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You can review nearly 40 *Things to Do* in this beautiful region at SierraLakeTimes.com/things-to-do.

Volunteers Needed to Plant Sierra Seedlings

Join with others in helping to plant seedlings in the Sierra National Forest that was devastated by the 2020 Creek Fire that burnt for nearly four months.

Plantings began in 2021 with stock from local seed banks and nurseries and continues today.

American Forest, Mulholland Citrus, and Intermountain Nursery, are growing 48,000 seedlings for planting in spring 2022 (soil conditions permitting).

Volunteer information available at MuseumOfTheSierra.org.

Historic Lakeshore Resort Has New Owner With Extensive Remodel Plans

Huntington Lake's traditional hub of activity, Lakeshore Resort, changed hands recently. The historical 32-acre facility was purchased by Levon and Diana Nargizyan.

Naturally the community is abuzz with anticipation. The social center at Huntington Lake has seen owners come and go since its beginnings in 1922.

"We are thrilled with Lakeshore Resort," says Lev. "Diana and I first traveled to Huntington Lake in 2005. We



Enjoy Sierra Adventures, But Don't Leave Your Trash Behind

Foothill and mountain commercial enterprises are thrilled with visitors coming to play and stay as they spend their hard earned money. After all, tourism is their main source of revenue.

However, a major concern these business owners share with locals and visitors is the amount of trash that inconsiderate or illiterate individuals leave behind.

The "Pack it in, pack it out" mantra is simple: whatever you bring in, you need to take out.

The wrapper from the energy bar you ate at the mountain peak? Tuck



Makin' Waves Summer Concert Series will feature four fantastic events at The Landing.

China Peak Landing Hosts Concert Series

The Makin' Waves Summer Concert Series kicks off Sunday July 3rd with local talent The Gilly Girls, Tall Can Koozie and USN Veteran and rising country music star JJ Brown.

It was the vision of China Peak partners, Ross Blackburn and Tim Cohee, that an extension of the China Peak summer operations could extend to the nearby lakeside. This new business opportunity gave them the chance to create a venue that Huntington Lake and Fresno County desperately needed.

Now improvements and upgrades
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Lakeshore Resort at Huntington Lake will be undergoing some serious remodeling, some interesting additions as new owners take charge. The historic, rustic look will be maintained!

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You do not want to see this picture when you come to enjoy an outdoor adventure.

it into your pack and throw it away when you return home. Napkins, toilet paper, and tissues? Yup, those all come out, too. The concept is simple and easy to grasp. So why, then, is there so much litter on popular trails, in campsites, and at trail heads?

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See Detailed Stories at ShaverLakeTimes.com

Many of the articles herein are designed to whet your appetite regarding a variety of topics. They are presented along with interesting images to provide further details for the reader.

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Camping has become one of the most popular spring, summer and fall activities. So join the movement and spend some time in the Sierra Forest. You will return home rested.

Lend a Helping Hand With Trails to the Shaver Lake Volunteers Group

The Shaver Lake Volunteer Organization, has gone from 0 trails 18 years ago, to over 37 miles today, all done with volunteer labor only.

With a goal of 50 miles, the volunteers need your help building new trails, and maintaining the trails already constructed.

Just want to take a hike, mountain bike or ride a horse, well check out a map of the Shaver Trail system on the website ShaverLakeVolunteers.org.

Among other events they hold half day trail work opportunities from late spring through early fall.

The regulars love to see the faces of new volunteers and any level of

ability or age are welcome.

Show up with gloves, water and a snack, the organization will provide the leadership, tools and transportation.

Volunteers from 5 to 85 have found that they could help while having lots of fun and meeting a lot of like minded friends.

If you have a club, business or big family, contact us to set up a special work event! More ambitious yet? Consider the Adopt-A-Trail program.

Visit ShaverLakeVolunteers.org for scheduled trail work opportunities, Guided Hikes and other events, along for information on Adopt-A Trail and other programs.

Take a Camping Trip This Summer to Nearby Sierra National Forest

Camping is a popular recreation activity in the Sierra National Forest and it can be economical as well.

Kids take well to camping. They can learn new things about the environment and themselves.

It is not unusual to see three generations enjoying themselves amongst the pine trees.

In the Eastern Fresno County, there are several campgrounds available. You can pick one online or get a wilderness permit from the Forest Service for the backcountry.

The best time to camp is from June to October. Prior to and after those dates, there can be winter storm activity that you should avoid.

Most of them fill up quickly during holiday weekends. During this time you should come prepared to camp in undeveloped areas.

If you are traveling with an oversized motor home or camp trailer, you will need to find a location that may be more suitable to your needs.

Proper food storage and a clean camp is very important. Never leave food in your camp or a vehicle unattended. If bear boxes are available use them to store all food and scented items.

In vehicles without trunks, all food and related supplies must be stored out of sight. Cover your food

completely to hide it from view.

Clean the inside of your vehicle and remove any open drink containers and food (including wrappers).

Consider removing your child's car seat since they often have food spills and smells associated with them.

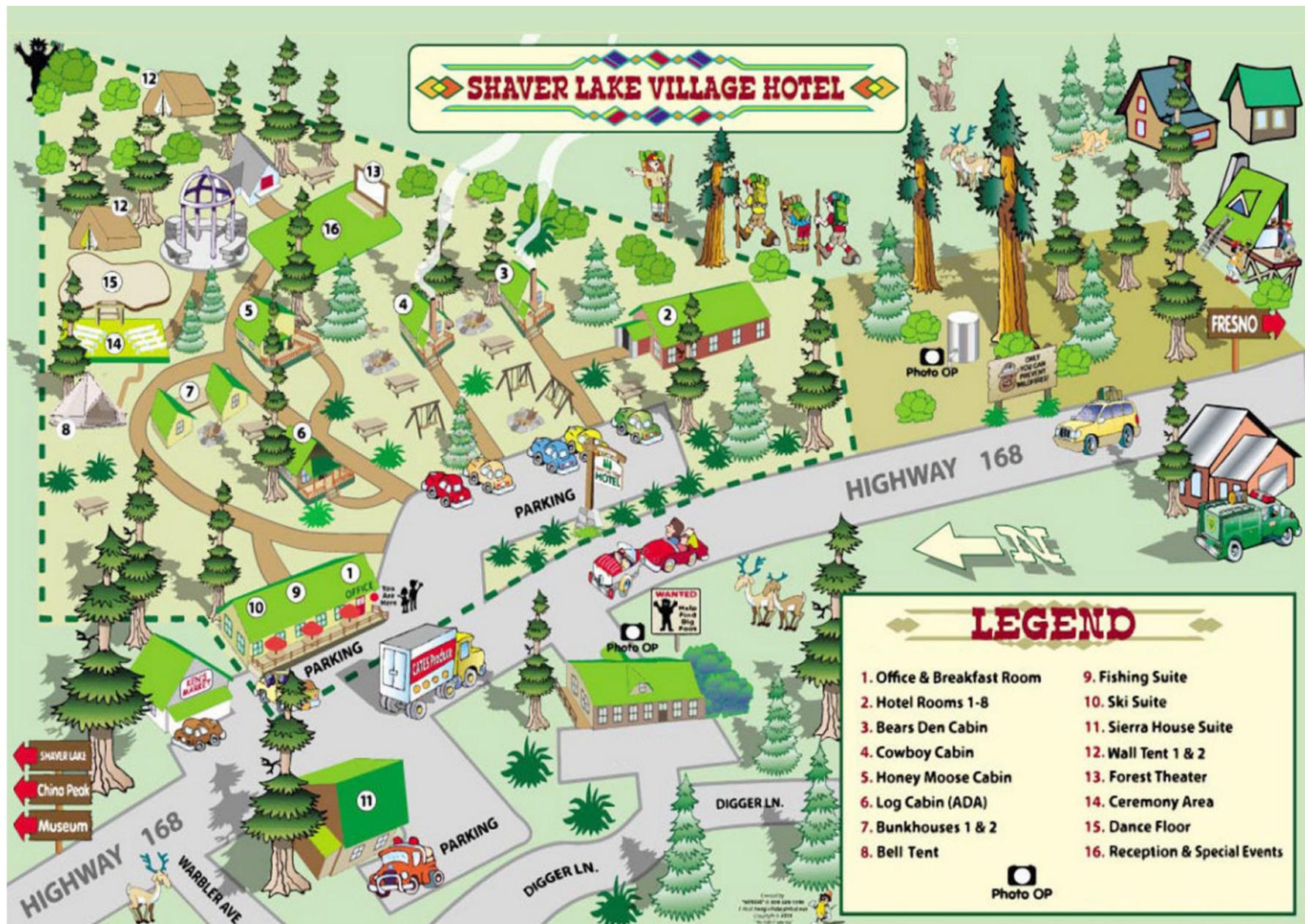


White Bark Vista Offers Spectacular Sierra View

A fun day trip when staying in Shaver Lake or Huntington Lake is a drive to White Bark Vista. Take a scenic drive up Kaiser Pass Road from the Huntington Lake turnoff.

At the summit there is a rough, one-mile long dirt road to the vista point. It features spectacular views of the Sierra Crest, Florence and Edison Lakes.

While the access road is suitable only for high clearance vehicles, those traveling in passenger cars or vans may park near the beginning of the road and take a pleasant two-mile round-trip hike to the vista



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The mountain bike ride to, around and back from Courtright Reservoir is filled with spectacular views of the beautiful reservoir, towering mountains and the Sierra National Forest.

Mountain Biking Trails For All Skill Levels Found in the Sierra

There's a sense of freedom that comes along with riding a bike. In his infinite wisdom, Mark Twain once said "Learn to ride a bicycle. You will not regret it if you live."

The Sierra National Forest is a mountain biker's dream, home to a variety of cycling adventures. Here are a few of the cool biking opportunities available to you in the Sierra.

