

**6** After leaving the fringes of Mohawk Valley, the Union Pacific Railroad crosses Willow Creek on a tremendous viaduct of steel just east of Blairsden. This breathtaking structure, known as the **Clio Trestle**, is 172 feet high and 1,005 feet long and the view from its deck is amazing. Looking south and west is a vast panorama of surrounding mountain peaks guarding Mohawk Valley. Under the bridge are the last vestiges of Plumas County's first railroad, the narrow gauge Sierra Valley & Mohawk R.R. right of way.



Clio Trestle

Photo by Bill Gilbert

Portola is the gateway to the Feather River Line. This nearly mile high town is flanked by mountains and is the Union Pacific crew change point. Railroad buffs from all over the world visit the Portola Railroad Museum where you can view displays, inspect historic trains, and even drive a locomotive. Train rides in cabooses and vista flat cars round a one mile track are offered during the summer.

The Railroad Museum can be reached at: (530) 832-4131 or • [www.WPLives.org](http://www.WPLives.org)

**7** East of Portola at Chilcoot is a 6,002 foot tunnel that penetrates the Sierra and brings the Union Pacific out onto the desert at Reno Junction. The mainline continues eastward across the Smoke Creek and Black Rock deserts through an endless sea of sand and sage brush to Salt Lake City.



Portola Railroad Museum

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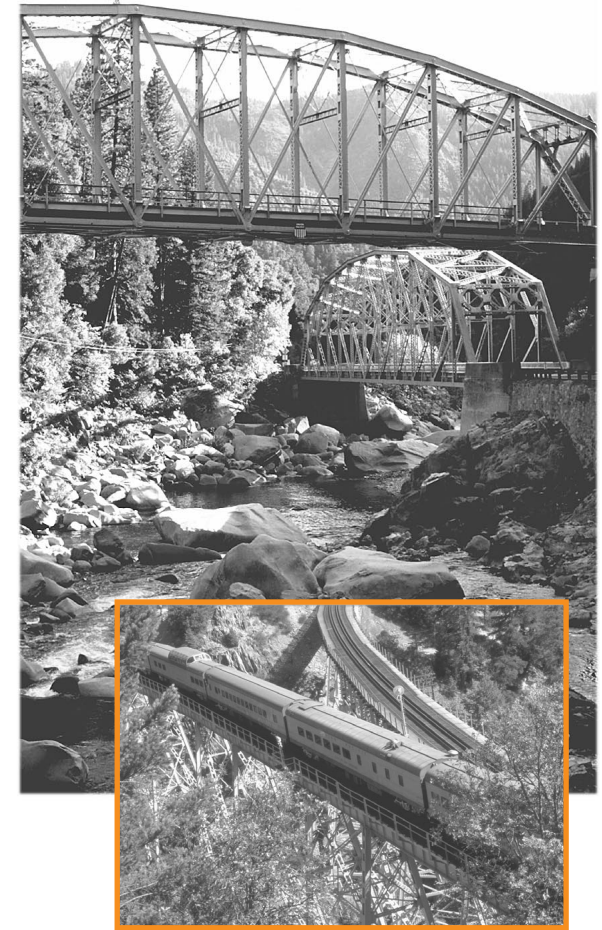
While you're exploring the **7 Wonders**, be sure to also see:

- Pulga and Tobin bridges, railroad and highway bridges stacked on top of each other in the Feather River Canyon on Highway 70.
- Plumas County Museum, Industrial Wing in Quincy, features steam and diesel railroad exhibits.

Cover photos: Top: *Tobin Twin Bridges* by Kathryn Glaeser  
Bottom: *Keddie Wye* by Vince Villani



## Plumas County's



## 7 Wonders of the Railroad World

Plumas County Visitors Bureau  
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Keddie Wye

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Train near Spring Garden

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Download a detailed trip planner to the Seven Wonders at  
[www.plumascounty.org/Attractions/Trains.htm](http://www.plumascounty.org/Attractions/Trains.htm)

  
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