



Welcome to Shaver Lake for Family Fun and Relaxation

By Stephen Byrd
 Manager of Camp Edison

Welcome to Shaver Lake and Camp Edison! We've had a long and wet winter with snow piled high everywhere. But now we are ready for a great summer season full of fun. If you like hiking, biking, water sports or camping this is the place to be!

We have a few things we want you to watch out for. Wildfire, dead trees, forest pests and litter are major problems. Dead trees continue to be a problem. We have cleaned up thousands of trees, but you still have to be mindful of where you park and where you play.

Many of our dead trees have been dead for 2 or 3 years and could come down any time. We've been relentless about cleaning up our day use and high recreation use areas, but trees continue to die.

Out on many of our remote trails it's



Mountain bikes as well as touring bikes are very popular ways to get exercise in the Sierra Forest.

very difficult to get every tree. Help us out by telling us about hazard trees and keep your eyes open for a threat, even on the lake. Dead trees could fall into the water and float, presenting a serious hazard to fast moving watercraft.

With all the dead trees comes an abundance of dry wood, limbs, and needles that can easily catch fire. It doesn't take much to start a fire and destroy the forest that we all love to recreate within. It's important to remember that once a catastrophic fire happens it can take hundreds of years for the forest to completely recover. So please be mindful of the wildfire threat by only having campfires and charcoal BBQs in designated areas.

Please make sure your campfires are dead out before leaving them, and DON'T throw used charcoal, cigarette butts, or ash out into the forest. Let's all watch out for each other and prevent wildfire in our forest.

If you're wondering why we only allow local firewood into Camp Edison, it's because we don't want any more pests or diseases in our forests.

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Image taking a hike up above Huntington in the Kaiser Wilderness and sitting on a massive rock overlooking the popular High Sierra sailing, fishing and swimming waterway managed by SCE.

Camping Can Improve Your Overall Health - Learn How

Tired of your camping routine? Break out of it by exploring Shaver Lake's 30+ mile multi-use trail system. Whatever you are looking to explore, chances are there is a trail for you.

Shaver Lake Volunteers, a non-profit organization, maintains the trail system and develops maps that describe and rate the trails. With the exception of Camp Edison's nature trail, all trails are multi-use. This means they are open to any kind of non-motorized

traffic. Hikers, horses, and bicycles all share the trails, so take care to accommodate your fellow explorers. When meeting a horse on the trail, yield to the uphill side of the trail and wait for the horse to pass.

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Did You Know...

In 1919 Southern Cal Edison purchased these lands where Shaver Lake now sit? These lands were formerly owned by the Fresno Flume and Lumber Company.

This company owned the land, the mill and the flume that transported lumber from the mill to Clovis CA.

If you are familiar with Old Town-Clovis and know where the Clovis Rodeo Grounds reside off 5th Street, there is a large rock monument that marks the location where the Shaver Flume came to an end.

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Improving Your Wellness at Camp Edison - Learn to Relax

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

Camp Edison is the perfect camping experience for you to improve your wellness and overall health with yoga classes, hikes, arts and craft projects.



While staying at Camp Edison, you are invited to join in such activities as yoga, hiking and art.

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 stay at Camp Edison 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:

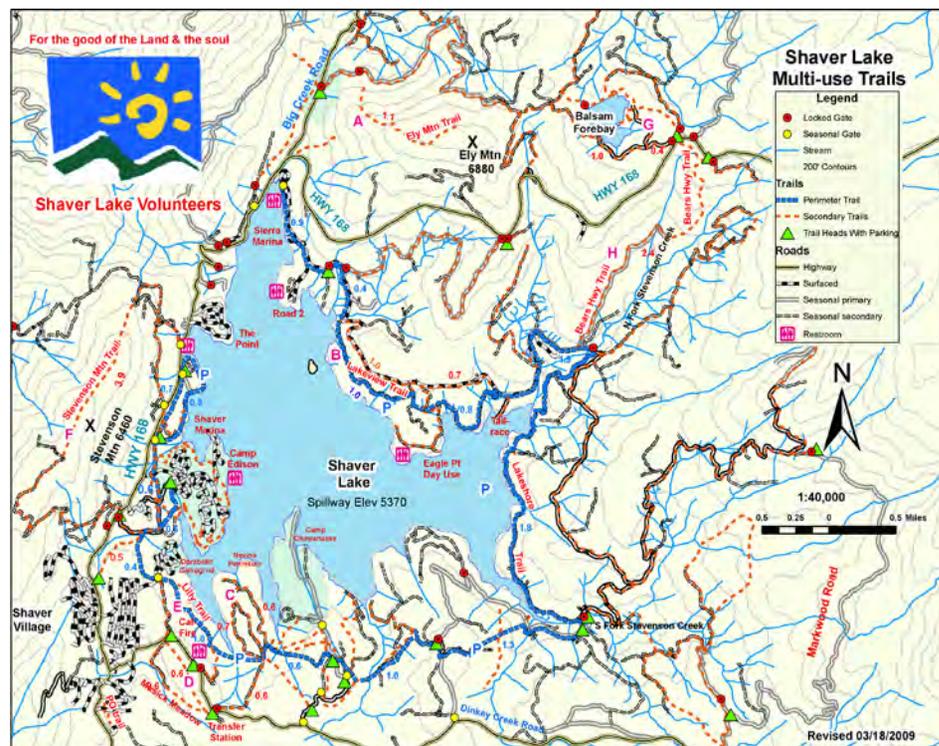
- Improved cardio-respiratory fitness (heart, lungs, blood vessels)
- Improved muscular fitness
- Lower risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower risk of high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes
- Lower risk of high cholesterol and triglycerides
- Reduced depression and better quality sleep
-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

The Shaver Lake region has many popular hiking trails and trails on which you can ride your mountain bike.

In the campground, you can walk trails and see Rabbit Rock, birds like Eagles and Songbirds, Grey Squirrels, and other four legged critters.

Hiking can also begin a great family habit that will create a family that has fun together along with teaching the kids a healthy lifestyle that will stay with them through their life.

So leave your electronics in their cases. Let your eyes rest from the blue light they emit. Take a hike and open



up your lungs with deep breaths which will release your stress. Purchase a Shaver Lake Trail map or a Central Sierra Walker Book for trails on SCE's 20,000 acres and the surrounding areas.

Improve mind and body, expand your mind decrease your stress by enjoying and taking advantage of all our interpretive summer programs. Check out the Scheduled Summer Event Cal-

endar. Weekly schedules are available at the entrance booth and are posted at the bathrooms bulletin boards and the Kids Korner Kiosk.

Come join all of us at Camp Edison with your family, friends and your new friends enjoying time spent outdoors hiking along trails, venturing out to gather wood for a fire, sitting by the fire and our beautiful Shaver Lake.

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The Go To Place . . .

Shaver Lake Sports Sprouts Wings - Moves Across Street

Shaver Lake Sports the *go to place in Shaver Lake* for the past 25 years moved across the road to the old hardware store/bank building. The new location at 41777 Tollhouse Road, provides more space to increase the fishing, camping, watersports retail as well as to increase the souvenir and clothing selections.

Shaver Lake Sports sells Fishing



The new location will allow shoppers to select additional clothing items in larger showroom. License's and Hunting Licenses year-round. They also carry a large selection of fishing tackle and bait.

Come in and let them weigh and measure your fish. Let them take your picture and post it for your bragging rights.

In the summer the ski rental shop will become a spot where you can rent kayaks, tow tubes, plus more. Bike rentals may be added in the future.

A new "mini hardware section" inside the store has been added. The store carries everything you need and lots of stuff you didn't know you need.

At the Happer Camper Store in Camp Edison, you will be able to get hand scoops of ice cream. It will be available in



Many visitors find they need a backpack after arriving. Shaver Lake Sports has you covered.

a variety of flavors, including some sugar free. Have you ice cream in a special novelty cup or a cone - regular or sugar.



The increased floor space at the new location gives Shaver Lake Sports the ability to offer customers a large selection of camping gear, fishing tackle, bait, clothing and more. Come on in!

Many Volunteers Help Make Trail Hikes Possible at Edison

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For cyclists, remember to slow for blind turns and hills. Mountain cyclist favor the Stevenson Mt. Loop from the south entrance. It climbs up the mountain using a dirt road, with scenic views of the central valley and the lake from the top. The reward comes over the crest, where a single track dives back down to the 168.

The trailhead is on the north side of 168 between Camp Edison and Shaver Village. An equestrian favorite is Nevin's Peninsula, accessed from the Dinkey Creek Rd. Reststop.

The Nevin's loop is a wide dirt and gravel road with good visibility. Bring your picnic and give the mounts a rest by the water in Dorabella Cove.

If you don't have a horse with you, guided horse riding is available just down the street at Shaver Stable. Boarding is also available. See their ad in the *Chatter*.

If you want to take a walk from Camp Edison or Dorabella Campground, don't miss the Lily Trail that follows the shore of Dorabella Cove onto Nevin's Peninsula. Leave early for a cooler, quieter experience.

