

**History of Eureka, California - Timeline of Historically Significant Events**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1849	Oct.	Josiah Gregg expedition rediscovers Humboldt Bay during the Gold Rush
1850	Apr. 14	Laura Virginia – First ship to enter Humboldt Bay
1850		William Carson cuts first redwoods for commercial use
1850	April	First survey of township by James Ryan
1853		Captain U.S. Grant in Humboldt 1853-1854
1853		Humboldt County is established
1853		Fort Humboldt is established
1854		First Humboldt Lodge #79 F&AM
1854		1st successful lumber mill "Ryan & Duff" powered by beached steamboat
1854		First fire apparatus, a hand pumper, arrives
1856		Eureka becomes the Humboldt County seat
1856	Apr. 18	Eureka Town Government is established April 18th
1856	Dec.	Humboldt Harbor Lighthouse is placed in service, the second lighthouse on the California coast
1860	Feb. 20	Massacre of the Wiyot people on Indian Island during ceremonies
1865		Fort Humboldt decommissioned
1865		Population of City 600
1871		Vance Hotel is completed
1873		Western Union telegraph reaches Eureka
1874		First daily newspaper The Weekly Humboldt Times becomes a daily paper
1872		First addition to original townsite-the 25 block Clark addition
1879		Vance Hotel installs the first electric lights in a commercial building in Eureka
1882		Invention of the Dolbeer Steam Donkey (first mechanized log yarding)
1882		First comprehensive history of Humboldt County published
1884		Dressing and shipment of granite from Humboldt Bay, bound for St. George's Reef Lighthouse
1885		Chinese residents expelled
1885		Rick's Water Company installs first water system
1886		Weather service began at the top of the Buhne Building located at 2nd & G Streets
1886		Carson Mansion completed
1886		Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society is founded
1886		St. Bernards Catholic Church completed
1887		Winship School is built
1890		Humboldt County Courthouse completed
1891		Eureka Chamber of Commerce is established
1892		First sizeable office building is completed in Eureka, the Carson Block
1893		Capt. H.H. Buhne dies
1896		Eureka High School established
1899		First automobile arrives
1900		Hammond Lumber Company established
1901		Eureka Elks Lodge #652 is established
1901		Famed Bendixsen shipyard closes after launching 113 wooden vessels in just over 30 years
1902		Eureka Woolen Mill opens at 14th & Broadway
1903		Humboldt Transit Company begins first electric street car service in Humboldt County
1903		Carnegie Library is constructed
1904		City Hall is built at 3rd & G Street
1907		Sequoia Yacht Club is built on Indian Island
1907		Wreck of steam ship "Corona"
1907		Sequoia Park Zoo opens
1908		Union Labor Hospital opens @ Harris Ave. & H Street (later became General Hospital)
1910		Fram Lodge #13 Sons of Norway established
1910		MV Madaket is launched, originally the "Nellie C"
1911		Eureka's Main Post Office on H Street opens
1912		Population of City, 13,000
1912		William Carson dies
1914		Northwestern Pacific RR completed , Eureka - Willits
1914		The railroad arrives in Eureka, largest celebration in area history is held
1915		Campfire Girls established in Humboldt County
1917		The wreck of the US Naval Cruiser USS Milwaukee
1917		Humboldt County Chapter of the American Red Cross is chartered
1917		Eureka Women's Clubhouse completed on J Street
1920		The beginnings of commercial fishing fleet
1920		State Theatre is built for Vaudeville & motion pictures
1921		Redwood Highway declared an "All Year" route by the State of California
1922		Cornerstone laid for the Humboldt Masonic Temple bldg. located at the SE corner of 5th & G Streets
1922		Eureka Inn opens
1923		First Eureka Rotary Club is established
1924		Dolbeer Carson sawmill reopens as the first all-electric sawmill on the California coast
1924		Humboldt County Courthouse tower catches fire
1926	Mar. 12	First Eureka Kiwanis Club
1926		Henderson Center businesses built
1929		First female Mayor of Eureka, and west of the Mississippi – Emily Jones
