

Still a Free Ride and Twice as Many

The free Apple Hill® Shuttle Bus has been a huge success in the past and set a record for ridership last season. This growing popularity prompted the addition of a new bus route on the eastern end of Apple Hill®.

The new route is shown on the map on pages 24 and 25 of this publication. This new route will take advantage of a

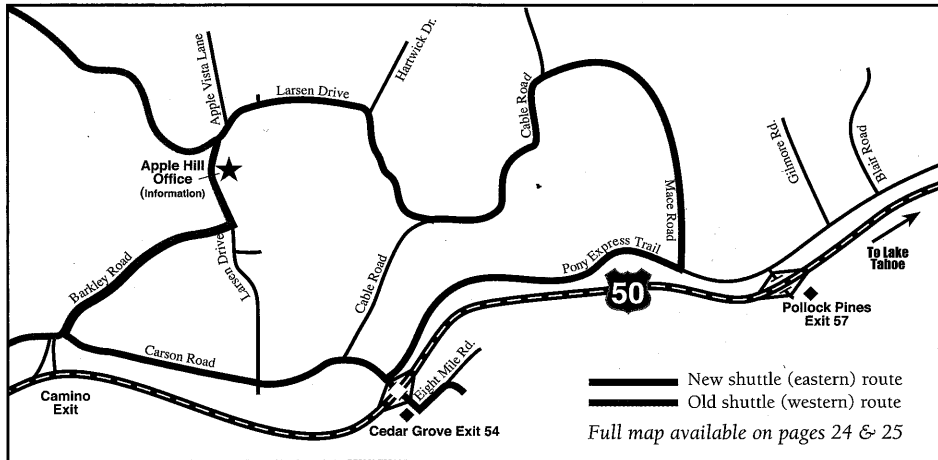
parking and boarding area at the US Forest Service Ranger Station on Eight Mile Road in Camino. This will give visitors a shuttle stop at both the western and eastern ends of the area.

The Apple Hill® Growers and El Dorado Transit have worked together for a number of years to provide a free alternative to driving your car when visiting

the area. The original shuttle site at Schnell School Road will still offer bus rides on October weekends this year.

The hours of operation on October weekends will continue to be 10 AM until 5 PM (weather permitting). The routes will continuously follow the Apple Hill® Scenic Drive and allow visitors to exit at their favorite ranches and easily discover new farms. Most member ranches have bus stops at their ranch entrance. When you want to continue your journey, just hail the next passing bus. Buses are scheduled to arrive every 15 minutes. The new eastern route will utilize four buses, driving counterclockwise on the RED (eastern) route. Two shuttle buses will follow the GREEN (western) loop.

The new shuttle stop and parking area will be at the US Forest Service Ranger Station at 4260 Eight Mile Road. This new route will greatly enhance the



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where they now live and board horses.

The Double J Ranch is named for the couple's two children. Jeff is a sophomore Business Major at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Jenna is an 8th grader at Camino School and rides her quarter-horse, Cowboy, in Gymkhana barrel racing.

The Speths are researching a wholesaler buyer for their organically grown apples and pears, and are now selling through Hangtown Kid Apple Orchard, across the road. The Speth's orchard is also a u-pick ranch through Hangtown Kid.

"John at Hangtown Kid has been so helpful ..." says Steve. "He has shown us the ropes of the apple business."

Steve and Gretchen love the friendliness of the Camino area. "San Clemente and Camino both have their good points... but we're happier here," Gretchen says. "We're relaxed. And we haven't even scratched the surface!"

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opportunity to serve visitors traveling from the Reno/Tahoe area and reduce traffic congestion. The new facility will effectively double the parking capacity of the entire shuttle service.

The Apple Hill® Shuttle is sponsored in part by the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District, El Dorado Transit and the Apple Hill® Growers Association. The shuttle service is free and allows visitors to relax in air conditioned comfort and leave the driving to El Dorado Transit.

Check the Apple Hill® Website

Find out further details about this exciting new service, available during October weekends in 2008 at

www.applehill.com. The map there will provide the latest update on the popular Apple Hill® Shuttle.

The Schnell School free shuttle service is accessed by taking Schnell School exit (#48) off Highway 50 in Placerville. Ample parking is available at the school parking area on the right-hand side of the road. Signs will show the way.

The US Forest Service free shuttle site will be accessed by taking the Cedar Grove (#54) exit off Highway

50. If approaching from the east, drive under the freeway overpass and follow the signs to the shuttle pick up area. If approaching from the west, take exit #54 and turn right at the stop sign and follow the signs to the shuttle area.

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