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## LODGING

### KNIGHTS FERRY HOTEL.

Historic hotel, established 1854. 17713 Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry.

### RIVERS EDGE CAMPGROUND.

Campground with RV and tent sites. RV hookups have water and electricity. Restrooms, hot showers, dump station. Group fire pit. 17525 Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry, CA 95361. 209 765-1528.

### WASHINGTON HOTEL & GARDENS.

Small hotel furnished with 19th century decor. Four guest rooms. Some rooms overlook the Stanislaus River. 17712 Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry, CA 95361. 209 881-3381, 209 881-3385 (fax).

## EAT & DRINK

### KNIGHTS FERRY CREAMERY.

Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry.

### GLENDAS GRILL & DELI AKA BACK DOOR DELI.

[street], Knights Ferry.

### RICK'S SALOON.

Beer, wine and cocktails. Attached to General Store. Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry.

### THE RIVER'S EDGE.

Formal restaurant. Dinner only, open only Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Dinner includes some standard fare, including sandwiches and burgers, plus various specials (e.g., salmon, ribeye steak). All dinners include soup and salad bar. Some seating is outdoors and most tables have a view of the Stanislaus River. Also open on certain special events days (e.g., Pumpkin Roll) for breakfast and lunch. Beer & wine. 17525 Sonora Rd, (P. O. Box 863), Knights Ferry, CA 95361. 209 881-3466. MWF 5pm+.

### 1950S ROADHOUSE RESTAURANT.

Traditional 1950s roadhouse food. Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

## GAS, GROCERY & DRUG

### KNIGHTS FERRY GENERAL STORE.

Tiny grocery store that was established in 1852 and claims to be the oldest continuously operating store of its kind in California. Groceries, snacks, beer & wine. Fishing tackle, postcards. Attached to Rick's Saloon. 17701 Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry. Hours: Th-M 10am-6pm, TuW closed.

## INFORMATION & HISTORY

### OAK GROVE CEMETERY.

Historic cemetery. Cemetery Rd, Knights Ferry.

### COVERED BRIDGE.

The first wooden bridge (replacing a ferry) was built in 1857 upstream of this site but was destroyed by a flood in 1862. This bridge was built in 1863. It was first a toll bridge, operated privately, but was purchased by the county in 1884. The bridge has wooden planks. Wooden bridges were covered to allow them to resist the cycle of wetting and drying that cracks and weakens the wood of uncovered bridges.

### HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1 (HISTORIC).

Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry.

### INDIAN MONUMENT.

This piece of a tree with a metal salmon and feathers of a bird memorializes the local Indians. Tribes and villages along the river northeast of Knights Ferry were mostly Me-Wuks, while those to the west were mostly Yokuts.

### INFORMATION BOARD.

This information board displays a daily posting of the flow of the river in CFS (cubic feet per second). The board also has a map of the Stanislaus River, from Goodwin Dam to its confluence with the San Joaquin River. The board has information about facilities near the river and safety information for rafters. Near the board are picnic tables and grilles. Park hours are 6am-sunset. Stanislaus River Park.

### MASONIC LODGE (HISTORIC).

Ellen St, Knights Ferry.

### MILLSTONES.

The photo here shows the remains of one of the millstones on display. The wooden overhang is to protect the millstone. After the first flour mill was washed out in an 1862 flood, David Tulloch rebuilt the mill with five sets of stones, about 4 feet in diameter, made in Belgium. The grinding surfaces were grooved and each stone was made of several pieces of granite cemented together and contained in an iron hoop that can be seen in the photo.

### OLD MILL OFFICE.

This stone and wooden building was built about 1854 by David Locke, who built the first flour mill. It served as an office and residence for about the next 100 years. When the mill was converted to a hydroelectric power plant, the plant manager lived here.

## **PARK & HISTORIC MARKER.**

### **POWER PLANT RUINS.**

These ruins were originally a flour mill established in 1863 but converted in 1899 to a hydroelectric power plant. Water was fed through a pipe to a turbine that spun as the result of the water rushing through it. The turbine was connected to an electricity generator. Historic Structure, Stanislaus River Park.

### **ABRAHAM SCHELL HOUSE (HISTORIC).**

Ellen St., Knights Ferry. (private residence).

### **KNIGHTS FERRY INFORMATION CENTER.**

This information center has staff who can answer questions and has a small museum and a large-screen video that shows videos on request. The museum has exhibits on geology, types of rocks, local animals, birds, and plants, the Gold Rush, the history of the Stanislaus River, the role of the river in water supply, and salmon runs. It has impressive stuffed animals (a bobcat, salmon, beaver, mountain lion, and coyote), skulls of some animals, and animal fur pelts that you can feel. Stanislaus River Park. Hours: M-F 8am-noon and 1-4pm, SaSu 10am-noon and 1-2pm.

### **WAREHOUSE RUINS.**

Ruins of a warehouse that stored sacks of flour. The first flour mill was built by David Locke in the late 1850s, but was washed out in a flood, with a second mill built in 1863. Historic structure, Stanislaus River Park.

## **SHOPPING**

### **KNIGHTS FERRY BOUTIQUE.**

Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry.

### **POST OFFICE & GOLD COUNTRY BOOKST & THINGS.**

Bookstore with post office inside. The zip code for Knights Ferry is 95361. [street] St, Knights Ferry. Hours: Post office open M-F 11:30am-3:30pm.

## **RECREATION**

### **RIVER JOURNEY.**

Rafting trips and raft and kayak rentals. Seasonal: May to October. Variations include self-guided raft float trips, a group raft trip (with barbecue), and 1 or 2 person inflatable kayak rentals. No experience required, minimum age is 5 years. Sonora Rd, Knights Ferry (main office in Oakdale). 209 847-4671, 800 292-2938.

## **SUNSHINE ADVENTURES.**

Cemetery Rd [verify], Knights Ferry.