

23RD ANNUAL

Yuba RIVER CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER 16 - 27, 2020

Protect Your Happy Place

CLEANUP RESULTS SUMMARY



Bridgeport Crossing



Donner Summit

Number of Cleanup Sites:	16 sites
Neighborhood Cleanups:	20 sites
Registered Volunteers:	764 volunteers
Oldest Volunteer:	76 years old
Youngest Volunteer:	2 years old
Total Volunteer Hours:	2,292 hours
Trash & Recycling Collected:	6,800 lbs
Miles Cleaned:	62 miles

Summary of Trash Removed:

- 1,126 plastic bottle caps
- 1,670 food wrappers
- 3,013 cigarette butts
- 3,827 take-away containers
- 7,126 pieces of micro glass
- 1,243 beverage cans
- 209 pieces of clothing
- 351 piles of toilet paper





Dear Yuba Lovers,

During an unequalled year, including a pandemic, COVID-19 restrictions and a staggering number of wildfires, I want to send my sincerest thanks to each and every volunteer that helped during the 23rd Annual Yuba River Cleanup. Over a 12-day period, from September 16-27, 2020, seven hundred & sixty volunteers turned out in "Quaran-teams" to remove tons of garbage and recycling from the beaches, trails, tributaries, and neighborhoods of the Yuba River watershed.

During the annual California Coastal Cleanup Month of September, **over 10,000 volunteers** from across the state joined together in **3,000 cleanups** to remove more than **70,000lbs of trash and recycling from beaches, trails and waterways in California.**

According to past Coastal Commission cleanup data, **75% of the debris that volunteers remove is composed of plastic - most of it single-use, disposable plastic** - a material that never completely biodegrades and has numerous harmful consequences in the environment. Plastic pollution can kill wildlife, leach toxins into the environment, and even introduce them into the food chain. **Since up to 80 percent of the trash on the California coast originates on land,** volunteers across the state have helped prevent enormous amounts of trash from ever reaching the ocean.

You are the protectors and voice for the Yuba & Bear Rivers. You are the community that will keep these rivers beautiful and pristine for many generations to come. **No one group or individual can do this alone, it takes an entire community coming together with a common goal.**

Thank you volunteers for all your hard work and for keeping each other safe at the river. Thank you to our sponsors & partners for your support of this Cleanup and to health of the Yuba River.

Keep on Protecting Your Happy Place!

Sincerely,

Daniel Belshe
Community Engagement Manager
South Yuba river Citizens League



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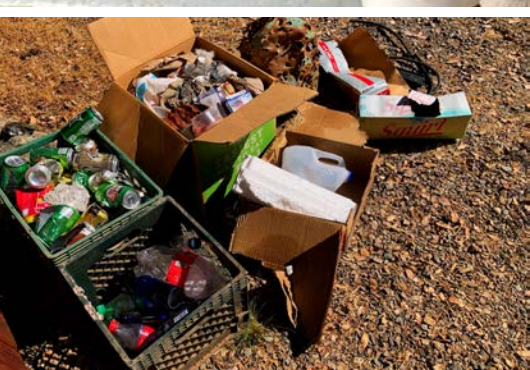
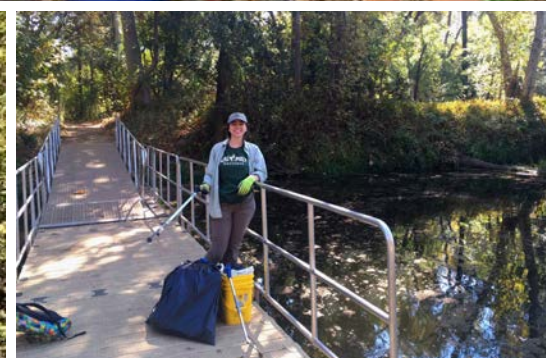
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Cleanup Results by Site

**Results are based on 49% of volunteers reporting their cleanup participation*

South Yuba

	Number of Volunteers	Pounds of Trash & Recycling	Unusual Items Found
Van Norden Meadow	36	298	teddy bear
Washington	9	107	boat seat
Conservation Camp Road	23	2,111	big truck mudflaps
Pioneer Trail	32	412	bumper
Emerald Pools/Langs Crossing	47	270	1/2 roll of TP
Edwards Crossing	73	453	Mylar balloon
Purdon Crossing	76	533	clown doll
Highway 49	80	509	selfie stick
Hoyt's Crossing	74	226	coffee pot
Bridgeport	77	502	fake nails

Middle Yuba

Oregon Creek	31	255	decorative gems
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Lower Yuba

