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Six Major Lakes Beckon Anglers to Try Their Luck Outwitting Fish

The Western Outdoor News is always broadcasting 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 United 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.

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



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

Adventure Awaits You on Four-Wheel Drive Trails

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

An extensive listing of off road trails is available on line in the digital edition of the *ShaverLakeTimes.com* website. 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.

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probably the two most well known lakes in Fresno County. But you're in for a treat when you travel further inland to Edison, Florence, as well as the Wishon and Courtright Reservoirs.

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Visitors Kiosk was generously provided by the Shaver Lake Volunteers, an all volunteer group.

New Visitors Kiosk at the Community Center

"What is there to do and see here?" "Where can I camp?" Is propane available up here?" "What's on the other side of Kaiser Pass?" "Is there a grocery store around here?" "Can I get a regional map somewhere?"

Visitors to this mountain area now have an easy way to find what they're looking for. The Shaver Lake Volunteers group realized that tourists needed overview of the region.

Diverting from their normal focus on building and maintaining trails as well as general trash cleanup, the group constructed a unique Visitor Information Kiosk in the Shaver Lake Community Center parking lot just off Highway 168, near Dinky Creek Road.



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!

Mountain Climbing Thrills Similar to 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 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-athons, it will make a marked impression in the minds and hearts of inspir-

ing 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.

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

Camping is Fun for Family and Friends

Camping may be just what you need this summer. Not only is it one of the most popular recreation activities in the Sierra National Forest, it can be economical as well.

Kids take well to camping. During the experience they can learn many new things about the environment and themselves as well.

It is not unusual to see three generations of a family enjoying themselves amongst the pine trees. This is a pastime that has been handed down to loved ones for a very long time.

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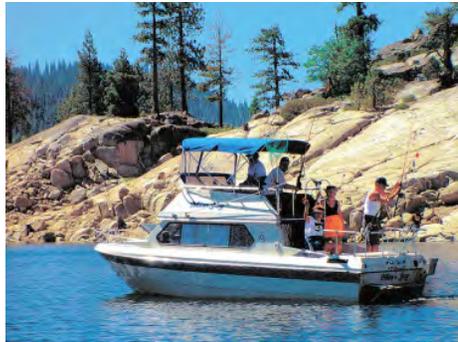


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They are accessed from the community of Shaver by taking Dinkey Creek Road to McKinley Grove Road.

You follow McKinley Grove Road through the very scenic 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 Reservoir is on the King's River at the end of McKinley Grove Rd. Go catch a big one.

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 PG&E private housing and onto the reservoir which is about 11 miles 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. Details at WishonVillage.com.



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

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 avail-

able at these locations. Some are first come, first served and others can be reserved. Check the following for more information: www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777.



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

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.



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

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 for those shore fishing from shore.

During your visit to the region, each of the lakes has information for you at their store or marina.



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



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

Take a Camping Trip This Summer in Nearby Sierra National Forest

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Here in the Central Sierra Nevada, there are several campgrounds available to you. You can pick your own spot on line or get a wilderness permit from the Forest Service and head off into 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.

Camping reservations are available. But many are operated on a first-come, first-served system.

You can typically stay in most campgrounds for 14 days.

Most of them fill up quickly during holiday weekends. So when traveling 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 camp unattended. If bear boxes are available use them to store all food and scented items.

Store all food and related supplies, including ice chests, in the trunk of your vehicle. Food should be sealed in air tight containers.

In vehicles without trunks, all food and related supplies must be stored out of sight. Cover your food completely to hide it from a bear's 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.

Do not leave food or ice chests on your picnic table or in tents. Dispose of all trash properly.

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Osprey and Eagles Soar in 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 Bald 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 very aggressive 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



A single Bald Eagle watches the over the horizon for a meal from a perch in a tall pine tree.

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 eagle'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 usually 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.

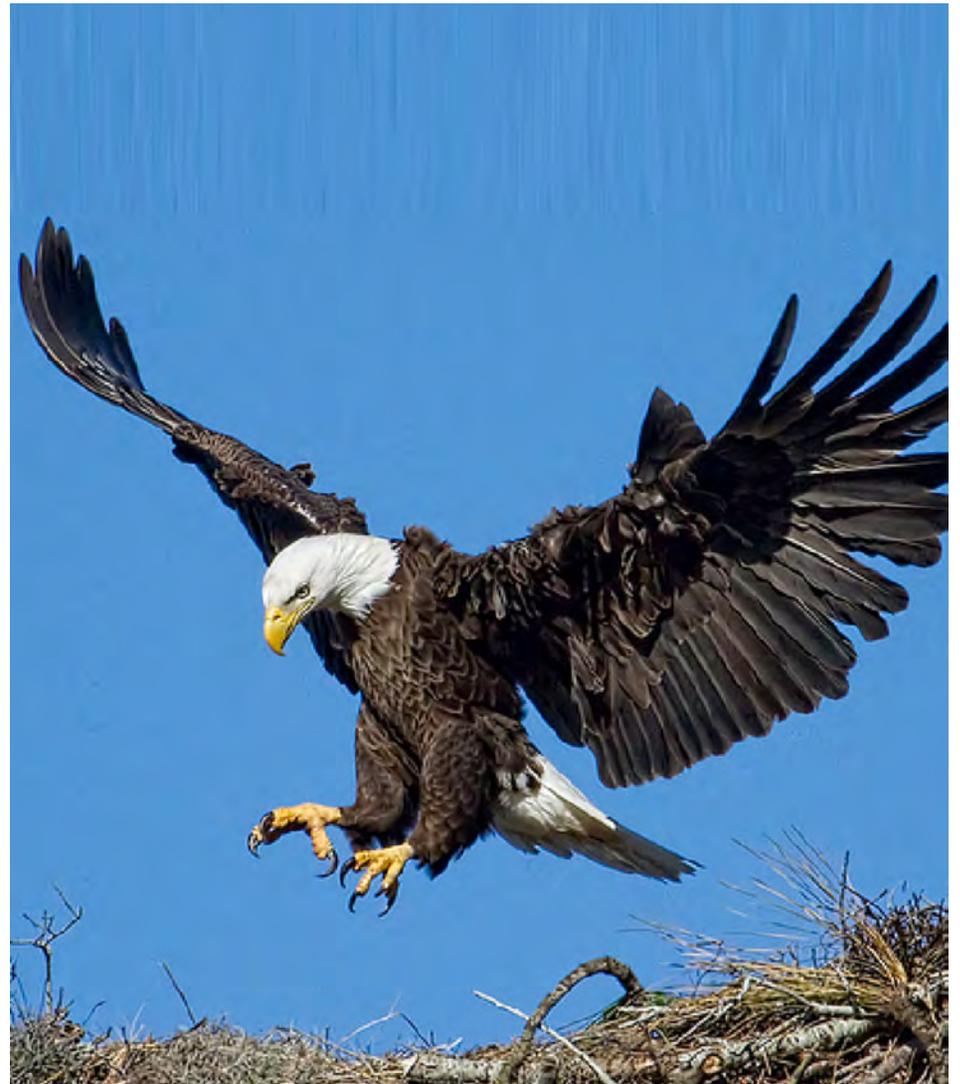
Since the ban of these pesticides in the 1970s, Osprey populations began rebounding tremendously.

