

# **GOLD RUSH!™**

## **HINT BOOK**

**H**owdy! We hope you are having a great time stepping back more than a century to experience a truly great western adventure! The goal of “Gold Rush!” is to re-create the thrill and challenge of risking everything to travel to the other side of the continent in search of riches. As the main character of this game you have become one of a special breed who was stricken with the incurable disease of “gold fever.” Sometimes perseverance, thought, and even a touch of luck will be enough to get you through some difficult situations, but not always.

### **How to use a hint book**

The whole point of playing “Gold Rush!” is to discover its puzzles and the solutions to them. The game has a definite sequence of events, and if you do not accomplish certain things before moving on, often you will simply miss out on points that would have been added to your score. This hint book was created to help you discover the solutions to those areas that you can’t seem to get quite right. The hints in this book progress from being mildly helpful to telling the answer outright. When you get stumped, look in this book for a question that is closest to your problem. Read the answers in sequence by placing the red window card over the desired answer, reading only those hints that you really need. If you have a problem that isn’t covered in the following pages, feel free to contact Sierra’s 24 Hour Hint Line at (209) 683-6858.

### **How NOT to use a hint book**

Do not go through this book reading hint after hint. Read only those hints that are absolutely necessary, and as few of those as you can. We have purposefully made the questions to the hints rather vague so as not to give any clues away. The questions do progress with the game, however, so when you really need a clue you should be able to find it. Also, don’t think that every question is real. Along with the legitimate questions you will find some fakes, so don’t assume that every question you see in this book has something to do with the game!

### **After you have finished “Gold Rush!”**

After you have finished “Gold Rush!” once, don’t quit playing—two other games still await you! There are three routes to California, so to experience everything that this game has to offer, you will have to play it three times. After you have REALLY completed “Gold Rush!” take a look at the back section of this book, titled “After the End of the Game.” That information will help you as you play the game through again with the goal of obtaining the maximum score possible (255 points). But be very cautious using that section, since it will ruin the game if you use it too soon!

Thank you for purchasing “Gold Rush!”—best wishes in your search for the mother lode!

Doug and Carol MacNeill

## GENERAL

What's going on here?! I just seem to wander around without accomplishing anything.

I keep making mistakes that lead to my death. Am I the only one who has this problem, and do I always have to start over from the beginning?

This game is too slow! This game is too fast!

I left my computer for a few minutes, and when I came back things were not the same!

I can't remember all the keys!

How do I "look at" the objects that I'm carrying?

I "look" at certain objects but don't seem to get enough information.

## IN BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

What a boring place! I don't seem to have any purpose here.

Isn't there someplace I can call my own? Life on the streets isn't all it's cracked up to be!

I'm looking around in a house, and something about the desk in the corner bothers me.

I've found a family album, but what is so special about it?

What is the point of picking flowers in the park?

The gazebo is pretty, but should I spend any time there?

I was strolling in the park, when a cop came and gave me a ticket.

The new warehouse is nice, but warehouses don't interest me.

Should I pay attention to the man loitering outside the post office?

I can't get any service at the post office!

I have read my mail, but it doesn't say much. I think I am missing the point.

I understand the letter, but how am I supposed to know where to start looking?

Why is the letter sender being so secretive?

I am inside an office building with many offices. Do I have any business here?

There is a lot to choose from in the stores! Is there anything here that will help me later?

I am reading tombstones in the cemetery but I don't see anything that is significant to me personally.

I wait at the ferry dock, but the ferry never comes.

I'm told that there is a man at the livery stable, but I don't see anybody around there!

The horse in the livery stable always kills me with one swift kick.

The ship at the dock leaves without giving me a clue. When do I need to be on board?

Why are there sometimes posters around town and sometimes not?

What is so important about the President's announcement?

I know who sells tickets for the ship, but he won't talk to me at all, or if he does it is too late to buy one!

I think I could get out of town if I only had more money!

How do I find the information that I need at the bank?

I HAVE HAD IT!! GET ME OUT OF BROOKLYN!!!

How can I go to California on the overland trail?

How can I buy a ticket on the ship around Cape Horn?

How can I gain passage on the ship to Panama?

Should I take the pig with me on the overland trek?

