

Miners' Bend Historic Gold Mining Park South End of Sutter Creek

Miners' Bend Historic Gold Mining Park, located at the south end of Sutter Creek, is Amador County's newest attraction. The park displays equipment that was used in county gold mines of the past and some from the present. Actual artifacts used in the extraction of gold have been donated by local Amador County mines and other generous donors.

The park's centerpiece is a five-head stamp mill built in 1882 at Sutter Creek's Knight Foundry. A replica of a head frame with winch, motor, mine shaft and ore cars sits next to the park entrance. The three bronze statues by artist Louis DeMartino were commissioned by PacBell in 1976. They were displayed at the San Francisco headquarters until 2010. Later, they were salvaged by local realtor Tom Blackman who stored them while searching for a suitable location. Upon seeing the work at Miners' Bend, he graciously donated them to the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Fund, the organization responsible for the creation of Miners' Bend.