



Keyesville Etiquette and Rules



Protect Keyesville's Cultural History:

- Historic and Heritage Sites are fragile, irreplaceable, and protected by law. This includes all artifacts, waste rock piles, historic structures, adits, shafts, mining ditches, and flumes in this area.
- Please don't walk/ bike on or otherwise disturb rock walls.
- Please don't enter or disturb historic structures, mine shafts or adits. They are extremely unstable.
- Please don't destroy the archeological record by taking wood, old nails, old cans, bits of glass, or other evidence of Keyesville's history. Disturbing these materials can lead to a citation!
- Please *do not collect rocks for a new fire ring*—in Keyesville, you are very likely to inadvertently dismantle a historic mining feature by doing so. If you have a campfire, please use a metal fire ring, barrel, fire pan, or an existing fire ring.

Be Safe:

- Please follow directions on the signs.
- Please do not enter mines or historic structures.
- Watch for poison oak and stinging nettle.
- Be careful next to the river! The current is stronger than it looks! Many people have died in the river, even in areas that look safe.
- Please don't drive too fast. Protect people and animals.
- Please use the restrooms, we have too many visitors for people to be "*au natural*" and use the outside.
- It can be dangerous, even fatal, to camp underneath dead AND live grey pine trees. You can be injured if you are hit by falling branches or the huge "spikey" pine cones.
- Authorized livestock grazing occurs in and around Keyesville. Please be aware of foraging cattle in the area.
- California Campfire permits are required for all campfires. Never leave a fire unattended, especially overnight. If you aren't attending your fire, it needs to be *dead out and cold to the touch*! High winds are common in this area and can occur without warning.

Protect Keyesville's Natural History:

- Leave no trace! **Camp and travel only on durable surfaces.** Use existing campsites rather than making new ones on top of fragile vegetation. *Camping and traveling on grassy areas is only acceptable in the designated group camping area in the Meadow/ race staging area.*
- Pick up your trash. Pack it in, pack it out! Leave the area better than you found it.
- If you have a campfire, please bring your own wood and buy it locally. DO NOT bring firewood from outside the area. Native trees in California are being killed by beetles spread by people moving firewood from diseased trees. See <http://www.firewood.ca.gov/> for more details.
- Please don't cut the trees or break branches. Please leave the snags (tall dead trees) for wildlife. If you do collect wood in Keyesville, only take branches smaller than 4" in diameter.
- Please bike and drive on designated routes only. Keyesville is not an OHV open area.
- Please don't park under trees (this compacts the soil and kills the roots).
- Please don't dig or remove soil. Don't make dirt ramps, holes, pits, jumps, or move rocks or boulders.

Be Kind to our Neighbors:

- *PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.* Stay on public lands and away from areas signed no trespassing.

Thank you for protecting and enjoying Keyesville!