I have my ticket and am waiting on the ship. Do I have to wait, or is there a short cut?

I am missing something small, but important. What is it?

## THE OVERLAND TREK

I am in the camp at Independence. What are we waiting for?



I am about to die of thirst or starvation. Is there hope?

I have drowned and died of disease. How can I prevent that?

### CAPE HORN TREK

This is a long trip. What is there to do on the ship?

What does the message about suppressing messages mean?

I am dying of scurvy every time. What is my cure?

I'm dying to get to California, but I am also dying of cholera! Help!!

What do I do with the telescope the captain gave me after I shared my fish with him?

What do I need the book for?

It is stormy going around Cape Horn. Is there anything to worry about?

Is there any way to help the crew avoid these shipwrecks?

I had some scraps before the storm, but now they're gone!

I opened the door to the coal hold, and now I'm just another statistic!

I'm tired of dying! Now it's a boiler explosion. What am I doing wrong?



This river crossing always gives me a sinking feeling!

[Redacted text block]

I died having lunch with an alligator. What can I do?

[Redacted text block]

What do I do in Panama City?

[Redacted text block]

IN CALIFORNIA  
Sacramento

The ship has landed but nothing is happening.

[Redacted text block]

Okay, I've found who I am, but Sacramento still seems to have nothing for me.

[Redacted text block]

How can I buy things at the tradin' store?

[Redacted text block]

After all this you would think I would know what to buy!

[Redacted text block]

I know my brother left clues for me at Sutter's Fort because of the mysterious letter, but I don't know where to start.

[Redacted text block]

I've found a grave in the cemetery that is puzzling to me.

[Redacted text block]

I've found the map, but it's only partially decipherable!

[Redacted text block]

A cannon on a tombstone?

[Redacted text block]

What is Psalm 23?

[Redacted text block]

I don't understand James' message. I know it will give it away, but give it to me straight!

[Redacted text block]



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My mule keeps wandering away from me as I'm walking through the country side.

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I pan and/or dig for gold, but I never get anything!

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I get hung while I am panning or digging for gold.

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Is there any way to avoid these bandits?

## JAMES' PLACE

I'm inside a cabin, and I have uncovered something that I can't seem to open!

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James' dog looks like its trying to tell me something!

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There's no sign of James in the cabin. Where is he?

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I followed the advice of the previous hint but I still can't find James.

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It's really dark in here!

I can't unlock the door.

I see that some gold is exposed.

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I would like to try and find some unexposed gold.

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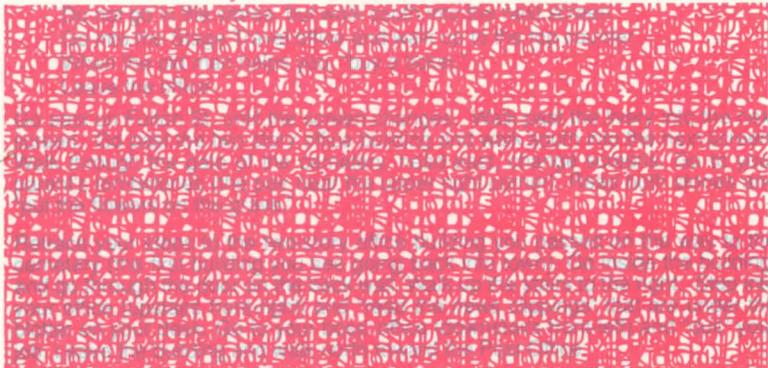








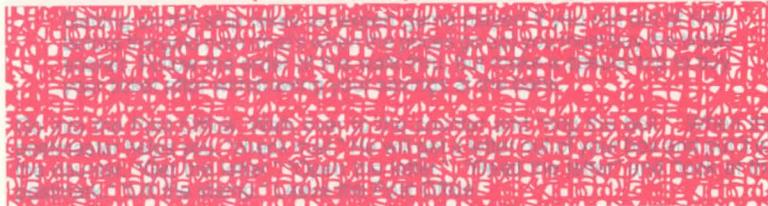
**If you wish to take the Overland trek:**



