

## Indian Falls

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Summer "low water"



Spring "high water"

### History

In the ancient Maidu language the falls are known as (Koyom Bukum Swewino) "valley end falls" for countless generations the falls have been a spiritually important sight for the Maidu Indians and still is today. Before all the dams were put in the Feather River Salmon migrated up Indian Creek to spawn, and the falls were an important fishing place for the Maidu as well.

### Description:

Indian falls is a 15ft water fall on Indian creek. Indian creek starts at Antelope Lake and meets with Spanish creek at the HWY 70 and 89 intersect to become the North Fork of the Feather River located between Quincy and Greenville in the beautiful Northern Sierra Nevada mountains.

### Directions:

- From Quincy take HWY 70 west to HWY 89
- Turn right on 89N
- Turn on first dirt pull out on the right after Indian Falls sign.

### Lat/Long:

40.06120, -120.96152

### Name:

(Koyom Bukum Sewinom Bo) Maidu for "Valley End Falls Trail"

### Rated \*\*\*

### Time needed:

The hike in is a 600 ft trail that only takes 3-5 min but it is a steep hill to hike back up and is a bit of a work out.

### Sun exposure:

This area is prone to snowfall during the winter and thunderstorms in the summer. The rain and snow season usually lasts from October to April snow melt leads to high water in the spring. During the summer temperatures range from lows in the 40s at night and early morning to highs of 80 through upper 90's during mid day.

**Elevation: 3200ft**

**Gear Needed:**

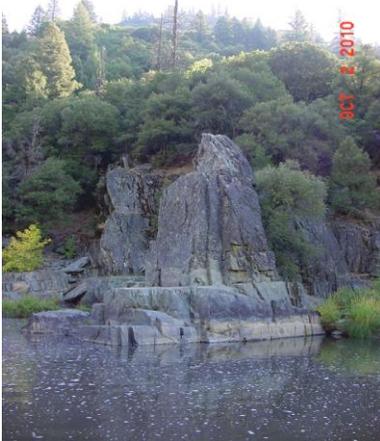
Sun screen, drinking water, swimming trunks, camera, friends

**Directions:**

From the parking lot the trail is easy to find it takes of down the hill at the beginning of the parking lot it is a short, moderately steep hike down a signed trail brings you to an overlook above the falls. A picnic table is there, and the pool below the falls is a favorite swimming hole.

**Description:**

In the summer Indian falls is a great place to cool off from the end of may-September. It is a very popular summertime hangout and swimming hole. It is a beautiful spot, and very easy to get to. The falls lead in to a big pool. In the spring high water march-April the falls is also a put in for a 4 mile class IV kayak run (refer to dreamflows.com and kayaking guide books).



There are rocks to jump off on the far side of the river however it is dangerous there are under water ledges around the rock. It is **important** to jump on the far left side of the rock towards the falls.

**Risks:**

- Poison oak
- Rattle snakes
- Droning especially in spring high water
- Rocks in and around water

**References:**

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<http://www.waterfallswest.com/waterfall.php?id=339>.