For a unique experience, look out for Shaver Lake Volunteer flyers to catch monthly trail building or guided hikes. Events are held one Saturday each month in the Summer season.

This trail system is possible because everyone pitches in. The best way to do this is by using the trails. But you can also help by saving your clean, CRV refundable recyclables.

After they are collected in from the yellow bins around camp; the volunteer group sorts and transfers these



Shaver Stable has horses available for riding and you can board your own horse there also. recyclables, to the tune of three tons every summer.

Utilizing volunteer effort and ZERO administrative costs, this recycling program funds all of Shaver's trail building and associated interpretive publishing.

Look for the laminated trail map and the Walker's Companion at your favorite local stops. For more information on trails or volunteer opportunities, email Charles.ervin@sce.com

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Bald Eagles and Osprey Fly the Friendly Skies of the High Sierra

Shaver Lake is home to a wide variety of wildlife. But only a couple rule the sky: the Eagle and the Osprey.

Once on the verge of extinction, the Bald Eagle is now thriving in North America. They were once the target of trapping, shooting, poisoning and pesticide-related reproductive failure. After the ban on DDT (pesticide) and placing the bird under protection of the Endangered Species Act, populations began a resurgence.

On Shaver Lake, there are two nesting pairs of eagles that produce offspring every year. Bald eagles generally live near lakes, rivers and wetlands where they can find fish to hunt.

Although fish make up the primary prey base, eagles will feed on snakes, waterfowl, small mammals and carrion.

On Shaver Lake, trout make up the majority of the Eagles's diet and while they will hunt, they prefer to steal fish from their smaller cousins, the ospreys.

Maybe it was this behavior that led Benjamin Franklin to call the Bald Eagle "a bird of bad moral character".

Bald Eagles will mate for life and will live 15-25 years in the wild. Not

all will have a white head and tail.

In fact, it usually takes four to five years for the birds to reach maturity and then molt into their characteristic colors.

Like the Bald Eagle, the Osprey represents another conservation success story. Populations crashed in the early 1950s to 1970s, when pesticides poisoned the birds and thinned their eggshells.

Since the ban of these pesticides in the 1970s, osprey populations began rebounding tremendously. Here on Shaver we have a dozen or more nesting pairs of ospreys. Every spring we see these birds arrive at the lake to begin nesting. When nesting is complete and winter is approaching, these birds will migrate south to spend their winters in Mexico and Central America.

Ospreys are fish specialists and are equipped with unique adaptations that help them hunt. Some of these include reversible outer toes, backward-facing scales on the talons and feet to act like barbs to hold the fish, closable nostrils to keep the water out and dense, oily plumage to prevent feathers from getting water logged.

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Read 20 Weird and Wonderful Facts About Trees and Wood

We thought you might be interested in the following facts about wood and the trees from which it comes.

1. Wood is made up of a combination of living, dying and dead cells.

2. The world's shortest tree is the dwarf willow, which lives in northerly and Arctic Tundra regions and rarely grows more than a couple of inches high.

3. The tallest trees can grow as high as 100m, more than 320 feet. They include the Coast Redwood, Giant Sequoia, Sitka Spruce and Australian Mountain Ash.

4. The world's tallest living standing hardwood tree is a mountain ash called Centurion in Tasmania. It's about 329 feet 8 ¾ inches high

5. Trees never die of old age. Insects, diseases and people are usually the killers.

6. The mighty Giant Sequoia is thought by many to be the biggest liv-

ing organism in the world, although a 2,400 acre fungus mycelium in eastern Oregon – almost ten square kilometers of it – is a strong if less-visible contender.

7. The world is home to more than 23,000 different kinds of trees.

8. The terms softwood and hardwood describe the leaves, seeds and structure of the trees rather than the type of wood they produce.

9. Redwood bark can be as much as two feet thick

10. City trees tend to live for an average of 13 years less than country trees.

11. The Amazon Basin is the biggest area of tropical forest on earth, a whopping eight and a half million acres.

12. The plane tree, common in London's streets, is excellent at absorbing pollution and sheds its bark regularly so it can absorb more.

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This fisherman has disdain for tackle, boats, bait and nets. It just swoops down from the heavens and grabs an unfortunate trout in its perfectly designed talons and heads home for a nice meal.

Early Morning Fishermen and Hikers May See Osprey Catching Breakfast

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They are also capable of seeing underwater and will often completely submerge themselves in pursuit of a fish. Like all birds of prey, their vision is incredible (6-8 times better than a human) and can spot fish swimming below the surface from far away.

Ospreys are better hunters than Bald Eagles but are also smaller. As a result, as noted above, the Bald Eagles have discovered they do not need to hunt with the ospreys around. They can simply wait for an osprey to catch a fish and then steal it from them.

Both birds will make huge stick nests

in large trees along the shore of the lake. Osprey nests will typically be at the very top of the tree while the eagle nests will be down the tree a bit.

Living in such close proximity, these birds are always in a battle with each other for food and space. If you watch and listen you will regularly hear these birds yelling at each other and observe territorial displays.

Keep an eye out for these nests and birds. Early in the morning is the best time to watch the ospreys fish.

If you're lucky, you may even see an eagle catch a fish out of mid-air after it has stolen it from an osprey.

A Few More of the Weird and Wonderful Facts About Trees

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13. Just one tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide a year and can sequester a ton of CO2 safely by the time it's 40 years old, which is why they're so important in the battle against climate change.

14. Balsa is actually a hardwood!

15. Every US state has its own official tree (California's is the Giant Sequoia).

16. Softwoods are not always softer than hardwoods.

17. White oak is the easiest wood to bend using steam.

18. Buddha experienced enlightenment under the wisdom tree.

19. The Osage Orange tree's wood generates the most heat when burned.

20. The tree with the widest diameter

trunk is the African Baobab, just under 50 feet across with a 155 foot circumference.



Above is the trunk of a Giant Sequoia that you can visit at McKinley Grove near Dinkey Creek.

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Camp Edison Encourages Family Fun for Visitors During Their Vacation

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Invasive and non-native insects and disease have done irreparable damage in several locations throughout California and the US.

For example, the gold spotted oak borer has already destroyed tens of thousands of oak trees in Southern California. Our firewood policy is in place to help minimize this type of threat.



Goldspotted Oak Borer
(*Agrilus auroguttatus*)

Finally, over the last few years we've seen a large increase of litter in our forest, on our beaches, on the lake and in our restrooms. We do our best to clean up trash, but it can be overwhelming. Over 130,000 visitors use Camp Edison each year? Or that over 1,000,000 visitor days are recorded on Edison lands each year? So remember to clean the area that you have been using. We

have trash cans and large dumpsters in several day use locations.

Please transport your trash to those locations. It's up to us to keep our forests and lakes clean and safe for future generations.

Please be courteous and play safe and have a great stay at Camp Edison!!!

Bring Binoculars to Watch for the Birds

The Sierra Nevada is one of the premiere bird watching regions in the west. This is the home for over 300 species. Most are migratory.

It is only natural that bird watchers come from far and wide to get a glimpse of these birds. The conditions are excellent for the birds.

You'll see a variety of hawks, Bald and Golden Eagles, Osprey and other birds of prey. You can watch the mischievous Mountain Jays scold nearly anyone and everything! See geese, ducks and even pelicans.

If you don't have your own, many of the merchants in the Sierra Nevada carry a variety of bird watching books. See how many you can identify!



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

Mid July and August Bring Light Show to the Wide Open High Sierra Sky

When it comes to California Meteor Showers the Perseid Meteor Shower usually puts on the best show of the year, unless there is a full moon.

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 Perseid meteor shower appears to radiate from the constellation of Perseus. Meteors are usually observed starting in mid-July, with peak observations occurring in mid-August.

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 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.

The Perseid meteor shower radiates from the constellation in July and August.

Meteors, which are also referred to as falling or shooting stars, occur when the Earth passes through debris fields left by passing comets.

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

Such shows are, unfortunately, very rare. Meteor showers are named after the constellation from which they appear to radiate and can happen any month throughout the year.

(Source for this story is the website <http://www.totalescape.com/tripez/perseid.html#perseids>)



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Did You Know . . . More Historical Facts for Visitors

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The monument is on the West side of the West parking lot.

The mill workers had to coordinate when they would send boards down the flume so workers at the bottom could be ready to receive and transport boards to a lumber yard. The Fresno Flume and Lumber Company operated between 1880 and 1900 and, for the most part, clear cut the Shaver Lake basin.

Edison successfully recovered a thriving forest and then the bark beetle created other problems, but that's a discussion for another article. In 1919 Edison approached the Flume and Lumber Company and attempted to purchase 2,000 acres where modern day Shaver now sits, but the lumber company had liquidated the valuable assets (all the big trees). After failing to negotiate the purchase of the 2,000 acres, Edison agreed to purchase all the lands from Fresno Flume and Lumber Company.

So, in 1919 Edison became the reluctant owners of all these clear cut Shaver lands in order to build Shaver Lake. By 1927 the Shaver Dam was complete and the lake existed as it does today. In the late 1950's Camp Edison was built.

