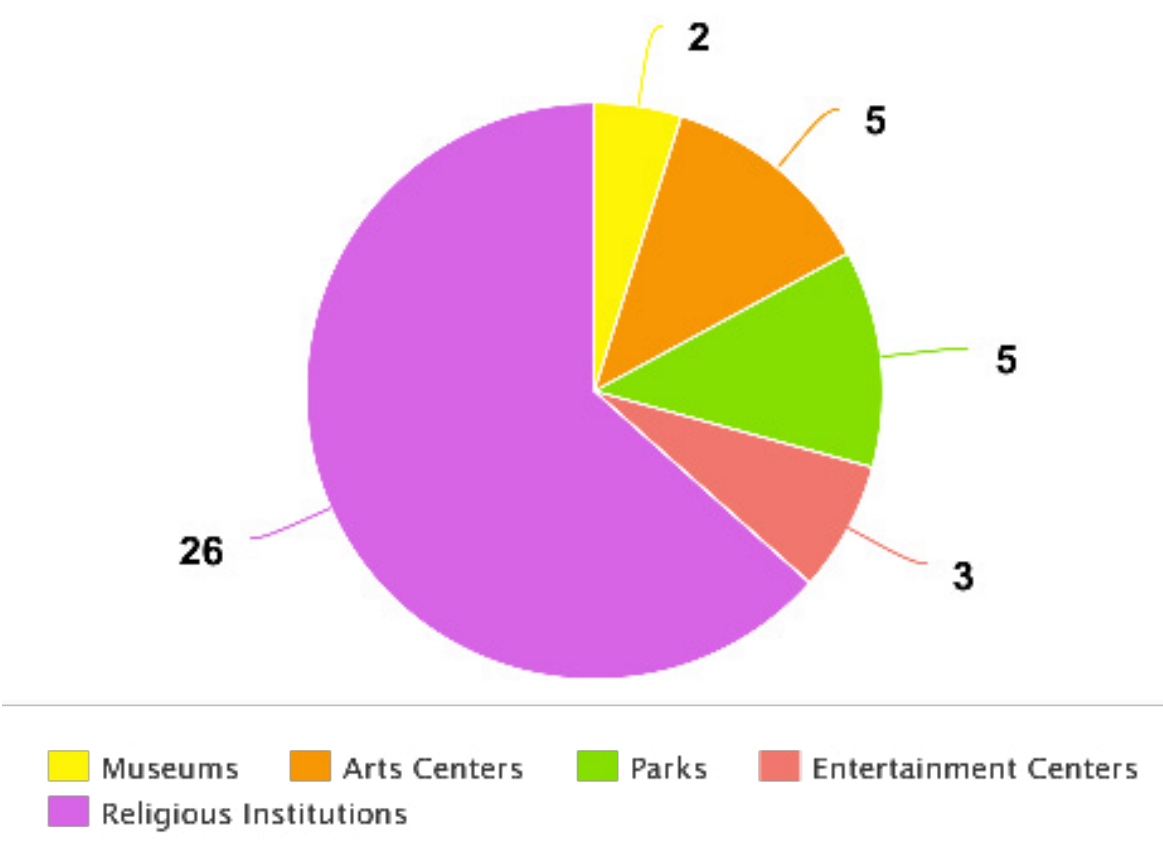


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LIFE IN PARADISE

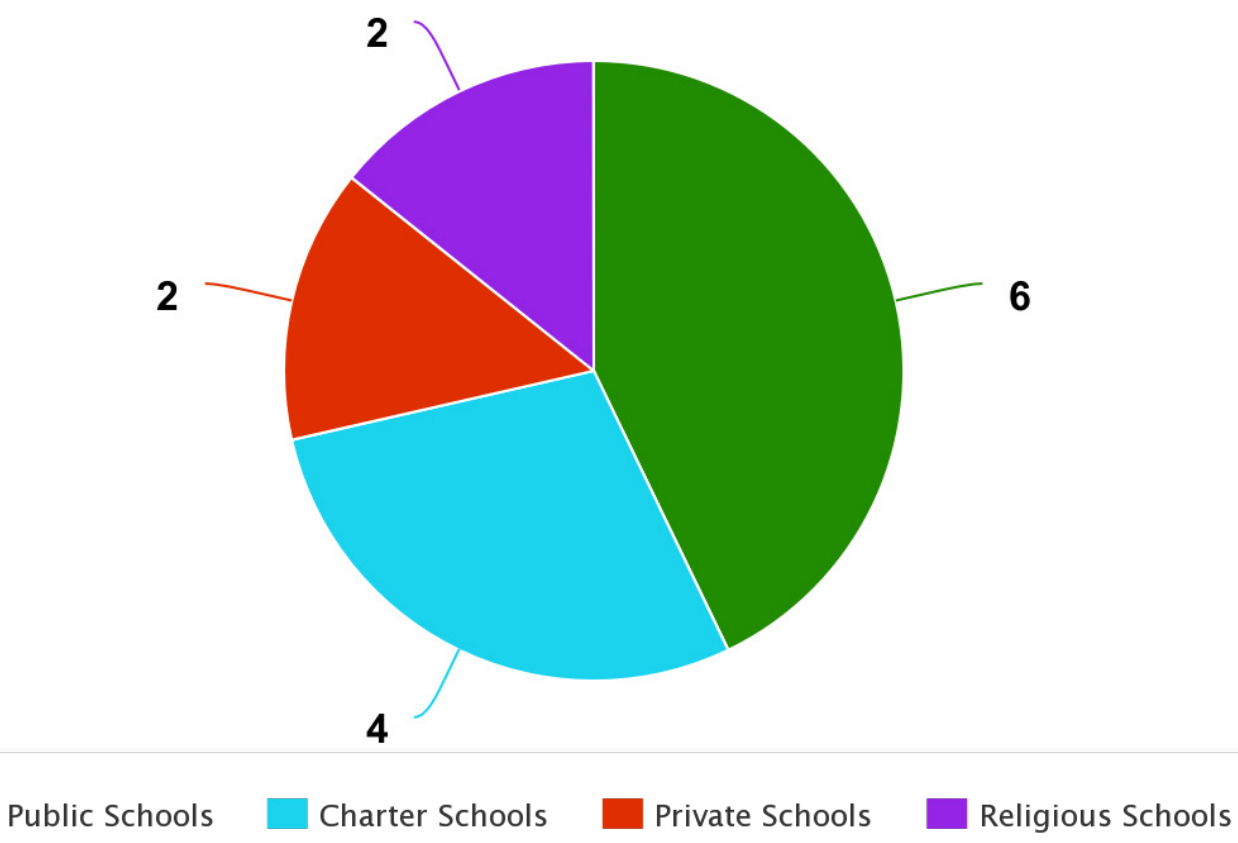
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Cultural Centers By Type



The town of Paradise originally contained five parks that acted as centers for outdoor recreation. These were complimented by performing-arts theaters and art galleries. There weretwoarcadesandamovie theater, as well as two museums depicting the mining and railroad history of the town. Additionally, there were a number of places of worship that formed the spiritual heart of the town.

Schools By Type



There were six public institutions serving students from preschool age to adults. Four charter schools operated as alternatives to the public ones. Two private schools were options for parents seeking non-traditional educational opportunities, and two religious schools served the religious community.



The annual Paradise Chocolate Fest helps non-profit organizations to provide enrichment opportunities for the youth of Paradise.
Photo: Paradise Chocolate Fest



Every spring, there are Gold Nugget Day events to celebrate the findings of a 54-pound nugget in 1859 in Paradise.
Photo: Holly Bluvall



The annual Johnny Appleseed Days are held in the fall to celebrate the oldest harvest in the state, first held in 1988.
Photo: Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce



