Home to Mount Shasta, and on California-Oregon Border, Siskiyou County had about 43,000 people as of 2019. Today, as in the past, agriculture and logging serve vital economic roles. However, this region’s history encompasses much more. Gold seekers flooded this area in the 19th century to mine its plentiful gold, while early tourists travelled long distances to try the mineral waters offered at places like Shasta Springs. This county also saw some of the fiercest fighting during the Modoc War. If you are looking for exciting local history resources in the California History Section’s rich collections, then check out what we have for this county.

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH.
Can’t come to the library just yet? No worries. There are a number of online resources you can explore related to Siskiyou County.

Digitized Publications

A few years ago we digitized some of our more fragile publications. You can now see documents related to Siskiyou County on Internet Archive.

**URL**: https://archive.org/

**Type in Search Box**: (Siskiyou County) AND collection:(californiastatelibrary)

**Select Option**: “Search Full Text of Books”

Digitized Images

We have scanned and digitized a portion of our extensive photograph collection, including images related to Siskiyou County. You can see them on Calisphere.

**URL**: https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/

**Type in Search Box**: (“Siskiyou County”)
California State Association of Counties

Like Wikipedia but locally grown, this government website will provide basic information about Siskiyou County.

URL: http://www.counties.org/county-websites-profile-information

County Website

Want to learn about what Siskiyou County residents have to say for themselves? Check out the county government’s website.

URL: https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/
Not finding what you need online? We have additional materials available that cannot be accessed digitally. You can use the following resources to learn about our resources.

**Catalog**

If you are looking for Siskiyou County materials, your best source is our catalog. You can do a general search on the catalog but also be sure to check out our specialized resources on page 8 of this research guide.

**URL:** https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?
vid=01CSL_INST:CSL&lang=en&sortby=rank

**Type in Subject Box:** (Siskiyou County)

**California Information File II**

Sometimes the catalog doesn’t provide as much detail as you might like. This is why we created the California Information File II, successor to the analog California Information File I. In this resource, you can find indexing to individual articles, as well as Siskiyou County deeds, restaurant menus, pamphlets and more.

**URL:** https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/cainfoii

**Type in Search Box:**
1. Siskiyou
2. Name of a city in Siskiyou County
**City Directories**

Looking for a person? How about the history of a location? You can trace this information and more via our city directories. See what we have by checking our specialized database.

**URL:** [https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/citycounty](https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/citycounty)

**Type in Search Box:**

1. Siskiyou
2. Name of a city in Siskiyou County

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**Telephone Books**

Are you not finding what you need in our city directory collection? No worries, you might find it in our telephone book collection. See what we have by checking our phone book database.

**URL:** [https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/phone](https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/phone)

**Type in Search Box:**

1. Siskiyou
2. Name of a city in Siskiyou County
Siskiyou County has a long and distinguished history. Check out our resources by type and by subject to learn more about this county’s complex past.

**Type**

Maps  
Books  
County Histories  
Images  
Manuscripts  
Newspapers  
Periodicals

**Subject**

Art  
Birds  
Business  
Cooking  
Education  
Environment  
Festivals  
Fire  
Fish  
Geology  
Land  
Medicine  
Mining  
Poetry  
Politics  
Railroads  
Religion  
Restaurants  
Streets  
Wildlife  
1960’s

**Residents**

Vitals  
Japanese Americans  
Native Americans  
Women
Our collection predates computers and so do some of our access points. If you are in the library, be sure to check the following analog files for leads on more resources.

**California Information File**
In the library? Check the California Information File before you do anything else. This file indexes over 130 years of California articles, books, and manuscript collections from all 58 counties.

**Subject Headings:** Siskiyou County

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**Map File**
Looking for a Siskiyou County map? Our map file is a great place to start. We have a wide variety of maps, including Sanborn fire insurance maps. Some of our maps cover settlement patterns and even natural history.

**Subject Headings:** Counties: Siskiyou

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**Photographic File**
Sometimes a picture is worth a 1000 words and not all of our pictures are online. To check the rest of the collection search our picture file card catalog.

**Subject Headings:** Counties: Siskiyou
Despite our best efforts, some of our resources defy complete description. We suggest that you ask a librarian about Siskiyou County information contained in the following resources.

**Vertical Files**

Our massive collection of vertical files covers a wide variety of topics including individual counties. You can check them for pamphlets, certificates and even posters related to organizations, individuals, and area histories.

**Subject Headings:** Counties: Siskiyou

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**Postcard Files**

Separate from our photo collection, our postcard collection contains a number of images related to Siskiyou County. Most are not online.

**Subject Headings:** Siskiyou County
Can’t find what you need in our collection? You may want to contact the following organizations.

Other California State Library Sections

- Government Publications Section
- Witkin Law Library
- Sutro Library
- General Information

http://www.library.ca.gov/government-publications/
http://www.library.ca.gov/law/
http://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/
https://www.library.ca.gov/services

Other Organizations

- Siskiyou County Library
- Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County
- Scott Valley Genealogical Group
- Siskiyou County Historical Society
- Siskiyou County Assessor-Recorder

https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/library
http://siskiyougenealogy.org/
http://users.sisqtel.net/~nwhipple/svgg.html
https://sisqhistory.org/
https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/assessor-recorder