Crisp mountain air, a variety of easy or aggressive trail rides mixed with the scenic tours make bike riding a great pastime for all ages. You can experience miles of mountain biking trails through the Kaiser Wilderness and Dinkey Wilderness as well as the Courtright and Wishon Reservoir regions.

Paved roads that head into the forest are usually very steep but offer scenic albeit challenging hill climb-

ing. Summers can be hot and dry. It's important to carry extra water.

The Dinkey Creek trail is 11.7 miles long. It begins at Cow Creek Quarry and ends at Deer Creek. The ride from Mono Hot Springs to Edison or Florence Lakes round trip is about 10 miles. The trail to Florence is fairly steep. The one to Edison is a less strenuous ride but very scenic.

You can ride the Kaiser Pass Road to Sample Meadows then the Stump Springs Road down to Big Creek and back to Shaver. You can cover 56 miles round trip from Shaver Lake to the dam at Wishon.

Courtright Reservoir is another nice place to take a bike ride. It is about 11 miles from the Wishon Village Store. It is in beautiful high Sierra terrain that is often referred to as "Tuloume Meadows without the crowds".

Major Remodel Planned for Historic Lakeshore Resort at Huntington Lake

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One of the first things the new owners did was post a proposed master plan on the website, along with a Survey requesting input regarding that master plan. After reviewing more than 500 responses, they were able to determine what the cabin owners and general public wanted to see at Lakeshore Resort.

"We consider it our privilege to be the stewards of this beautiful facility. Changes will be made. Most importantly the resort will undergo major remodeling, but the rustic look will remain.

"Nearly every structure needs some TLC. The cabins need plumbing, electrical, flooring, insulation, painting, and roofing work. The RV Park will be enhanced. The restaurant will undergo a major remodel. Bathroom facilities will be improved."

Lakeshore Resort's most successful times occurred in the late 50's and into the early 70's when it was the place to be. People came up for the day in the summer to get away from the valley heat. They enjoyed the social aspect of the dances and other activities that were available.

"Our long term goal is to make Lakeshore the hot spot destination for tourists as well as the Huntington Lake cabin owners and their visitors that it once was."

Huntington Lake is known as a place where folks can socialize with the locals, fish, camp, ride bikes or horses, take walks, and sail. A short drive leads to hot springs and four-wheel drive trails. If one prefers, they relax with a good book and just get away from city life.

On the horizon are a pool, spa, outdoor event center, volleyball court, sport shop, expansion of the marina, fuel station and EV Charging station. You can see more about future plans and current progress at LakeshoreResort.com.

"Lakeshore traditionally has been a focal point to Come, Play, and Stay. It is known for its family-friendly environment. I want to offer a place where you can't get bored and will be able to relax all you want. There will be plenty to do!"

"As I have said before, I believe restoring Lakeshore is an absolute must to help Huntington Lake be the 'happy place' it is meant to be."

Exciting Outdoor Adventures Available to Individuals With Various Disabilities

The Central California Adaptive Sports Center provides outdoor fun for special participants with weekend camp outs and single day programs. They provide lessons, all camping, outdoor equipment, and meals.

Activities include mountain biking, rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, paddle boarding and yoga.

Weekends include two days and two nights of lakeside tent camping. Programs begin at 6 pm on Friday night and end at 1 pm on Sunday.

Single day sessions are available or you can join a Saturday weekend sessions. Single day programs begin at 9 am and end around 4 pm.

For each participant, we need at least one volunteer in addition to staff instructors for both summer



Taking a rock climbing challenge is one of many adventures offered to participants. and winter seasons. No experience necessary. Instructors must be at least 18 years of age. Base Area and Field Assistants must be at least 16.

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Just off the Kaiser Summit is the turnoff for the Dusy Ershim Four Wheel Drive Trail. This route takes you through a vast expanse of the Sierra Forest to Courtright Reservoir.

Kaiser and Dinkey Wilderness Offer Excellent 4-Wheel Drive Adventures

Visitors to the area and locals alike can take advantage of numerous off-roads trails here in the Sierra National Forest.

A fairly complete listing of off-road trails is available at the ShaverLakeTimes.com. Use the Things to Do link and select Off Road Vehicle Treks.

Using Shaver Lake as a hub for off-road enthusiasts can travel up Dinkey Creek Road that cuts off Highway 168 near the Community Center. This will take you to a number of opportunities.

One of the most popular is the Bald Mountain trail. At the junction of Dinkey Creek Road with McKinley Grove Road, turn right and this will lead to several additional trails between the turnoff and

Wishon Reservoir. Beyond the Wishon across the dam are even more possibilities.

The turnoff to Courtright Reservoir will eventually take you across the dam there and on to the Dusy Ershim Trail, one of the most difficult in the region.

If you drive through the Shaver Lake community up toward Huntington Lake, you have more opportunities. These include Brewer Lake, Coyote Lake and Red Lake.

The Kaiser Pass Road exiting the Huntington Lake area takes you to even more trails. You can drive to Mt. Tom, Onion Springs, the Bear Diversion Dam, the west side of the Dusy Ershim trail and more.

It is best to travel as a group on many of these trails for your safety.

Follow These 5 Helpful Tips Regarding the High Altitude

To ensure your vacation is a pleasant and relaxing one, here are a few helpful high altitude tips.

Tip #1: Remember you will be traveling in a different environment. Always arrive in good physical condition. This will help ensure you stay in good shape during your vacation.

Tip #2: Acclimatize to different altitudes during your trip. Most visitors to the Sierra live at much lower elevations. Higher elevations have thinner air with less oxygen. Spend time at one altitude before traveling higher will prevent common altitude sickness symptoms. They include muscle fatigue, insomnia, slight shortness of breath, or mild headaches. If traveling to elevations over 11,000 feet, you might think about carrying some oxygen with you.

Tip #3: Drink plenty of water during. It is much more easy to become dehydrated at higher altitudes. Drinking 8-10 glasses of water will help prevent altitude sickness signs.

Tip #4: Limit alcohol consumption. You don't have to avoid them completely. Avoid alcoholic beverages during the first day of your visit. You will find that you sleep better and be ready for your holiday adventures.

Tip #5: Bring and use sunscreen. At higher elevations UV rays from the sun are more intense, thus you

are more susceptible to sunburn. To protect your skin use sunscreen of an SPF of 15 or higher and re-apply every four hours. Wear protective clothing like hats and bandannas.

The Health Benefits of Camping Are Impressive

Camping can promote overall health and wellness, giving people time to relax and forget about the stresses of life while enjoying family and friends.

You know hiking is good for your health. But do you know just how good it is? If you are heading out for a hike during your vacation take in all the beauty you will see, the sounds nature can offer, and all the health benefits of your walk.

For adults and kids, regular aerobic exercise such as hiking leads to:

- Improved cardio-respiratory fitness (heart, lungs, blood vessels)
- Improved muscular fitness
- Lower risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower risk of high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes
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- Reduced depression and better quality sleep
- Weight control; hiking burns up 370 calories an hour (154-lb person)



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Be Considerate! Pack All Your Trash Out When You Go Home

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Let's call it a mix of lack of education, some laziness, and a little bit of deliberate littering by some who simply can't be bothered. It stinks, but we all know it happens. Here's what to do about it.

The most noticeable impact is visual. Trash on the ground and in the water detracts from our enjoyment of



Do not add to trash problems when out for the day or on a vacation. Pack it out!

a natural area. It can lead us to rant in frustration at the careless person who left it behind, which degrades our experience further. Every piece of improperly disposed of trash impacts the next person who visits.

No one wants to camp at a spot filled with garbage, and in response, they may pull into an otherwise unspoiled flat space and create a campsite where one isn't needed. This spread can lead to management changes and eventually closures that impact future enjoyment of the area.

There is nothing so unglamorous as picking up after other people on the trail or in a campground, but it's an act of good citizenship that benefits everyone. Think of it as an act of paying it forward. The next person won't have to deal with or see the trash that was left behind, and you'll get a little

rush of being helpful.

Also, you'll be protecting animals, birds, and other wildlife from the harmful effects of trash left behind for them to ingest, get wrapped up in, or enjoy so much that they want another taste.

Trash and other litter impacts the environment, your enjoyment, and the enjoyment of those who visit after you. Do your part by packing out everything that you bring in, and go that extra mile of picking up what you find --- even if it isn't yours.

Where ever you live, you don't want others leaving their trash on your property, no matter how large or small that may be.

It is time for everyone to do their part in leaving these forest lands and campgrounds healthy and free of trash.

Annually families and friends check their calendars and plan to gear up and go camping. In doing this, they pack the must haves for the trip: food, water, camping equipment, fishing gear, skis, snowboards, maps, electronics, etc. One item that is commonly overlooked in their mad dash to hit the road are trash and recycle bags.

A simple over looked item yet, it causes hundreds of man hours and thousands of dollars each year in clean up.

So next time you come visit this region, whether you are enjoying the beautiful lakes, heading to the ski resort, or just recreating for the day please help us keep our local mountains clean and safe.

Meanwhile, if you see someone littering, leaving behind their trash or dumping trash where it does not belong, snap a picture, hopefully with a license plate in the frame. Post it to your Facebook page for others to see.

Beautiful Grove of Giant Sequoia Trees Is Just Up the Road from Dinkey Creek

Most visitors to this region are not aware that they can take a short drive and see some magnificent Sequoias.

With Shaver Lake again being the hub of regional many adventures, you can take the Dinkey Creek Road to the McKinley Grove Road to walk through these trees. In all it is just 30 minutes from Shaver Lake.

While California's Coastal Redwoods are the world's tallest trees, Giant Sequoias are the world's largest, with trees averaging 15 feet in diameter and 250 feet tall.

The McKinley Grove is an isolated patch of Giant Sequoias A short paved path leads through a cluster of about 20 big trees. There are restrooms for your convenience.

