Memorial Park Trail

An easy ramble between a popular city park and the historic heart of Empire Mine State Park. There’s lots to see and do at either end of this trail. As you are hiking through the conifer forest, it’s hard to believe that it’s nestled just a few miles away from the center of downtown Grass Valley.

Getting there:

From downtown Grass Valley, head toward Colfax on Highway 174. Turn right onto Race Street and turn left into the parking lot. Head south past the tennis courts on narrow paved road. Signed trail begins on the left.

From the visitor center of Empire Mine State Historic Park, cross East Empire Street into a graveled parking and picnic area. The trail begins a few feet beyond a picnic table you’ll see ahead as you enter the parking area.

Distance: 0.8 mile one way.
Elevation change: 157 feet.
Uses: Foot and bike only. No motorized vehicles. Dogs on leash.