

DELTA DELIGHTS IN SUMMER

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The Delta delights in summer. Enjoy the leisurely lifestyle, admire the river, watch the boats and scenery, take walks, go fishing, and enjoy good food. Many Delta restaurants feature live entertainment and dancing on the weekends, especially in the summer! There is plenty to explore on the Delta. Most of these places are easily reached by either water or land. Therefore, you can choose to go by yacht, small recreational boat, bicycle, motorcycle, or just hop in your car or RV and drive.

Peaceful harbor

A good place to start your exploration is the Delta Marina in downtown Rio Vista off South Second Street. This is a full service marina complete with fuel, gift shop, boat ramp and service center. There is also RV parking for overnight stays. Dining at The Point Restaurant provides stunning views of the river and the Rio Vista Bridge. The food is consistently good and there is live music and dancing on Friday nights.

Begin your Delta Loop tour in Rio Vista on Highway 12. Drive east until you come to Jackson Slough Road and the Delta Loop. Many places can be found on the Loop, and something is bound to catch your interest.

Turn right at the old boat and follow the road to the levee. Turn left onto Brannon Island Road where you find Owl Harbor, Bruno's Island, and Island Time Marina. Continuing on, you see Delta Bay Marina and Campground, operated by KOA. As you round the corner you are on the San Joaquin River.

Down the road is the Spindrift Marina, restaurant, ship store and mobile home park. The inside of this restaurant is decorated with old ship hardware complete with a helm wheel, nautical compasses, model ships and rigging. Enjoy karaoke on Sunday afternoons as well as live music some weekend nights.



The beginning of the Delta Loop off Highway 12

On the way to Korth's you see some nice houses. Korth's Pirate's Lair is another marina with a little café, gift shop, fuel and launching ramp located on the Mokelumne River owned and managed by the third generation of the Korth family. Originally purchased in the fall of 1931 in hopes of using it as an asparagus farm, it is now a recreational marina and mobile home park.

Moore's Riverboat Marina, with its restaurant and courtesy boat docks, allows you to tie up and eat on the balcony while taking in the scenery. Moore's is actually a floating restaurant because it is part of the dock. They also have good food, live music and dancing on the weekends.

After passing Willow Berm, a private marina, next



Korth's Marina

comes the Lighthouse Resort and Marina with vacation rentals and an RV Park. They also feature a restaurant and kayak rentals.

As you round the far end of the loop, you come to Delta Shores Resort Marina. They have an RV campground and courtesy boat dock.

You can find both boat slips and a haul out yard at Perry's Marina. B & W Resort has boat docks as well as cabins for rent and a small bar/restaurant. This is also known as a really good fishing spot!

Though not on the loop, Sherman Island is south of Rio Vista off Highway 160 at the end of 3 Mile Slough Bridge and left onto Sherman Island Road. Boaters can tie up at the Outrigger Café dock and enjoy the pleasures of the Delta from their deck. There is also fuel available. Sunday afternoon is karaoke time here. They also have great specials on the menu and excellent clam chowder.

The Delta is one delightful adventure in summer. All you have to do is venture out and take advantage of the Delta's great beauty and many attributes.