

Delta Highlights

The California Delta is a special place and a source of water for two-thirds of California's population. Once a vast, trackless marsh, the California Delta has been transformed by more than 130 years of levee building into a maze of interconnected waterways and dry reclaimed islands. The Delta covers 738,000 acres interlaced with hundreds of miles of waterways. Much of the land is below sea level and relies on more than 1,000 miles of levees for protection against flooding. The area supports agriculture and recreation and provide essential habitat for migratory waterfowl and more than a hundred species of fish and diverse wildlife. It is also home to a unique way of life where many residents rarely leave their small towns and everyone is connected to one another and this beautiful landscape.

Sacramento settler John Sutter was the first to explore the Delta in August of 1859, who, along with three boats of German carpenters, two mechanics, and eight Hawaiians, began his journey from San Francisco in search of land for other migrating Europeans to settle. It took Sutter twelve days to navigate this natural labyrinth to the confluence of the American River. The development of today's Delta began in late 1850 when the Swamp and Overflow Land Act conveyed ownership of all swamp and overflow land, including Delta marshes, from the federal government to the State of California and by 1871, most of California's swampland was in private ownership. Much of the Delta is still farmed by the descendants of those original settlers. The Delta was transformed into the series of improved channels and leveed islands we know today.

We at blankblank feel privileged to be a part of this vibrant and historic community and we source all of our products within 150 miles of our Delta studio. While you are here, please take the opportunity to visit a few of our favorite spots that highlight the unique character and history of the area, Friday through Sunday is the best time to catch local businesses open. Enjoy!

Rio Vista:

[Foster's Bighorn](#): Bar & restaurant features hundreds of vintage taxidermied animals.

[Fool Crow](#): Unique assortment of small décor, art & gifts including taxidermy.

[Delta Farmer's Market](#): Local produce at the intersection of highways 160 and 12.

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[Mei Wah Beer Room](#): Laze on an opium bed drinking beer, kombucha & nitro coffee.

[Rogelio's](#): Throwback restaurant & inn. Chinese-Mexican-Italian food, anyone?

Walnut Grove:

[Giusti's](#): Bar & dinner house (behind the town of Walnut Grove.)

[The Tong](#): Unique historical site, local art gallery.

[Tony's Place](#): Locals' bar, salty barmaids. Sometimes offers food.

[Locke](#): A can't-miss on the National Registry of Historic Places. Visit these [historical locations](#).

[Al's Place](#) (Al the Wop's): Dive bar and restaurant. A can't miss.

[Seeker](#): Always a great collection of vintage and artistic finds.

[Ning Hou Fine Art](#): Original abstracted delta landscapes and still life paintings.

[Locke Garden](#): Family-run Chinese restaurant. Dad cooks, mom serves.

Courtland:

[Chuy's Tacos](#) (formerly Tony's Tacos): The best truck & tacos on the river.

[The Courtland Market](#): Locals eat from the daily specials at the butcher counter.

Clarksburg:

[Husick's Taphouse](#): Local wines & brews, barbecue. Some local gifts.

[Dinky Diner](#): Seasonal tiny "restaurant" trailer serves burgers along the river.

Wineries & Farms: Pick up a [Sac River Delta Grown](#) map for information. [Hemly Cider](#) (coming soon), [Bogle](#), [Scribner Bend](#) & the [Old Sugar Mill](#) are highlights.

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