In the early 1980's the Balsam Meadow Hydro project was completed bringing Eastwood powerhouse on line and providing the first hydro

pump-back facility in the area. Water is released from Balsam forebay which falls down a shaft into the underground Eastwood powerhouse spinning the turbines and creating electricity during the daytime hours when we all need the most electricity. Then at night when we all sleep and power demand is low, Edison uses excess power on the grid to run the turbines backwards, pumping the water out of Shaver Lake back up to Balsam forebay so it can spill again the next day.

Essentially Balsam forebay is used to store potential energy, like a battery that can release energy when we need it. This has made Shaver a key piece of the hydroelectric system we call Big Creek Hydro. "The hardest working water in the world".

It has been 100 years since Edison purchased the first plot of land in the Sierra. That decision started a ball rolling that has led to many recreational opportunities for over 1 million visitors annually. If you love bike riding, hiking, snow play, water sports or camping; this is the place to be! We hope you enjoy your time here on our trails, on our lake or inside Camp Edison. Find what you love to do on our forest, be careful, make memories and recreate yourself. That's what recreation is all about.

Be Aware - Follow These Helpful High Altitude Tips

Most people spend time planning and look forward to their vacations for quite a long period of time in advance of their actual trip. To ensure that your vacation here in the Sierra National Forest is a pleasant and relaxing one, here are a few helpful suggestions or tips from health professionals that will help you to adjust to the higher altitude.

Tip #1#: Always arrive in good physical condition. This will help ensure you stay in good shape during your trip.

Tip #2: Take time to acclimatize to different altitudes that you may experience during your trip. Most visitors to the Sierra Nevada live at much lower elevations than are found here in the Sierra National Forest. At higher elevations the air is thinner with less oxygen and humidity than at sea level. Spending time at a certain altitude before traveling to a higher altitude will prevent common symptoms associated with altitude sickness. These symptoms may include muscle fatigue, insomnia, slight shortness of

breath, or mild headaches.

Tip #3: Be sure to drink plenty of water during your trip to the Sierra. It is much more easy to become dehydrated at higher altitudes. Drinking 8-10 glasses of water will help prevent many of the symptoms associated with altitude sickness.

Tip #4: Limit your alcohol consumption. You don't have to avoid them completely. But, as tempted as you may be, after all its your vacation, try to 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: Make sure that you bring and always wear sunscreen. At higher elevations the UV rays from the sun are more intense, therefore you are more susceptible to sunburn when you are at higher elevations. 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.



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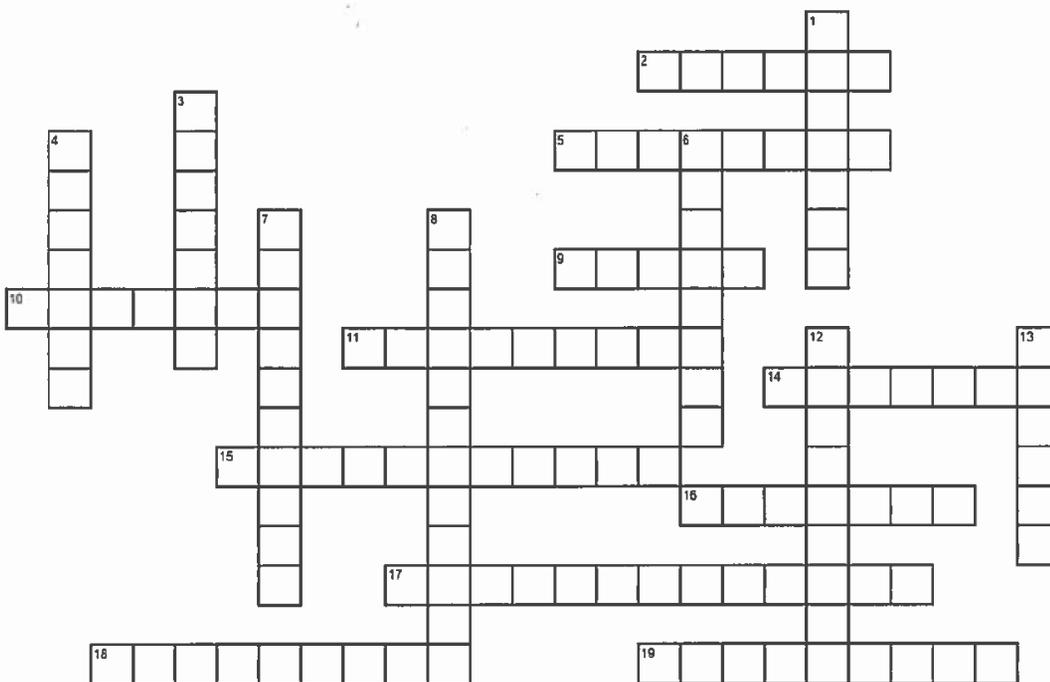
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California Trees and Shrub



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- A conifer that grows on the coast
- Native Americans' used this wood to hold up their lodges
- Evergreen shrub
- One of the largest tree in the San Joaquin Valley

Down

- Has purple blooms
- Coastal large tree
- Suited to extreme hot summers
- Another name for Lodge Pole Pine
- Clusters of small black, blue-black or red berries
- Largest tree in the world
- Has one of the biggest cones
- Sometimes called a silver tip

Campfire Pepperoni Pizza

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound refrigerated pizza dough
- ¼ cup pizza sauce
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup sliced pepperoni



DIRECTIONS

- Place pizza stone/or cast iron skillet on grill directly over wood fire, let it get hot. You can also use foil (it does not need to be heated). You may need to begin by spreading out the wood if the flames are too tall. Roll out the pizza dough to desired thickness. Place it on the pizza stone, in pan or on foil and cook 10 minutes on one side until golden.
- Remove from the fire and on the cooked side, spread the pizza sauce in an even layer over dough leaving about a half inch around the rim of the pizza dough bare. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese evenly on top of the sauce followed by the pepperoni slices. (Hint: if you used other or multiple toppings, be sure to keep it simple or semi cooked for better cooking results.)
- Place uncooked side down, back on the pizza stone. Cover with a foil tent and cook until cheese has melted, about 10 minutes more. Transfer pizza to a cutting board and let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

Yuck Yucks!



- Why do golfers wear 2 pants?
- What did the firefly say to the other?
- What's the difference between a piano and a fish?
- How do you get tissue to dance?

- Answers:
- in case they get a hole in one.
 - You glow girl!
 - You can tuna a fish
 - You put a little boogie in it.

Math Teasers

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Check out "Kids Korner" for more fun things to do, OR join in on one or more of the campground activities.

For the list of activities, go by the registration booth for the current schedule.



Central Sierra Restaurants Offer a Variety of Foods for Those Taking Advantage of Outstanding Local Activities



Blue Sky Cafe

The Blue Sky Café has appetizing breakfast selections, fresh sandwiches, crepes, salads, coffee drinks, shakes and smoothies. Free WiFi Located next to Bob's Market. ShaverBlueSkyCafe.com (559) 841-7106.

The Inn at China Peak Restaurant at Huntington Lake. Jack's Bar offers great food and libations. Enjoy a drink and appetizers, then step next door and have dinner. SkiChinaPeak.com (559) 233-2500.

Cressman's General Store at the top of the four lane, features breakfast beerocks, pastries, deli sandwiches, cookies and is known take and bake pizza and delicious daily entrées. Cressman.org. (559) 841-2923.

Lakeshore Restaurant and Saloon offering casual meals at reasonable prices. The adjacent bar is a mountain classic. At Huntington Lake, 2.5 miles past China Peak. LakeshoreResort.com (559) 893-3193.

Shaver Lake Pizza all pizzas made with fresh ingredients and covered with toppings. Beer is available. Offering great Calzones, salads, hot sandwiches and appetizers. ShaverLakePizza.com. (559) 841-7249

Short Horn Bar and Grill is locals favorite place to meet, eat, drink, dance and chat. Great cheeseburgers, fries, other sandwiches and cold drinks. They have the only pool table in town. (559) 841-6464.

Shaver Pub 'n Grub is known for atmosphere and drinks, with burgers, pastrami sandwich, fish & chips and chicken tacos. Catch sporting events on 4 TV's with Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket. (559) 841-4411.

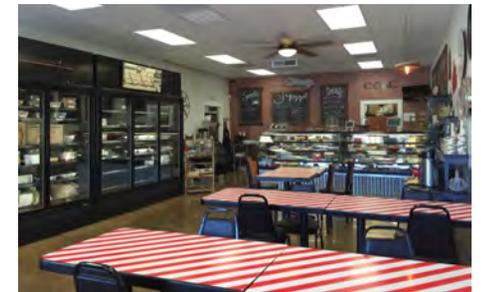
The Trading Post is Shaver Lake's popular dining house. Enjoy a drink at the beautiful bar and then sit down to great food, their top priority. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. (559) 841-5394

Shaver Lake Gas Mart offers you a variety of food types including a Mexican Food menu, Chester's Fried Chicken, Shaved Ice and Scoops of Ice Cream. Cold beer and fountain drinks. (559) 841-5303.