Enjoy a picnic among these magnificent giant trees, stroll through the grove on the paved nature trail, take some amazing photographs, or simply relax in this cool, shady grove.

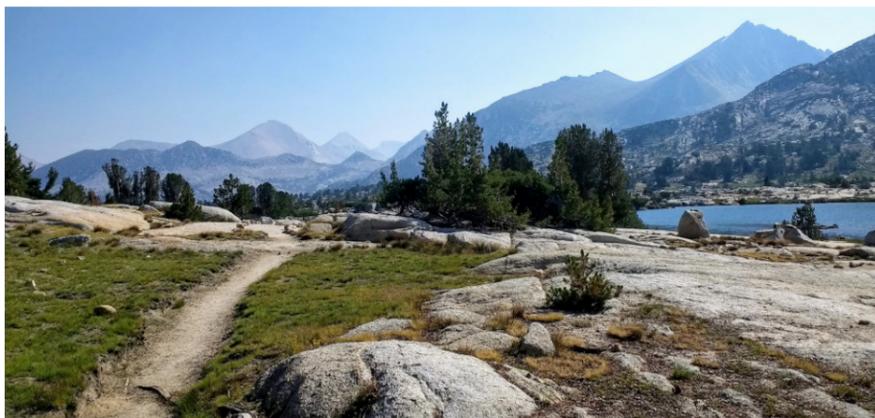
There is a paved nature trail that winds through the trees, making it ac-

cessible for persons with disabilities.

Pets are allowed, on leash. Please pick up after your pet, and do not permit your pets to chase wildlife.



Walk amongst some huge Sequoia trees at McKinley Grove. Great spot for a picnic.



The Pacific Crest Trail stretches 2,665 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington. Muir Trail Ranch and Vermilion Valley Resort are resupply points.

Pacific Crest Trail Close to Both Edison Lake and Florence Lake

Approximately 49 miles from Shaver Lake, after a scenic drive winding through the Kaiser Wilderness, lies Vermilion Valley Resort (VVR) at Edison Lake and the Muir Trail Ranch beyond Florence Lake.

These facilities are gateways to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) which is 2,665 miles long, stretching from the Mexican to the Canadian border.

Nearly 3,000 people strike out to hike the length of the PCT each year. Many only hike portions of the trail, which are known as "section hiking".

The "section" of the PCT near Shaver Lake, runs in conjunction with the John Muir Trail (JMT) from Mt. Whitney to Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite.

This country is quintessential high mountain terrain consisting of glaciers, thousands of sky blue lakes, lush green alpine meadows, high snow covered passes and soaring granite peaks.

A successful PCT hike depends on

your quality of planning and a willingness to stop and get off the trail at any time to resupply. Getting gear, food, fuel, and other supplies along the trail is very important.

In this region VVR and the Muir Trail Ranch offer resupply programs. Detailed information is available online at either EdisonLake.com or MuirTrailRanch.com

Hikers will find there is ferry boat service at both lakes to transport hikers to and from the trailheads that meander back to the PCT.

There is van service available to and from the Fresno area and can accommodate up to 12 hikers and their gear.

The hiker van service runs between VVR, Mono Hot Springs and Florence Lake and the Fresno Airport, Amtrak and Greyhound stations. YARTS stops are available for those hikers that are planning on going to access Yosemite.

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Climbing massive granite rock faces in the local region can be accomplished around the Courtright Reservoir due east of Shaver. Take Dinkey Creek Road to the McKinley Grove Road to Courtright Way.

Camping is a Great Time to Try Old Fashioned Dutch Oven Cooking

The Dutch Oven was central to cooking out in the open for pioneers, miners, cowboys and others.

With a Dutch Oven an inventive cook can roast, bake, simmer, fry, boil and steam their food. They can bake fresh bread, cobblers, cakes and pies.

On a recent camping trip, a friend of ours decided to bake some biscuits for dinner. Here is his explanation.

“My wife was given a Dutch Oven for Christmas. We took it camping with us,” he said. We decided that we would bake some biscuits to try out this new device. What could go wrong with baking some biscuits?”

“I took a roll of Trader Joe’s Buttermilk Biscuits and separated them into individual biscuits on the bottom of the Dutch Oven,” he continued as we sat on the porch drinking a beer.

“I had a good fire going and put the oven in the campfire pit. Then I let them bake for about 10 minutes as suggested on the package,” my friend continued. “You can imagine my surprise when I opened the lid and saw my biscuits literally on fire.”

“Obviously, I needed further instructions on how to do this correctly,” he concluded with a chuckle or two.

Since then he learned how to use the Dutch Oven, successfully baking bread, roasting chicken and making some pulled pork and tri-tip.

There are two cooking methods. First you can use it to cook an item or dish and second you can place a dish on a trivet in the Dutch Oven

which will keep the dish from burning the food inside. You can even put a Dutch Oven on a stove top or into your regular oven at home.

Here are some basics to help you get started. When roasting, coals must be



Dutch Oven cooking is a skill that can easily be learned and it is fun to practice.

equally distributed on the lid and under the oven. For baking, have more heat on the lid than under the oven.

Most of the heat comes from the bottom with a few coals on the lid, which can be used as a griddle for pancakes or eggs. So read more about how to use a Dutch Oven and give it a try on your next camping trip. It can be fun for the whole family!



Biscuits are a good item to try first when you set out to learn Dutch Oven Cooking.

Courtright Mountain Climbing Challenges Similar to Yosemite

California is the Holy Grail for mountain climbers. The undeniable draw of Yosemite National Park is well known. In the Eastern Sierra, the Owen’s River Gorge beckons you. Joshua Tree National Park in the Mojave Desert is for those that love the challenge of free-standing and stacked boulders.

Here in Sierra National Forest is the “lost sister” to Yosemite’s ever captivating Tuolumne Meadows.

As the crow flies, Courtright Reservoir is located due east of Shaver Lake. This location boasts the same qualities of the terrain found in the upper Yosemite. Pristine, high quality granite domes torture a climber’s imagination and entices any adventurer to scout the infinite possibilities.

The signature landmark here is the 500 foot high Power Dome. Teeming with a host of 5-pitch, friction scare-a-thorns, it will make a marked impression in the minds and hearts of inspiring rock jocks. Scattered around the perimeter of the reservoir are a myriad of other domes and walls. Trapper, Spring, Maxon, Penstemon and Dusy are just a few domes that provide countless adventures, where traditional and sport climbs abound.

Although the domes provide ample friction, smear and fine edge climbing routes, Courtright also offers several crack climbs.

These are at areas like Tiger Wall and Tiger Cage. Best of all, you won’t find yourself pulling from the ticker-tape to

wait your place in line for a route.

Even better there is any entrance fee when venturing into this or any other region in the Sierra National Forest.

There are paid campsites available in Courtright, maintained by PG&E for \$25 per night. The campsites are provided with picnic tables, fire pits, water and pit toilets.

There are two sites: Voyager Rock on the shore (14 tent sites only) and Trapper Springs on the western shoreline, 2.2 miles to the north, with 75 tents sites and 45 trailer sites. This campground is within stone’s throw distance to both Spring Dome (aka Marmot Dome) and Trapper Dome.

There is also a launch ramp for those that might like to fish on the lake as well.

Although a fire permit is required for any campfire constructed in the national forest, the remaining amenities are FREE! Permits can be acquired at the Sierra National Forest building, in Prather along 168. For reservations to both campgrounds, call 877-444-6777.

Wishon Village RV Park is nearby and offers a fully stocked general store, RV and tent camping. Check them out at WishonVillage.com (559) 865-5361.

Use Greg Vernon’s *Southern Sierra Rock Climbing: Sequoia/Kings Canyon* guidebook. It was written in 1993 and is extremely helpful. It is available from Amazon.com. This guidebook provides ample information on the “how’s, where’s, what’s and when’s” to Courtright climbing.



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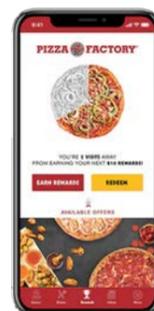
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Lakeshore Resort at Huntington Lake, 2.5 miles past China Peak. Facility is undergoing renovations, please check their website LakeshoreResort.com (559) 893-3193.

Loma Vista Gas Mart offers a Mexican Food, Chester's Fried Chicken, Shaved Ice and Scoops of Ice Cream, cold beer and fountain drinks. (559) 841-5303.

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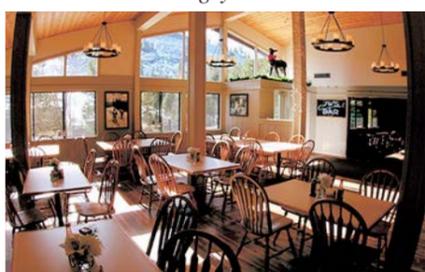
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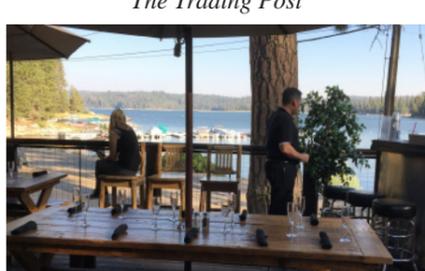
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The Grill at Huntington Lake Resort

Mother Nature Fuels the Hot Springs in Kaiser Wilderness

Lurking under the Kaiser Wilderness are active geothermal pockets. Naturally warmed waters rise to the surface through granite rock formations. This is a good thing. They have created several natural hot springs in which you can soak and relax.

Located near the San Joaquin River, not far from the Mono Hot Springs campground, the springs sit at an elevation of 6,700 feet. Most were cemented in and made more comfortable by men working on the Florence Lake Dam in the 1920s.

