



# Tuolumne River Trust

The Tuolumne River Trust promotes the stewardship of the Tuolumne River and its tributaries to ensure a healthy watershed

## TREKKING THE TUOLUMNE

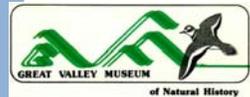
### Funders

U.S.  
Environmental  
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CALFED  
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### Partners



City of Modesto  
Parks, Rec., and  
Neighborhood



By many standards, the Tuolumne River is one of the most significant natural resources in the Central Valley. However, historic impacts from dams, diversions and mining as well as current demand from agriculture and urban use have compromised the health of the River. The Trekking the Tuolumne River Education Project seeks to increase watershed management capacity in the region by engaging elementary students, teachers and the general public in a watershed education curriculum, **Trekking the Tuolumne River**.

### Project Goals

- Provide interactive outdoor experiences that address State Standards while helping students develop a sense of place
- Lead field trips to the Tuolumne River where students do water quality sampling, learn about river dynamics and explore the riparian ecosystem
- Create service learning opportunities in watershed stewardship that allow students to give back to their communities while developing a sense of pride in and ownership of the River
- Ensure long-term sustainability of the project by giving the teachers the skills and equipment needed to use the curriculum

### Project Accomplishments

Since 2006, the project has:

- Trained over 100 classroom teachers
- Educated approximately 2,000 fourth grade students
- Engaged 6,000 additional youth and other community members
- Implemented 22 service learning projects

Additional accomplishments include construction of a Tuolumne River Watershed Exhibit at the Great Valley Museum, starting a Trekking the Tuolumne website hosted by CREEC and expanding the program to include 5 parks.

### The Future

Looking ahead, we envision a Lower Tuolumne River Parkway that supports outdoor classrooms where teachers can engage their students in river-based education while encouraging stewardship and enjoyment of the River. Our objective is a community that is well-informed about the importance of the Tuolumne River and is able to make educated choices about its stewardship and management.

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