Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

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Folsom Lake State Recreation Area offers scenic panoramas of open grasslands, rolling hills, the Sierra Nevada, Sacramento Valley, and the Bay Area’s Mount Diablo. Folsom Lake's miles of shoreline and waterside trails attract millions of boaters, equestrians, cyclists, and hikers each year.

RATTLESNAKES are common to the area and are important members of the natural community. They will not attack, but if disturbed or cornered, will defend themselves. Give them distance and respect.

BOATERS should be alert for floating debris, particularly in spring, and underwater hazards created as the lake draws down in the summer.

QUIET HOURS are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Generators may be operated from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite regardless of the time, day or night.

CHECK-OUT TIME is noon. If you wish to stay another night, please re-register by 10 a.m.

DOGS must be kept on a six-foot-maximum leash and may not be left unattended at any time. Dogs must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Please clean up after your pets.

FIREWOOD: Please do not collect dead or downed wood, as it is an essential part of the park's natural recycling systems. Also, no ground fires are allowed.

BOAT CAMPING is prohibited on shore. Boating after the official closing hour is prohibited. All boats must be moored out of the main traffic channels and within 200 feet of shore. On-board camping is allowed only in the North and South Fork areas. Call the Folsom Sector office for registration, vessel specifications, mooring locations, and rules and regulations at (916) 988-0205.

FISHING is perhaps the most popular activity at Folsom Lake. The fish varieties include trout, catfish, large and smallmouth bass, perch, and kokanee. Bottom anglers have even caught sturgeon. Fishing regulations change annually, check with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at www.wildlife.ca.gov for current changes in catch limits and licensing requirements.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
• Poison oak is nearly everywhere in the park. “Leaves of three, let them be!” Check with staff for further information.
• The consumption of any alcoholic beverage in all day-use areas and all shorelines of Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma is prohibited.
• Always wear a life jacket or other floatation device when recreating around water or participating in water activities.
• Swim at designated beaches only, and if available, swim where a lifeguard is on duty.
• Do not swim in unfamiliar areas which may harbor dangerous currents, deep holes, debris, and other hazards.
• Diving or jumping is extremely hazardous in unfamiliar water and against the law in a state park (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 4656).
• Always respect the rights of others to enjoy the water.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: You may make camping reservations by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275). To make online reservations, visit our website at www.parks.ca.gov.

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