

6B and Friends Firewise Community - Evacuation Route Overview – 2.8.2020

Here are the main evacuation routes for our neighborhood. As part of your evacuation planning, choose the best routes for you, depending on where a fire might be approaching. Also consider your options if you must escape on foot.

There are many other routes through private or gated properties, or via less-documented country roads, that may also be vital in a mass evacuation. If you are familiar with and comfortable including these in your plans, do so.

The routes described below head away from town, but **going to the Fairgrounds and Highways 20/49 may be the correct way to go, especially if directed by fire/police.** Use your best judgment and situational awareness.

If any of these routes are new to you, PRACTICE in advance. Get paper maps as backup. AAA has a good Yuba City/Marysville/Grass Valley/Nevada City map. Remember that cell phone and GPS services may be down. Practice your evacuation route options in advance.

LEAVE EARLY if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

There is no need to wait to be told to evacuate.

There are two primary routes to leave our neighborhood. We define a primary route as a two-lane, paved, county-maintained road.

<p>A. Primary: McCourtney Road to Hwy 20 or Penn Valley via Indian Springs Road</p>
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1. Get on McCourtney Road and turn left (away from town).
2. **In a couple of miles** (depending on where you join McCourtney Road), you'll pass Sammie's Friends and the Transfer Station on the left.
3. **1.3 miles after the Transfer Station**, turn right on **Indian Springs Road**.
4. **In 3.7 miles**, you'll reach a stop sign where Indian Springs crosses Spenceville Road.

To Penn Valley: Turn right onto Spenceville Road and you'll reach Penn Valley in 1.5 miles. You can also get onto Highway 20 from here.

OR

To Highway 20: Remain on Indian Springs by going through the Spenceville Road intersection (make a slight jog left, then continue straight.) **Do not turn left**

on Spenceville Road. Continue 2 miles until you reach **Penn Valley Drive.** You can turn either left (west) 0.8 miles or right (east) 0.3 miles to get onto Highway 20.

<p>B. Primary: McCourtney Road to Highway 49 via Lime Kiln Road or Duggans Road</p>
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1. Get on McCourtney Road and turn left (away from town).
2. **In a couple of miles** (depending on where you join McCourtney Road), you'll pass Sammie's Friends and the Transfer Station on the left.
3. **Stay on McCourtney. About 7 miles past the Transfer Station, continue straight onto Lime Kiln. (DO NOT turn right to continue onto McCourtney Road.)**
4. **At about 8 miles past the Transfer Station,** the road runs on a ridge with big left/east and right/west views – you may be able to see where fire is coming from and make a decision about your direction - Lime Kiln Road will start turning left/east.
5. **At around 9 miles, there is a green sign for Duggans Road on the right** (the actual intersection is still ahead). **You have two options to reach Highway 49:**
 - **Continue on Lime Kiln Road.** The road heads generally east and meets Highway 49 in 2 more miles. The road gets curvier and slows down.

OR

 - **Turn right onto Duggans Rd.** The road heads generally west/south. Continue 2 miles until you reach a T intersection at Wolf Road. Turn left; you'll reach Highway 49 in another 2 miles at Combie Road (Higgins Corner).
 - **At Highway 49, turn right** to go toward the town of Auburn. North Auburn is about 8.5 miles from this intersection.

There is one secondary route to leave our neighborhood. We define a secondary route as a one-lane, partially paved road, most of which is NOT a county-maintained road.

Please be cautious and safe! **This route should be used only if you are familiar with the roads, are evacuating early and there is good visibility (no smoke) .**

C. Secondary: McCourtney to 49 via Hidden Valley/Auburn Road

1. Get on McCourtney and turn left (away from town).
2. At about ½ mile from the north end of Thoroughbred Loop, turn left onto South Ponderosa Road.
3. In about ½ mile and after three small speed bumps, the paved road changes to asphalt/gravel, then back to paved with three more speed bumps.
4. You will pass a sign on the right for Utah Road. Continue straight.
5. South Ponderosa Road turns right and becomes Hidden Valley Road (no signs), continuing down a rough, pot-holed dirt hill.
6. After flattening out, the road narrows to one lane, then arrives at a Y.
7. **At the Y, stay right.**

Important: GPS and apps like Google or Apple may tell you to turn left at the Y. **Don't! There is no bridge at the creek ahead and this is a dead end.**

8. Continue down Hidden Valley Road. The road is defined but rough; it climbs over a forested hill, then down onto a graveled, pot-holed road.
9. At 1.4 miles from the intersection of South Ponderosa and McCourtney roads, the landscape is more open with houses and horse barns to the left and ahead of you. **Follow the road left.**
10. The road becomes paved in ¼ mile. Continue another 1.3 miles to Auburn Road.
11. At Auburn Road, turn left to go to McCourtney Road and the Fairgrounds (2 miles); turn right to go to Highway 49 (approximately 4 miles).