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Paved Bike Path at Lake Natoma to be Temporarily Closed for Construction Project

Managers at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area announced that the paved bike path along the north side of Lake Natoma will be temporarily closed due to construction activities along the trail from **January 24-27** and **January 31-February 3, 2011**. The trail closure will be in effect on those days from **7:00am until 4:30pm**. The specific section of the trail to be closed is the portion of the trail along the Orangevale Bluffs, from the intersection of the Main Avenue access spur to Negro Bar.

The trail closure is necessarily in order to install a low rock barrier wall adjacent to the trail along the base of the Orangevale Bluffs in order to help protect the paved trail and trail users from rock fall that occurs along this section of the Bluffs. Heavy equipment will be used along the trail to install the rock barrier and during the installation it is necessary to close the paved trail to provide for visitor safety. The concrete rock barrier will be three feet tall, relatively unobtrusive and will not affect trail use once installed.

Trail users will need to find alternate routes during the closure period. The paved bike path along the south side of Lake Natoma will be open and available as a detour or alternate route. Bicyclists and other users may want to cross to the trail on the south side of Lake Natoma at the Historic Truss Bridge in Folsom at the east end of Lake Natoma or at Hazel Avenue at the west end of the Lake.

The paved bike path along the north side of Lake Natoma is part of the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail and provides connection from the American River Parkway to Beal's Point at Folsom Lake. State Park managers realize this is an extremely popular trail and bike route and are only closing the trail temporarily in order to implement this public safety project.

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