To reach these rustic hot springs travel over the 9,100 foot Kaiser Pass. After nine miles of paved mostly one lane road, you turn onto the well-marked Edison Lake Road dropping down and crossing the San Joaquin with the turn off to the campground just past the bridge.

The following will list the most popular hot springs in the region.

Old Pedro - Cross over to the south side of the river and make your ascent up the hill about 40 feet to "Old Pedro" - one of Mono's hottest springs averaging around 106-107 degrees with daily variations.

The two cement lined pools are the remnants of a bath house built by the California Conservation Corps in 1934. It is an in and out pool - you can't continuously stay

in it without having to get out and cool down after 10 or 15 minutes.

Reed Pools - Climbing another 100 yards above Old Pedro, you find Reed Pools. They are cooler and refreshing on hot days. Behind the circular cement water tank are remnants of the old bath house.

From the hot springs in the vicinity of Old Pedro, you have three alternates for reaching the other hot springs. You can walk about 300 yards east through a muddy meadow with stepping stones on which you can hop on to keep from sinking into the mud to the Iodine Springs.

With a more strenuous hike one can reach "Little Eden", a swimming pool size hot spring perched high on the ridge through the steep meadows.

To avoid a steep climb to reach Little Eden, return across the river to your vehicle. Drive back across the bridge. Park at the trail-head on the south side.

About 100 yards down the path heading west along the river you will see water crossing the footpath. Look up to your left to water source and you'll see a large granite outcropping with a pool called the Rock Garden beside it, about 104 degrees.

Mud Baths is 30 yards uphill and over the rocks. It is a cooler pool. The soft clay lining makes for excellent facials!



Old Pedro is one of the hot springs in which you can soak and relax while in the region around Mono Hot Springs in the Kaiser Wilderness about an hour's drive above Shaver.

Another 140 yards down the path from Rock Garden and the Mud Baths are Iodine Springs. These cement lined tubs are deep enough to stand in.

The easy way to get to Little Eden, a hot spring big enough to swim in, is to drive up Edison Lake Road one mile and cross a small grated bridge. Park in recessed area just above the bridge.

Walk out onto the rocks below the road overlooking the basin, When

you see the resort below, look to your left and discover a beautiful pool perched on the very top of a ridge. Its easiest to circle around to your left from this vantage point and reach Little Eden going down the path on the west side of the boulders to reach the pool below.

Rose Garden is nearby. It is another of the cooler pools where you can sit without having to get in and out.

S'mores Are a Dessert Treat Made Over Evening Campfire

Over the years, almost every small store, campground host and dining establishment has been asked: "where do I get s'mores."

Well, you don't really get them anywhere. You have to make them.

The making of a s'more is very educational. You can teach the kids some valuable camping skills. But, first you need ingredients: a box of graham crackers, a bag of regular sized marshmallows, some Hershey Bars and a long roasting tool.

Part of the excitement in creating s'mores is cooking them over a campfire. First you have to show the kids how to make a safe campfire in a provided fire ring. Pile different sized sticks and dry pine needles into a tee-pee shape. Then have the kids light it under adult supervision.

Toast the marshmallows to a "crispy, gooey state." Put the marshmallow on top of a chocolate bar and place that in between two

graham crackers. Yummy!

Nobody agrees on where s'mores came from, but seriously, would anybody over eight years-old ever think of squishing together a chocolate bar, a toasted marshmallow, and a pair of graham crackers to make a



Graham crackers, chocolate bars and marshmallows are S'mores ingredients. dessert? So now you know you can't just buy a good gooey "s'more" at your local grocery store!

However, it is a wonderful experience for a kid, as well as those watching their enjoyment, as they get to make their own, all of course, under adult supervision.

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Catch & Release Only

- Upon releasing a fish, most anglers figure that if it swims away, it's just fine and will survive. Unfortunately, this isn't necessarily true.

- Fish that are hooked in the gills or in the gut have a much lower rate of survival than those hooked in the outer portions of the mouth. If you

rupture a gill with a hook, a hemorrhage ensues and the fish bleeds to death. Gut hooked fish survive poorly for a number of reasons.

Many people think they can bring that deeply hooked fish to the boat, cut the leader, and the hook will rust out right away. There is absolutely no data that would suggest the hook rusts away. If a fish is gut hooked, you do get better survival by cutting the line rather extracting the hook.

Mortality is also affected by exhaustion. A big fish fought on ultra-light tackle can't be forced to the boat until it's totally gassed. This can stress your catch past the brink. Exhaustion creates extremely high levels of lactic acid – potentially fatal. Also, large fish have a problem with overheated muscles that break down in the course of a long fight. An exhausted fish has problems avoiding predators after release.

Fish have a protective outer layer of slime. Handling them with dry hands can remove that slime and leave them prone to infection. Don't net the fish or lift them out of the water. Don't hold them up for mug shots. Keep them submerged, reach over with a hook-out and set them free.

Gills are internal organs. Reaching



Catching and releasing a fish can be tricky, but it is a wise program to practice as it enhances fish population, which helps guarantee anglers can come back to catch fish.

into the gill plate to hoist a fish is not recommended. It can damage sensitive tissues.

- Pinch the barb on your hook flat so it's easily removed. Start by using the right hook. Circle hooks are the ideal choice.

- Bring the fish to the boat as quickly as possible to avoid extreme exhaustion.

- Keep the fish in the water and resuscitate it. Handle the fish gently with wet hands or moist gloves. If you must net it, use a release net made of soft knot-less fabric and keep the fish under water in the net. Don't lift the fish up in the air or squeeze it. I know you want a pic-

ture before you let it go, but that photo-op may kill the model.

- If you plan to keep a fish for the table, let the hook-up decide what you kill. If a trophy size fish is hooked in the lip for an easy release – let it go. If smaller fish is bleeding – keep it.

- Fish responsibly by altering your method or your gear to minimize hooking mortality. That may mean going to circle hooks or setting the hook a little sooner. Put deeply hooked fish in your bag and release the fish with good survivable hook-up. If we are responsible in our approach today, it will mean more fish in the future for everyone.



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What Should You Pack for a Trip into the Mountains

Oh Boy! It is time to take that camping trip. If you have vacationed in the mountains before, you most likely know what to pack.

However, if you are new to such adventures, here are a few tips regarding clothing and footwear.

Drive or Hike Up to Historic Pine Log Camp at Dinkey

The Pine Logging Company at Dinkey Creek was built in 1937 and remained in operation until 1979.

You can visit the historic town site just off Dinkey Creek Road about 11 miles from the community of Shaver Lake. See PineLogging.org/Home

This lumber camp along with its mills was a self-contained community that operated during the spring, summer and fall seasons.

As you descend toward the community of Dinkey Creek on Dinkey Creek Road, you will see a sign for a CDF station on the left.

It is well worth the time spent wandering among the various rustic buildings and imagining what life would have been like in this busy community.

The immense wood scrap burner still stands out the areas central feature. If you go inside, with all the bullet holes, it is like being in a kind of planetarium.

Bring your camera, snacks, sunscreen, water and comfortable shoes.

shorts, bathing suit, long pants, tank tops, tee shirts and maybe a hoodie.

Those are all great choices for mild summer weather. But you are going into a higher altitude location. This calls for sudden weather changes that may not be anticipated. Therefore, you will want to pack a warm, heavy coat, warm gloves, thermal underwear and knit cap.

These items will keep you warm when the unexpected storm rolls in during your trip.

Take stock of your footwear as well. Most likely you'll have your flip flops. They seem to be everywhere during vacations. But, they are not safe on mountain hikes. They can easily allow you to stumble in rocky terrain. Instead, take a good pair of hiking boots or at least some running shoes.

Having a pack back is a good idea as well. It can accommodate the warmer items along with a water supply, some snacks, water proof matches and flashlight.

Last, but not least, what do you carry in your pockets? Well, the most handy item is a good pocket knife. It can come in very handy in many situations.

10 Essentials for Mountain Travel

These 10 items should always be



with you on a trip to the mountains.

Whether you sprain an ankle or take a wrong turn, you may end up spending an unexpected night in the woods and you'll be so glad to have extra clothes, food and a flashlight.

1. Map - Topographic map of the region in which you will be traveling.
2. Compass - What good is that map without a handy compass.
3. Sunglasses - If you wear a hat, get one that covers the back of your neck. Pack sunscreen, year around.
4. Extra clothing and rain gear - The weather up on a mountain is unpredictable. Always keep a raincoat with you.
5. Headlamp/flashlight - Always have a good light source in your pack. Have extra batteries as well.
6. First-aid supplies - It is smart to have first-aid supplies with you.
7. Fire starter - Have matches in a waterproof container or Butane lighter. You may need some sort of fire starter. Bring a candle or

purchase a commercial fire starter. Some folks use dryer lint.

8. Water and purification - You cannot dip-and-sip in a stream. Mountain water needs to be purified so it doesn't make you sick from Giardia. Always carry extra water and purification tablets or a water filter with you on a mountain vacation.

9. Knife / Multi-tool - A Swiss Army Knife or one similar can be a life saver. You can slice cheese, clip blister bandages, and help repair gear. Keep it clean and well maintained between uses.

10. Extra food - You may underestimate how much fuel your body needs while on vacation. Other times, you may spend an unscheduled night somewhere that was not planned. So pack a couple of trail bars, chocolate bars, chips, jerky, bread, peanut butter and other favorite stuff that doesn't require any cooking.

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The Perseid Meteor Shower seems to radiate from the Perseus constellation. Meteors are usually observed starting in mid-July, with peak observations occurring in mid-August.

When it comes to California Meteor Showers, this one usually puts on the best show of the year.

The constellation is named for the Greek mythological hero and demigod Perseus, best known for slaying the Gorgon Medusa.

The constellation is fairly faint and difficult to see in light-polluted areas. Its two brightest stars are Mirfak and Algol.