The annual lighted truck parade is held in early December, and ask for canned goods to donate to the food pantries.
Photo: Town of Paradise

- 1 Gold Nugget Days
 - 2 Paradise Chocolate Fest
 - 3 Paradise Pow Wow
 - 4 Dutch Oven Cook-off
 - 5 Johnny Appleseed Days
 - 6 Arlan Hudson Make a Difference Day
 - 7 Lighted Truck Parade
- ★ Parade of Flags

Cultural Events in Paradise

Before the Camp Fire, the town of Paradise held seven major festivals yearly. In April, Gold Nugget Days celebrated the gold rush history with costumes and a parade. Paradise Chocolate Fest, in May, was a celebration of chocolate with tasting events, contests, and a bike marathon. Johnny Appleseed Days in October, was a celebration of the town's history and baking skills: pie contests, a court of royals, events based around the Appleseed myth, and other agrarian events were highlights of the festival. The Lighted Truck Parade, in December, was a celebration of the holiday season, lighting up the night with trucks themed and lighted by the parade participants. The event gathered the people of the town in a common area to enjoy the festivities. Other festivals included the Dutch Oven Cook-off (a benefit for the Gold Nugget Museum), the Arlan Hudson Make-a-Difference Day (a community clean-up in memory of a local towns person), and the Paradise Pow Wow (an intertribal event intended to celebrate Native American traditions).

