

MARIPOSA COUNTY SUPERLATIVES

- Three tallest waterfalls in North America (Yosemite Falls, 2,425 ft.; Sentinel Fall, 2,000 ft. and Ribbon Fall, 1,612 ft.)
- California's oldest continuously published weekly newspaper (Mariposa Gazette) Tallest rock monolith in the U.S. (El Capitan, 3,593 ft.)
- Highest pass in the Sierra Nevada (Tioga, 9,945 ft.)
- Oldest county courthouse in continuous use west of the Rockies (1854)
- America's largest canyon oak (a Jordan Oak found in Coulterville that is 32.5" in diameter, 109" tall and 300 to 500 years old)
- Largest county with no stop lights
- America's highest observation platform (Glacier Point, 7,214 ft., 3,214 ft. drop)
- Only California county with a mineral and flower named after it (Mariposite and Mariposa Lily)
- Oldest ski area in North America in continuous use (Badger Pass, 1934)
- Founding father was once the largest single land owner in the United States (John C. Frémont)
- Originally it had the largest land area of any county in California (30,000 square miles)
- Largest producing mine in California (Princeton Mine - at various times)
- Best site for wildflower viewing in the U.S. (Hite's Cove - according to many flower experts)
- Only California county with an insect named after it.
- Oldest hotel in California continuously owned by a single family (Hotel Jeffery)
- Highest known grade of crystalline gold is still mined in Mariposa mines
- Most number of wildlife species in California (80 mammals, 247 birds, 24 reptiles and amphibians, 10 species of fish)