Here on Shaver there are a dozen or more nesting pairs of Ospreys. Every spring sees 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.

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



The Bald Eagle is found throughout the mountains of the Sierra National Forest. The bird is not only a great hunter, it is very skilled at watching an Osprey catch a fish and stealing it from them.

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.



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Many Volunteers Help Make Trail Hikes Possible at Shaver

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



Shaver Stable provides visitors with one, two and four hour horseback rides at Shaver Lake.

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.

If you don't have a horse with you, guided horseback riding is available

just down the street at Shaver Stable. Boarding is also available.

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 trail head is on the north side of 168 between Camp Edison and Shaver Village. An equestrian favorite is Nevin's Peninsula, accessed from the



Riding mountain bikes and cycling in general are very popular in the Sierra National Forest.

Dinky Creek Rd. rest stop.

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 want to take a walk from



Imagine 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. Camp Edison or Dorabella Campground, don't miss the Lily Trail that follows the shore of Dorabella Cove onto Nevin's Peninsula. Leave early in the morning for a cooler, quieter hiking experience.

For a unique experience, look out for Shaver Lake Volunteer flyers to catch monthly trail building or guided hikes.

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 from the yel-

low bins around Camp Edison, the volunteer group sorts and transfers these 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 done the Shaver Lake Volunteers each year.

Look for the laminated trail map and the Walker's Companion at your favorite local stops. For more information on trails or volunteer opportunities, Visit ShaverLakeVolunteers.com.



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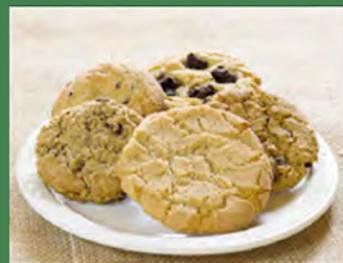
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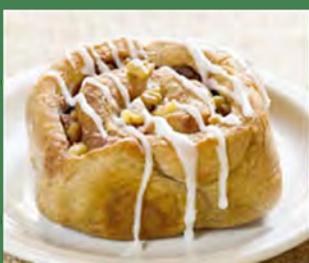
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S'mores Are a Dessert Treat Made Over Evening Campfire

"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 in a provided fire ring. Next 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 kids of all ages, as well as those watching their enjoyment, as they get to make their own, all of course, under adult supervision.

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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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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

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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.



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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 participate in 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 camp out.

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



Evenings spent around the campfire can be made more enjoyable by taking part in games that family and friends can play together. Here are a few that can easily be played by all ages. 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

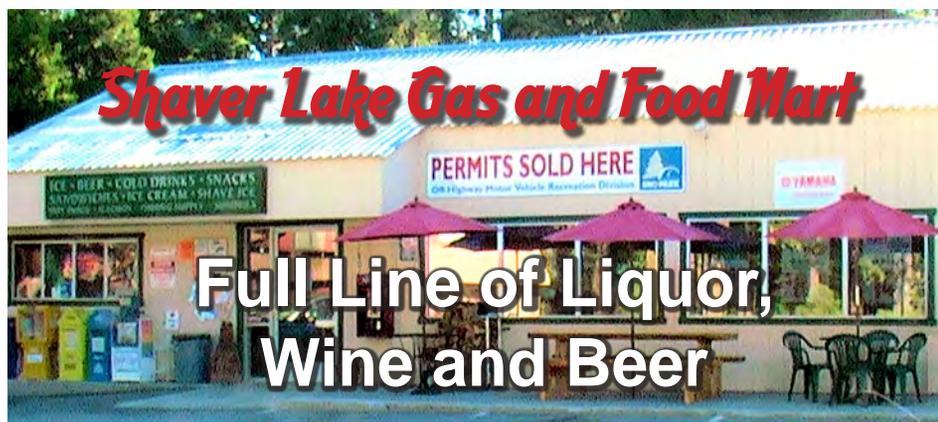
on the word "go," have players race to gather supplies and build their own campfires (minus the actual fire part). The first team to complete the building of a campfire wins.

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.

Try (but not too hard) to avoid spilling the water on your friends!



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Pacific Crest Trail Near Edison Lake at Vermilion Valley Resort

Approximately 49 miles from Shaver Lake, after a scenic drive winding through the Kaiser Wilderness, lies Vermilion Valley Resort, a gateway of sorts to the Pacific Crest Trail.

The Pacific Crest Trail is 2,665 miles long, stretching from the Mexican to the Canadian border 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, 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. The trail through this section traverses some of the most remote and spectacular scenery in North American.

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.

Along the route, the PCT crosses several passes above 11,000 feet: Forester (13,180 feet), the highest point on the entire trail; Glenn (11,926 feet); Kearsarge (11,709 feet); Pinchot (12,090 feet); and Mather (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,



The wake of the Edison Queen as she ferries thru hikers to and from the PCT dropoff location.

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 China Peak Landing, 62311 Huntington Lake Rd, 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 the Edison Queen ferry boat service, 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 Headwaters at the back of the lake is at 9:45 and 4:45 daily. Special Ferry runs can be arranged throughout the day.

VVR offers hikers two nights in the Hiker Camping area for free. You can rent a comfortable bed in our Hiker Hostel tent. Shower and laundry service is available to anyone at VVR.

Internet access via satellite for those hikers who need to check their email or upload blog entries for the trail is available.

In addition, we have VOIP service for calls home, and AT&T cellular coverage from the beach. In addition we offer several free charging stations so that your electronic devices can be recharged.

VVR has van service to and from Fresno. The van can accommodate up to 12 hikers and their gear.

The van service runs between Vermilion Valley Resort and the Fresno Airport, Amtrak and Greyhound stations. YARTS stops are available for those trying to access Yosemite.

For any further details visit VVR on line at EdisonLake.com or you can call (559) 259-4000.



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.

Tell the Kids a Ghost Story About Legendary 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 placed the wallet on the table near the safe without locking it. 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, went in, saw a wallet on the table and reached for it. Immediately he heard a voice say: "I am the ghost of Able Fa-

ble, 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!"

Then the youngest son decided 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!"

Then the youngest son took all the money and the ghost of Able Fable was never heard from again!



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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.

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), is coordinated under the watchful eye of Randy Coffman,

The group has provided outdoor mountain adventures to persons with disabilities since 2014.

Over 6,000 hours have been spent with participants and their families, including wounded Veterans.

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



Paddling a kayak on Shaver Lake is an excellent as well as rewarding way to spend the day.

groups of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to participate.

