

# 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, 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. Nearly all Delta marshland had been reclaimed after World War I and the Delta was transformed into the series of improved channels and leveed islands we know today. There are over 50 bridges spanning navigable waterways of the Delta network.

We at blankblank feel privileged to be a part of this special community and we source all of our products within 150 miles of our studio in the Delta. While you are here, please take the opportunity to visit a few of our favorite spots the highlight the unique character and history of the area. Enjoy!

## **Rio Vista:**

[Foster's Bighorn](#): Tons of vintage taxidermied animals. Adult beverages. Smelly.

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

## **Walnut Grove:**

[Giusti's](#): Traditional dinnerhouse menu, non-traditional setting (behind the town of Walnut Grove.)

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

[Tony's Place](#): Locals' bar and "restaurant." Known for Portuguese beans.

[Miyazaki Bath House & Gallery](#): Historical site available for spa days & overnights.

## **Locke: The town itself is something to behold...**

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

[Ning Hou Fine Art & Historical Locations](#)

[Locke Garden](#): Family-run Chinese Restaurant

## **Courtland:**

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

## **Clarksburg:**

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

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

**Other:** [Hood Supply Co](#): Dinner house and bar in Hood. Burgers, pasta, etc.

[Tony's Tacos](#): Truck located south of the Paintersville bridge. Local central.

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