Pizza Factory - Prather features "real hand tossed pizza", delicious salads, a variety of pasta, plus hot and cold sandwiches. Cold beer and fountain drinks. Lots of indoor seating. (559) 855-2800.

Creekside Catering & Take Out is in Prather, offering delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner items to eat there or take out. Select from a wonderful selection of fresh bakery items. Catering. (559) 855-2277.

Subway is located in the Canyon Forks Center in Prather. Select from a tempting array of sandwiches or salads. Stop by for a breakfast or lunch treat on your way up to the mountains. (559) 855-7827. Visit Subway.com



Creekside Catering & Takeout - Prather



The Inn at China Peak Restaurant



Short Horn Bar and Grill



Cressman's General Store



Shaver Pub 'n Grub



Lakeshore Restaurant and Saloon



Pizza Factory - Prather



Shaver Lake Gas and Food Mart

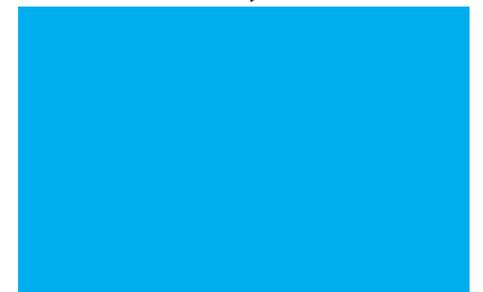
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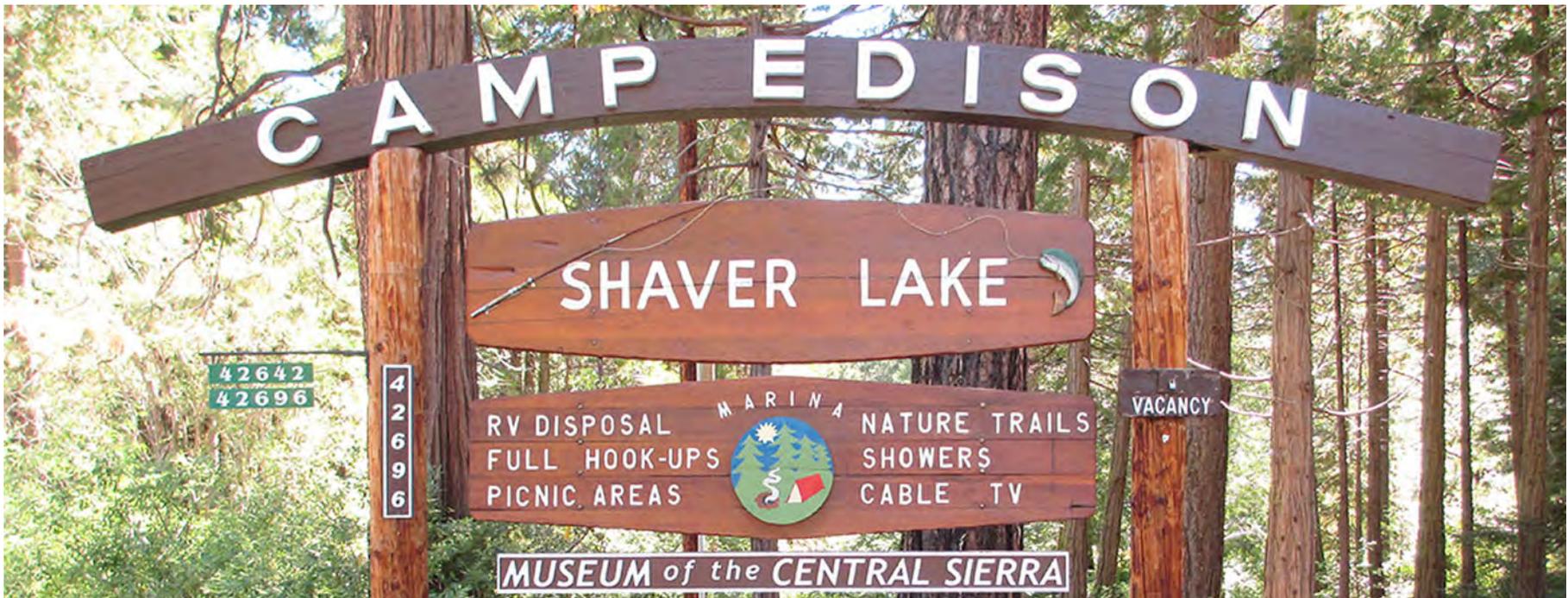
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Captain Marval Splashes into Shaver Lake and the Box Office Record Books

If you're among the millions who has seen Captain Marval, you will surely remember the amazing crash sequence sending a U.S. Air Force jet into a lake. Brie Larson stars in the lead role as an extraterrestroa Kree warrior. Samuel L. Jackson portrays a young Nick Fury. Jude Law plays a villain from the comics named Yon-Rogg. But more importantly - ***the role of the crash site was given to Shaver Lake!***

That's right, movie production crews turned McDonald's Cove at Shaver Lake into an amazing battle scene. Crews reshaped part of the terrain and



Do you remember seeing this in the popular movie? The background of Shaver Lake steals the scene as the film production crew creates a simulated crash during the filming of Captain Marval.

added some metal debris to the beach. At least one other scene was shot well beyond the trees at Shaver Lake, near the power plant.

Larson, Jackson and Law were joined by nearly 250 cast and crew members to shoot scenes here at Shaver Lake for almost three weeks.

Some local residents even got an opportunity to be extras. Many between 20 and 50 years old played military, government and maintenance workers.

Several pilots from the 144th Fighter Wing stationed in Fresno were also part of various scenes. But their work was done in and around Edwards Air Force Base near Mojave, California.

The plot shows that Captain Marval is an extraterrestrial Kree warrior who finds herself caught in the middle of an intergalactic battle between her people and the Skrulls.

Living on Earth in 1995, she keeps having recurring memories of another life as U.S. Air Force pilot Carol Danvers. With help from Nick Fury, Captain Marval tries to uncover the secrets

of her past while harnessing her special superpowers to end the war with the evil Skrulls.

"This character is similar to Wonder Woman, more like Superman, she's a pretty tough character," said Dave Allread of Heroes Comics in Fresno.

The movie has earned over \$1 billion at the box office, making it the seventh Marvel Studios movie to achieve this milestone and only the 38th movie in history!

The Shaver Lake community buzzed with lots of excitement before, during and after the filming.

secretcy. Business was real good."

"People were out on the lake, trying to catch a glimpse of the movie set," said Keith Davis, at Cressman's General Store, where a sign outside wished people a "Marvel-ous week!"

"We could see some of the figures on the shore," says Jim Holmes of Fresno, who was fishing while the film crew did they job. "We could see flames. They were filming a crash scene."

"The helicopter flew over a few times. It was exciting," Holmes said. This one was unusual. It had camera equipment on the front of it and he (the pilot) made some wild passes. It was pretty exciting."

"Shaver Lake is a picture postcard for film production," said Ray Arthur, a former Film and Entertainment Commissioner for the city of Fresno.

"They'll (production companies) go to different vendors, buy products and services. Those people get paid, they turn around and pay their employees, who then buy their groceries. The grocery stores pay their employees, who then go out that Saturday and buy shoes for their kids," he said.

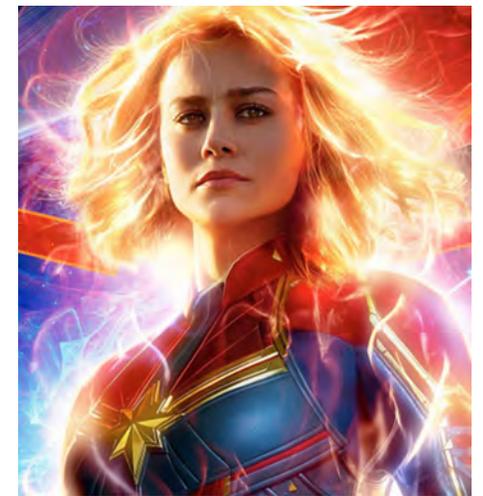
The movie helped Fresno County rake in a lot of bucks when crews were here in 2018. In a report, Fresno County said filming brought in around \$427,000. Nearly half of that money was spent on hotels.

"We've had other films up here before, but this was a big deal," said Shaver Lake real estate agent Jim Huebner. "Big trucks, I mean 40-footers, were coming through here, one after the other."

"A lot of the film crew were saying that they wanted to come back, so it's



The production spent several days preparing for scenes to be shot show the aftermath of the U.S. Air Force crash site and ensuing fire. The town was a buzz with excitement over the entire event.



Captain Marval has become the 38th movie in history to reach over a \$1 billion mark in sales. not just a one-time thing, which was fantastic," Huebner said.

Huebner adds all eateries and lodging in the area pocketed extra cash during the crew's stay, himself included, as he rented his townhome to Brie Larson.

"They were great guests. No wild parties, no Hollywood bashes or anything. Just good people," he said with a laugh. The thing that excited him the most was the tourism the movie could generate for the area.