**If you wish to take the Cape Horn or Panama trek:**



**If the price of the ship ticket is too high:**



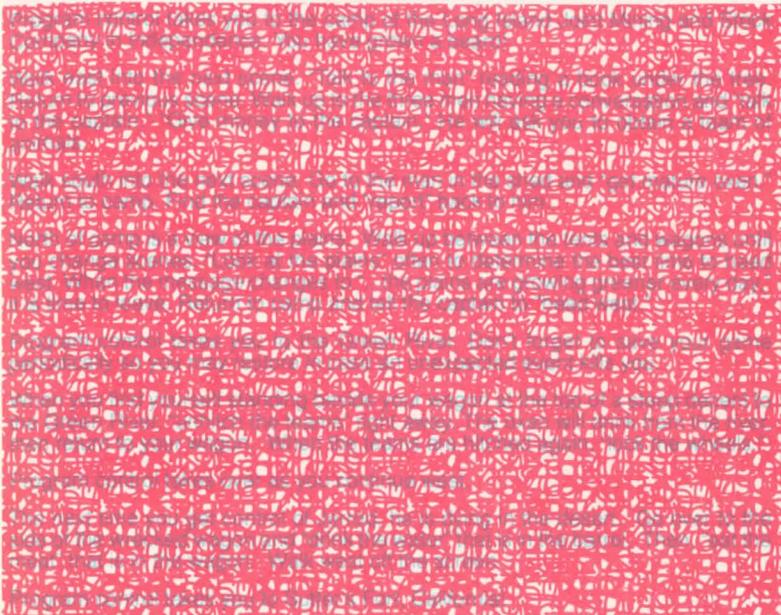
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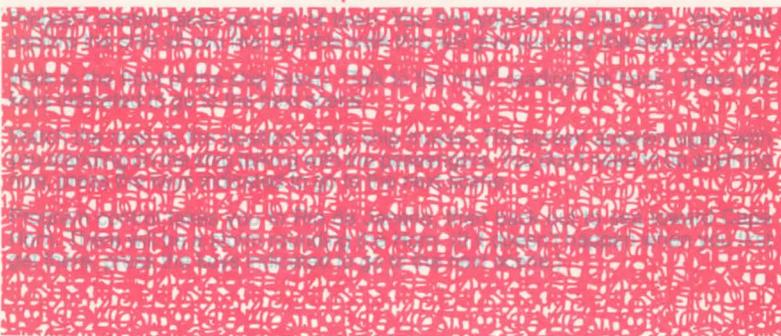
