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Butte Fire Update: 95% Contained And Calaveras is Open for Business

Gold Country, CA—At 6:25 am today, [CalFire reported](#) that the Butte Fire is now 95% contained and is expected to be 100% contained by October 1st. In addition, all evacuation orders have been lifted and life is getting back to normal for the vast majority of Calaveras businesses.

Miraculously, almost all of Calaveras County's popular family destinations are unscathed including Moaning Cavern, Mercer Caverns, Ironstone Vineyards (and almost all of our wine industry), our museums, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, the historic towns of Murphys, Arnold, Angels Camp, Copperopolis, Valley Springs, San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill. Even California Cavern, located in Mountain Ranch, an area extensively burned by the fire, reopened for guided walk tours last weekend.

It's a beautiful time to visit Calaveras now that we have our clear skies back, with cooler temperatures and fall colors beginning to show especially in the higher elevations. Now more than ever, Calaveras relies on its tourism industry to rebound from the economic impact of this disaster. Choosing to make Calaveras your holiday shopping and weekend getaway destination could help us significantly in our recovery.

We are delighted to present a full calendar of events offering fun and diverse entertainment and activities throughout the county, which can be found online at <http://www.gocalaveras.com/calendar-of-events/>. Some of the events posted have become impromptu Butte Fire fundraisers, and others have been organized specifically to benefit those who lost their homes to the fire.

An article on how Calaveras is faring since the fire can be found at <http://www.gocalaveras.com/calaveras-rising-up-from-the-butte-fire>. This article includes a map of Calaveras County showing the fire perimeter. For our latest blog on Kid Favorites in Calaveras (all of which are still available), go to <http://www.gocalaveras.com/kid-favorites-in-calaveras>.

For those wishing to donate to the recovery efforts, information and links to the Calaveras Community Foundation and The Resource Connection can be found on the home page of the Calaveras Visitors Bureau website: www.gocalaveras.com.

If you have travel plans to Calaveras and would like more information, please contact the Calaveras Visitors Bureau, 209-736-0049 or 800-225-3764 to get updated information.

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