Deer Creek Tribute Trail West

The Deer Creek Tribute Trail is a cultural and ecological greenway through Nevada City that explores the past and offers perspectives into the present. Come and rediscover overlooked historical aspects of the area, as the trail hosts a number of interpretive signs about Chinese immigrants during the gold-mining era, as well as the original inhabitants of the area, the Nisenan. In addition, the trail was built with conservation goals in mind - restoring a functional floodplain, reducing fuel loads, removing invasive weeds and replanting native vegetation were all integral parts of the trail plan.

Getting there:

Access from:
A Main trailhead is by Pioneer Park in Nevada City – from Broad Street, head east on Boulder Street, turn right onto Park Avenue then make a right onto Nimrod Street. Turn left into Pioneer Park to park – trailhead is across Nimrod Street.
B Downtown Nevada City – park anywhere to enjoy the sights in town before continuing on the trail.

Rural access:
C Western end: Take Highway 49 west toward Downieville, turn left onto Newtown Road, and turn left onto Champion Mine Road. Park in turnoffs.
D Nevada City end: From Broad Street, head west through downtown. Turn left onto Bennett Street, stay to your left on Monroe Street, which becomes Old Downieville Highway. Stay left on Champion Mine Road and park in turnoffs.

Distance: Longest continual distance is 3.6 miles one way from Pioneer Park in Nevada City out to Newtown Canal along Champion Mine Road. To reach Deer Creek, an additional 0.4 miles can be taken from Newtown Canal. It is 2.2 miles from the Miners Foundry to the Chinese Tribute, using the spur trail off of the Newtown Canal.

Elevation change: About 160 feet.
Uses: Foot and bike only. No motorized vehicles. Dogs on leash. No smoking in rural areas. Respect private property.