"I'm so stoked. I'm such a superhero fan, like hardcore. I watch all the movies with my kids I love them," said res-



Out of character and relaxing on deck of her home away from home is movie star Brie Larson.

ident Teresa Foster. She actually went with her family to get a glimpse of the action, but everything was blocked off with security guards asking for ID.

Members of Fresno's 144th Fighter Wing were also revved up about Captain Marval's exposure. Airmen from the base prepped F-15 jets for the movie, which they say is a great representation of airmen all over.

"Her (Carol Danvers) path to go through the Air Force Academy and then through pilot training is not unlike most fighter pilots in the Air Force," said 1st Lt. Charlie Jamieson

Master Sgt. Leslie Sundstrom said it's even more important since Captain Marval is a woman.



Do you remember seeing this in the popular movie? The background of Shaver Lake steals the scene as the film production crew creates a simulated crash during the filming of Captain Marval.

White Bark Vista is just off the Kaiser Pass summit. It is the western point for the start or exit of the popular Dusy Ershim 4-wheel trail.

The granite outcropping overlooks the vast Kaiser Wilderness and you can see Edison Lake in the distance.

For taking Mt. Tom Adventure, you will leave White Bark Vista and drive through Sample Meadows and on to the Mt. Tom tower. Then you head along Stump Springs Road and into community of Big Creek and then back to Shaver Lake.

On the way to the Giant Sequoias in McKinley Grove, you will visit the Pine Logging Camp and the popular Honeymoon Pool as well as the historic Dinkey Creek Bridge. Depending upon the season, you maybe treated to a rush of water at the falls at Bear Creek along McKinley Road.

The hike among the towering trees is very refreshing. You will see old, up-rooted trunks, moss covered trees and a meandering stream flowing through the area.

The Mt. Tom destination is part of full day adventure that takes you to

White Bark Vista and through scenic Sample Meadows to the lookout tower. Availability is up to the Forest Service.

The region is teeming with wildlife and offers thrilling views of the Sierra National Forest as to reach and climb over Kaiser Pass.

He was the person who took a Model T Ford over the mountains establishing the Kaiser Pass Road.

The Pine Mill Logging Camp is just off the Dinkey Creek Road. Later you will move on to the giant Sequoias at McKinley Grove.

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As you leave the magnificent 360 degree views offered at Mt. Tom, you will travel along old Stump Springs Road, down to Big Creek and back to Shaver Lake.

Rancheria Falls is off a side road that takes off Highway 168 between China Peak Mountain Resort and Huntington Lake. When at its peak, you will see a 150 foot waterfall that cascades over a granite cliff face and is beautiful.

Your tour guide will pack at the base of the trail so you take the short hike up to the falls.

Remember to bring along your camera, a bottle of water, comfortable hiking shoes and perhaps a towel to dry yourself off if you get too close!

After a walk through the Pine Log Camp near Dinkey Creek, you will visit beautiful Honeymoon Pools. It is actually in the Dinkey Creek Campground.

It is a short but vigorous hike to and from the pool. This location is favorite spot for family and friends to go swim-

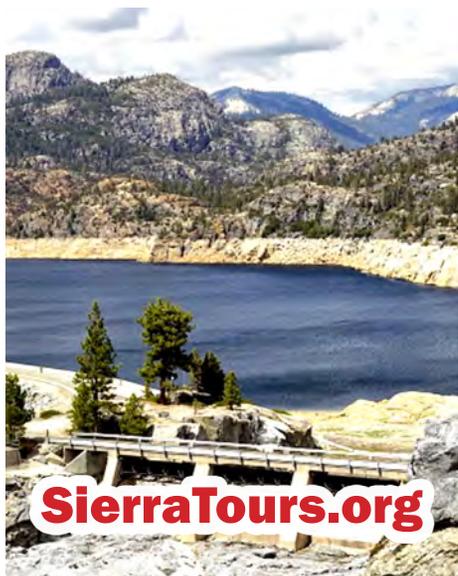


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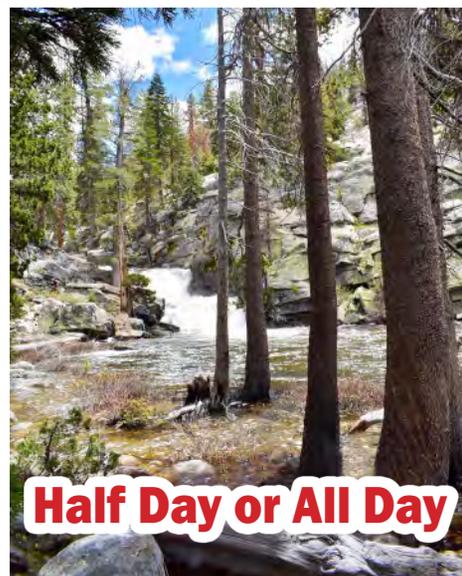
In 1922, Harry Allen, a heavy equipment engineer who worked on the building of the dams, built the General Store / Hotel and some of the cabins.

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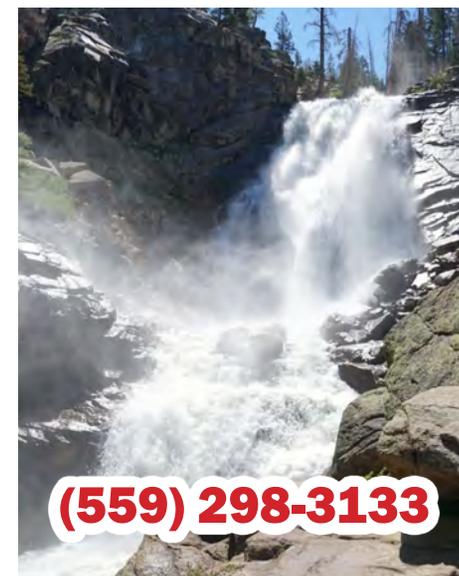
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Annual Regional Events

February

Lion's Club Crab Feed
Special Olympics Winter Games at China Peak



April

Fourth of July Fireworks Dinner
Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Plant
Museum of the Central Sierra Seasonal Opening
General Trout Fishing Season Begins



May

Camp Edison Summer Season Begins
Camp Edison Interpretive Program**
Central Sierra Museum Programs**
Lion's Pancake Breakfast



June

Camp Edison Interpretive Program**
Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Plant
Sierra Historical Society Fundraising Dinner
Central Sierra Museum Programs**
Climb to Kaiser Pass
China Peak Enduro
Beer Can Races on Huntington Lake



July

Spectacular Fireworks on the Lake
China Peak Mountain Bike Course Opens

Camp Edison Interpretive Program**
Central Sierra Museum Programs**
High Sierra Regattas
Kiwanis Fishing Derby, Wishon Reservoir
Water Polo Open Water Tournament



August

Camp Edison Interpretive Program**
Central Sierra Museum Programs**
China Peak Trail Run
Black Pot Cook-off
SAR Wild Run
Shaver Lake Loggers Jamboree
Shaver Lake Trophy Trout Dinner



September

Lion's Pancake Breakfast
Kokanee Fishing Derby
Shaver Lake Triathlon



November

Arts and Crafts Holiday Boutique
Children's Holiday Crafts – Central Sierra Museum

December

China Peak Torch Light Parade/Fireworks



*Events listed above subject to change.

**Camp Edison has weekly educational programs. Central Sierra Museum has monthly programs during the summer season. Camp Edison's weekly events are posted at all support buildings at Camp Edison and all bulletin boards in Shaver Lake. All Camp Edison educational programs are free to the public. Camp Edison educational program details call 559.841.3134 or email camped@sce.com. For details on Central Sierra Museum call 559.841.4478 or visit SierraHistorical.org.

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This Region Offers Extensive Trail Adventures for Mountain Biking

Mark Twain once said “Learn to ride a bicycle. You will not regret it if you live.” There’s a sense of freedom that comes along with riding a bicycle. From mountain biking to road cycling, each one provides a different aspect to the sport that should be experienced. Luckily, the Sierra National Forest is a mountain biker’s dream! It is the home to a variety of cycling adventures.



The ride to and around Courtright Reservoir is filled with spectacular views of the Sierra Forest.

Here’s just a few of the cool biking opportunities available to you in and around Shaver Lake.

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 majestic Sierra National Forest in the Kaiser Wilderness and Dinkey Wilderness as well as the Courtright



The Climb to Kaiser Ride takes you 155 miles from Clovis to the Kaiser Summit and back again.

and Wishon Reservoir regions.

The Sierra National Forest offers some of the finest single-track riding anywhere, from easy to technical. Detailed maps are available at Shaver Lake Sports and a guide to the region published by the Shaver Lake Visitor’s Bureau is to be



If you ride through the Kaiser Wilderness near Mono Hot Springs you can take advantage of the hot springs that are close to the San Joaquin River. Relax and soak as you take in the beauty of the area.

found at most business in the region.

Nonetheless, there are many opportunities for two-wheel enthusiasts on, or near, the Sierra National Forest.

Paved roads that head into the forest are usually very steep but offer scenic-if challenging- hill climbing. 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 trail is great for Mountain Biking

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.

