

# News Release



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## Hydroplane Races Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

GRANTE BAY - The Granite Bay unit of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area is the venue site for the Big Wake Weekend a special event scheduled for May 31 – June 2, 2013. This event hosts the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Boat Series, an event that has not been at Folsom Lake since 1967. In addition to the H1 Series several other classes of race boats will be on site providing exhibitions and demonstrations.

During this three day event access into the Granite Bay unit of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area will be restricted to only those individuals that have tickets for the event. Event tickets are available through [www.bigwakeweekend.com](http://www.bigwakeweekend.com). All State Park passes and day use tickets will not be honored at the Granite Bay entrance during this event. Other park entrances including Beals Point, Rattlesnake Bar, Folsom Point, Peninsula and Brown Ravine will be open and honoring all State Park passes. Visitors may access the State Park at these alternate locations without event tickets using State Parks passes or day use passes. Boat launch ramps at Rattlesnake Bar, Folsom Point and Brown's Ravine will be in operation. The event and races will not be visible from these locations, nor is visibility guaranteed from the water for other than event ticket holders.

"We are very excited to have been chosen as the venue site for this event." State Park Superintendent Richard Preston said. "We believe this is going to be a tremendous opportunity to draw new visitors into Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and introduce them to California State Parks."

Park visitors intending to visit Beals Point, Rattlesnake Bar, Folsom Point, Peninsula or Brown's Ravine are encourage to arrive early, as it is anticipated that all park entrances around the lake will reach capacity and go to closure very early in the day.

The entrance at Granite Bay will open for the event at 7:00 a.m. on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions about Big Wake Weekend should be directed to the event promoter at (916) 704-5795. Questions about park operations can be directed to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area park office at (916) 988-0205.

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