Nevada County Government Center Trails

One of the area's best kept secrets, the Nevada County Government Center (aka Rood Center) has several nice places to walk, or ride a bike plus a little park complete with historic pond, piers, and a picnic area. With two important trails along the Hwy 49 corridor, the Government Center Trails also serve to link downtown Nevada City with the beautiful Hirschman Pond area to the west.

Getting there:

Rood Center Path begins at the intersection of Hwy 49 and North Bloomfield Rd. The trail along Hwy 49 in front of the Rood Center begins on the west side of the entrance drive. There is ample parking for both these trails in the Rood Center main parking lot or along roads near those trails. Tobiassen Park is north of the Madelyn Helling Library and hidden from view. Park in the library's west parking lot. By foot or bike go about 100 yards up the paved road leading north from the parking lot, staying left. The park entrance and beginning of the path to the pond and picnic area are there. Note: There are two handicapped parking spaces at the park entrance but no general parking.

Distance: Along the Hwy 49 front about 0.6 mile; in Tobiassen Park 0.2 mile
Elevation Change: About 20' on Rood Center Path; about 60' from Marsh Pond to Wet Hill Rd

The first trail is the Rood Center Path, an excellent paved multi-use bike path extending from the corner of Hwy 49 and N Bloomfield Rd west to the heart of the government center. Second is a new walking trail going west from the Center's entrance drive all the way to Cement Hill Rd across from the entrance to the Hirschman's Pond trails. Third, in Tobiassen Park above the library, there is a wheelchair accessible path to Charles Marsh Pond and a peaceful picnic area. A narrow informal trail up a forested hillside connects the picnic area with Wet Hill Rd.