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. Weekend programs begin at 6 pm on Friday and end at 1 pm on Sunday.

It takes a team to make our programs work. For each participant, we need at least one volunteer in addition to staff instructors. 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.



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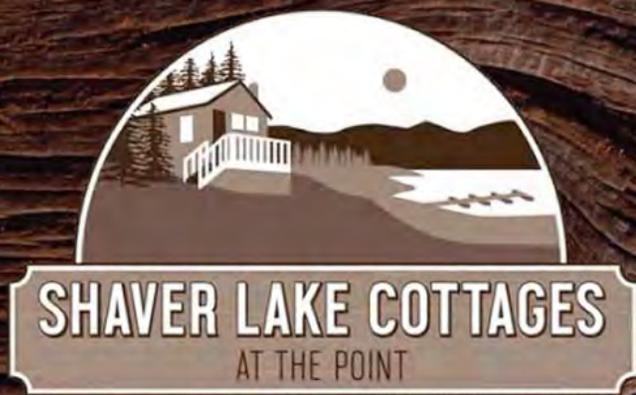
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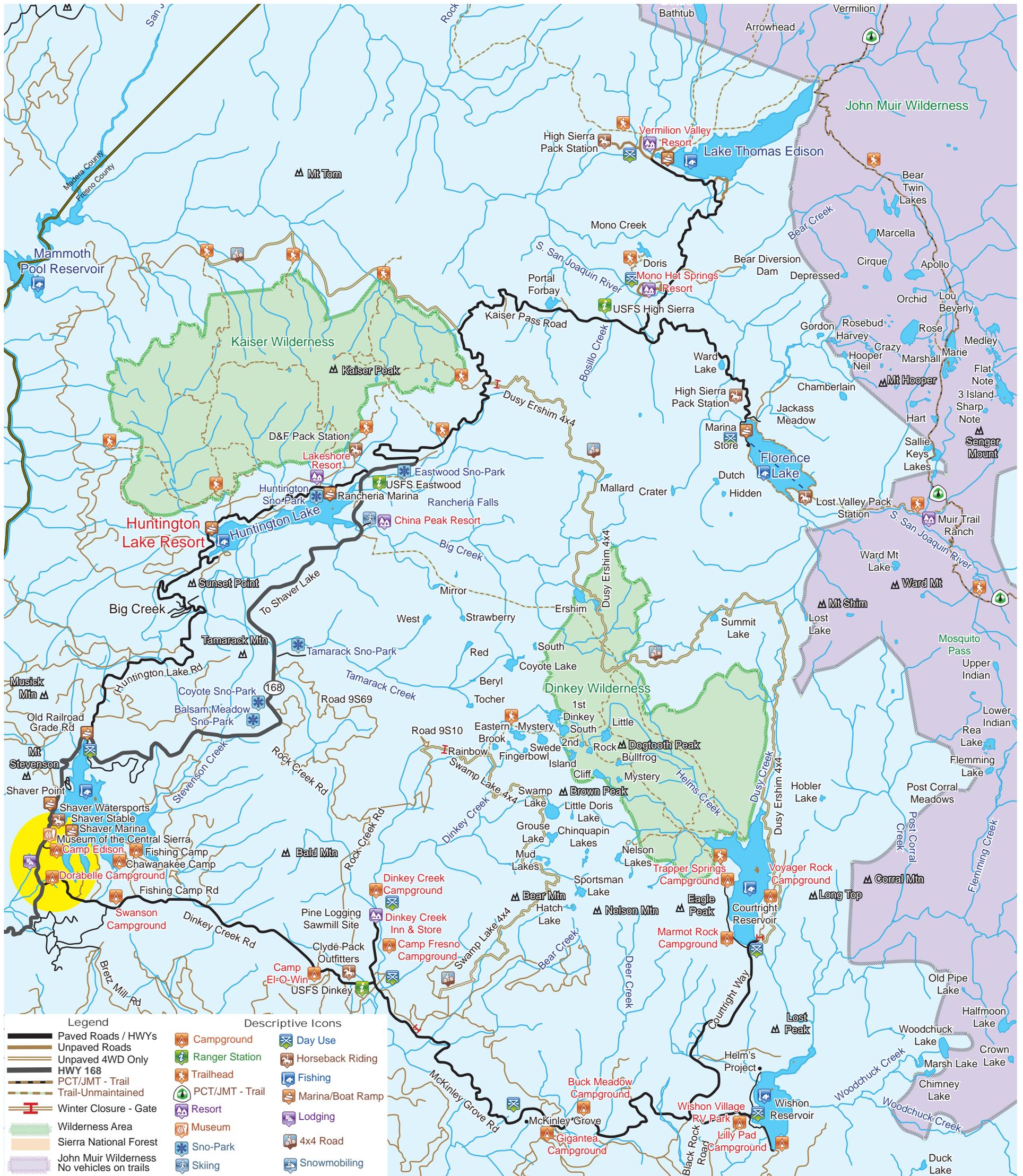
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Soak in Relaxing Hot Springs Near the San Joaquin River

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 across 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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This Region Offers Extensive Trail Adventures for Mountain Biking

In his infinite wisdom, 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.

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 and Wishon Reservoir regions.

The Sierra National Forest offers some

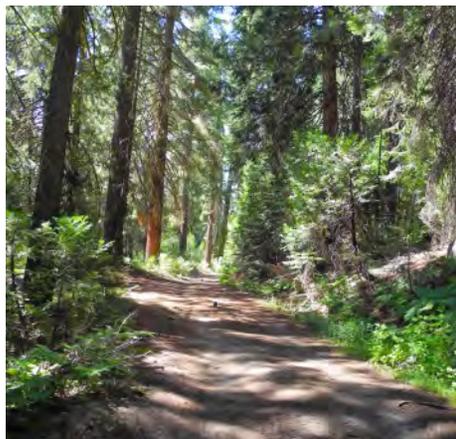


The ride to and around Courtright Reservoir is filled with spectacular views of the Sierra Forest. of the finest single-track riding anywhere, from easy to technical. Detailed maps are available at Shaver Lake Sports and a guide to the region published by the Shaver Lake Visitor’s Bureau is to be found at most business in the region.

Nonetheless, there are many oppor-

tunities 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



Riding through the forest can be relaxing, but like swimming, should be done with a companion. 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.

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 “Tuolumne Meadows without the crowds”.



Riding to the Kaiser Pass Summit is one of the most popular trips for cyclists. Other roads take you past Dinkey Creek, the Sequoias at McKinley Grove and on to Wishon and Courtright Reservoirs.



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.

Challenges Similar to Yosemite Climbing Found Near Courtright

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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.



Those climbing the massive granite faces near Courtright Reservoir get breathtaking views of the lake in the background. Dry camping is available nearby for those that want to stay for a night or two.