Hammon Grove Park	17	62	shovel head
Sycamore Ranch	10	35	bottle caps

Wolf Creek

Northstar Mine/Glen Jones Park	5	100	book shelf
Wolf Creek Trail	10	200	hose

Bear River

Bear River Campground	34	45	pen light
Dog Bar Bridge	31	100	thong
Highway 174 Bridge	30	282	pink princess doll

Neighborhood Cleanup

Brunswick Hwy	4	150	
Deer Creek	11	344	
Lake Englebright	4		
Middle Fork	3		



Post-Cleanup Drive-thru



Post-Cleanup Drive-thru Dumpster



Hoyt's Crossing



Pre-Cleanup Drive-thru



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Yuba Cleanup Trash Tally

As part of California Coastal Cleanup day, volunteers help to collect data on the types of trash found during the Cleanup. These details help us to better understand the kinds of trash making its way into our watershed. The data collected only accounts for 49% of cleanup volunteers who participated in this project.



Hammon Grove
on the Lower Yuba



Deer Creek



Wolf Creek



Cal-Solar Team at
Hwy 49 Crossing



cigarette butts	3,013
food wrappers	1,670
take away container (plastic)	259
take away container (styrofoam)	5
bottle cap (plastic)	1,126
bottle cap (metal)	171
lid (plastic)	429
straw	215
plastic utensils	180
beverage bottle (plastic)	935
beverage bottle (glass)	588
beverage can	1243
plastic bag	44
other plastic	386
paper bag	80
cups & plates (paper)	52
cups & plates (plastic)	181
cups & plates (styrofoam)	20
fishing gear	51
rope	15
6 pack holder	10
other plastic/foam packaging	304
other plastic bottles	16
strapping bands	24
tobacco wrapper	24
appliance	7
balloons	9
cigar tips	9
cigarette lighter	9
construction materials	58
fireworks	20
tires	12
diapers	84
tampon	70
clothing	209
piles of toilet paper	351
microtrash (less than 2.5 cm)	9,367

TOTAL PIECES COLLECTED: 20,515

Unusual Cleanup Trash Found

Car Parts:

bumper x 5
big truck mud flaps
car parts x 8
motor oil in plastic bottle
motor oil in can
oil change leftovers x 6
tires w/ rim x 2
tire treads x 2

Clothing:

baby sun hat
bandana
clothing misc. x 36
cut off jean legs x 2
glove x 3
hat x 5
lonely flip-flop x 25.5
lonely shoe x 15
lonely sock x 36
pair of shoes x 1
pair of socks x 4
pair water shoes
pants x 1
shoe sole x 3
shorts x 2
sparkly shoes
sweatshirt
swimsuit minus swimmer x 7
t-shirts x 4
rubber boots
underwear x 6

Toys:

clown doll
doll dress
Hulk action figure
pink princess doll
teddy bear x 2
toys misc x 8

Camping Equipment:

abandon homeless camp
aluminum plates
ancient metal spatula
beach umbrella x 2
bed sheets
blanket x 6
camping chair x 5
coffee pot
cookware x 4
cooking grills x 4
empty jugs x 2
flashlight x 2
goggles
kids life jacket
medium black luggage
padding x 5
pillow
propane cylinder x 2
rolling ice chest handle
shovel handle
shovel head x 2
sleeping bag x 2
tarp x 2
tent x 5
towel x 17
yoga mat

Housing Materials:

bookshelf
carpet scraps x "enough for
your living room and dining
room x 2"
mattress

Nature:

antler
bones
snake skin

Construction/Mining Materials:

18 inch lag bolt
ball of rusty wire
big piece of rusted metal x 4
big piece of plastic x 5
cardboard-large pieces x 11
fence posts
fiberglass strip
hose
house siding
lumber x 2
metal drum x 2
metal pipe x 4
"NO TRASH Dumping" signs
pipe for dredging
plastic barrel
plastic bins x 5
plastic buckets x 34
PVC pipe x 8
railroad spikes
rebar
rusted corrugated roofing x 5
rusted braided metal rope
12-inch rusty angle iron
some big metal thing
steel paneling

Items of Volunteer Concern:

dog poop
illegal dumpsite x 3
illegal campfires x 7

Hygiene:

band-aid x 7
fake finger nail x 3
gum x 3

Miscellaneous Finds:

batteries x 2
bike rack piece
bike seat
bird cage
boat seat
burlap
camera lens
50 year old rusty cans x 50
CO2 cartridges x 26
deflated innertube
dog leash x 2
dog toy
dumped household trash
face mask
full container of bait
decorative gems
golf ball
hair tie & clip
jewelry
laundry basket
2020 marriage certificate
menu
Mylar balloon x 2
15 ft long net
padlock
pen light
phone charger
pile of dog food
scissors
scooter
screw driver
selfie stick
shotgun shell x 13
shooting clay
sled x 2.5
stroller
unopened bag of Doritos!
water bottle x 2



'TRASH OR TREASURE' CONTEST

During the Yuba River Cleanup we encourage volunteers to lookout for unique trash to enter into the 'Trash or Treasure' contest. We typically award prizes at our post-Cleanup volunteer appreciation party.