The Climb to Kaiser event in June is a 155 trek from Clovis to the Kaiser Summit and back. You can also bike along 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 “Tuolumne Meadows without the crowds”.



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A Good Fire in the Forest Actually Helps With Proper Management

By Ryan Stewart - RPF and Supervisor for SCE Forestry Dept.

If you're from California, chances are you're getting used to the news that firefighters are battling another wildfire. We've almost become apathetic to learn that another wildfire has burned another hundred thousand acres. That's because wildfires in California are increasing in magnitude, intensity and impact on our lives. While we have a seemingly endless supply of firefighters and emergency funding, it is becoming increasingly apparent that we are fighting a losing battle.



The Southern California Edison staff carefully manages the forest undergrowth for fire safety.

Should we give up??? Of course not! It is simply time to take a different approach and create a new battle plan. And if you happen to meet a forester (they generally are a bit elusive and keep to the woods, but rumor has it they can be found in the vicinity of Camp Edison and Shaver Lake), they might even tell you they know the solution to this burning problem, and that it's been utilized right here at Shaver Lake for almost 40 years.

But let's back up and talk about how we found ourselves in this predicament. Up here in the Sierra, over 100 years of putting out fires (fire suppression) has removed nature's primary method of

self-governance. Prior to western development, fires burned constantly in our mountains, often ignited by lightning or Native Americans. These fires would creep around the forest floor thinning out areas of overcrowded vegetation, burning dead wood and debris, and helping propagate fire dependent species like Giant Sequoia. Although these fires burned frequently, the vast majority burned at low intensity because there simply wasn't a lot of fuel to burn. These repeated fires created a patchwork effect in forests; forming gaps, islands of small trees and brush, sustaining open stands of well-spaced big trees and maintaining meadows. This diversity not only made the forest resilient, but supported a diverse and healthy wildlife population. Well, 100 years later fire suppression has left us with uniform forests, full of dense overgrowth and dead wood.

So what's the solution? FOREST MANAGEMENT!! We know this because Edison Forestry has been managing our forestlands to promote those historic forest conditions since 1980.

Now that doesn't mean that we shouldn't fight wildfires. It also doesn't mean we should just run around lighting everything on fire all the time.

We need to use just about every tool in the forestry tool box. Here at Edison Forestry, we perform prescribed burns in the spring and fall when the weather makes conditions safe. We harvest and sell timber, thin thickets and pile and burn brush.

Each year, we also plant native grasses, shrubs, and around 20,000 native seedlings that we grow in our own



Prescribed burns in and around Camp Edison each year help keep the forest healthy and vital.

nursery. All of these tools are used to create or emulate the diversity that natural fire created in the past. In the unfortunate event a wildfire should start on or enter onto Edison's forest, it will more than likely "lay down" or move to the forest floor where it can be stopped. Our goal is to defend our forests from wildfire by managing forest density and diversity. These qualities also encourage wildlife, clean water, and a healthy forest our visitors can enjoy.

So please go take a hike around our forest, we are very proud of it. Be on the lookout for stumps, fire scars on trees, lots of wildlife, and clean streams. These are just a few benefits of a healthy, well managed forest.

Backcountry Camping Via a Horseback Ride

For those with their own riding stock, the Sierra National Forest provides excellent opportunities for trail riding and overnight camping.

Horseback riders will share trails with hikers. Practice trail courtesy, traveling single file to avoid widening trails or damage to vegetation. Do not cut switchbacks. Pack out what you bring in.

Only 25 pack stock are permitted in the wilderness with any group. You must pack in all of the feed for your animals. Supplemental certified weed-free feed such as alfalfa pellets or crimped oats, are recommended.

Pack and saddle stock must NOT be tied within 100 feet of any water, trails, or campsites. Don't tie stock to small trees, trees must be 18 inches and over.

In wilderness areas Several areas on the forest provide camping facilities and corrals for equestrian users.

Overnight stays in the wilderness require a Wilderness Permit. Day use does not require a Wilderness Permit. Please check with the U.S. Forest Service at Prather (559) 855-5355 for any restrictions that may be in place.

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Drive Over the Courtright Dam to See Views Like Those in Yosemite's "Tuolumne Meadows"

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 our big backyard 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 as that of the terrain found in 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-athons, Power Dome 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 at areas like Tiger Wall and Tiger Cage. Best of all, you won't find yourself pulling from the tickertape to wait your place in line for a route, nor is there any entrance fee into 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



The "lost sister" to the massive granite facings in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows is at Courtright.



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.

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 tent sites and 45 trailer sites. This campground is within stone's throw distance to both Spring Dome (aka Marmot Dome) and Trapper Dome.

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.

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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Unplug During Your Vacation, Play Some Cool Camp Games

Backpack Pass

Place some chocolate squares for your campfire s'mores into a small, brown paper bag. Write a command on the outside of the bag, such as, "Dance a jig."

Then place that bag inside another bag, on which another silly command is written. Continue placing bags inside bags (all with silly commands on them) until you have at least one for each player.

Place the collection of bags inside of a camping backpack. Set the graham crackers and marshmallows out, but inform campers that in order to retrieve the chocolate, they must complete the backpack game.

Have everyone sit around the campfire and begin passing the backpack as you play music. When you stop the music, the player holding the bag must open the first bag, stand up and perform the task.

Continue playing in this manner until everyone has performed a command and the bag containing the chocolate is revealed.

Scavenger Hunt

What better way to explore your campsite than with a scavenger hunt? Hide various pieces of camping gear for the kids to find, or make lists of things they would find in your campsite's environment. In the woods, for instance, items to find could include an acorn, a red leaf, a piece of bark and a yellow flower.

Give them the list and have them hunt for the items. You can set a prize for the player who finds the most items within a set time period, or give a reward for everyone who completes the list during your campout.

Bear Catcher

In this game of tag, one player is the bear catcher and the rest are bears. Place one sleeping bag for each bear around the campsite. Have each bear go to his cave (sit on a sleeping bag) and have the bear catcher stand in the center of the play area. On the word "go" (called by a non-player), the bears must race to a new cave before the bear catcher can



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tag them. When a player is tagged, he becomes the new bear catcher.

Canteen Bucket Brigade

Divide campers into two teams. Place two large buckets of water side by side, at one end of the campsite, and two empty buckets, side by side, several feet away from the full ones. Line the teams up at the full buckets and hand each team a canteen. Team members must race to fill the empty buckets with the water from the full buckets, using only the canteen to transfer the water.

Campfire Relay

Divide campers into two teams. Set up two sets of supplies needed to build a campfire (paper, wood, rocks) and

on the word "go," have players race to gather supplies and build their own campfires (minus the actual fire part). The first team to complete the building of a campfire wins.

Water relay race

Divide campers into two teams. Give each camper a cup or bucket. Have the kids stand in a line, all facing the same direction. To start the game, put water in the first bucket.

Have the kids pour the water over their head into the next bucket behind them. First team with water in the last bucket wins. Water relay race is always fun.

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Soak in Relaxing Hot Springs Near the San Joaquin River

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

They are located near the San Joaquin River, not far from the Mono Hot



Little Eden is one of the larger hot spring pools found near Mono Hot Springs near the river.

Springs campground, sitting at an elevation of 6,700 feet with many cliffs in the area. Most of these hot springs were cemented in and made much more comfortable by men working on the

early Florence Lake Dam in the 1920s.

You can reach these rustic hot by traveling over 9,100 ft. Kaiser Pass. After nine miles of paved but much of it one lane road, 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 forty 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 ten or fifteen minutes.

Reed Pools - Climbing another 100 yards above Old Pedro, you find Reed



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

Pools. They are cooler and refreshing on hot days. Behind the circular cement water tank are remnants of the old bath house.

At times a hot spring outflows from a pipe with a tub beneath it. This is a perfect place to sit and let the hot water pour over the top of your head!

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.

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Tell the Kids a Campfire Ghost Story About Legendary Old Able Fable

Able Fable was a miserable old man who always worried someone would break into his house and steal his money.

Each night before he would go to sleep, he would lock his wallet up in a safe located near his bed so that if anyone were to try to rob him they would have to wake him up to do it.

Unfortunately, on the night that Able died he had only placed the wallet on the table near the safe without locking it up. Before his death, Able said to his family and friends that none of them were to touch his home or his money and he said that anyone who came near his safe and wallet would be greeted by his ghost and be scared away.

Following Able's death the family decided that the money in the Fable house was not doing any good if not used, so they went into the home to get it.

Able's oldest son decided to make the first attempt. He opened the door and went in, he saw Able's wallet on the table and reached for it. Immediately he heard a voice say: "I am the ghost of Able Fable, put the money

back on the table!"

The voice scared the son so much that he ran from the room and out the door, screaming: "I heard the voice of a ghost!"

The oldest daughter in disbelief decided she would make her way into Able's room. She entered and reached for the wallet.

She then heard the voice say: "I am the ghost of Able Fable, put the money back on the table!"

The daughter was so scared that she dropped the wallet and ran from the room screaming: "I heard the voice of a ghost!"

The youngest son decided to make his attempt at getting the money. When he entered the room and reached for the wallet he also heard the voice say: "I am the ghost of Able Fable, put the money back on the table!"