Several horseback riding stables are located throughout the Sierra National Forest. Most of them offer one or two hour rides. Some offer half day or full day rides. Some offer pack trips.

Camp With Your Horses in the Backcountry of the National Forest

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. Make sure trees used are at least 18 inches in diameter.

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.



For those with their own livestock, there are campgrounds with corrals in which you can keep your animals overnight while you are camping as usual. Check with the Sierra National Forest.

Climb Up on a Saddle for the Adventure of a Lifetime

Many families will spend an hour or two riding horses in Sierra National Forest this year.

My family did this as well. Then, 41 years ago this summer, I climbed aboard a horse to begin a six day pack trip into the backcountry with my kids.

Although I had been camping and fishing since childhood, I figured I knew what to expect. Boy, was I wrong. The alpine lakes, rushing streams, lush meadows, wildlife, granite formations and sounds of the forest were incredible.

But, hey don't take my word for it. Go see for yourself! Packing outfitters typically offer the following:

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Continuous Hire: Packer and livestock stay with your party during your trip. You provide your own camping gear, provisions and meals (including the packers). Inquire about such trips at:

Clyde Pack Outfit, Lost Valley Pack Station, High Sierra Pack Station, Muir Trail Ranch and D & F Pack Station. Shaver Stable only offers hourly rides.



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Be Aware of Your Footprint While You Are Vacationing

Don't leave a trail of trash in your wake after spending some much needed time away from home. It is time for all of us to do our part in leaving our forest lands and campgrounds healthy and free of trash.

Thankfully, families and friends are allowed to gear up and go camping. In doing this, packing the must haves for the trip: food, water, camping equipment, fishing gear, flotation devices, maps, electronics and other items. What too many folks overlook in their mad dash to hit the road are trash and recycle bags.

This simple over looked item, causes unsightly heaps of trash and hundreds of man hours and thousands of dollars each year in clean up.

Make every attempt to reduce the amount of trash that you leave behind. Heighten your own awareness on the importance of recycling. Several reasons exist as to why it is important to be involved in recycling.

Recycling helps us to convert old products into new useful products. Since this effort will allow us to save resources and results in sending less trash to the landfills, it further helps to reduce air and water pollution. Putting this concept into 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.

Hopefully you can see that the benefits of recycling are extremely important. Keep this in mind any time you are planning a picnic, vacation or just a drive for the day.

Enjoying the beautiful Sierra National Forest with its lakes, streams, trees, wildflowers and majestic views. Working together using good recycling methods, visitors to the region can help ensure that their kids and grand kids will have a clean and safe mountain experience in the future.

Adopt a Cove Program

Join the Adopt a Cove Program promoted by the Shaver Lake Volunteers. 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 adopted will have a sign with your group's name on it. Just visit ShaverLakeVolunteers.com for details.



It is very unfortunate to find trash littering picnic areas, hiking trails, campsites, beaches, roadsides and elsewhere. Do your part in recycling your trash. Remember to Pack It In - Pack It Out!



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 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.



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

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.

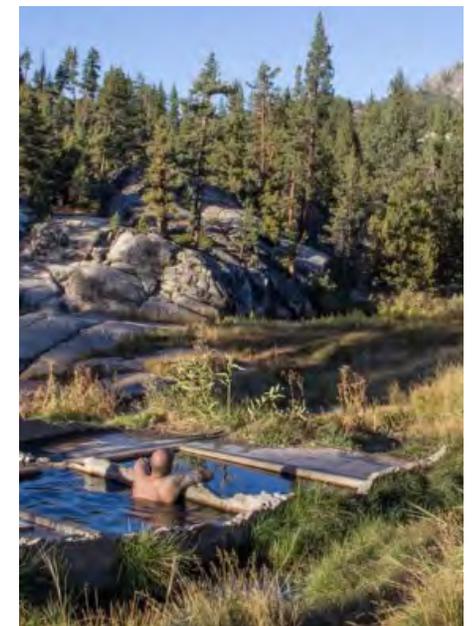
Mud Baths is 30 yards uphill and over the rocks. It is a cooler pool. The soft clay lining makes for excellent facials!

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 spring.

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.



Dutch Oven Cooking Is Fun To Try and Master While Camping

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

Today using a Dutch Oven to cook has a new following. Dutch Oven Cook Offs have become nearly as popular as Chili Cook Offs.

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 his dinner. Here is his explanation.

“My wife was given a Dutch Oven for Christmas and we took it camping with us,” he explained. It was 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 Butter-milk 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.

He has since spent time learning how to use this cooking system and has successfully baked bread, roasted chicken, made some delicious pulled pork and tasty 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



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

a stove top or into your regular oven at home.

Here are some basics to help you get started. When roasting, coals must be equally distributed on the lid and under the oven. For baking, have more heat on the lid than under the oven.

A three to one ratio is suggested. Boiling and frying require heat from the bottom.

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!



A camping family enjoyed these Dutch Oven biscuits that were cooked to perfection.



Whether you are new to camping or an old hand, the topic of which is better propane or white gas for cooking, heating and lighting is debated over campfires, fishing excursions and hiking.

Propane Versus White Gas Which One Should You Use Camping?

Spring, summer and fall brings the opportunity for lots of outdoor recreational activities.

Keeping yourself, your family and your friends in a safe environment during this time is something that you may or may not consider. This topic

usually isn’t on your mind on a daily basis. But it definitely should be as you head off for a vacation.

Whether your ideal trip involves camping, staying in an RV or taking advantage of your own or a rental cabin, safety needs to be on your radar.

In addition to the typical safety concerns like wearing your seat belt, having a helmet when bike riding and using life jackets when necessary, you need to be aware of the proper use of equipment that rely on propane or white gas as a fuel.

“Of particular interest to a service business like ours,” said Jason Rinker, Mountain Flame Propane, “is how to help properly educate customers regarding the use of propane.”

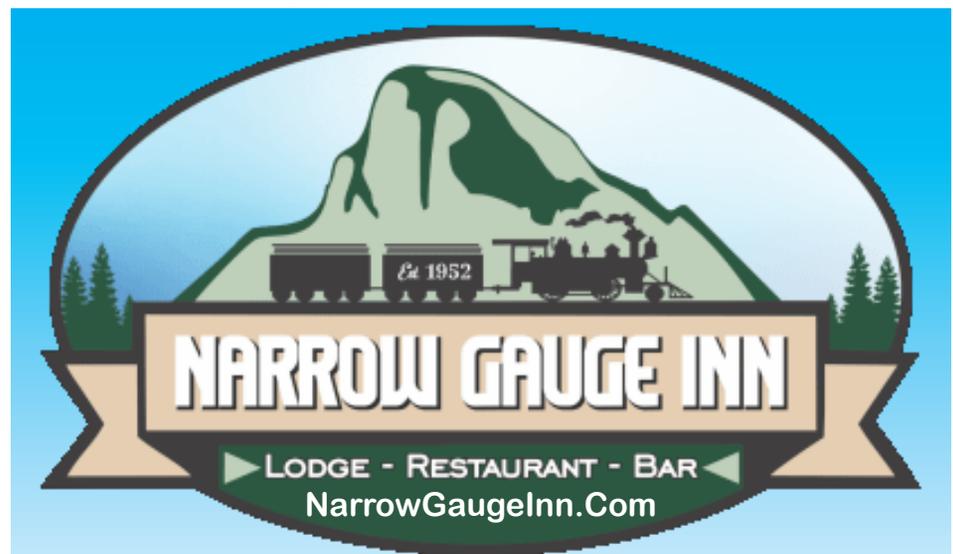
No matter whether you are camping and staying in a cabin, you will most likely be cooking and using something other than a flashlight at night.