What we are witnessing, when we see a shooting-star, is a small piece



Plan to spend a few evenings around a campfire in the High Sierra in mid July to August timeframe. You can usually see exciting aerial lightshows brought to you by meteor showers.

A new moon with the darkest conditions offers the best viewing of meteor showers. It's best to obtain a calendar with notations of full moon and new moon, as well as major holidays, so you can plan your outings around the night sky and three day weekends.

The meteors are debris of the comet Swift-Tuttle. At its peak, the shower produces 60 or more meteors per hour and sometimes the Perseid Shower produces brilliant fireballs.

Here are some interesting facts about the Perseus Constellation. First of all, it is in the northern sky.

The Dinkey Creek Bridge Was Constructed in 1938

Take a drive to the end of Dinkey Creek Road from Highway 168 in Shaver Lake to see the Dinkey Creek Historic Bridge.

This is a redwood, bowstring arch truss bridge, which may be the only one of its kind in California.

It was among the first bridges in America to utilize steel, split timber connecting devices; a design that gave wood bridges strength to carry heavy loads.

This bridge was built in 1938 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

After you walk across this famous creek crossing and take a few pictures, drive to the middle of the Dinkey Creek Campground to access the Honeymoon Pool trail.

of interplanetary matter, called a meteor, entering the Earth's atmosphere and 'burning up' at a height of about 100 km. While most look bright white, some can appear blue, green, yellow, orange, or red. Some may even explode at the end of its visible flight.

Most showers produce about 20 meteors per hour but there are showers which can produce hundreds of meteors over a period of less than an hour.

(Source for this story is the website totalescope.com/tripez/perseid.html#perseids)



The spot on Dinkey Creek has become very popular with kids of all ages for swimming, sliding down the slippery rocks and basking in the sun.

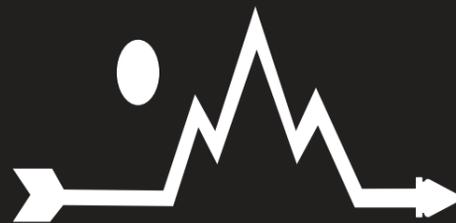
Early in the spring and depending upon the creek runoff, the far end of the campground has a trail-head to the upper part of the creek.

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The Dinkey Creek Campground is also great for family camping.

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It would be hard to fish all the regional waterways during one trip, so here is information about several spots on which you might like to try your luck in the near future.



Shaver Lake is home to the famous Trophy Trout plants by a group of dedicated fishermen.

Shaver and Huntington Lakes are the most well known local lakes. But you're in for a treat when you travel further inland to Edison, Florence, Ward Lakes as well as the Wishon and Courtright Reservoirs.

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Wishon is just beyond Wishon Village about 26 miles from Shaver. You get to Courtright off McKinley Grove Road by turning onto Courtright Way that will take you by



Courtright Reservoir is part of the PG&E Helm's Project where fishing can be excellent.

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The San Joaquin River in the Kaiser Wilderness near Mono Hot Springs offers some of the best fly fishing this side of the King's River in the Sierra National Forest. Tie a fly and go give it a try! from the turnoff.

Both reservoirs offer great Rainbow Trout and German Brown fishing. There are boat launching facilities at both locations. Wishon Village RV Park features RV and Tent Camping and a nicely stocked general store. A marina with boat rentals is available as well.

Drive past Huntington Lake and



Edison Lake offers up some excellent sized Rainbow Trout and German Browns for anglers.

into the Kaiser Wilderness, to find Portal Forbay (35 miles), Ward (40 miles), Edison and Florence Lakes (each 45 miles) as well as fantastic fly fishing on the San Joaquin River (40 miles) near Mono Hot Springs.

There are public campgrounds

available at these locations. Some are first come, first served and others can be reserved.



Florence Lake is a jumping off spot for a trip to the Muir Trail Ranch and some good fishing.

There are boat rentals and store at Florence Lake, plus a ferry service across the lake to popular hiking trails and the Muir Trail Ranch.

On the shores of Edison Lake you will find Vermilion Valley Resort with lodging, restaurant, boat rentals, ferry service for PCT hikers and a well stocked general store.

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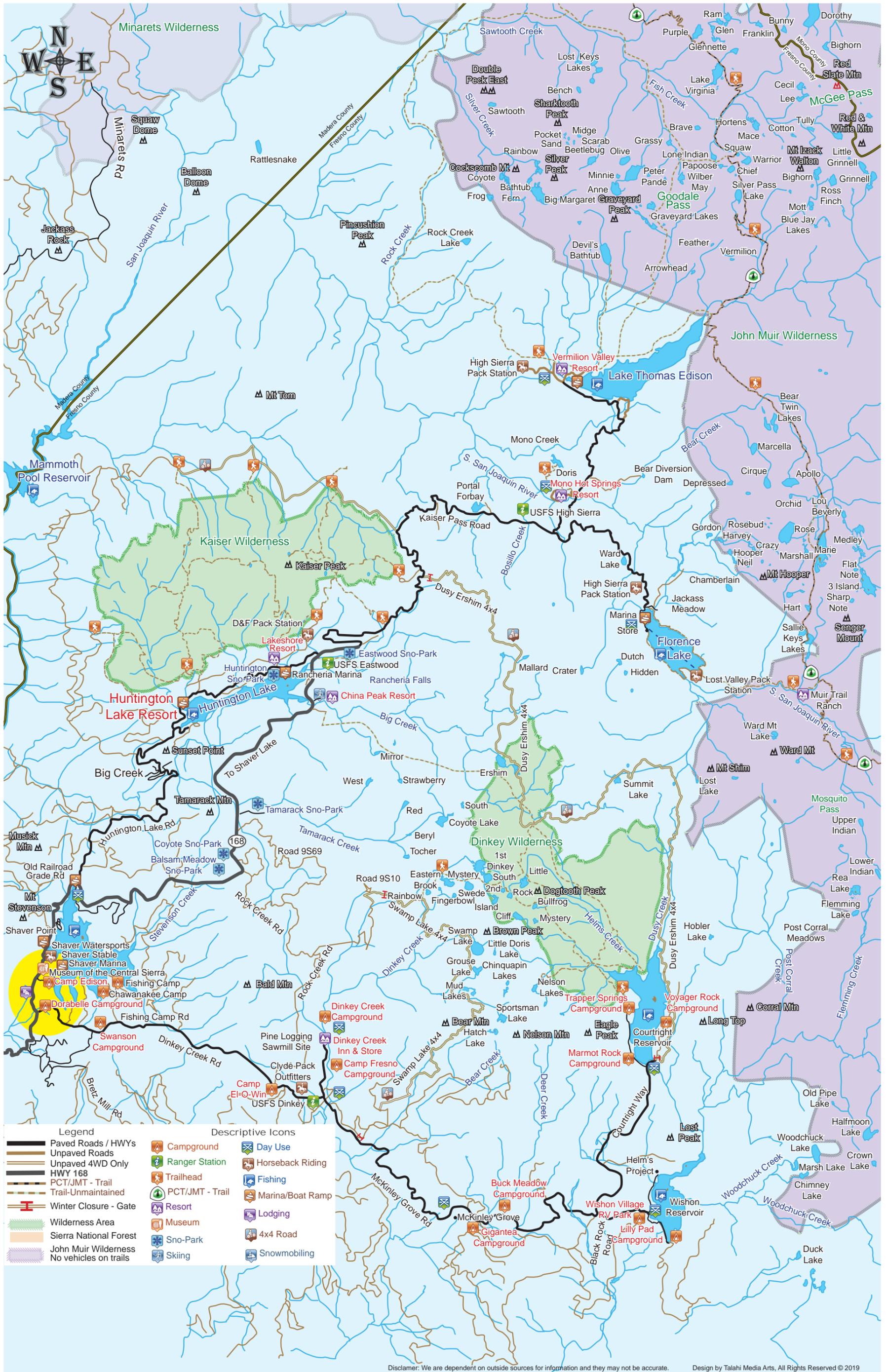
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Fondly Remembering My Fantastic Summers Visiting Huntington Lake

Contributed by Tess Erdman

Summers in Huntington are perhaps some of my best childhood memories. Although we didn't move to Shaver Lake until I was 9 years old, I was practically raised on Huntington Lake in my parents' S2 8.0 "Cheers".

Launch weekend always coincided with Father's Day, enlisting all able bodies to assist in hauling her up the mountain from our home in Madera (this is before some of the better road improvements on Hwy168), fingers crossed that the old suburban would make the climb.

And after a few hours of rigging, yelling, soaking wet tennis shoes and bloodied hands; we'd be on the water with sails up.

The summers felt long, and we looked forward to every weekend where the entire village of Lakeshore would come alive with craft booths, Indian Tacos and of course the dances in the old hall.

It was often that my dad's band, *Revolver*, was the headlining act resulting in many memories of me jamming out to the tambourine before being carried back to sleep in the bunk of Cheers.

It's been 20 plus years now since I recall attending a dance at the Lodge. So many changes to our

mountain community with businesses closing, ownership changing, and families moving to and from. Not to mention the devastation left by the 2020 Creek Fire that ravaged through our beautiful forest, and also the impact and tragedy for so many of our friends and neighbors.



Summers at Huntington Lake are among the best childhood memories that Tess has.

Lakeshore seems like a distant memory of the "good 'ole days" of Huntington. But does it have to stay that way?

I am now a mother of three boys, all of which are or have attended my alma matter Pine Ridge Elementary near Cressmans.

They too have learned to sail on Huntington, mostly on Hobies, Sunfish and Lazers.

They get to watch their aunt and uncle race with their Victory 21', and we have fun reminiscing with sailing friends at regatta dinners and BBQ's. Is it selfish to want to create more memories like this?

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Forest Animal Tracks You and the Kids Can Identify When on Vacation

Animal tracks are a great way to learn about the different creatures. No matter where you live or visit, there are cool creatures to discover!

