

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



Field of lupines near Salmon Falls, Folsom Lake – Photo Credit: Shana Kaplan

Salmon Falls is located on the South Fork of the American River, 5.5 miles south-southwest of Pilot Hill, at an elevation of 469 feet. It got its name from nearby waterfalls and is now registered as a California Historical Landmark.

Founded in 1850, it was once an old mining town established along the banks of the American River at the mouth of Sweetwater Creek (present-day Folsom, California). Since the construction of Folsom Dam in the 1950s (which created Folsom Lake), Salmon Falls is typically immersed in water throughout much of the year.

During the summer, visitors can enjoy the beauty of the Lupine flowers. A member of the pea family, Lupines are a wonderful old-fashioned flower that grows 2-3 feet. There are annual and perennial varieties of Lupines. They bear very large, showy spikes covered with unusual pea-like florets on long, sturdy stems. Colors include white, red, pink, blue, yellow, lilac, violet, and apricot.

For more information on Lupine flowers and Salmon Falls, please visit:

[http://www.ehow.com/facts\\_4912546\\_facts-lupin-flower.html](http://www.ehow.com/facts_4912546_facts-lupin-flower.html)

<http://www.sacramentooutdoors.com/Mountain-Biking/Salmon-Falls---Folsom-CA/index.html>

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