



Look for these signs as you drive along winding rivers and sloughs in the heart of the California Delta... Enjoy the FARMS... taste the WINE



"The Meadows", behind Locke and Walnut Grove



Enjoy the comfortable pace and tranquility of farm life...



on your way to wine tasting at Bogle Winery ... on County Road 144.



The Tong Gallery, beautifully restored, on the levee in Walnut Grove



Drive the river roads, bring your camera!

**EXPLORE** the Sacramento River Delta Grown farms and wineries. Use this map as your guide to...

**VISIT** quaint historic towns, shop at rustic farm stands or pick your own fresh fruit and vegetables...

**TASTE** Delta wines, picnic by the river, and enjoy the peaceful pace among generational family farms.

**THE SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA... The West's LARGEST Estuary**

The California Delta is formed by the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin, the state's two largest rivers. It plays a major role in the state's prosperity by providing drinking water for millions of Californians and fueling a \$31 billion agricultural industry. The Delta is an important habitat to more than 750 animal and plant species, including waterfowl, birds of prey, sport fish and species listed as threatened or endangered: Delta smelt, Chinook salmon and steelhead. The 1,000 square-mile estuary through which 50% of all California's runoff travels, supports 80% of California's commercial salmon fisheries. Over 1,100 miles of levees protect farms, cities, schools, people and natural habitat. **The Delta Grown Trail encompasses the northern part of this large delta.**



**The Delta... California's FIRST Agricultural Region**

By the mid 1800s, the Sacramento River Delta was a bustling region with steamboats transporting pears, asparagus, and other crops from Sacramento to San Francisco. While Forty-Niners passed through on their way to strike gold in the Sierra foothills, other settlers began to farm the rich soils in the Delta to provide food for the California and eastern markets. In 1861, the California Legislature authorized the Reclamation District Act, providing levee construction to make the land more suitable for farming. By 1930 the swampland had been leveled and was being farmed. The flat terrain coupled with year-round availability of fresh water, made irrigating crops in the Delta cheaper and simpler than other fertile regions of California. This created the Delta region, the first developed agricultural region in California.



Since 1944, one important protection for farmland has been the release of water from dams during low-flow periods to protect farmlands from salt intrusion and protect the ecology of the Delta. With California's increasing thirst for water this delicate sustainability is in jeopardy. **Today Delta farmers value and protect the fragile ecosystem by implementing efficient water management to preserve the state's most productive farming region.**

**Delta Agriculture TODAY**

Over 80% of the Delta's total land area (553,687 acres) is in agriculture, of which 75% is classified as Prime Farmland. By comparison, only 18% of the state's agricultural land is classified as Prime Farmland.



Some vineyards and pear orchards in the Delta date back to the early 1800s. Grapes grown in the Clarksburg Appellation in the Delta find their way to highly touted vintners. Wines made here in the Delta region are recognized worldwide for their award winning quality.



**Delta CULTURE**

People worldwide, from many cultures, have made the Delta what it is today. Portuguese, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Native American, Dutch, Mexican and Anglo influences all contributed to the thriving agricultural area. Many of the towns along the river include schools, stores, services and places of worship that honor and perpetuate various ethnic customs and cultures that still flourish within the Delta.

**The Delta's BRIDGES and FERRIES**

As you meander along the rivers and sloughs of the Delta, you'll be crossing a myriad of spectacular and varied bridges. Some are approaching 100 years old and listed on the Historic Register. Double Leaf "Bascule" design bridges (with two halves that rise in unison) along Hwy 160 were designed by the Strauss Bascule Bridge Co. of Chicago, Illinois, who engineered virtually all of the "Bascule" bridges in California prior to WWII. The engineer was Joseph B. Strauss who was also the Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge.



Two FREE public ferries still operate in the Delta: The "Real McCoy", takes vehicles across Cache Slough between Rio Vista and Ryer Island and the J-Mack ferry crosses Steamboat Slough between Grand Island and Ryer Island.



Taste the wines of the Delta...



Enjoy dining in the Delta...



Pick your own fresh fruit...



Discover the food of the DELTA GROWN TRAIL... schedule a dinner at a farm or in a vineyard prepared by Kevin Mallett, Personal Chef of Backyard Basics.

**AUG 9-10, 2014**  
**SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA GROWN WINE AND PRODUCE**  
**Passport Weekend**

Farm Tours  
Wine Tasting  
Fresh Produce  
Kids Activities  
Farm Equipment Displays  
Wildlife Viewing  
Fun Contests  
Meet the Delta Farmers

Farms open 9am-5pm  
Wineries open 11am-5pm  
**\$15/adult, kids under 16 yrs FREE**

Passport Weekend... Always the 2nd WEEKEND in AUGUST  
**Passport tickets at: www.deltapassport2014.eventbrite.com**

**Local Events**

Meet the farmers & vintners of the Delta Grown Trail at these events:

- Isleton Cajun & Blues Festival on Father's Day Weekend
- Pear Fair in Courtland, always on the Last Sunday in July
- Sacramento's Farm to Fork Festival in September
- Passport to the Farms on the 2nd weekend in August

Check out [www.sacrivertdeltagrown.org](http://www.sacrivertdeltagrown.org) for updated information and special events.



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**DELTA GROWN TRAIL MAP**

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**DELTA FARMS & WINERIES WINE AND PRODUCE TRAIL MAP**

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