Finding animal tracks with your family is a great way to spend an afternoon in the great outdoors!

Read through these helpful tips on finding and identifying the tracks you may see. Keep these things in mind:

- Never get close to a wild animal even if it looks friendly or tries to approach you.
- Leave it where you found it, don't take things out of nature that belong there.
- Don't leave trash behind, pick

up after yourself if you bring snacks along.

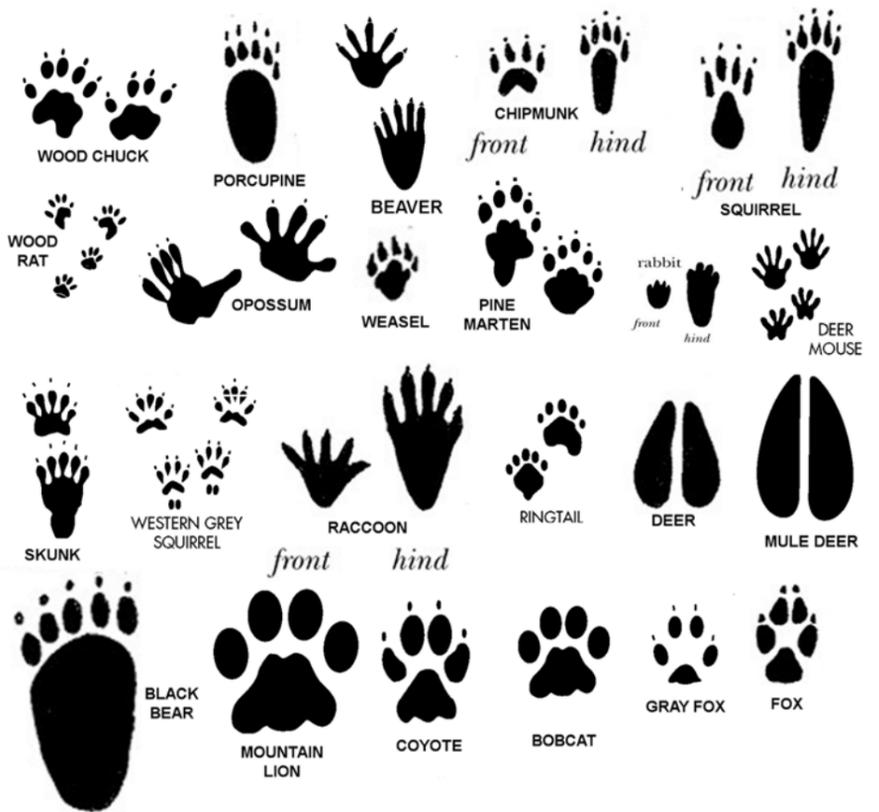
• Practice caution. Be wary of dangerous animals while tracking.

Remember to look for these ground types when looking for animal tracks:

• Snow: A thin layer of soft snow is great when looking for tracks made by bigger animals like bears, moose and mountain lions!

• Mud: If you see mud, there may be a body of water nearby. Muddy ground is a great place to look for tracks made by animals like ducks, beavers, turtles and other water-loving beasts!

• Sand: The sandy banks of a river or lake are perfect for spotting the tracks of water birds, animals hoping



Vermilion Valley Resort at Edison Lake Under New Management

Caleb Sotelo and Michael Bransby are the new owners of Vermilion Valley Resort (VVR) at Edison Lake.

This remote facility lists its address as "The End of the Road" in the Kaiser Wilderness, which is not far from Mono Hot Springs Resort on the San Joaquin River.

Services at VVR include dining, grocery store, PCT ferry service,



Huge brown trout taken from Edison Lake, home of the popular Vermilion Valley Resort.

lodging and marina. It has a history for fantastic Saturday night BBQ dinners along with daily homemade pies. Hikers can arrange for resupply packages, get a hot shower, use the laundry, a telephone and Internet access.

Visit EdisonLake.com for details.

to get a cool drink of water or a family of bears having an afternoon swim!

• Dirt: Soft, damp soil is ideal for identifying the tracks of animals with paws! If you're lucky, you may discover a critter that has been by recently!

While looking for tracks, make note of these trail features:

• Claw marks and scratches: Some animals (like cats) may leave claw marks on tree stumps or the ground when roaming their territory.

• Broken twigs and leaves: Bigger animals tend to leave a trail of damaged plants behind them. Bears,

moose and wolves may be responsible for broken vegetation!

• Scat and waste: Droppings are a great way to identify animals in the area! The size, shape and contents of an animal's scat is a clue to its identity!

Every great animal tracker knows that it's important to bring the right outdoor gear, and even some toys if you're headed camping!

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When it gets hot, vegetation like leaves and grass dry out.

Low humidity and lack of rain will make vegetation more flammable.



Wind spreads flames faster. A small fire can spread quickly.

Campfire Safety

Make sure your campfire is DEAD OUT!

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Do Them a Favor “Please Don’t Feed Local Wildlife”

“Don’t feed the wildlife!” means don’t feed the wildlife. Common sense, right? Rules are put in place for safety or a situation occurred where a rule needed to be created. With the age of social media, cell phones and selfie sticks upon us it is easy to bend or break these rules in order to get the most “epic selfie” ever or to share with everyone in the social media world that you were ONE FOOT away from a (insert wild animal here)! I am sure we have all been guilty of doing something silly in order to get some “likes” on our social media page.



Pine Marten

Recently, it seems our insatiable need for likes, retweets, loves or whatever you want to call it comes at a high price. Unfortunately, it is at the expense of wild and sometimes endangered animals. Working in a park system for eight years, I can now say that I am not the least bit surprised at the lengths people

will go in order to get the perfect picture, selfie etc. Although rules in park systems are strictly enforced, reviewed and posted there is no stopping some people. I have witnessed a baby deer in the back seat of a car because a concerned citizen thought it was abandoned (mother was still there) and defaced trees, bridges and monuments. Rules are rules and they are there in order to keep the public AND wildlife and other living things safe and protected. Have you ever wondered why those cute squirrels are so unafraid of you and interested in your food? It is because these wild animals have been fed on a regular basis by park goers and are used to humans. Just think if the squirrels were bigger, less cute animal like an bear. It would then become a “nuisance animal” because they have lost their natural fear of humans. Below are some great reasons not to feed wild animals.

1. “People” food isn’t good for animals. Human foods aren’t nutritious enough for animals and may cause serious health problems.
2. It makes wild animals lose their natural fear of people. Feeding can make large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential or recreational areas. Once animals learn they can panhan-



Fox

dle for food, they can become a nuisance, or even worse, a safety risk.

3. Feeding wildlife from or near vehicles is dangerous to animals, people, and property. Animals can be hit by moving vehicles or might try to enter vehicles in search of food. In Yosemite more than 1,100 vehicles were broken into by black bears, causing millions in damages.



Raccoon

4. Wild animals that depend on people for food can cause injuries or spread disease. When wild animals gather for food handouts, it can cause crowding and competition. These unnatural conditions increase the chances of fighting and injury among animals. It can also increase the spread of diseases, some of which may be transmitted to pets and humans. What can you do?

1. Rinse all recyclable glass and plastic containers to remove any food remnants and odors. Some animals can get their heads stuck in containers and starve to death. Cut or crush plastic containers, and cut each ring of plastic six-pack carriers.
2. Feed your pets inside.
3. Make sure plastic food wrap is rinsed and put in a tied bag or securely covered garbage can.

Tips for Preparing Food as You Plan Camping Trip

Get tired of hot dogs and burgers while camping? The following tips will make life easier and more adventurous when you cook outdoor meals.

Freeze sauces, meats, juices, water and use as extra ice. Prep by chopping all items and store them separately in plastic baggies or containers.

Eggs can all be cracked and placed in a plastic container. Use as many or little as you want as the days go on.

You can always pre-cook food before you leave like rice, potatoes, hamburger for spaghetti, etc. Then you are just warming them instead of waiting for it to cook.

4. When visiting parks and similar settings, clean up after yourself and follow the rules regarding wildlife. Encourage others to do the same.

5. Learn when to step in. If you see an animal who you think may be injured or orphaned, make sure the animal truly needs your help before feeding the animal anything or attempting a “rescue.”

6. Feed backyard birds and squirrels at home, (approved food if you want). We oppose feeding wildlife when it might cause problems, but feeding birds and squirrels is generally harmless. Don’t feed them by hand. Instead, set up a feeder where you can watch them from a distance.

7. Provide some natural food sources. Plant some native bushes, trees, or flowers and put up a birdbath or other water feature for your local wildlife. You’ll be on your way to creating a humane backyard.

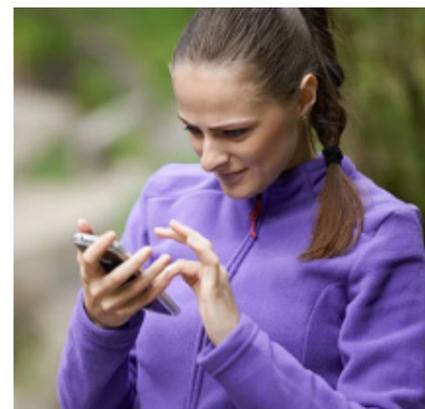
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After a family hike, a dip in the lake, a fishing adventure, a horseback ride or another fun event, have them express what they got from the experience.

Take a box of crayons, a few pencils and a large blank pad for the kids. Then have them draw a picture and/or write an explanation of the adventure that they can share with other family members and friends not along on the vacation.



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Take a Drive Through Wild Bill's Windmill Farm in Auberry

As the wind picks up and whistles through the trees in the Fresno County foothills, more than 30 windmills start spinning at the Bucket List Ranch in Auberry.

Windmills were among the three important inventions that made the settling of the old west possible. The others were barbed wire, created by Joseph Glidden in 1874, along with the Henry and Winchester repeating rifles developed in the 1860s.

