

# Yewei'im Bom Trail

This one-mile exterior loop trail at BYLT's Burton Homestead was completed in the spring of 2016. It traverses a variety of landscapes such as meadow, chaparral, mixed conifer forest and wetland habitat. The Burton Homestead is also home to Sierra Harvest's, Food Love Project organic garden, 4 Elements Earth Education who runs the Fox Walker program, and Pata Panaka the Tsi- Akim Maidu Cultural Center.

**Place:** Nevada City, CA

**Season:** Year around

**Land:** Bear Yuba Land Trust Preserve, 38 acres

**Trail signs:** BYLT signs, white wayfinding arrows

**Length:** 1 mile loop trail

**Altitude change:** 120 feet

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Trail surface:** Native Soil

**Environment:** Riparian, chaparral, mixed conifer-hardwood forest, and meadow

**Caution:** Poison oak, snakes and ticks

**Rules:** Non-motorized, foot only. No bikes or equestrian use. No camping. No smoking. Dogs on leash.

**Trailheads:** At the traffic light on Highway 49, Nevada City, turn right onto North Bloomfield Road. At the top of the hill (three-way intersection), turn left onto Lake Vera-Purdon Road. Stay on Lake Vera-Purdon for approximately one mile. Look for the Burton Homestead Preserve sign on your left, then turn left into the gravel parking lot. The trailhead departs from the parking lot at the kiosk.

**Trail tips:** 4 Elements Earth Education and Sierra Harvest's Food Love Project run various programs on the property. Please be respectful of activities taking place while hiking the trail. Avoid private residence and Maidu village in the center of the parcel.

**History:** The celebrated book, Diary of a 49er, documents the Gold Rush history of what is now BYLT's Burton Homestead Preserve. A type of mining known as ground sluicing was practiced on the property. Valuable gold was separated and collected in sluice boxes. Ditches and gullies from that time - where water ran down hillsides - remains evident at Burton Homestead. Look for these features from the trail.

Evidence of Native American people living on the property dates back to as many as 5,000 years ago. The Tsi-Akim Maidu manage a village area with bark houses on the property.

**Flora and Fauna:** A walk on the Yewei'im Bom Trail provides a glimpse of a variety of botanical interests including: Blue oak, black oak, canyon live oak, sugar pine, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, incense cedar, Pacific madrone, white alder, Oregon grape, whiteleaf manzanita, buckbrush, wild rose, mountain misery, white bark raspberry, toyon, chain fern, bracken fern, soap plant, mugwort, California poppy, English plantain, shooting star, buttercup, common bedstraw, narrowleaf cattail, and Shelton's violet.

Walk lightly on the land and listen for wildlife such as Mule deer, Pileated woodpecker, and Sierran Tree Frog.