The youngest son decided that he was not easily scared and said back: "Well, I am the ghost of Davey Crockett and the money is going to stay in my pocket!"

The youngest son took all the money for his own and the ghost of Able Fable was never heard from again!



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Wounded Warriors and Others Participate in Outdoor Activities

Shaver Lake is unique in that it includes a resident organization that assists in making outdoor adventures accessible to persons with disabilities. The Central California Adaptive Sports Center (CCASC), under the watchful eye of Randy Coffman, invites participants to join with them for another summer of fun in the mountains.

The local, community non-profit organization has provided outdoor mountain adventures to persons with disabilities at China Peak in the winter and Shaver Lake in the summer. Since 2014, over 6,000 hours have been spent with participants and their families, including wounded Veterans from all over California.

The summer season will feature weekend campouts and single day programs. The staff provides lessons, all camping and recreational equipment, as well as all meals. Each activity in the program is designed with adaptations for varying disabilities. Individuals and groups of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to participate.

All programs incorporate the latest equipment and therapeutic recreation practices, facilitate activities in a professional manner, and collaborate with other organizations, with the goal of providing programming that has a lasting impact on the quality of our participant's lives.

The participation of family and friends empower our participants in their daily lives, and have a positive enduring effect on confidence, health, independence, and overall well-being.

For those spending a weekend, depending on interest and suitability,

activities include a combination of mountain biking, rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, fly-fishing, and paddle boarding. Also included are two days and nights of camping overnight in tents at our lakeside campground. Weekend programs begin at 6 pm on Friday and end at 1 pm on Sunday.

If you prefer to come just for one day, we have scheduled several mid-week, single day sessions. You can join us for a Saturday during of one of our weekend sessions. All single day programs begin at 9 am and end at approximately 4 pm.

All participants will begin their adventure at the Adaptive Sports Center in the community of Shaver Lake in the Ken's Market parking lot.

It takes a team to make our programs work. For each participant, we need at least one volunteer in addition to staff instructors. Instructors and guides assist participants with hiking, mountain biking, camping, rock climbing, horseback riding, and kayaking.

To be considered for a position, you must work in a team environment, and be interested in enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Volunteers are needed for both summer and winter seasons. No prior experience is necessary. Instructors must be at least 18 years of age. Base Area and Field Assistants must be at least 16.

Detailed agendas, program fees, and additional information are provided at CentralCalAdaptive.org. You can also call (559) 593-2504 or email the staff at info@centralcaladaptive.org. These programs will fill up quickly, so please contact us soon to schedule a program.



The Central California Adaptive Sports Center in Shaver Lake is very instrumental in giving those with various disabilities the opportunity to experience all that the great outdoors has to offer them.

Careful Planning Leads to Safety When It Comes to Your Vacation

All your planning has been done and you're patiently waiting for leaving 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? When you're taking an extended trip into the Sierra National Forest during the spring, summer, fall or winter months, there are some things that should be in the trunk of everyone's vehicle!

Naturally you need to carry chains with you when you drive to the mountains during the winter. 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. It is also important to have practiced putting your chains on your tires.

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 many of the items that might help keep you safe if your break down or if the weather turns really ugly.

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

Don't try to walk in a severe 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, especially if you don't exercise regularly.

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up win-

dow to signal distress.

Now that you know a little more about travel safety during any time of the year, you will hopefully have no worries during your vacation. You have prepared yourself for any extra adventures.





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Be Aware of Your Footprint While You Are Vacationing

It is time for all of us to do our part in leaving our forest lands and campgrounds healthy and free of trash. This pertains to all of the national forests, not just here at Camp Edison.

Annually families and friends check their calendars and plan to gear up and go camping. In doing this we pack the must haves for our trip; food, water, camping equipment, maps, electronics, etc. One item that is commonly overlooked in our 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.

At Camp Edison we are making every attempt to reduce the amount of trash that is left by providing more trash and recycle cans, easier access, and educating guests with handouts and signage. We have heightened our awareness on the importance of recycling. Several reasons exist as to why we should promote recycling.

Recycling helps us to convert our old products into new useful products. Since we are saving resources and are sending less trash to the landfills it helps in reducing air and water pollution. In other words, it's good for the environment.

Reasons to keep recycling and not litter:

1. Protects Wildlife: Using recycled materials reduces damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.
2. Good for our Economy: U.S. companies rely on recycling programs to provide raw material they need to make new products.
3. Reduces water pollution: Making goods from recycled materials generates

far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.

4. Reduces waste: The average American discards seven pounds of garbage every day. Most of this goes into landfills.

5. Litter lasts a long time: orange peels--two years, plastic bags--10-20 years, tin cans--50 years, aluminum cans--80-100 years, glass bottles--1 million years, plastic bottles--Indefinitely.

So next time you come up to Shaver whether you are enjoying the beautiful lake, heading to the ski resort, or just recreating for the day please help us keep are local mountains clean and safe.

Did you know that guests staying at Camp Edison will be provided trash and recycle bags during their stay?

Pack up the family, bring the dogs, and come visit us today--make your online reservation at www.sce.com/campedison

Adopt a Cove Program

Join the Adopt a Cove Program. Donate your time to maintain a portion of the shoreline on Shaver Lake.

Individuals or groups interested in adopting a section of shoreline at Shaver Lake, must be willing to perform at least a combined 80 hours of service during a one year commitment. Projects that you are likely to encounter during your year of adoption include: collection and removal of trash, removal of illegal campfire rings, and driftwood cleanup/pile for burning.

In appreciation of your efforts, The section of shoreline you adopt will have a sign with your group's name on it.



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The Shaver Lake Visitor's Bureau is an all volunteer organization that actively promotes the regional Sierra National Forest covering all aspects of this unique four season, outdoor recreational paradise/

World class hiking, fishing, boating, off-road trails, rock climbing, horseback riding, hunting, cross country skiing, sailing, sightseeing and photography Eastern Fresno County region offers it all.

From the spring till the fall, several events take place including 5K and 10K races, Triathlons, the largest open water polo tournament in North American, trout fishing derbies, a world famous high sierra regatta. a Logger's Jamboree, Shaver Brewfest and a major Fourth of July fireworks presentation.

The group is proud to have partnered with a variety of businesses and other interested parties in marketing the many virtues of this beautiful area.

This is a designated 501(c)3 non-profit group and is dependent upon donations.

The group meets quarterly. Anyone is invited to attend and become a part of the effort to promote this unique region. Check GoShaver.org for actual dates.

The Shaver Lake Visitor's Bureau maintains an informational website presence that

features outdoor recreational activities, a calendar of events and community businesses in the area, as well as providing information needed to facilitate a good visitor experience.

A comprehensive visitor's guide, which includes a detailed map of the region, is available at most stores, restaurants, lodging facilities, marinas and campgrounds at Shaver Lake, Huntington Lake, Dinkey Creek and in the more remote backcountry facilities.

Email promote@GoShaver.org or call (559) 841-3350 for further information.

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Pacific Crest Trail Near Edison Lake at Vermilion Valley Resort

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The Pacific Crest Trail is 2,665 miles long, stretching from Mexico to Canada along the west coast of the United States.

Over the past 10 years the PCT has become a favorite trail for thru-hikers. Nearly 3,000 people strike out to hike the length of the PCT each year. Many other hikers utilize the trail each year, many hiking only portions of the trail, 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. The trail through this section traverses some of the most remote and spectacular scenery in North America. This country is quintessential high



The wake of the Edison Queen as she ferries thru hikers to and from the PCT dropoff location. mountain terrain consisting of glaciers, thousands of sky blue lakes, lush green alpine meadows, high snow covered passes and soaring granite peaks. Along the route, the PCT crosses several passes above 11,000 feet: Forester Pass (13,180 feet), the highest point on the entire trail; Glenn Pass (11,926

feet); Kearsarge Pass (11,709 feet); Pinchot Pass (12,090 feet); and Mather Pass (12,082 feet).

A successful Pacific Crest Trail hike depends on your quality of planning and a willingness to stop and get off the trail at any time. Getting gear, food, fuel, and other supplies along the trail can be a lot of fun. There are many ways to do it. A main concern of hikers is "What resupply options do I have?"

Fortunately, in this section of the PCT, they have Jim Clement and his staff at Vermilion Valley Resort (VVR). They will hold packages for a \$30 fee. Use UPS send your packages to VVR. There is a 25 lbs (11 kg) limit on all packages. Be sure to mark your package(s) with your estimated time of arrival (ETA). All packages will be held 30 days past ETA, then put in the hiker box.

Send your package at least two weeks in advance to Vermilion Valley Resort, c/o Rancheria Garage, 62311 Huntington Lake Road, Lakeshore, Ca. 93634. It is located at Latitude / Longitude: 37° 22'33.56"N 119° 0'45.52"W. It is a distance of five miles from the trail.

Meanwhile, when hikers decide to visit VVR, the resort runs a ferry boat service with the Edison Queen, that travels on the lake from approximately June 1st to October 2nd depending on the back country snow conditions. It runs seven days a week with special departures upon request. The boat dock at the mouth of Mono Creek is less than a mile from the main PCT/JMT trail.