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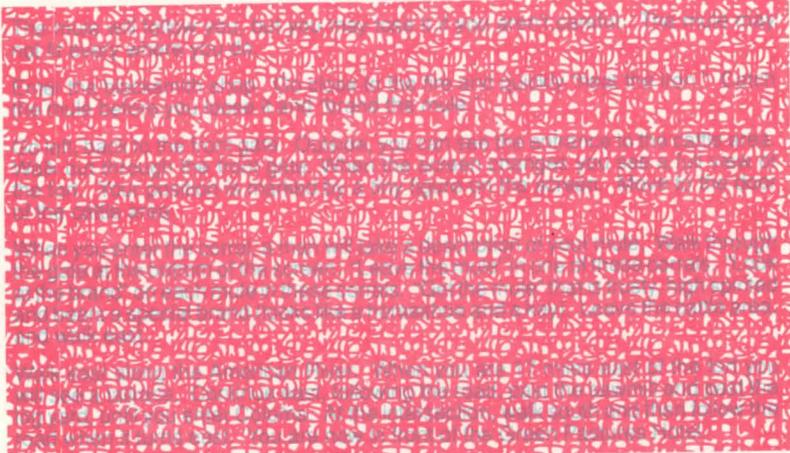
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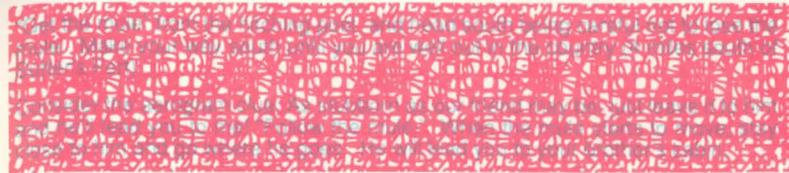
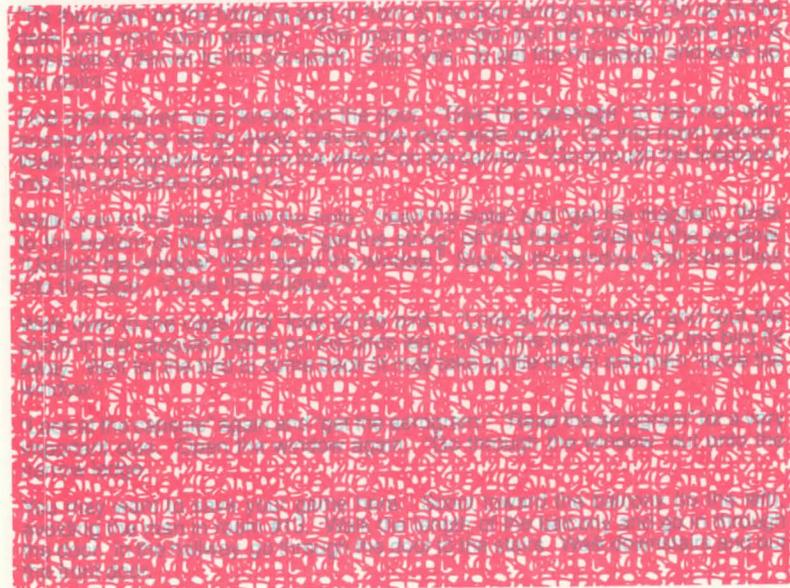
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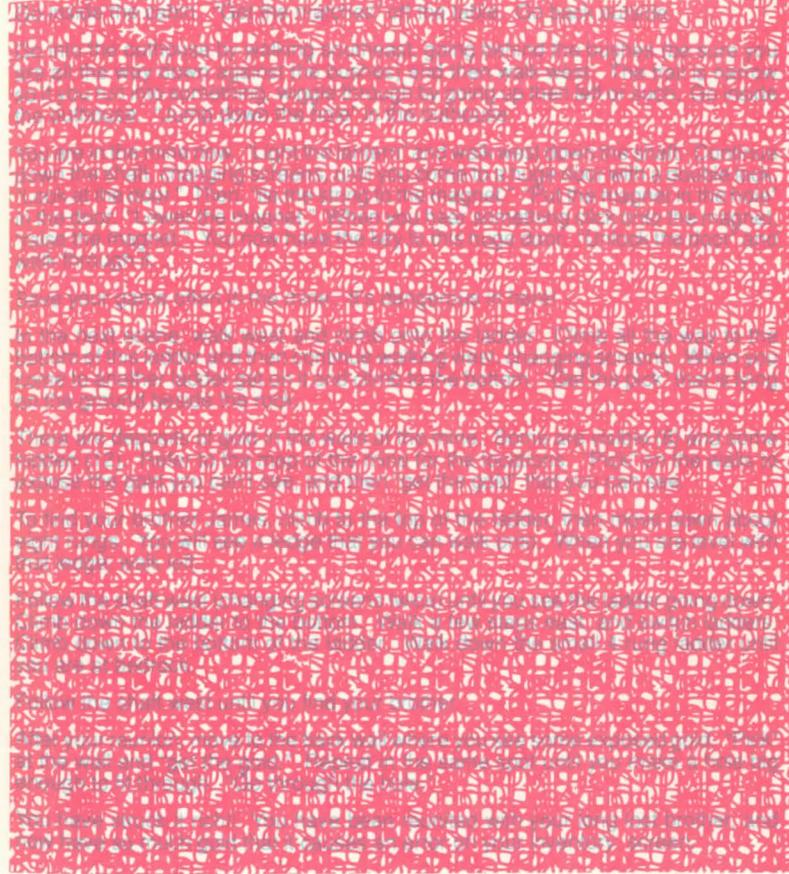




