gifts for the ones you love (hint: Mom + Dad!)

Explore downtown boutiques and makers for artisan goods and fresh finds.

Be sure to shop National Small Business Week from May 3-9 to shop small and support all the amazing local businesses.

For a full directory of local shops and businesses visit www.visitukiah.com

MUST DO WINE EVENTS



IN A LANDSCAPE

Campo Vida, Hopland, May 24th, 4pm-6:30pm

Classical Music in the Wild is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit outdoor concert series where America's most stunning landscapes replace the traditional concert hall. A 9-foot Steinway grand piano travels on a flatbed trailer to State and National Parks, urban green spaces, working ranches, farms, and historical sites for classical music concerts that connect people with each landscape. Music is transmitted to concert goers via wireless headphones. No longer confined to seats, audiences explore the beautiful landscape and gardens at Campo Vida.

[Get Tickets Here](#)

BACCHANAL MENDOCINO
EST. 2026

BACCHANAL MENDOCINO
FESTIVAL FOR THE SENSES
WINE, FOOD, and PLEASURE

June 26-28
Ukiah and Surrounding Area

WEEKEND EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1
26 JUNE
People's Choice Wine Competition & After Parties

DAY 2
27 JUNE
TASTE Mendocino & After Parties

DAY 3
28 JUNE
Inland County Open Houses (wineries, dispensaries, & more)

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BACCHANAL MENDOCINO

Ukiah + Surrounding Area, June 26th-28th

A festival for the senses. This weekend-long festival is a bold evolution of both the Mendocino County Wine Competition and TASTE Mendocino and is an opportunity to choose your own adventure and create your dream weekend.

Bacchanal Mendocino honors an ancient tradition of gathering. Abundance will be celebrated, creativity will be unleashed, and joy will be communal.

[Get Tickets Here](#)

WHERE TO STAY

EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS



With the air warming up and the valley in beautiful shades of green, Ukiah is the perfect place to slow down and breathe the fresh air this spring. With more than 1,000 guest rooms, campsites, vacation rentals and vineyard cottages in and around the valley, there's a stay for every kind of traveler.

Wake up under golden oaks with a view of the water at [Lake Mendocino's Kyen or Bushay Campgrounds](#). [Campo Vida's vineyard guesthouses](#) offer an experience of the vineyards, gardens and farm (membership required). Or book a drive-in campsite on top of the hill with spectacular views of the valley and vineyards at Nelson's Vineyards. [Book on hipcamp here.](#)

For a directory of all hotels and resort stays in Ukiah and the surrounding valley, visit www.visitukiah.com/stay





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