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## California State Parks Partially Opens Lake Oroville SRA

**OROVILLE, Calif.**—Effective 8 a.m. this Thursday, February 23, Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (SRA) partially reopens. Areas surrounding the Thermalito Diversion Pool (Burma Day Use and Lakeland Day Use) and Spillway Launch Ramp will remain closed. This includes those portions of the Dan Beebe and Brad Freeman trails leading from the SRA’s Visitor Center to the city of Oroville.

To develop its plans, California State Parks consulted with the Department of Water Resources, California Highway Patrol, CAL FIRE and Butte County Sheriff’s Office on potential safety issues. Areas near the spillway where construction is underway remain off-limits to the public.

On February 13, California State Parks closed the state recreation area to all uses, with the exception of the visitor center, north and south forebays in order to avoid safety and interference issues as crews work to strengthen the dam’s emergency spillway and remove debris from the channel below the main spillway. Also, California State Parks closed campgrounds to accommodate requests from other agencies – including the National Guard and CAL FIRE – involved in the dam spillway work.

To confirm public accessibility of Lake Oroville recreational opportunities, call the Lake Oroville Visitor Center at 530-538-2219.

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