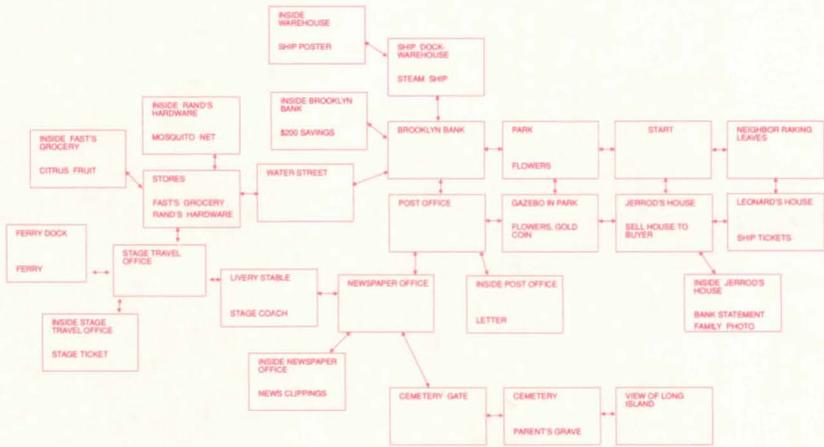
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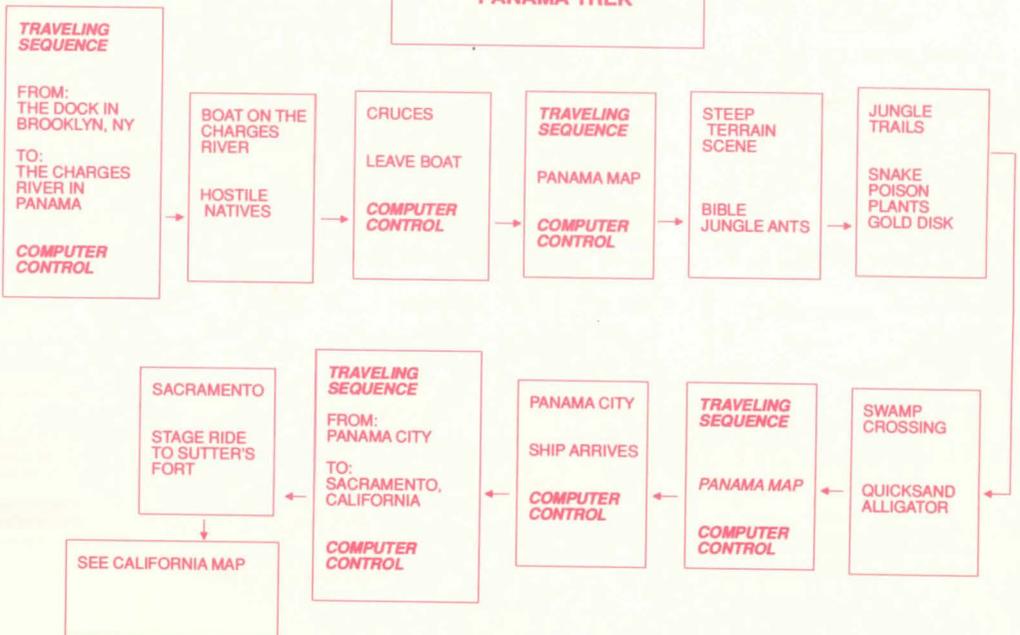
James' cabin and mine



# BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK



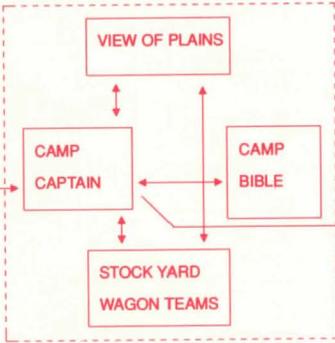
# PANAMA TREK



## OVERLAND TREK

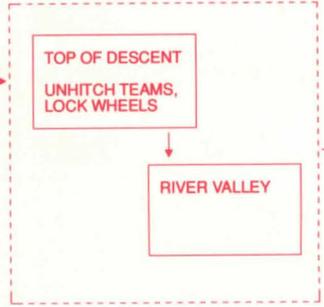
### CAMP IN INDEPENDENCE

**TRAVELING SEQUENCE**  
 FROM:  
 BROOKLYN,  
 NEW YORK  
 TO:  
 INDEPENDENCE,  
 MISSOURI  
**COMPUTER CONTROL**



**TRAVELING SEQUENCE**  
 FROM:  
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 TO:  
 THE GREEN  
 RIVER DESCENT  
**COMPUTER CONTROL**

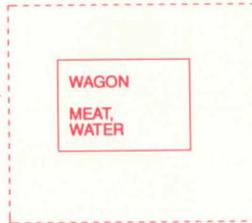
### STEEP DESCENT AT GREEN RIVER



OUTSIDE SUTTER'S  
 FORT  
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 SEE SUTTER'S FORT  
 MAP

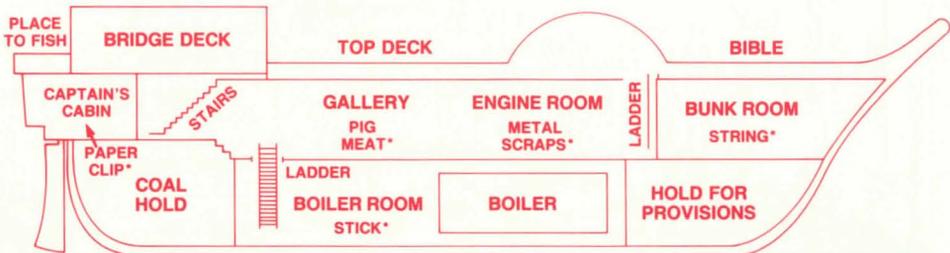
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 DESERT  
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 SUTTER'S FORT  
**COMPUTER CONTROL**

### DESERT SCENE

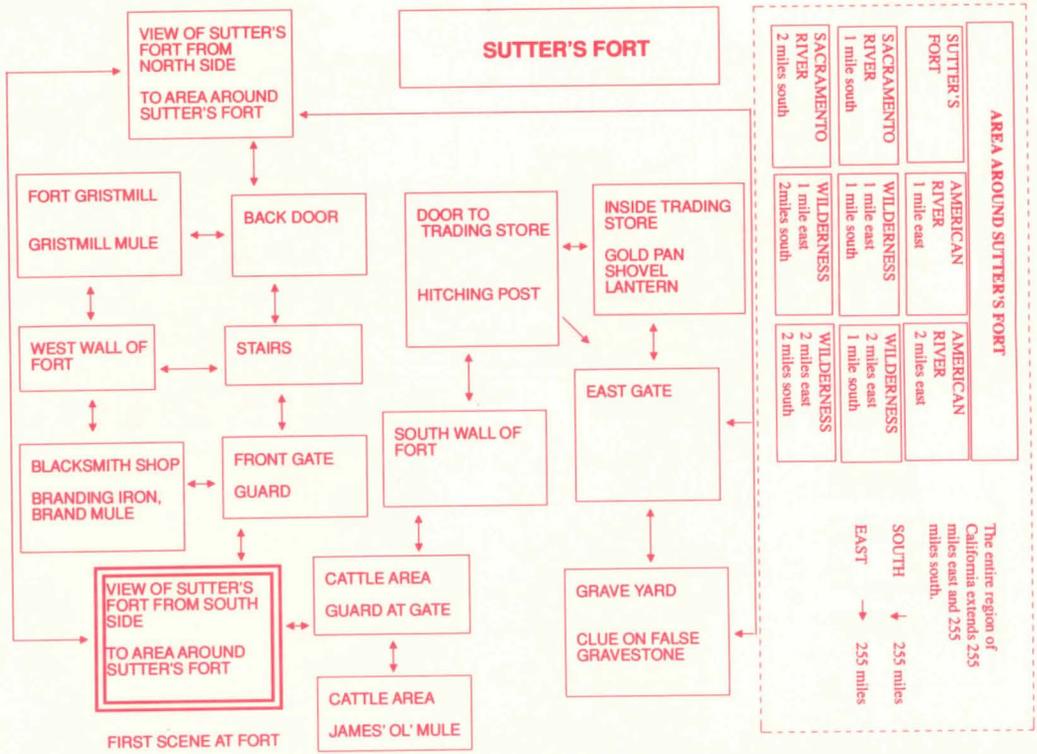


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 THE DESERT SCENE  
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## CAPE HORN TREK

