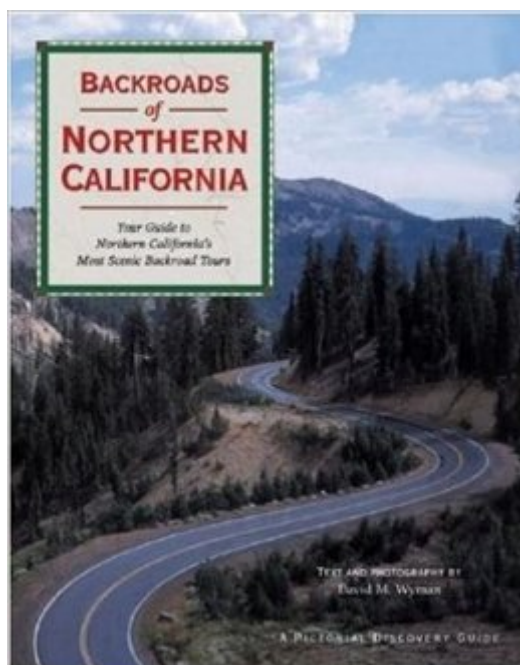


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# Backroads Of Northern California



## Synopsis

Tour Northern California's most fascinating backroads, including routes through California's wine country, Yosemite Valley, redwood forests, and the Lake Tahoe area. Includes full-color photos, detailed road maps, and data on the geology, geography, and history of each region.

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## Customer Reviews

Famous for its glitzy tourist meccas such as Hollywood, San Francisco and Venice Beach, many visitors - and not a few residents - are unaware that California offers breathtaking vistas and surprising varieties of experience only miles from the more popular tourist destinations. Wyman's excellent guidebook sections out chunks of Northern California (as far south as Fresno, near Yosemite, and as far north as Eureka, near the Oregon border.) and guides you through these areas to genuine delights. Some travel books are narratives of the author's adventures in some locale and are interesting reads mostly for the story they have to tell. This is not such a book. This book's value is in its informative and clear descriptions of (and directions to) the treats in store for the traveller with a taste for the beautiful but unheralded, a sense of adventure and an independent mode of transportation. Wyman starts his descriptions of each area with a brief and surprisingly interesting recounting of the geological and historical background to the current condition of the environ, then describes routes to particularly memorable attractions therein - goldminer ghost towns, forested valleys, mountaintop overlooks and the like. Mention must be made of the many photographs in the book. They are of museum quality and bring an element of visual delight to the

read one associates more with a travel magazine than with a book. In fact, they are so numerous as to comprise as much of the volume of the book as does the text and the maps. So if a California vacation is in your future, and the crowded and expensive tourist spots are not your scene, get a copy of this fine book and be inspired to travel off the beaten path and onto some glorious experiences. And don't forget to take your camera!

As I am based in the East Bay, this book is almost dead-on what I was looking for. I'm always looking for landscape, cityscape, or still-life photo ops, and this book has plenty of material that well-organized and well-written.

As a long-time resident living in Northern California and a photographer, I've found that David Wyman's book not only served as a guide but as an insight into the history of the routes he describes. It's given me a deeper appreciation of the richness of our area's cultural heritage that I've not found or heard of anywhere else. I've either driven or pedaled along some of the routes before reading the book but did so again with eyes more widely open and receptive having learned what I did in its pages. One of the backroads Mr. Wyman features passes just a few miles from my house and when I share what I learned by reading this with my neighbors, they are amazed at its origins and legacy and want to explore it in greater detail. Northern Californians wanting to learn more about this most compelling part of the country or those who just want to travel along scenic byways rather than generic freeways should have a look at this nicely written book with its compelling photography.

The section on Bodie Ca. (the ghost town is worth the price). Clear easy to follow driving suggestions, even for a directionally challenged ex- New Yorker. The book works as either a photo or road guide.

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