We had to do things a bit different this year, so we offered an extended online contest. With so many great entries, it was hard to choose winners.

Thank you to everyone who participated and submitted photos!



Most Historical Find:
Rusty Chain Drive Unit,
Ange Parodi



Most Unusual Find:
Is it Halloween Yet?
Joy Elson



Most Fashionable Find:
Do these socks make
me look hungry?
Loren Swift Merritt



Most Useful Find:
Polishing off the Beer
Keg, Cindy Pawlowski



'Above & Beyond' the Call of Duty:
Carol Alderdice & Team @ Hwy 49

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THE YUBA & BEAR
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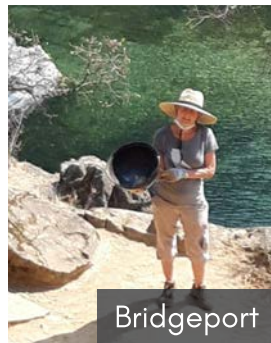




Purdon Crossing



Bear River



Bridgeport

"Thank you. It was a great excuse to go to the river in the smoke. The swimming was fabulous, and there was hardly anyone there. I look forward to hopefully being able to celebrate together after the event next year!"

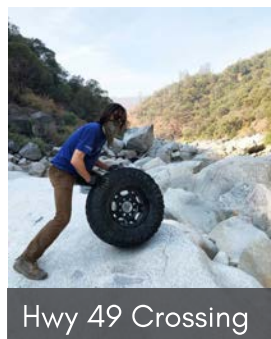
- Lillian



Bridgeport



Donner Summit



Hwy 49 Crossing



Hammon Grove

At the **heart** of SYRCL is a **family** of volunteers who **give** countless hours to the **Yuba River** and to our **community**.



Bridgeport



Hwy 49 Crossing



"Many people who passed us on the trail called us heroes. :) " - Joy

"There wasn't much trash. I'm pretty sure someone had been there before us. But we had a great hike down the beautiful river canyon and still managed to fill two bags and pull out an old camp chair."



"I'm glad the event was still able to happen, under COVID circumstances. Keep up the good work :)"
-Gabrielle

"Our Girl Scout Troop 2009 enjoys keeping our community clean!"
- Becky

"It was a very pleasant experience. Thanks for organizing this great community service effort!"
- Kian

"It was a splendid day at the Van Norden Meadow -perfect weather. The two of us spent about 3 hours there. We had picnic lunch and found a little more trash down a side trail. Thanks for getting us there. Happy we did not find much trash."
- Robert

"Missed doing the cleanup with everybody!"
- Skyler

**Thank you
River Community!**

"Beautiful location! Glad to be a part of clean up :)"
- Keri



"Y'all must've done a great job cleaning up in the days before I got out there. I know the river was hit hard with litter this year especially, but I had to really scour to find trash on the 3 days I was out. As a result, most of what I found was microplastic. Thanks so much!"
- Kelsey



"Pretty clean!"
- Drew

"This was great! Thanks for putting this on every year!"
- Cody

"We loved doing this and will participate again next year!"

"It was refreshing to see the site doing so well after all the abuse of the summer. Having fresh eyes on the site helped remove even more trash. While its exciting to have everyone go out on the same day as we traditionally do, I see great value in repeated visits to heavily used sites."
- Risa

"We found very little but did pick up lots of micro trash and random old garbage- so it was a success!"

"What a fun project for me to do with my daughter. We'd like to do this year-round."
- Karla



"Graffiti sucks, and should be a priority for the cleanup!"
- Gary

"Thank you!"
- KC

"Picked up hundreds of pieces of glass and micro plastic. Got a couple large tires out of the river bottom which was a major win!"

"First year for our kids and it is such a great thing to do together!"
- Kara

"We know we went on the last day of clean up! Everyone did such an amazing job before us. There wasn't really any obvious trash, just a few pieces under rocks."
- Meghan



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The Yuba River Cleanup would not be possible with the dozens of businesses, agencies and organizations that help support our efforts through monetary donation, in-kind donations, trash removal and more.



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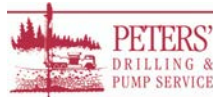
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