Cultural Map of Paradise

Map Legend

- Public School
- Private School
- Charter School
- Religious School
- Art Center
- Park
- Museum
- Entertainment Center
- Religious Center



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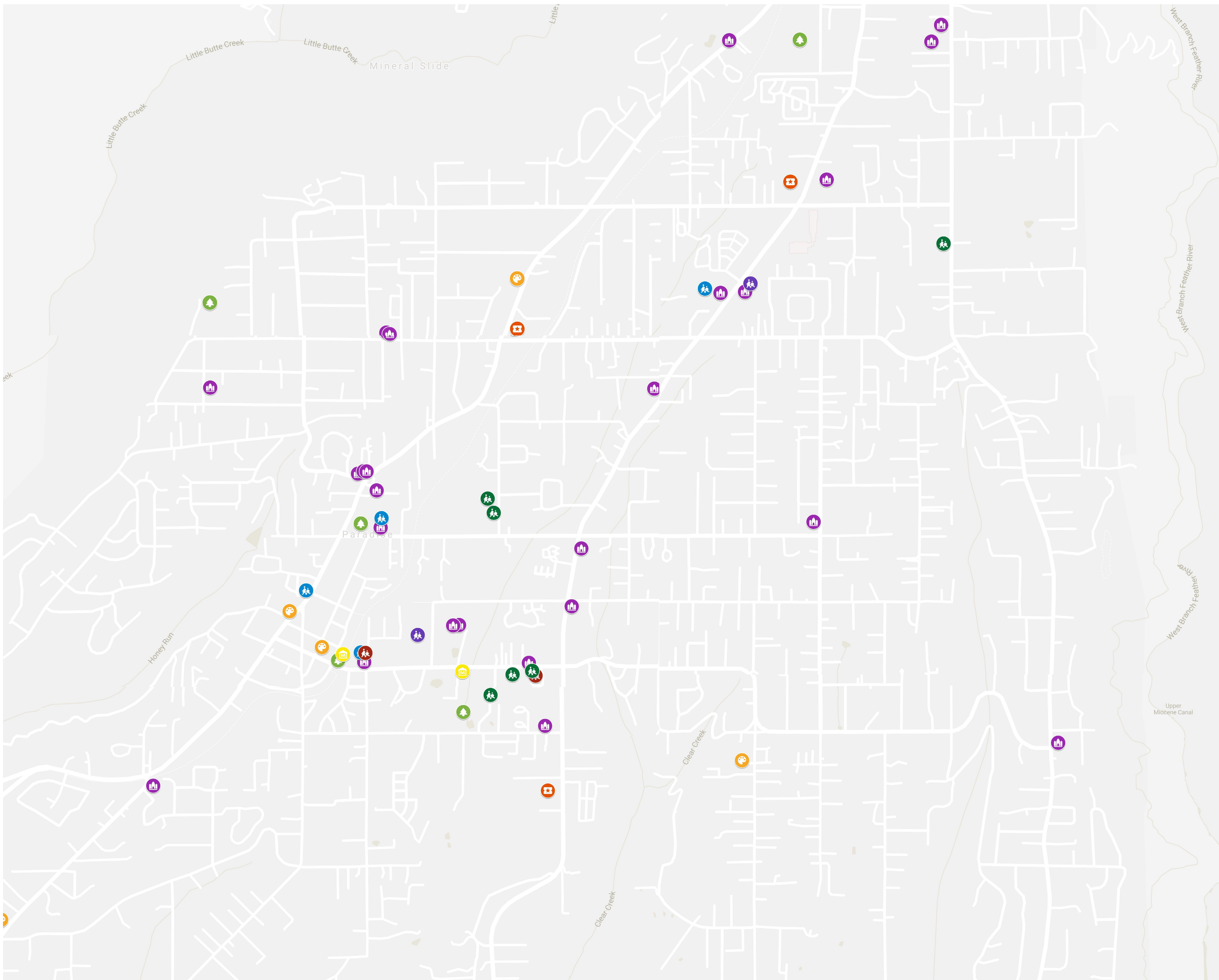


Photo: Gold Nugget Museum
Gold Nugget Museum



Photo: Google Maps
Paradise Elementary



Photo: Google Maps
Paradise High School



Photo: Gold Nugget Museum
Paradise Depot Museum



Photo: Paradise First Christian Church
First Christian Church



Photo: Paradise Calvary Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church



Photo: Andrew McHenry
Craig Memorial Congregational Church