So let’s discuss equipment used for cooking and lighting typically used when on vacation.

When you purchase a camp stove, you need to consider the type of fuel that will power the appliance. Your choices will be white gas and propane. Which one is better for camping?

Both of them are petroleum distillates. They are mostly used for lighting and cooking. White gas is in liquid form at room temperature, propane is gaseous,

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Which is Best for Camping Propane Fuel or White Gas

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stored and transported as a liquid.

What are the differences between white gas and propane? From a camping perspective, here are the differences:

White gas – also referred to as Coleman fuel – is a liquid fuel that looks very similar to gasoline.

The only difference is that it comes without additives, though it is handled just like gasoline.

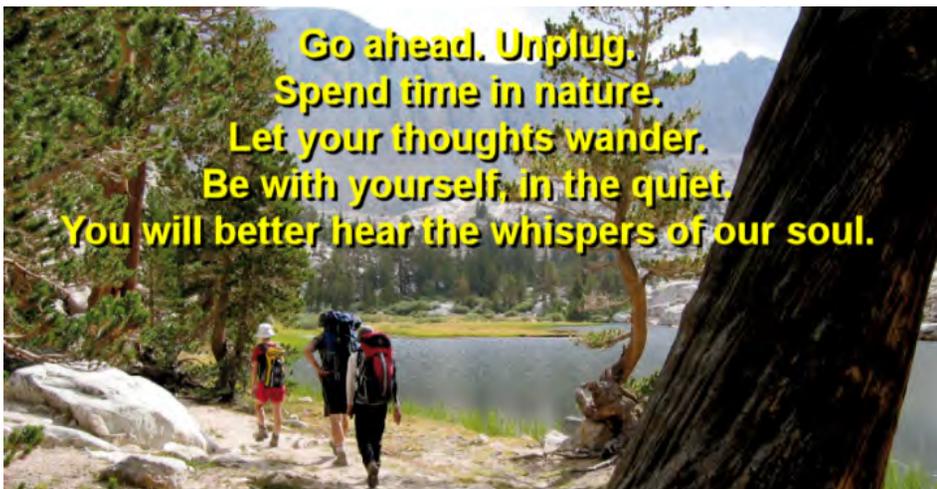
In order to use it, you have to pump up the container, heat a bit of the fuel, and then set fire to it. This means that it takes a bit more time to fix and start up a white gas stove compared to a propane stove.

It is usually inexpensive per unit of fuel output, and users can carry more fuel in less volume. Users can also make use of different shapes/sizes of containers that fit their individual needs.

Appliances that use it are more complex and trickier to use.

Propane - it's a gas that when pressurized, turns to liquid form and returns to its natural state when depressurized. It is usually treated the same way that natural gas – methane – is handled, though they have somewhat different properties. It is relatively more expensive than white gas; It is somewhat difficult to gauge the level of the fuel remaining in the canister after use since propane cannot be poured into its container;

It is one of the most uncomplicated sources of fuel to use since all you need to do is to screw on the container, switch on the valve, and then light up the gas that exits the burners. That fact that it is already pressurized and does not call for pumping or anything like it makes it preferable to some campers.



Sierra Historical Society Has Museum Without Any Walls

Don't miss is a visit to the Museum of the Central Sierra, located near the entrance to Camp Edison.

You can use your smart-phone and download a free app, Sounds of the Central Sierra. It previews exhibits.



Above is the old SJ&E Railroad Caboose that is on display outside the interesting museum.

Enjoy crafts while browsing extensive collections of Native American, logging, mining, and pioneer era artifacts. Outdoors you will see exhibits offering visitors an interactive experience.

At the hydro-electric powerhouse you will learn some history of 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.

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

A complete calendar of events is available at: SierraHistorical.org. You can contact the staff at (559) 841-4478.

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Be Aware - Follow These Helpful High Altitude Tips While Vacationing With Family and Friends

Most people are spending a great deal of time researching, planning and looking forward to their vacations for quite a long period of time in advance of their actual trip.

These days, to ensure a a journey, a great deal of thought is put into making

Hiking Safety: THE TEN ESSENTIALS



Each of these 10 Essentials is important to have with you for hiking and other adventures.

all the arrangements for the upcoming event. Usually a good deal of money has been set aside for the special occasion.

To ensure that your vacation exploring the Sierra National Forest is a pleasant and relaxing one, here are a few helpful suggestions or tips from outdoor and health professionals that will help you to make the proper adjustments to the higher altitude.

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: 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. If traveling to elevations over 11,000 feet, you might think about carrying some oxygen with you.

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.



Explore the McKinley Grove of Scenic Giant Sequoias

McKinley Grove is an isolated patch of Giant Sequoias just 30 minutes from Shaver Lake. A short paved path leads through a cluster of about 20 big trees.

Most visitors stopping here are on their way to or from the scenic high country just a few miles further up the road, including Courtright Reservoir. See more at RedWoodHikes.com/McKinley/McKinley.html

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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 months.

But you will find that chains can also be helpful if you encounter muddy roads or if you unfortunately 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.

Stay with your vehicle if you get stuck, especially if this occurs in the snow. The vehicle 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.

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

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

Please leave your firewood at home.



Use only heat-treated firewood or dead and down wood within the park.

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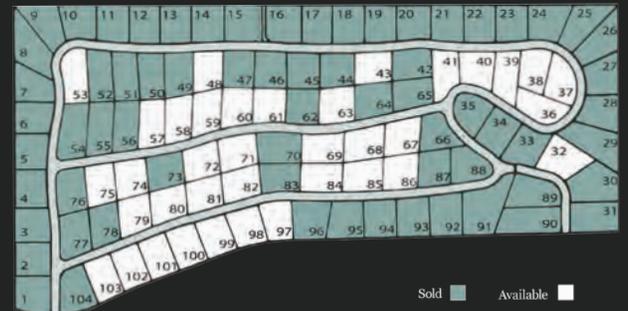
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Enjoy All the Beautiful Sierra National Forest Wild Flowers

For many of us a field of wildflowers is one of the most beautiful experiences we 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 along a public wooded trail lined with spring beauties, irises, or wake-robins.