The Edison Queen leaves the resort at 9:00 and 4:00 daily. Pick-up at Mono



The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) stretches 2,665 miles from Mexico to Canada through the states of California, Oregon and Washington. Vermilion Valley Resort is a resupply location at Edison Lake.

Headwaters at the back of the lake is at 9:45 and 4:45 daily. Special Ferry runs can be arranged throughout the day.

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Many visitors to the Shaver Lake region will take a day and drive up toward Huntington Lake and then take the Kaiser Pass Road to Edison Lake Road where they will find several hot springs.

Mother Nature Fuels the Hot Springs in Kaiser Wilderness

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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 steep a climb to reach Little Eden, return across the river to your



The proximity of the San Joaquin River to the hot springs allows for a quick “cooling off”.

vehicle. Drive back across the bridge/ Park at the trailhead 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.

It is a warmer hot spring, big enough for several folks with beautiful maiden hair ferns tumbling into the pool above the bubbles which is the hottest part of the pool at 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!

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



Get all the benefits of a brisk hiking adventure rewarded by a relaxing soak in a hot springs.

on the very top of a ridge – the last place you would expect to find standing water! 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.

Sierra Historical Society Has Museum Without Any Walls

There are lots of activities in the local region, but one that you cannot miss is a visit to the Museum of the Central Sierra, located near the entrance to Camp Edison. Your kids will love this adventure.

You can use your smartphone and download a free app, Sounds of the Central Sierra. It previews exhibits with further information about the history of this area.

Your children or grandchildren can enjoy crafts while you browse extensive collections of Native American, logging, mining, and pioneer era artifacts. Venture outdoors to see the exhibits that offer visitors an interactive experience.

At the hydro-electric powerhouse (the only exhibit like it in the world), you will learn the history of hydro-electric power and why the water in this area is called the “hardest working water in the world.”

The steam donkey and powerhouse are working exhibits. They are fired up once a month. This facility has the only running powerhouse in a museum setting throughout the whole world. Visitors are offered scavenger hunts, hikes to points of interest and monthly concerts in amphitheater.

The gift shop at the museum provides

adult and children books on California history, Native American culture, pioneer lives, natural history, wildlife, environmental issues facing the West, and recreational activities in the Sierra.

There is never a charge to get into the museum. However, we are a non-profit and appreciate any donations.



The caboose at the museum used to be a part of the old SJ&E Railroad that ran to Big Creek.

The Museum is open seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours are from 11 am to 3 pm. The address is 42642 Tollhouse Rd just inside the entrance to Camp Edison in Shaver Lake. A complete calendar of events is available at: SierraHistorical.org. You can contact the staff at (559) 841-4478



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Rod and Marsha Wiens Historical Trail is Dedicated

Prior to the construction of the Shaver Dam by Southern California Edison, on Stevensen Creek in the year 1927, the Shaver basin was owned and worked by the Fresno Flume and Lumber Company.

Steam powered winches, known as steam donkeys, rolled on rails into the forest and dragged back logs to be floated to the mills. The flumes and rails that ferried those logs became obsolete and were removed or abandoned. They left behind graded paths throughout the forest.

One such grade was the base for the construction of the Historic Trail. The South Trail head follows a historic rail grade up from South Perimeter Road, then makes a switchback climb to a rare vista of Shaver Lake.

Along the side of the grade is the Bill Wingo Grove of Sequoias, named for the Edison Forester who planted the grove nearly 60 years ago.

Building the trail and interpretive displays was a difficult task, made possible by Shaver Lake Volunteers.

The day to day maintenance of the trail was adopted by Rod and Marcia Wiens. Rod and Marcia have been cornerstones of our mountain community for many years.

They were founding members of the Shaver Lake Volunteers and active on the steering committee. Rod recently retired from the workshop at Camp Edison and the couple moved out of the area to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

In recognition of the years of hard work the Wiens have given to the community, Shaver Lake Volunteers dedicates the Rod and Marcia Wiens Historic Trail.

New trailhead markers are scheduled for installation this spring. Additionally, more interpretive displays are in the works. To visit the Historic Trail, find the Volunteer Trail Map at shops around town. You can find Rod's handiwork all around Camp Edison and on the trails, as he carved and painted most of the signage. More detailed information on the adopt-a-trail program is available at the website www.shaverlakevolunteers.com.



Just off the Kaiser Summit is the turnoff for the Dusy Ershim Four Wheel Drive Trail. Not far from Kaiser Pass Road is this vast expanse of the Sierra National Forest called White Bark Vista.

4-Wheel Drive Adventures Await You in the Kaiser and Dinkey Wilderness

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users will find many opportunities for off-highway enjoyment in the Sierra National Forest. Two are listed below.

A fairly complete listing of trails is available at the Central Sierra Visitors Bureau website at ComeOnUp.org. Look for the Things to Do link and then one for Off Road Vehicle Treks.

Brewer OHV Route: Just above Shaver Lake is the Brewer OHV route, classified as Easiest. This trail is great for beginners or those looking to test a new vehicle. The route is 3.5 miles long and takes about 1 hour to drive.

Take Hwy 168 east from Shaver Lake to the Tamarack Sno Park Area. Turn east on Road 9S69 and travel approximately 3 miles, then turn left on Road 9S69. Continue on Road 9S69 for 2 miles until you reach Road 9S10 on your right. Follow Road 9S10 for 1.5 miles to you get to a gate and bulletin board.

Bald Mountain: This popular OHV

route is the only route on the district that is open year-round. The route is accessible from the south by taking Dinkey Creek Road east from Shaver Lake and at approximately 9.5 miles turning left on Rock Creek Road (9S09). Go north on Rd 9S09 for 3.5 miles to start of the route. Staying right at the first two intersections will put you on the more challenging lower loop.

Stay left for the most direct and easier route to the top of Bald Mt. To access from the north take Hwy 168 above Shaver Lake to the Tamarack Snow-Park, travel along Rd 9S09 for 3 miles to the intersection of Rd. 9S02. Take Rd. 9S02 south and you will come to the north trail head in less than 10 minutes. This route is known as the "easy way" to the top of Bald Mountain. Stay right at the first intersection after the trail head. Many high clearance trucks can reach the top going this way. Left will take you to the lower loop.



Coyote Lake Trail is a 20.3 miles trek, rated as difficult and offers two beautiful lakes with great fishing and camping. About three miles are very difficult after Red Lake. A great weekend escape.

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Six Major Lakes Beckon Anglers to Try Their Luck Outwitting Fish

The Western Outdoor News is always spreading the joy of fishing in the Eastern Sierra. Well their staff should spend some time in this region where fisherman are offered some of the finest angling action in the western Unit-



Huntington Lake may be more well know for sailing, but you can catch some trout there too!

ed States. No matter if you prefer fishing from a boat, a float tube, kayak or from shore the fish are in these lakes and the river to tempt you from sunrise to sunset.



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

It would be pretty hard to fish all the wonderful lakes in the area on just one vacation, so here is information about several waterways on which you might like to try your hand in the near future.

Shaver and Huntington Lakes are probably the two most well known lakes in Fresno County. But you're in for a treat when you travel further inland to Wishon and Courtright Reservoirs. They are accessed from the com-



Wishon Reservoir is on the King's River at the end of McKinley Grove Rd. Go catch a big one.

munity of Shaver by taking Dinkey Creek Road to McKinley Grove Road. You follow McKinley Grove Road through the area of the McKinley Grove of Giant Sequoias and on to the two reservoirs that are part of the Pacific Gas and Electric Helm's Project.

Wishon is just beyond the Wishon Village RV Park about 26 miles from Shaver. You get to Courtright off McKinley Grove Road by turning onto Courtright Way that will take you by PG&E private housing and onto the reservoir which is about 11 miles from the turnoff.



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

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



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

well. Details at WishonVillage.com.

For those ready to try the other direction past Huntington Lake and into the Kaiser Wilderness, you will 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. Check the following for more



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!

information: www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777.

There are boat rentals and a small 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.

You can learn more details by visiting Florence-Lake.com or EdisonLake.com

Fishermen who troll these lakes find them outstanding. Various lures, spinners, lead core line and night crawlers work well in them all. Night crawlers

or Power Bait are the best bait for those shore fishing from shore.

If you need extra information regarding fishing during your visit to the region, each of the lakes has information for you at their store or marina.



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



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S'mores Are a Dessert Treat Made Over Evening Campfire

"Over the years, answering the phone for the Shaver Lake Visitor's Bureau has raised some interesting questions," said volunteer Debora Delaney. "One of the more off the wall questions is 'where do I get s'mores.'"

Well we have the answer for you. You don't really get them anywhere. They are special. You have to make them.



Roasted over a campfire, s'mores are made of graham crackers, chocolate and marshmallows.

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. So first you have to start one. Show the kids how to make a safe campfire by clearing a space and creating a fire ring with some rocks. Then you pile different sized sticks and dry pine needles into a tee-pee shape. Then have the kids light the pile 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 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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