

1996—Ruby Ridge: An American Tragedy

Laura Dern and Randy Quaid starred in this CBS Mini-series. In total, 30 different locations were used including Concow, Chico, Paradise, Oroville, Orland and Magalia.

1997—Under Wraps

Chico played host to a Disney Channel movie about three children who find and befriend a 3,000-year-old mummy. The movie features downtown Chico, the Holly Sugar Factory in Hamilton City and more than a dozen other locations in Butte County.

1997—George B.

An independent film starring David Morse and Nina Siemaszko about a simple man trying to find happiness in his life and the obstacles that arise along the way.

2004—American Beer

A documentary film taking place the summer of 2002 where five friends embark on a cross-country trip to visit 38 breweries in 40 days.

2005—Buckle Brothers

A documentary film about a man who teaches inner city kids about bull-riding and the rodeo lifestyle, trying to rescue them from the dangerous streets of Compton, CA.

2008—Muses

A coming of age story set in Chico, CA about a young girl who tries to find herself as high school ends and real life begins.



Other Productions
Filmed in Butte County

Alamo Charlie

Filmed in Oroville.

Andy Hardy (Sequel)

Filmed in 1940 during Chico's golden age of movie making from 1937 to 1940.

Balalaika

Based on the play of the same name by Eric Mashwitsz, George Potsford and Bernard Grun.

Climb an Angry Mountain

Filmed in Oroville.

Last of the Cowboys

Filmed in Oroville

Brother John

Filmed at Honey Run Covered Bridge, starring Sidney Poitier.

Royal Mail

Filmed in 1947 in the middle of Chico's Hollywood hey days.

This Above All

20th Century Fox filmed this movie in 1942.



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Local Movie History





Take Part in Butte County's Film History

1913—*Alone in the Jungle*

1915—*Folly of a Life of Crime*

This autobiographical look at three of California's worst criminals is thought to be the first movie filmed in Chico. Portions were shot at the church on the corner of E. 6th and Flume Street, and in various parts of upper Bidwell Park. Special permission for its filming was granted to the criminals-turned-movie-makers by Annie Bidwell herself.

1937—*Wells Fargo*

Starring Joel McCrea and set in the 1840's about the expansion of the United States and the struggles to meet the demand of communication. Was nominated for an Oscar in Best Sound Recording.

1938—*Adventures of Robin Hood*

The filming of this movie, starring Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains and Basil Rathbone, will continue to be one of Chico's most memorable moments. This movie made Bidwell Park forever known as Sherwood Forest in the eyes of the community. Visitors who wander around the park should look for Chico's "Robin Hood Glade," located on the north side of Big Chico Creek near the Highway 99 intersection. The creek also was the location of the famous fight scene between Robin Hood and Little John. After the film was completed, Chico celebrated by dedicating the north section of Ivy Street to the company and renaming it Warner Street.

1938—*The Great Waltz*

The most exciting musical love story ever told starring Fernand Gravey and Miliza Korjus. This MGM film was nominated for 3 Oscars and won 1 for best cinematography.

1939—*Stand Up and Fight*

This MGM film was filmed in Johnsville, Butte Meadows, Stirling City and Chico. It starred Helen Broderick, Wallace Griffith, Florence Rice, Robert Taylor and about 250 "Chicoan" extras.

1939—*Gone With the Wind*

One of the most famous love stories of all time had scenes filmed at Richardson Springs Resort, Bidwell Park, Pentz Road and in an unnamed apple orchard in Paradise. The touching tale of Scarlet O'Hara and Rhett Butler in Civil-War-torn Georgia starred Clark Gable, Vivian Leigh, Olivia de Havilland and Leslie Howard.

1939—*Another Thin Man*

Taking place inside Chico's historic Bidwell Mansion, this movie reunited William Powell and Myrna Loy, a comedic husband and wife detective team. This is one of five sequels made.

1940—*Waterloo Bridge*

Vivian Leigh and Robert Taylor returned to Chico to make this MGM movie. Many sites around the city were used in the movie's filming, including Bidwell Park, Pentz Road and M & T Ranch.

1943—*Salute to the Marines*

Filmed on the Feather River, Fay Beinter, Wallace Beery and Reginald Owen co-starred in this morale boosting military flick. The bridge used in this movie was "destroyed" under special army supervision during filming. The movie premiered at the Senator Theater as a benefit to raise war bonds.

1944—*Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*

Another war-time movie, this MGM film took place in a rice field located just south of Chico. Two of Hollywood's most desirable leading men at the time, Van Johnson and Spencer Tracy, were involved with the film.

1947—*Magic Town*

Jimmy Stewart made Chico Depot famous when he stepped off the train into Chico in this RKO film. This movie tells the story of a pollster who discovers the perfect small town that reflects all of America's trends. Eventually the town is "spoiled" by all of the media attention.



1951—*Red Badge of Courage*

Red Badge of Courage, based on the novel written by Stephen Crane, is a story of a young soldier discovering courage and the effects of the war. It was filmed at the boat launch on the Sacramento River, near Scotty's and also parts of Bidwell Park. The film starred Audie Murphy, war-time cartoonist Bill Mauldin and was directed by Academy Award winner John Huston.

1955—*Purple Mask*

Universal Studios shot this swashbuckling Napoleonic epic starring Tony Curtis, Gene Barry and Angela Lansbury in the northeast grove of Sycamore Pool in Bidwell Park.

1955—*Friendly Persuasion*

This Civil War drama featured stars such as Gary Cooper, Anthony Perkins, Dorothy McGuire and Marjorie Main. Scenes were shot in portions of Bidwell Park and at M & T Ranch.

1966—*The Chase*

Recently remade in Los Angeles with Charlie Sheen and Kristy Swanson, the original was filmed in Chico and starred some of Hollywood's most prominent actors of all time: Marlon Brando, Angie Dickinson, Jane Fonda, E.G. Marshall and Robert Redford.

1970—*Tick... Tick... Tick...*

This MGM thriller starring Jim Brown, George Kennedy and Frederic March was filmed where Butte County borders the city of Colusa.

1974—*The Klansmen*

Paramount filmed this Lee Marvin and Richard Burton movie in Oroville.

1976—*The Outlaw Josey Wales*

Filmed in Oroville, this is one of Clint Eastwood's most famous westerns. The film also starred Sandra Locke, Chief Dan George and Bill McKinney. Clint Eastwood was not only the star, but also the director.

1995—*Stolen Innocence*

This CBS Movie of the Week starred Thomas Callabro and Tracy Gold. Downtown Chico, Thunderbird Lodge, Golden Waffle, a local neighborhood, the Skyway, Cornucopia, Honey Run Covered Bridge and truck stops in Orland and Corning were all used during the filming.