It is because we all carry such mem-

ories 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 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.

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.

Butterflies and other insects, small birds, and animals depend on seeds, nectar, and pollen for their food supply and life support system.

In addition, some pollinators are not very mobile or have very small home ranges or depend on just one species of plant and die once their habitat has been destroyed.

The Forest Service is very enthusias-



Above is the very beautiful Stemless Gentian



Shooting Star

tic about the public's increased interest in native plants found on our national forests and grasslands. This interest and



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increased knowledge and awareness of the benefits of landscaping and gardening with native plants have resulted in nurseries producing native plants for the public to grow. Landscaping and gardening with native plants has many benefits including the creation of habitat for many different animals; from pollinators

to birds, to small mammals. Many folks are now planting butterfly gardens that benefit these beautiful animals and bring enjoyment and joy to the gardener.

Unfortunately, the Forest Service is experiencing increased poaching of native wildflowers; even some that are listed as endangered species. Many people desire species that are not available commercially because these plants are difficult to grow or take too many years to reach maturity; and some people desire the rarest of the rare bringing those precious jewels ever closer to extinction.

Consequently, some people are illegally removing wildflowers and other native plants from their natural habitats. In some cases entire populations of a species have been stolen.

There are legal ways to collect native plants from national forests and grasslands that will allow their use but still sustain them for future generations.

Remember, respect and protect wildflowers and their habitats, leave only footprints, and take only memories and photos so that future generations may enjoy our precious natural heritage.

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Smokey Says “Please Don’t Ever Feed the 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



Playful coyote going after a meal

we have all been guilty of doing something silly in order to get some “likes” on our social media page.

Recently, it seems our insatiable need for likes, re-tweets, 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



This bear has quite an audience/

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



Beautiful fox on the prowl

natural fear of people. Feeding can make large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential or recreational areas. Once animals learn they can panhandle 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 National Park in, more than 1,100 vehicles were broken into by black bears, causing millions in damages.

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



Above you see what should never be done for the health of the animal and the health of the individual that evidentially feels feeding this deer by offering something from their own mouth is wise!

remnants and odors. Some animals, like skunks, can get their heads stuck in containers and wind up starving to death. Cut and/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.

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



Chipmunk playing with his nuts

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 ani-

mal anything or attempting a “rescue.”

6. Feed backyard birds and squirrels at home. 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.

So, please remember when you take your family camping trip this summer, or your out enjoying a hike at a National Park, State Park that we are just guests.

These animals that people are trying to ride, “save” or feed are wild and have natural instincts when it comes to hunting, foraging for food and surviving. Trees and plants do not need to have hearts and bad words on them, flowers do not need to be plucked from the soil. Instead, enjoy the beauty of nature and all it has to offer. Take a moment for yourself and put away that phone and selfie stick and live in the moment.

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Plan Ahead and Prepare to Leave No Trace Behind

Know the regulations and concerns for the area in which you'll be camping, hiking, backpacking, hunting, boating, riding horses, biking, 4-wheeling or fishing. It is important that due to current health conditions that you camp and travel in small groups.

Avoid popular areas during heavy use times. Learn to properly store your food to protect it from bears and other animals. Repackage food into re-usable containers like Ziploc bags.

Avoid tin or aluminum cans and glass. Reduce the amount of trash brought into the woods by eliminating all unnecessary packaging. Stay on designated trails while hiking or backpacking. Walk single file in the center of the path. Use existing trails. Don't shortcut switchbacks.

If traveling cross-country hike on surfaces like rock, sand, gravel, pine needles, or dry grasses to prevent vegetation damage and erosion.

Always dispose of waste properly. If it wasn't there when you came then don't leave it there when you leave!

You are responsible for anything you bring in with you. Carry out all your

campsites. Food scraps will attract insects and animals. Filter your dishwasher and carry out your food scraps with the rest of your trash.

Leave What You Find - Take only pictures, leave only the lightest of footprints. Bring home only memories. Resist the temptation to take souvenirs. Leave stones, feathers, artifacts, shells, petrified wood, etc. so others may enjoy them.



Respect Mother Nature - Leave the place you're visiting in a natural condition. You can't improve Nature. Do not alter a site in any way. Good campsites are found, not made. Make sure your fire is completely out before leaving an area. Scatter your leftover cold ashes over a large area away from campsites.

Respect Wildlife - Treat the animals with respect. You are a visitor, travel-

Strive to Leave No Trace When Camping

- Bring Reusable Cups, Plates, Napkins, Utensils, and Water Bottles.
- Three Bin Dish Washing
 1. Cold Water Rinse
 2. Hot Soapy Wash
 3. Cold Water Rinse
 4. Strain Water to Remove Food Scraps.
 5. Trash the Scraps.
 6. Dump Dirty Water in an Approved Receptacle.
- Pick Up After Your Pet and Keep On Leash.
- Secure Campsite Belongings to Reduce Wind Blown Trash and Litter.
- Ride - Don't Drive in Campground
- Use Solar Panel to Charge Lanterns and Electronics
- Keep Food Stored in a Cooler and/or in Your Vehicle While Away From Camp and at Night.
- Reduce Waste By Separating Trash, Recyclables and Compost

trash. Make your site or travel route look like nobody was ever there. Leave no signs of human influence.

Remove all evidence of your stay. Inspect your campsite for trash or misplaced gear before you leave. Pick up trash that others may have missed or that were dropped by accident.

Bury human waste in cat holes about 6-8" deep 200 feet from any water sources, campsites, or trails. Carry out used toilet paper. Carry out feminine hygiene products. Do not bury them.

Wash yourself and dishes 200 feet from any water sources and away from

ing and camping in their backyard. Do not feed them! Cook and eat away from your campsite so you don't attract bears.

Camp at least 200 feet from water. Animals come to water to drink and may be scared off.

Be Considerate of Others - Preserve the solitude. Respect other hikers by traveling and camping quietly. Leave your radios at home.

Camp as far from other visitors. Pets are best left at home. If you do bring a pet keep them on a leash and under control at all times. Uphill hikers have the right of way.



Fly fishing on the San Joaquin River near Mono Hot Springs is a favorite pastime of anglers enjoying that type of catching trout. There is camping, lodging, dining and a general store nearby.

Shaver Lake Visitors Bureau Promotes Tourism in the Beautiful Sierra National Forest Region

Well, once you get a taste of this region, you'll come back to enjoy yourself here, year after year.

Whether you are looking for world class hiking, fishing, boating, off-road trails, horseback riding, pack trips, cross country skiing, sailing, sightseeing and photography, the Shaver Lake, Huntington Lake, Kaiser Wilderness and Dinkey Creek regions offer it all.

The SLVB is a designated 501(c)3 non-profit group and is dependent upon grants, sponsorships and donations. Get involved! Become a part of the effort to promote these unique regions.