Daniel Halladay created the first commercially successful windmill in 1854. This facilitated ranching and farming west of the Mississippi.

The Bucket List Ranch with its treasure of windmills, antique tractors and western village is on 5 acres

just smile.”

They live in Shaver Lake where he operates a snow and pine needle removal operation about eight months of the year. But Bill is quick to say he can't wait until summer when they move to Auberry where he passionately restores windmills.

The Auberry property is a sight to see. The windmills are all shapes and sizes. They all rise from towers constructed out of wood or metal. Some date to the 1920s. Others that he has assembled are brand new. Many are adorned with climbing roses.

“I love windmills; I love the way they look,” says Bill. “I love antiques in general. Windmills are something from mankind's ancient past.”

When he bought the Auberry property over 20 years ago, he wanted to pump underground water to a storage tank. Nobody would sell him an old tank house. So, he built one himself. It is 35-foot tall, constructed out of indigenous sugar pine housing. It houses a 2,360-gallon tank. The windmill on the tank house has an 8' wheel. Fueled by windmills, the tank house provides all the irrigation on the property and other water use.

Bill's interest in windmills was sparked in 1996. A friend was going to attend a windmill trade show.



Wild Bill is very proud of the old caboose that he built on his Bucket List Ranch.

just off Highway 168 and Rockhill Lane. It is owned by Bill and Stacey Paloutzian.

“It's a happy place,” says Stacey. “We sit in the house, look out and



An usual sight to say the least. More than 30 windmills representing several makes and models dot the landscape at the Bucket Hill Ranch in the foothill community of Auberry.

Bill asked him to return with some steel. When he returned, they put together Bill's first windmill. He was hooked.

He started hitting the trade shows himself, collecting part after part. He always starts with the iron pieces. He cleans them. Then, he has new parts cast, if necessary. For example, he sends samples of wheel clips to a foundry, which makes new ones. He assembles all the power blades and clips. Then, with help, he builds the tower.

His favorite is an 18' railroad style windmill. Mills like these were used to fill water in the steam locomotives of yesteryear.

His antique 14-foot Aermotor is another favorite. It is larger than the many eight-foot ones found in California. A friend brought this windmill, which needed a lot of work, and



Windmill with broken blades sits ready for Bill to restore so it can get back to work.

gave it to Bill. The windmill would cost about \$6,000 new.

His oldest windmill is a 1920s Eclipse, originally made by Fairbanks/Morse USA. It features wood blades which he painted white with red tips.

Neighbor Hayley Ferguson, who can see his windmills from her backyard says they “add a lot of character” to the community.

“He has put a lot of hard work to get them all working she says. “My kids count them,” she says. “They'll say ‘Mom, he's put up

another one.’ “She says the windmills help the family plan activities. When the Eclipse is really spinning, they know it's good kite weather.”

Although it was never his intention, Bill has preserved and restored the rich farming and ranching histo-



The interior of Wild Bill's Saloon is part of the western village at the Bucket List Ranch.

ry of America. From his windmills, to John Deere tractors and an old western town, “Wild Bill” has built a museum that displays vintage machinery that allowed civilization to expand beyond the confines of the city.

You are welcome to visit the Bucket List Ranch at 32157 Rockhill Lane, Auberry off Lodge Road by the Sierra Lutheran Church.

History of Flume That Moved Logs to Clovis

One hundred and seven years ago, the last log flume carried lumber out of the Sierra National Forest at Shaver Lake to the valley below.

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Fishing Guides Assist Anglers in Finding and Catching Fish

“Shaver Lake has a reputation for offering up some nice sized limits of trout and Kokanee Salmon,” says Dick Nichols, the famous local fishing guide. “Yet some anglers don’t have the luck or skill to catch them.”

“I did have that skill,” continues Nichols, “I am very thankful for the many individuals and families that I had the privilege of serving for nearly two decades.”

“Though I am now retired, lots of folks still ask me about skilled fishing guides to hire at Shaver Lake.”

“I am pleased to recommend two of my friends that these services: Tom Oliveira and Todd Wittwer. If you are interested in fly fishing on the San Joaquin River near Mono Hot Springs, contact Jimmy at SierraFlyFisher.com”

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“I look forward to fishing with folks along with their families and friends out on the lake,” said Tom. “I also take pictures of my guests so we can post them on the website for everyone to see.”

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Wildflowers in the Eastern Fresno County Foothills and Sierra Nevada

For many a field of wildflowers is one of the most beautiful experiences one can encounter in Nature.

There is a deep impulse we carry from childhood into adulthood to reach out and pick a flower in a beautiful butterfly-filled meadow or a public wooded trail lined with spring beauties, irises, or wake-robins.



Tiger Lilly

It is because we all carry such memories that we have devoted an entire article celebrating wildflowers in the local Sierra National Forest.

Millions of people visit the public lands each year and if only a small fraction of them each picked



Shooting Star

a few flowers, soon there would be none for the rest of us to enjoy.

Almost all wildflowers are fragile and many wilt and perish soon after being picked. Over the years, the repercussions of wildflower picking by unthinking people go far beyond the loss of the flowers themselves.



Indian Paintbrush and Pemstemon



Lupin

A critical chain of events is triggered for years to come once wildflowers are lost. We don’t often realize it, but wildflowers support entire ecosystems for pollinators, birds, and small animals on a micro scale.

Read ShaverLakeTimes.com/flowers



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Quartz Mountain is a unique subdivision located in Shaver Lake, that offers half-acre lots for sale. All the roads in Quartz Mountain are fondly named after stones or gemstones found in the area. The roads throughout the project were made wider than most subdivisions in Shaver to not only give a grander look to the neighborhood, but to be very functional. The wideness allows for street parking on both sides and enough room to pass by very easily. The project was well thought out from the build-in rock walls that showcase the project, entries, and some of the lots to the wide roads throughout. Quartz Mountain is a gem of its own.



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“Huntington Lake is heaven on earth,” says Fresno Yacht Club’s Daniel Irwin.

Why? Well, it is five miles long and the wind reliably averages 15 miles per hour during summer. This is about as close to perfect conditions you can get for folks that love to sail!

This lake is surrounded by mountains on three sides and contained on its western end by three dams.



Keep your eye out for pirates sailing around the lake. Photo taken by Greg Burk.

On summer days, hot air from the central San Joaquin Valley expands and rises up the canyon, forcing cool air that has settled above the lake at night into the mountains above.

“Huntington Lake is the best sailing lake in all of California, and probably one of the best in the United States,” adds fellow club member Bob Comstock. “Every day at 10 o’clock the wind comes up, it blows until about 5 o’clock, and by that time it’s time for cocktails and dinner anyway.”

The High Sierra Regatta attracts Olympic gold medalists, and national champions. The aforementioned consistent winds, coupled with the beautiful scenery attract sailors from all over the country. It seems the wind just keeps blowing and no sailor worth their salt can resist that.

Huntington has its shares of regular weekend sailors, but things heat up in July when the Fresno Yacht Club hosts a major regatta.

The Fresno Yacht Club was founded in 1946, and the group puts on the High Sierra Regatta every year. For two weekends in July, Huntington Lake is full of sailboats, of all colors and sizes.

This year it will be held the weekends of July 9-10 and July 16-17. Several other races are planned for June, July, and August. All the details are available on their website at FresnoYachtClub.org.

The regatta typically has up to



Huntington Lake is unique in regard to offering consistently excellent conditions for sailors. Here photographer Greg Burk captures a group of colorful sailboats during a regatta.

150 boats racing each weekend of this racing series. The number of boats allowed is limited by the Forest Service. So as always, there is a first-come, first-serve basis for participants.

Huntington Lake is also perfect for spectators viewing the race from shore. The Start/Finish line is just west of the launch ramp near Lakeshore Resort, about 50 feet offshore.

Mark 1, the downwind jibe mark is about the same distance from the shore at the point which is about a 100 foot walk northwest of the Start/Finish line.

“If you ask anybody in the western United States who has raced sailboats, and you mention Huntington Lake, there’s zero chance they’re not going to know what you’re talking about,” said Tim Co-

hee, owner of China Peak Landing.

“Consistent winds, very challenging place to race, so it’s very popular for sailboat racing,” Bob .

“I doubt there are many places you can go right now within 2 hours of Fresno where you’ll find cool air, water, hiking, and not have to worry about somebody being around you,” Cohee said. “It’s pretty remote and I think right now that’s a pretty big deal.”

The final note on sailing, from Irwin, “There’s a thing about being able to make a machine work with nothing but the wind and the water and your skill, to me, it’s magical.”

Meanwhile, you can see some excellent photography in and around the Huntington Lake region by Greg Burk. His work is available at HuntingtonLakePhotography.com



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Billy Creek, Eastern Fresno County and the Central Sierra Museums

The Billy Creek Museum displays the Shay and Climax engines of the San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad (SJ&E) which made the dams, lakes, and power stations possible.

The Big Creek Hydroelectric Project is explained. A B-24 Bomber crashed in the lake Dec. 6, 1943. It was not found until 1955.

Details on how to get there are at HuntingtonLakeHistorical.com

The Eastern Fresno County Historical Society brings you a glimpse of what the region was all about during the pioneer days.

Housed at Sierra High the museum has artifacts, pictures, maps, books, machinery, clothing and more.

There is a General Store, old gas



This old style gas station is at the Eastern Fresno County Historical Society's Museum. station, is based on a Centerville model, a cedar bark house and a reconstructed section flume section that floated copious amounts rough hewn logs to the San Joaquin Valley. First person accounts and photos chronicle the extensive logging and cattle operations that shaped the

early settlements and the railroad and river altering hydro-electric industry that came later. Visit efchs.com

Bring your family and friends to the Museum of the Sierra during a visit to Shaver Lake! It is located at the entrance to Camp Edison.



