



MILLERTON LAKE

STATE RECREATION AREA

WELCOME! Visitors to Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) can experience a wide range of outdoor activities at this central Sierra Nevada foothill reservoir. Host to a multiuse trail system and over 40 miles of shoreline, the park lies in Fresno and Madera Counties, divided by the San Joaquin River. The lake's calm water is popular with boaters and anglers. Visitors enjoy the temperate climate, with warm-to-hot summers and cool winters. Millerton Lake SRA consists of three separate areas: South Shore (day-use area), North Shore (campgrounds), and South Finegold (day-use area). The region is the traditional and ceremonial homeland of the Dumna, a Yokuts Native American group of Central California. Their involvement in the park and impact on the landscape are appreciated by visitors daily.



Millerton Lake State Recreation Area
5290 Millerton Road
Friant, CA 93626



Day-Use Areas:
Apr-Sept: 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Oct: 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
Nov-Feb: 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
March: 6 a.m.-7 p.m.



Day-Use Parking:
\$10 per vehicle per day
\$7 boat launch
Special holiday rates apply



Passes Accepted: Explorer, Adventure Pass, Golden Poppy, Library Parks Pass, Disabled Discount, Golden Bear, Boat Use, and Distinguished Veteran



(559) 822-2332
711, TTY Relay Service
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THINGS TO DO

- **If you have an hour**, take in a quick workout on the Buzzard's Roost Trail; an elevation gain of more than 700 feet in less than a mile. An incredible view from the top awaits.
- **If you have half a day**, traverse the remote shorelines of the lake by stand-up paddleboard or kayak, and catch up on your wildlife viewing.
- **If you have a full day**, populate several folding chairs on the shoreline with your favorite people for a fun barbecue day at the lake. Take a few spins on a boat or personal watercraft, and try your luck with a fishing pole. You may have to bring your own shade.
- **Accessibility:** Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) beach wheelchair available for fun down by the shoreline. Ask park staff and we will be happy to bring it out to you. Full ADA campsites available. Park staff available to answer questions.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Water Safety—Swim near a lifeguard. Life jacket loan stations available from Memorial Day to Labor Day at Lifeguard Towers and North Shore Kiosk. No swimming beyond 200 feet from shoreline.

Boating—Water levels fluctuate frequently. Beware of hazards and shallow water. No boats in swim areas. Maximum speed 5 mph within 200 feet of shorelines frequented by bathers. No towing in the boat channel east of Finegold Bay; maximum speed 35 mph. No towing in buoyed 5 mph areas. Mooring prohibited at courtesy docks.

Alcohol—No glass containers permitted. Consuming alcohol on beach prohibited.

Hunting—Hunting prohibited, other than spring bearded turkey special hunt (bow only). Boat bow fishing permitted for carp only, 200 feet from shoreline.

Dogs—No dogs on trails or beaches. All dogs must be on leash 6 feet or less in length and under control of owner.

CAMPING

Quiet Hours—Campground quiet hours 10 p.m.-6 a.m. No loud voices during quiet hours. Be courteous; allow everyone to enjoy their visit.

Generators—Use is permitted from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Check-in/check out—2 p.m./noon

Capacity—Campsites limited to eight persons/three vehicles. One vehicle permitted per campsite with reservation. Additional vehicles will be charged overnight vehicle fee.

Firewood—Gathering is prohibited. Campfires are permitted in fire rings provided in the campsites only. Stoves and barbecues are permitted.

Campsite Availability—Meadows Loop and Group Camps are open year-round; all others open April-September. No picnics in campsites. Reserve your site by visiting ReserveCalifornia.com or calling (800) 444-7275. Camping fees (per night): \$30 for standard site, \$40 for full hook-up site, and \$15 for boat camp.



ANNUAL EVENTS

Earth Day—Third Saturday in April; assist staff with maintaining and rehabilitating park facilities and features.

Kids' Safety Day—Third Saturday in May; meet professional rescuers and check out their heavy equipment, learn water safety tips.

Junior Rangers/Campfire Programs—Every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day at the Campfire Center. See posted times at kiosk.

Bald Eagle Tours—Tour via a 25-passenger tour barge. Weekends from January to mid-March. Reservations required.



ACTIVITIES

Fishing—Bass, sunfish, catfish, and shad.

Bicycling—Permitted on roads and multiuse trails. Observe all posted trail signs and right of way. Helmets required for minors. Class 1 e-bikes permitted.

Boating/Paddle Sports—Life jackets required for paddlers outside swim zones. Boating permitted year-round. Observe speed and hazard buoys. Life jackets required for personal watercraft and passengers under 13 years old. Two-stroke engine restrictions apply. Boater Safety Card required.

Horseback Riding—Permitted on multiuse trails. Watering troughs located at Horse Camp on North Shore.

Day-Use/Picnic—Group picnic areas available for reservation. All others, first come, first served.

SOUTH SHORE AREA TRAIL

Blue Oak Trail—Distance: 3.3 miles (one-way), moderate. Level ground throughout. Great for birding. Restrooms are along the route.

NORTH SHORE AREA TRAILS

North Shore Trail—Distance: 2 miles (one-way), moderate. This multiuse trail features rolling hills and has various entry points; hills are vibrant with flowers in the spring. Great early morning hike for campers and day-users alike.

Buzzard's Roost Trail—Distance: 0.6 miles (one-way), moderate. This trail is for hiking only. A steep incline of 500 feet in elevation gain, quickly puts you at a great view of the lake from the summit. Dumna Creek forms a waterfall in winter/spring.

Nature Trail—Distance: 0.25 miles (loop), easy. This is a short, interpretive walk with guided brochure available in the summer season. Try the free Agents of Discovery app and select "Take a Hike" mission.

SOUTH FINEGOLD AREA TRAIL

San Joaquin River Trail—Distance: 12.7 miles (one-way), strenuous. This long trail is great for mountain bikers and equestrians. Out and back not recommended for hikers. Through-hikers should consider staging vehicles at San Joaquin River Gorge.