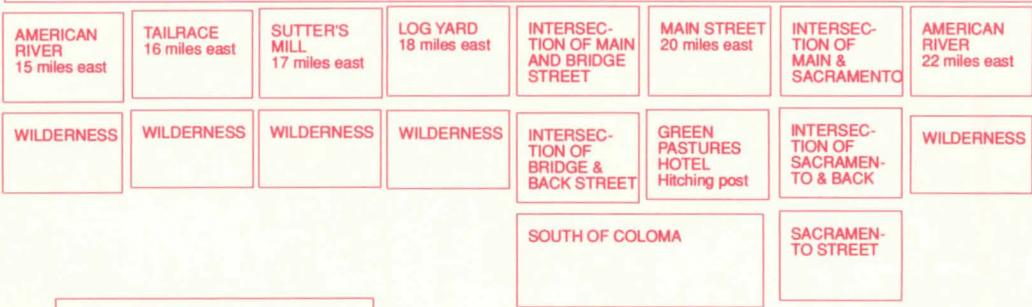


\*AFTER STORM



**AREAS IN CALIFORNIA**

**TOWN OF COLOMA**



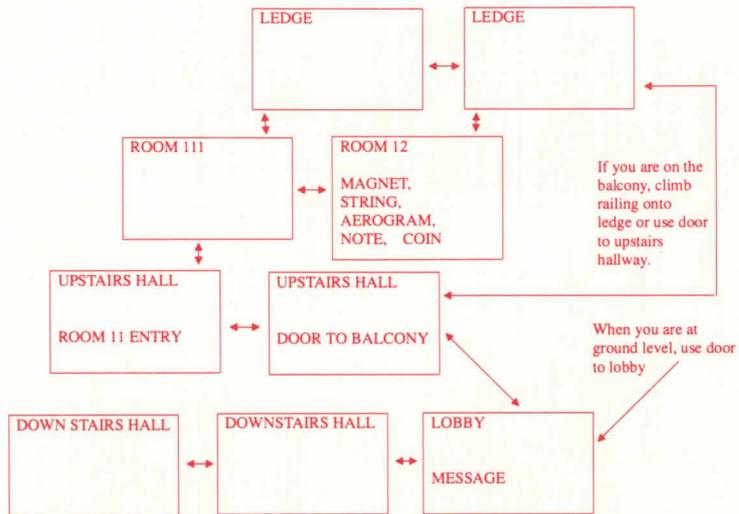
**GOLD COUNTRY**

The Gold Country is a region between 9 to 80 miles east of the fort and 30 miles south of The American River. Some areas inside the region are richer in gold than others. The entire region of California extends 255 miles east and 255 miles south.

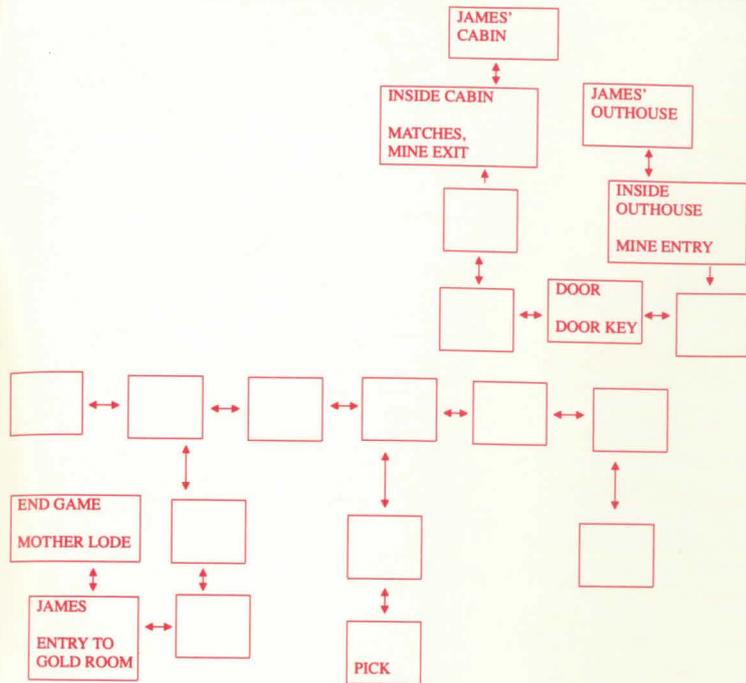
**JAMES' CABIN**



## GREEN PASTURES HOTEL



## JAMES' CABIN AND MINE





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