Billy Creek Museum is near the south end of Huntington Lake and is open in summers.

It features a variety of engaging exhibits for visitors of all ages. Younger children can enjoy crafts while parents browse our collections of Native American, logging, mining, and pioneer era artifacts.

The outdoor exhibits offer visitors interactive experiences. The museum's Powerhouse is the only exhibit like it in the world!

Further details and directions available at: SierraHistorical.org.



The Redinger Power House #1 replica is among the outdoor exhibit at the Museum.

Careful Planning Leads to Safety When It Comes to Your Vacation

All your planning has been done and you're patiently waiting to leave on your trip. But are you ready for your upcoming vacation? Well, let's check and see for sure.

First of all what's in your trunk? There are many things you will find useful when traveling. Naturally you

need to carry chains with you when you drive to the mountains during the winter months. But you will find that chains can also be helpful if you encounter muddy roads or if you happen to find icy road conditions which can occur any time of the year.

Aside from keeping your vehicle in good mechanical condition, you will need to properly inflate your tires and have a full fuel tank.

The image to the right shows you all the items that might help keep you safe if your break down or if the weather turns really ugly.

Stay with a vehicle if you get stuck, especially in the snow. It provides shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you.

Don't try to out walk in a severe winter storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing wind, rain or snow and you can become lost. Don't over exert yourself trying to push or dig a vehicle out of the snow or mud.

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or put a cloth on top of a rolled up window to signal distress.

Now you know a little more about travel safety, and will hopefully have, no worries. You have prepared for any extra adventures.



Water polo clubs and teams sponsored by a number of schools are sending teams to the 2022 Shaver Lake Open Water Polo Tournament and Open Swim Event set for July.

Waterpolo Open Water Tournament Returns to Shaver Lake for 2022

The Shaver Lake Open is a water polo tournament with a twist. Instead of playing in a pool, teams compete in a lake. It is back this year from July 9-12.

"You know water polo, it's more than about what's going on in the game," says Scott Kling, the head coach of the Moonlight Beach Water Polo Club. "It's about the soul of the sport, and the culture of it. And this is it. This is what it should be like."

"It's such a fun experience," says 16-year-old Josh Hutton, "and the team gets to really bond together. Camping together, and playing together for so long. It's a really good bonding experience for us."

Tournament Director Hillary Boos says "Word of mouth has just made

it a huge thing. People just really want to come back. With comments on Facebook. It's just blown up."

Masters will play July 9-10 and youth will play July 10-12.

The Rebel Water Polo club is the founding team of this largest open water polo tournament in the country. It is a non-profit corporation that advances recreational and amateur water polo, among children in and around Sanger California.

Their main focus is to develop, promote and encourage the sport of water polo as a tool to promote the development of sportsmanship, character and leadership amongst children.

If you have any questions please contact Hillary Boos at hillary_boos@sangerusd.net.

Guide to Camping With Your Furry Friendly Canine Friend in the Sierra

It is much more common these days to see hikers and campers moving through the forests with their favorite furry companions.

But, be aware that pets and vacations don't always Together. However, one of the reasons you got a dog in the first place was to have adventures together, right?

So the most important thing is be honest with yourself about your particular pup or pups. Will they be a good match for the camping world, or should they be left at home?

Why is camping with dogs so much fun? The reasons to take your dog camping by far outweigh leaving them behind.

Yes, they can restrict your plans

somewhat. But the enjoyment we get from them is multiplied when we're out on an adventure together in the scenic Sierra National Forest.



- They are a great source of distraction from letting your mind drift back to 'at home' worries.

Continue at ShaverLakeTimes.com/dog

A Large Variety of Birds Share the Summer Season Here in the Sierra

If you enjoy birdwatching, then the Sierra National Forest is a great place for you to explore.

It is hard to miss the noisy Blue and Stellar Jays with bossy attitudes. Larger lakes are home to Bald Eagles and Osprey, one a great fisherman and the other a skillful thief.

The stillness of the forest is often broken by woodpeckers either hiding or finding something to eat. Late evening and early morning are a favorite time for the owls to hoot.

Seagulls that have migrated from their birthing place at Mono Lake in the Eastern Sierra are prevalent.



Woodpeckers

You will also encounter ducks, grouse, wild turkeys, hummingbirds, Red Tailed Hawks, quail, crows, and Mountain Chickadee.

Read More About This Story at ShaverLakeTimes.com/birds

China Peak Landing Summer Concert Series Begins July 3rd

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new docks and slips. The new China Peak Landing Boathouse summer deck will feature food and refreshments. Enjoy gastro-grill inspired menu items for lunch and dinner on the weekends.

“The adjacent waterfront venue is not only the most breathtaking special events space for weddings and private events,” says Tess Erdman, China Peak Event Coordinator, “but home to the popular Summer Concert Series.”

“When Tim Cohee, CEO of China Peak, reached out to me about the summer event possibilities last summer, I was more than motivated to put together the very first event in a matter of weeks.”

“Each event will be host to awe-

some local music talent. It will include a craft fair with local vendors and artists, along with food trucks. Many charities, local schools and clubs will be able to participate for fundraising opportunities and community outreach.”

Our 2nd Annual High Sierra Summer Fest and Car Show will be on Saturday, July 23rd. Looking forward to seeing all the returning cars and hopeful for some new vehicles as well. We will have local Classic Rock favorites The Vince Warner Band and Q-POP Radio playing all of your oldies while you enjoy the view at Mark 8 for the second weekend of the High Sierra Regatta.

On Saturday, August 13th, show up with your most creative lake float in the inflatable parade for



Make plans to bring family and friends to at least one of the four 2022 Makin' Waves Series at China Peak Landing this summer with food, drinks, music, car show and more.

“Rock The Lake” with local rock and roll favorites The Stoneshivers and Cloudship.

The 2022 Makin' Waves Series will conclude September 4th with the #MOUNTAINSTRONG Creek Fire Remembrance concert. It will benefit the Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department. It will showcase all local mountain music talent like The Excursions, Autumn Leaves, the Gilly Girls, and local favorites Strange Vine.

All concerts are free, bring folding chairs, blankets and small coolers for food (no outside alcohol allowed). Beer wristbands will be on-sale at the entrance, but you can save money by purchasing ahead of time at skichinapeak.com/summer.

There will also be paid parking including shuttle service to and from the concert from the China Peak Ski Resort. Be sure to check out hotel room options, VIP tickets (which includes parking, drink bands and seats), for convenience and ease during each of these events.

“It’s time to breathe some new life into our mountain, create some opportunities for our local commu-

nity and make some new summer memories for ourselves and our children at our beloved Lakeshore,” continued Erdman.

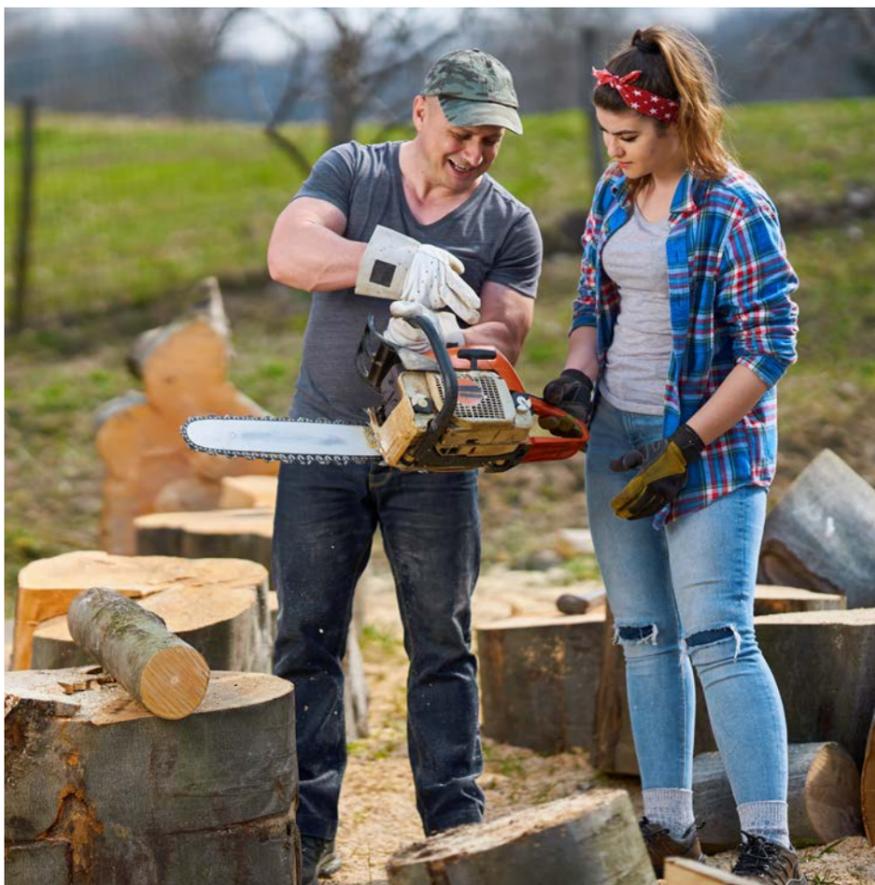
“So, mark your calendar, tell your



China Peak Landing offers Huntington summer fun with a marina and boat rentals.

family and friends so all can make plans to reserve a cabin or campsite now! I can’t wait to see all your smiling faces as we enjoy the summer sun, live music, and the smells of the “good ‘ole days” here on the mountain.”

Vendor, sponsor, and charity opportunities are available. Call Tess Erdman at 559-960-5014 or email her at weddings@skichinapeak.com.



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Please allow the Sierra Crest Properties team the opportunity to help you with all your real estate needs. Working together we can help market and sell your home and/or assist you in finding that perfect property to buy. Just Contact a Team Member to start the process.

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