

AAA Travel Tips Scripts (5)
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1. AAAA Weekend Travel Tip: Sonoma County Farm Trails 10-03

Looking for the best apples for your holiday pies ... or the perfect persimmons?

I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip.

The secret to discovering the best of Sonoma's bounty is a Farm Trails map. The map lists all the farms, what they sell, and the hours they're open. Some farms invite you to "pick your own" produce, while others offer a huge variety ... like the folks at Walker Apples in Sebastopol, who sell over 27 kinds of apples! With this map, you'll know where to buy fresh, free-range turkeys, homemade pies, organic persimmons, beeswax candles. Even where to cut down your own Christmas tree ... hot apple cider and a hayride included! For a Sonoma Farm Trails map, call 800-207-9464 or visit www.farmtrails.org. I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip for KCBS All News 74.

2. AAAA Weekend Travel Tip: Jimtown 11-03

There's still gold in them thar hills . . . if you know where to find it! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip.

Nestled in the Sierra foothills is the Gold Rush town of Jamestown . . . known to locals as "Jimtown." If the wood plank sidewalks and antique stores look familiar it's because Jimtown starred in dozens of movies and TV shows, including "High Noon" and "Little House on the Prairie." Jimtown was built on gold ore . . . and lore. By the early 1900s, nearly \$30 million in gold was mined in the area. As recently as 1996, a 44-pound gold-leaf nugget was found in Jimtown! If you want to try your luck, check out Gold Prospecting Adventures. For a fee, they'll set you up at nearby Wood's Creek with an instructor, wading boots, and a plastic pan. The gold-panning technique: dunk your pan . . . swirl the sand . . . look for flakes of gold . . . and good luck! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip for KCBS All News 74.

3. AAAA Weekend Travel Tip: Yolo County 11-03

Move over, Napa and Sonoma. Yolo County's fast becoming the gastronomic mecca of Northern California! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip.

Just northeast of the Bay Area is Yolo County. Encompassing Woodland, Davis, Winters, and West Sacramento, it's been compared to Provence for its culinary contributions. Olive, almond, apricot, and citrus orchards line the back roads. Old-timers still cure their olives, and make their own wine and sausages. Cafes, restaurants, and micro-breweries are springing up everywhere. To sample some of Yolo County's bounty: head to the Davis Farmers Market, the oldest certified market in California. The market runs year round, rain or shine, in Davis' Central Park ... on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays, 2 to 6 p.m. The Davis Farmers Market has been voted by locals as "The Best Thing to do in Davis" ... attracting more than 10,000 shoppers every week! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip for KCBS All News 74.

4. AAAA Weekend Travel Tip: San Francisco Ferry Building 11-03

After surviving two major quakes and years of neglect, this San Francisco landmark has become the City's hottest gathering spot for gourmets! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip.

Located at the foot of Market Street, San Francisco's Ferry Building—built in 1898—was once the hub for all arrivals and departures into the City by ferry and by train. The 230-foot clock tower has been an icon for the City's waterfront [for more than a century]. Today, a \$100 million facelift has turned it into a dazzling destination ... of the culinary kind! Inside the Ferry Building is the Marketplace. The length of three football fields, it's a showcase of the best in Bay Area foods with over 25 specialty food shops, cafes, and restaurants. Two olive oil shops, a butcher shop, chocolatier, patisserie ... a wine bar, an oyster bar... even a caviar bar! You can shop for dinner, or dine on the spot. [Later, take a walk around the new wharf ... the views are spectacular!] I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip for KCBS All News 74.

5. AAAA Weekend Travel Tip: Surfin' Santa & Other Offbeat Holiday Festivities

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Instead of arriving by sleigh, this Santa surfs into town! I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip.

Just north of Santa Cruz, in the seaside town of Capitola, Santa and his reindeer surf into Capitola Beach on Saturday, November 29th at 12 noon. Santa's been riding his long board into Capitola since 1990, and in case you're wondering: yes, he's wearing a wetsuit under his red suit. Picture this: the kiddies telling Santa their wishes, as Santa chills out in his beach chair! Further north in Petaluma, also on the 29th, Santa and Mrs. Claus cruise into Riverfront Harbor on a tugboat. After doling out candy to the kids, Santa and the Mrs. hop a horse-drawn sleigh and lead a procession [of decorated wagons and costumed riders] through Petaluma's historic downtown. And in sedate San Francisco, a more traditional Santa hosts the annual tree-lighting at Union Square. That's Friday, November 28th at 6 p.m. * [Ho, ho, ho!] I'm Jan Yanehiro with a Triple-A Weekend Travel Tip for KCBS All News 74.

* Alternative close: So make your list and check it twice!