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(4th Annual Placer County Mandarin Magic Weekend December 8-9, 2007)

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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Placer County Mandarin Magic Weekend  
Decemeber 8-9, 2007  
Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4pm**

December is the perfect time to take the family on a ride into rural Placer County to experience the glowing orange and green hillsides of mandarin orchards that are in full production.

On the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> four of our larger growers of Mandarins in Placer County, Highland Orchard, Hillcrest Orchard, Miller's Citrus Grove, and Pine Hill/Stoney Point Orchard will be open for touring. This self guided tour will be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> celebrating the harvest and heritage of the Placer County Mandarin. Each orchard will have its own unique orchard tour, some highlighting picking and tasting some demonstrating packing and sorting techniques others will have walking tours of their heritage orchard along with giving talks and stories telling how their families came to Placer County and turned their land into these beautiful groves of Mandarins.

However, every day during the harvest season, November through January, local products and produce, are available at as many as 26 growers, most by appointment only. There you will find mandarins in baskets, boxes or bags, ready to ship, along with locally grown persimmons, navel oranges, Meyer lemons, pomegranates, kiwi, and honey which will be available at some sites.

From the turn of the century to today, the Sierra foothills proves the ideal microcosm, with cool nights and clean air, for growing the sweetest mandarin available. This sweet, seedless, and easy-to-peel most sought-after fruit during the holiday season is nutritious, delicious and rich in vitamin C and potassium.

So enjoy a wonderful family jaunt that will create lasting memories. Visit [www.mountainmandarins.com](http://www.mountainmandarins.com) to download a self-guided tour map and find out more about each orchard's hours of operation.