

# News Release



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## Low Water and 5 MPH Speed Limit at Folsom Lake

**FOLSOM** – California State Parks asks visitors to be cautious while enjoying Folsom Lake, as low water levels have left four of the five boat ramps dry. There will also be a **5 mph maximum speed limit** established for the entire lake starting on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for public safety concerns due to hazards and the low water conditions.

“Visitors are welcome to come out and enjoy the lake,” said Park Superintendent Richard Preston of California State Parks. “We just want to make sure everyone is aware of the lake’s limitations at this time of year and urge people to exercise extreme caution and patience both for the safety of visitors and the safety of their watercraft.”

The 5 mph speed limit is necessary because the low water level has brought rocks on the lake bed closer to the surface, placing boats in danger of being scratched or worse in some of the more shallow areas.

Currently the only launch ramp available for boaters is at Browns Ravine in El Dorado County.

Rattlesnake Bar, Granite Bay, Folsom Point and Peninsula boat ramps are all out of the water and closed to boat launching. The low water ramp at Granite Bay should surface in a week or two, reestablishing launch facilities on the west side of the lake.

The day use picnic areas at Folsom Lake all remain open however it is a long walk to the water’s edge.

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area office is at 7755 Folsom-Auburn Road in Folsom. For more information, call (916) 988-0205.

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