

DIRECTIONSTO LOCKE, CALIFORNIA

Located next to the Sacramento River, Locke is about 4.5 miles west of Interstate 5 and about halfway between Sacramento and Stockton.

FROM SACRAMENTO:

1. Drive south towards Los Angeles on Interstate 5.
2. Take theTwin Cities Road exit, Exit 498.
3. Turn right ontoTwin Cities Road.
4. Travel 4.2 miles, at which point the road ends at River Road/Hwy 160.
5. Turn left onto River Road/Hwy 160.
6. Travel 1.5 miles, at which point on the left is Locke Road.
7. Turn left onto Locke Road.
8. Straight ahead is public parking or to theright is Main Street.
9. Park automobile at either location.

FROM STOCKTON:

1. Drive north towards Sacramento on Interstate 5.
2. Take theTwin Cities Road exit, Exit 498.
3. Turn left ontoTwin Cities Road.
4. Travel 4.3 miles, at which point the road ends at River Road/Hwy 160.
5. Turn left onto River Road/Hwy 160.
6. Travel 1.5 miles, at which point on the left is Locke Road.
7. Turn left onto Locke Road.
8. Straight ahead is public parking or to the right is Main Street.
9. Park automobile at either location.



DAI LOY MUSEUM



FOR GPS MAP, USE
13916 Main Street
Walnut Grove, CA 95690



1ST GRADE, ORIENTAL SCHOOL
WALNUT GROVE, 1934

CONTACT US

For more information, please contact the Locke Foundation at 916-776-1684 or, 916-776-1828, Our website can be reached at www.locke-foundation.org

COME VISIT LOCKE FOUNDED IN 1915

"The only rural Chinese town
left in the United States"

樂居



MAIN STREET

BRIEF HISTORY OF LOCKE

Established in 1915, Locke is the only existing town in America built and inhabited almost exclusively by Chinese until recent years. During its heyday from the 1920s to 1940s, Locke was an autonomous island of Chinese culture with a permanent population of about 600, including many families, and a seasonal farm labor population of an additional thousand. At one time, it had four restaurants, a half dozen markets, dry goods stores, five brothels, a post office, two slaughter houses, a flour mill, canneries, shipping wharves, an opera, speakeasies during Prohibition, and five gambling houses. Located about 30 miles south of Sacramento, Locke is the legacy of the extraordinary efforts made by the Chinese in developing agriculture in California. In 1970, the town was placed on the Registry of National Historic Places. Locke still looks almost as it did 50 years ago. It has withstood the threat of fire and floods, the pain of poverty, discrimination, and neglect, and abandonment by most of its original residents and offspring. Of the ninety or so residents in Locke today, only about twelve are Chinese. Although many of Locke's storefronts and clapboard homes have fallen into disrepair, recently the town's infrastructure has been updated and repaired. In 1990, Locke became a National Historic Landmark.



AL THE WOPS

SHOPS, GALLERIES, AND RESTAURANTS

Locke has an eclectic variety of gift shops, art galleries, and restaurants. Hours vary.



LOCKE BOARDING HOUSE VISITORS' CENTER

SPECIAL PLACES TO VISIT

The entire town of Locke is a historical site. Special places to visit and see include:

- **Locke Boarding House Visitors' Center**
An exhibit and research facility operated by the California State Parks and the Locke Foundation. It is open to the public free of charge.
- **Locke Chinese School**
A language school for the children of Locke established in 1926.
- **Locke Memorial Park and Monument**
Dedicated to the Chinese who built the railroad, levees, and agriculture of California and the town of Locke.
- **Al the Wops Saloon and Restaurant**
Early operation included a brothel.
- **Star Theater**
Past enterprises included Chinese opera, gambling den, and brothel.
- **Dai Loy Museum**
An exhibit of Chinese gambling paraphernalia.
- **Lockeport Hotel**
The first building in Locke.
- **Locke Garden Restaurant**
Chinese restaurant that housed Locke's first saloon and gambling hall.
- **Connie's Toilet Garden**
A collection of planters made from discarded toilets of past Chinese residents.
- **Locke Community Garden**
Established during World War II as a victory garden.



LOCKE CHINESE SCHOOL

VISITING LOCKE

Visitors are welcome to Locke and there are no fees for visiting. The entire town is a historical site, but also a living community; therefore, kindly be considerate while exploring Locke.

DOCENT TOURS OF LOCKE

Docent tours are available for groups of 10 or more by advance reservation on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Student group tours are welcome; Tours in Chinese language are available by request.

Costs: \$5 per visitor; \$2 per student or senior citizen 62 years or older.

To schedule a tour or for more information, please call 916-776-1684, 916-776-1828. Inquiries may be sent to lockefoundation@frontiernet.net.



LOCKE MEMORIAL PARK & MONUMENT