The group maintains a website with outdoor recreational activities, a calendar of events and a list of community businesses.

You can pick up a current copy of a regional visitor's guide, which includes a detailed map of the region, at any one of the many stores, restaurants, lodging facilities, marinas and campgrounds at Shaver Lake, Huntington Lake, Dinkey Creek and in the more remote backcountry facilities.

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Consider the Catch and Release Fishing Method

Catch and release fishing is a great way to experience the thrill of fishing without depleting fish stock. Catching and then releasing them back into the water ensures that fish populations remain healthy. It allows other anglers to experience the joy of reeling in that big one.

- 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 a deeply hooked fish to the boat, cut the leader, and the hook will rust out. 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



Freshly fried trout is usually a part of why anglers spend so much time catching them.

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 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.



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

- 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 picture 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 hookup. 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.

Naturally you are going to pack those shorts, a 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

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 on vacation.

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



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.

Ten Essentials for Mountain Travel

These ten items you 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.

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, some red licorice, chips, jerky, bread, peanut butter and other favorite stuff that doesn't require any cooking.

So venture out, have fun and stay safe. We want you to come back again!

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Where Can You Catch a Trophy Trout? Try Fishing Shaver Lake

Dick Nichols, who operates as a fishing guide at Shaver Lake, has kindly provided the following information.

Shaver Lake naturally produces very nice kokanee, trout, catfish, bluegill, perch and small mouth bass.

The small mouth bass are super fun to catch and can be found around rocks in most locations of the lake. Fishermen find many of the catfish in Dorabella Cove. The smallies like crickets and small spinners the best. The catfish will go after just about whatever you throw out their way.

The trout population is mainly Rainbow but there is also a good amount of Brown's. From the bank, Power Bait or crawlers seem to work best for trout. Of course spinners, Kastmasters and other casting lures can have success.

For those of you who want to troll for kokanee or trout, both marinas have ample fishing boats, bait and tackle, but the marinas open up after dawn.

"In my 14 years of operating my fishing charters here on Shaver Lake," said Dick, "I have found that the crack of dawn is the best time to fish for trout or kokanee."

When fishing, remember you must have a valid fishing license for ages 16 and older. Fishing licenses can be purchased at Shaver Lake Sports in the village or from either marina.

"For me, if I were fishing the shoreline, and was camping at Camp Edison," he continued, "I would go to the area between the marina and the mouth of Dorabella Cove. From the mouth of Dorabella Cove and back 3 to 4 hundred yards is where many of the trophies hang out."

Dick was kind to point out that in addition to his Dick's Fishing Charters, there is Todd Wittmer's Kokanee.com, and Tom Oliverira Fishing Guide Services.

"Perhaps I will see you out there on the lake," he Dick.

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In Depth Guide to Camping With Friendly Canine Friend

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 go hand in hand. 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 is 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.

- They keep your kids entertained so you can snatch precious quiet time here and there.

- So long as they've had their exercise, they're always good for afternoon nap time with you.

- They provide protection for you when you are camping in more wild locations.

- They draw you to other dog owners, making it easy to meet new people.

- They're always keen to help collect wood for the fire.

- You're guaranteed to get morning kisses – whether you like it or not!

- You'll never miss a sunrise – being woken up by pawing at the tent zipper does have its benefits (honestly!).

- They'll create moments to remember forever.

What sort of dog do you have? If you've never taken your furry friend camping, it's worth considering if your dog is a 'camping dog' or not. Be honest. You don't want to bother others.

Is your dog a yapper? No-one wants a dog barking at nothing for hours or long into the night. So if your hound has a tendency to vocalize their woes then set up your camp far away from other people.

Does your dog tend to be aggressive

around other dogs?

If Fido enjoys likes a bit of a scrap now and again, then make sure you keep it leashed **AT ALL TIMES**.

But, that will not stop other dogs approaching your dog to arrange for a sniff or two. Therefore, you might want to consider carrying a muzzle too.

Will your dog come back when you call him? If not, then again, you will need to keep your dog on a leash, both at camp and out and about.

Does your dog hate being on a leash? If this is the case, then wilderness camping, far from others, is the way forward for you and the beast. Pet friendly camping grounds need to have their rules and there will be strict regulations on free-roaming dogs.

What will you be doing on your camping trip? If you plan on spending your days sightseeing in towns or visiting tourist attractions, bringing your dog along probably won't work. Leaving unattended dogs at a campground or in a hot vehicle for hours is a really bad and unhealthy idea.

Be prepared and plan ahead to choose a campsite that allows dogs. There might be extra costs and certain restrictions. Make sure your animals has an ID on them so it will be easy to identify. Add details of the campground and your mobile number to a temporary tag .

Locate a vet near to the campsite. The odds are that you won't need to use it, but it's good to know it's there.

Apply a flea and tick preventative to your dog. Camp areas are prime locations to pick up unwanted parasites that are unpleasant for your dog.

Follow the rules of the campsite when camping with dogs. Put a large group of dogs in a field with families, tents, food, smells, fresh air and no rules, and all havoc would break loose.

Here are some good guidelines that apply to camping with a dog:

- Bag the poop and take it with you.

- Don't let your dog adopt another family. They may look like they want him around, but he'll think it's OK to visit the whole campsite. Not everyone will be quite as welcoming.

- Having to shout at your dog constantly is not convenience to you or others. If you have a disobedient dog,



Taking a vacation with your furry friend can be rewarding for both of you. But you need to make sure that you dog is trained to mind your commands or you are going to be disappointed on the trip.

then leave him, her or them home.

- Don't ignore your dog if he won't stop barking. It might be that you need to take him for a walk off site to quiet him down.

- Just because you know your dog is friendly, doesn't mean other people will assume the same. So keep them on a leash when around other people or other dogs.

- Acclimate your dog to their new surroundings. Having been cooped up in the car for hours, they'll be dying for a pee and ready to stretch their legs. So before you set up camp, give them a treat and take them for a walk. A stroll around the site will get them used to all the exciting new smells and sounds.

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Shaver to Clovis on the Flume, The Wildest Ride Anywhere

One hundred and six years ago, the last log flume carried lumber out of the Sierra National Forest at Shaver Lake to the valley below. Water, timber, mineral and the scenic beauty of the Sierra Nevada provided a significant economic base for early day Clovis.

California was booming and lumber was needed. The San Joaquin Valley Railroad arrived in Clovis in 1891 and the flume in 1893. Both created new markets for ranchers, farmers and the lumber industry. These flumes made the Central Valley a major lumber producing area, and created mill towns like Clovis.

Back in the late 1800s, timber was king. Trees from the surrounding forest were cut down and brought here to the pond called Shaver Lake. Here was a sawmill, where the logs were processed and were turned into rough cut boards, and sent on their way to Clovis.

