THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD GOING AROUND THE BIG BEND

PHOTOS BY JIM LEKAS, JEFF PELL AND K. MEEKER TAKEN FROM 1950 TO 1990

TAKEN BEFORE AND AFTER THE CREATION OF LAKE OROVILLE WHICH RESULTED IN THE RAILS BEING RELOCATED.

SUPPLEMENTED WITH PHOTOS FROM THE YANKEE HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES
Photos of the old Western Pacific rail line around Big Bend which operated from 1905 until 1966 when the route was realigned with the creation of Lake Oroville. Photos show tunnels and track, before and after, that no longer existed by the 1970’s. Map below circa 1960

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Isaiah 1957
See tram to move supplies up the hill
West David, The tracks are gone, only a cement base for old signal still there
7-17-1990 photos by Jim Lekas
The Intake for Big Bend Power House 1953
The intake after the top was removed and filled with cement 8-21-1971
INTAKE
FOR BIG BEND POWER HOUSE
Near David, Oro-Keddie Local Train # 96 No 707 8-23-1956, Now At Portola, Ca Train Museum
David 1962, Engine 805 - Now located at Portola Train Museum
Jim Lekas At David In July 1990