1930		Humboldt County Hospital constructed on Harrison Ave.
1930		Veterans Memorial Auditorium built with County funds
1935		Muni Auditorium built by the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA)
1935		Murals in Federal Building by W.P.A.
1938		The first events are held at the current Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
1939		Eureka Theater opens on F Street
1940		End of electric streetcar service
1942		US Navy Section Base opens
1943		Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, a major World War II shipyard is established
1945		Semi-pro/summer college baseball team Humboldt Crabs start their program in Eureka, the oldest semi-pro team in nation
1947		Humboldt County Historical Society founded
1950		Ingomar Club established in Carson Mansion
1953		First Miss Eureka Pageant & Rhododendron Parade put on by the Eureka Junior Chamber of Commerce
1954		Eureka City Hall and County Courthouse destroyed by earthquake
1954		St. Joseph's Hospital completes new 75 bed facility on Dolbeer Street
1954		Beginnings of a re-established Chinese community with opening of Ben Chin's Restaurant
1955		City isolated by flood
1956		4th & 5th Streets made one way with completion of Eureka Slough Bridge
1956		Hammond Lumber Co. bought by Georgia Pacific
1956		Redwood Art Association is established
1957		"Bill" the Chimpanzee arrives at Sequoia Park Zoo

1959		Eureka becomes a state historical landmark
1959		Present-day Humboldt County Courthouse is completed
1960		Clarke Museum is established
1960		Pacific Lumber buys Homes - Eureka Mill on Broadway (now the Bayshore Mall)
1962		Eureka's Main Post Office is dedicated
1963		Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant is built
1964		The "Pink Lady" become the first building to be restored in the city
1964		College of the Redwoods founded
1964		Eureka Mall built on Harris Street
1964		Aircraft Carrier USS Bennington arrives to provide flood relief
1965		First Miss Humboldt County Pageant put on by the Eureka Kiwanis Club
1965		Crown Simpson & Georgia Pacific Pulp Mills built
1965		Zane & Winship Schools are constructed in present-day locations
1965		Times Standard Building built on site of Sumner & Amelia Carson House
1966		Humboldt Arts Council is formed
1968		First Rhododendron Festival put on by the Eureka Chamber of Commerce
1971		The end of Coggeshell Ferry service on the bay
1971		Samoa Bridge is completed
1972		Eureka's Redevelopment Agency is established
1973		Eureka Heritage Society founded
1973		Old Town Eureka is registered as a national historic district
1974		Humboldt Senior Resource Center is founded
1979		Eureka becomes a state historical landmark
1979		The Ink People Center for the Arts is established
1981		Woodley Island Marina is completed
1981		The Salvation Army Silvercrest Residence complex is opened
1982		Major earthquake
1983		Eureka Business Improvement District is formed
1984		Duane Flatmo undertakes first mural on Bucksport Sporting Goods building
1986		"Dock B" fire
1989		Bayshore Mall opens
1991		Eureka becomes Sister City with Kamisu, Japan
1991		First Annual Dixieland Jazz Festival
1992		Eureka Main Street is formed
1992		Hilfiker Aviary in Sequoia Park Zoo is completed
1994		Redwood Discovery Museum is established
1995		New County Library completed
1999		Construction is completed on the Wharfinger Building and Eureka Marina
2000	June. 3	Eureka receives special designation as a Coast Guard City
2000		The Wiyot Tribe purchases 1.5 acres of sacred land on Indian Island
2000		Morris Graves Museum of Art opens in the former Carnegie Free Library
2002		The Eureka Boardwalk is completed
2003	Aug	Eureka Reporter newspaper is established
2004		City of Eureka holds a ceremony to deed a city-owned portion of Indian Island back to the Wiyot Tribe
2004		Washington School Building deeded to Senior Resource Center by school district
2004		Eureka becomes a Sister City with Nelson New Zealand
2006	Jan	Eureka Reporter newspaper becomes a daily paper