

Monteverde Store Museum

The Monteverde Store opened in August of 1896 and carried hardware, groceries, wines, liquors, boots, shoes, and everything necessary for residents and miners. The Monteverde family sold all sorts of merchandise through the years until the store closed unexpectedly in 1971 after the Eureka mine closed. The owners put a hand-written sign in the window that stated, "This store will be closed for a few days." This sign remained in the store window for over twenty years.

The Museum is an example of a perfectly preserved general store from the mid-1800s. It still displays all the paraphernalia of the past on its shelves, including mason jars containing food of unknown origin. Brown paper bags and rolls of wrapping paper are still in place as is an intricately carved and highly polished oak icebox. This emporium also served as a meeting place for the housewives of the period.