The story regarding how the lumber got there is an amazing feat of engineering. Basically, the lumber was sent down a wooden log flume, much like a giant water slide that dropped from 5,000 feet in elevation to near sea level. It ran for forty-five miles. The ride took about six hours.

The Shaver Lake Flume was built in 1893, to carry bundles of cut lumber from Shaver Lake to Clovis. The use of wooden waterways provided an efficient and practical means of transporting cut lumber out of the mountains. Then they were cut to size and loaded onto trains for export.

This method was much cheaper than constructing a railroad up to the mills

from the valley. Water for the flume came from Shaver Lake which was also used to store uncut logs.

A sawmill was built adjacent to the dam. Freight wagons, pulled by 36 horses, were used to transport mill equipment up Tollhouse Road. The steepest section required heavy equipment to be moved by block and tackle. Tollhouse Road was aptly named "the beast killer."

The first earthen dam washed out during the spring flood of 1892. It was replaced by a rock dam 60 feet high in 1893. John Eastwood designed the V-shaped flume. It was made of cedar planks, 16 feet long and 16 inches wide by 1 1/2 inches thick. It was assembled in units called "boxes." A total of 320 boxes equaled one mile.

Trestles (90 feet high at Musick Crossing) supported the flume. Adventurous men were lowered in baskets as they crossed canyons and cliffs to drill holes into the rock to secure the trestle.

Once the trestle was in place, the crew built the V-shaped trough and a 16-inch catwalk. Building materials would be transported down the completed flume to continue the project.

Shaver Lake is 5,275 feet above sea level. The flume dropped 4,900 feet, about 27 feet per mile, as it descended 42 miles to the property now occupied by the Clovis Rodeo Association and Clark Intermediate School. The change in grade required the trestle to be raised to 15 feet at the mill site.

For the workmen who maintained the flumes, it could was a dangerous job. No actual numbers are available, but



Trestles (90' high at Musick Crossing) supported the flume. Adventurous men were lowered in baskets to cross canyons and cliffs to drill holes into the rock to secure the trestle as it snaked down the mountain.

it has been reported there were many injuries from falls and several deaths.

Lots of the workers had exciting tales to tell of actually riding the boards down the flumes from Shaver Lake to Clovis. There are stories of kids sneaking rides down the mountain. Imagine what a scary ride that would have been.

They built an earthen dam on Stevenson Creek, created a lake, built a box flume with a V-flume above it that would carry water and lumber from Shaver to Tollhouse.

A dozen flume-tender houses (connected with a single telephone line) were placed along the flume route to relay any problems.

The men would use a pickaroon (a pole with a straight spike on the end with a crook beneath) to release any lumber "jams" as they walked on the 16-inch catwalk.

V-shaped boats would carry supplies and/or six to eight riders down the flume. The boat would reach a speed of 60 miles per hour at "slick rock" and would slow to five or six miles per hour from Academy to Clovis. It would take

approximately seven hours for the trip.

Shay locomotives would bring logs to the millpond. Steam powered donkey engines would power the double circular saw to cut the huge logs. It is estimated at peak production 200,000 feet of rough lumber (sugar pine, ponderosa and fir) would arrive from Shaver to Clovis daily. A total of 400 men were employed in Clovis during the most productive years of the mill.

The lumber mill remained a major industry in Clovis until 1925. It is an important part of the local heritage.

However, within 20 years logging trucks started replacing flumes, and in 1914, when a snowstorm crushed parts of the Shaver Lake Flume, it was not repaired.

The remaining portions of the flume were sold for \$20,000 for the scrap value of the lumber and were mostly dismantled.

When the flumes were gone and most of the mills closed, mountain water that rushed down the flumes was diverted into ditches and canals which helped develop the irrigation systems that made agriculture the Central Valley's biggest business.

Bud Olson's Notes Used to Write Story



Pictures above is the "Sierra", a 42-ton Shay-type geared locomotive, operated by the Shaver Lake Railroad. The railroad was part of the lumbering activities at Shaver Lake, and had no rail connection with the outside world. After the logging operations were closed down in 1921, this locomotive went to the S. J. & E., which used it occasionally for switching, until abandonment in 1933.



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Forest Animal Tracks That You Can Identify on a Trip

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

Have your little ones turn on their thinking caps and get ready to become an expert animal tracker with the help of this guide.

Learning about animal tracks will encourage your kids' love of nature and sense of adventure!

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.

It's important to protect nature wherever you go! Keep yourself, your family and the animals around you safe by keeping these things in mind:

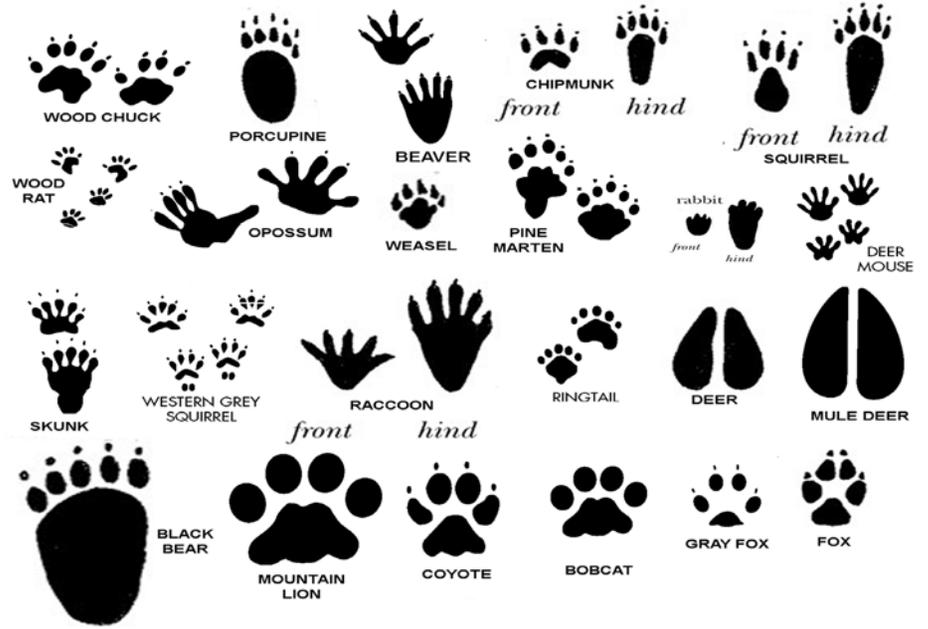
- Never get close to a wild animal even if it looks friendly or tries to approach you.
- Leave it where you found it, don't take things out of nature that belong there.
- Don't leave trash behind, pick up after yourself if you bring snacks along.

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

When searching for animal tracks, it's important to know where to look! Depending on where you live and the season, it may be tricky to track down footprints left by mystery creatures!

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 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 raccoon, opossum or even a bobcat 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! Don't forget to bring these important things with you on your next animal tracking excursion:

- Animal Tracks Field Guide
- Water bottles
- Backpack
- Flashlight
- Camera



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