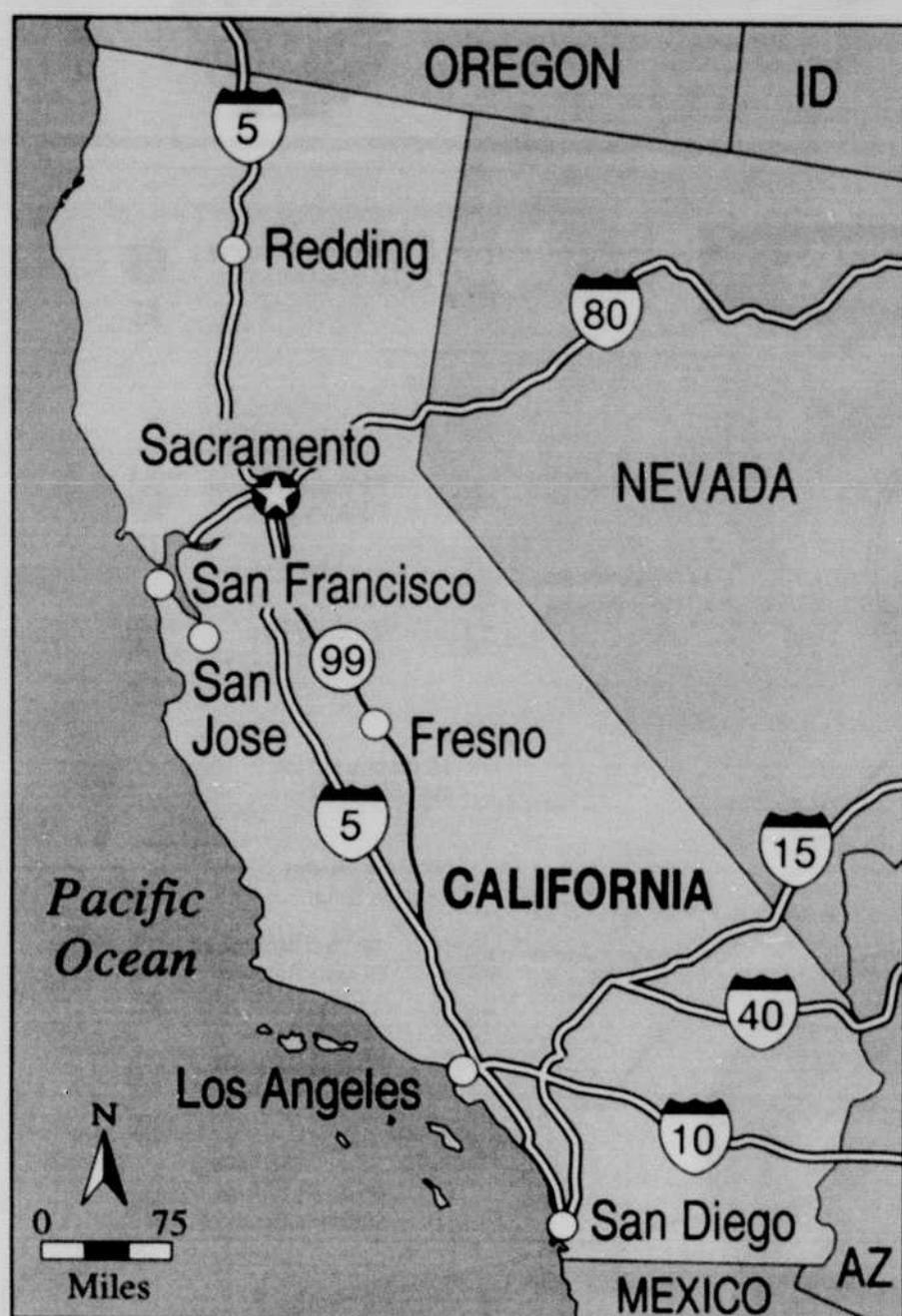




Sights to see as fans road-trip to Pasadena

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Oregon football fans will be hitting the road sometime before Jan. 2 to migrate to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl.

With hundreds of miles and hours of traveling ahead, the Quacker Backers will need to find places to eat and take a break from the inevitable highway stare.

While there is not a whole lot of excitement along Interstate 5, some places offer good food and interesting atmosphere.

Roseburg, one of the first cities after Eugene, has several restaurants. The Beef and Brew offers lunch and dinner along with several types of beer. Cracked Egg and Applepeddler are good places to stop for a quick meal. The Umpqua Brewing Co., downtown, is a local micro-brewery with several types of beer.

Winston, next to Roseburg, boasts the Wildlife Safari. This 600-acre drive-through zoological park features exotic animals and a petting zoo.

Cow Creek Gaming Center, located 25 miles south of Roseburg, offers Bingo, live Keno and 250 video slot machines 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The restaurant is located right on the floor and is also open 24 hours.

The last stop before the border is Ashland. This city has lots of little cafes and shops where travelers can stretch their legs.

Dunsmere, near Shasta, Calif., used to be a railroad town. It has many interesting art galleries and historic places.

About 10 miles north of Redding, the guides at the Shasta Caverns give tours of the caves at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. everyday. The Shasta Dam, also nearby, is the second largest in the country.

The Hilltop Drive exit in Redding has several restaurants such as Applebee's,

Marie Callender's and a few fast food restaurants. The Best Western has a "great pub and serves fresh seafood," said Bonnie Sharp, from the Redding Visitor's Bureau.

South of Redding there is an outlet mall with over 40 stores.

Farther down I-5, Sacramento offers many interesting places to stop and break up the monotony of a long trip. Old Sacramento has riverboat rides, quaint restaurants and an outdoor skating rink.

Downtown plaza, on 6th and K, has America Live, a 64,000-foot combination sports bar, western bar, comedy club and a dueling piano bar. The building has entertainment for almost anyone, said Sara Kay, of the Sacramento Visitors Center.

As I-5 winds through central California there is not much to see but land.

In Stockton, the last major city in the central area, the March Lane exit offers lots of restaurants including Shannon's Lakeside grill and Toot Sweets coffee shop. In the downtown area, Stockton has the Waterfront Warehouse, including several restaurants and the Children's Museum.

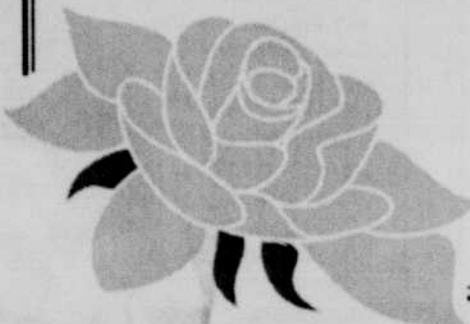
This may be the last stop for good restaurants and shopping until Los Angeles. Between central California and L.A. there isn't much but farm land.

Several miles north of L.A.'s city limits is Magic Mountain, a Six Flags amusement park. This park has a variety of roller coaster rides and is a big tourist attraction. Although it is no Disneyland, it is a lot of fun and shouldn't be missed.

After this it is all traffic and Rose Bowl fans. About 40 miles from Santa Clarita is Pasadena, the ultimate destination of the trek down hundreds of miles of California freeway.



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