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Plumas National Forest Recreation Openings

Many campgrounds on the Plumas National Forest in northeastern California have opened early this season due to favorable weather conditions, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

In the vicinity of Challenge, at the Sly Creek Reservoir Area, Sly Creek and Strawberry Campgrounds are open, as well as the Sly Creek Boat Ramp. The non-fee campground at Milsap Bar and the Feather Falls Trailhead are also open. However, other district campgrounds are not quite open due to snow at higher elevations: Little North Fork, Cleghorn Bar, and Rogers Cow Camp. The Little Grass Valley Reservoir Recreation Area is expected to be open by June 6. For a day hike, visit the Feather Falls or Bald Rock Trail and make sure to take plenty of drinking water when hiking.

All campgrounds in the Feather River Canyon along Highway 70 are currently open: Gansner Bar, North Fork, Queen Lily, Hallstead, and Spanish Creek. Snake Lake, Deanes Valley, Rock Creek, and Red Bridge campgrounds near Quincy are open. The Bucks Lake Recreation Area campgrounds such as Sundew, Mill Creek, Hutchins Group, Lower Bucks, Grizzly Creek, and Whitehorse still have snow, but may be open for the Memorial Day weekend pending clearing of snow. Trails in the Bucks Lake Wilderness Area still have patchy snow; Silver Lake is inaccessible due to snow. In the Antelope Lake Recreation Area, Long Point and Lone Rock Campgrounds will open by the holiday weekend; Boulder Creek will open as needed for overflow.

At the Lake Davis Recreation Area in the vicinity of Portola, all campgrounds are open, and boating docks are available. Most campgrounds and docks are open at the Frenchman Lake Recreation Area near Chilcoat; Cottonwood Springs is expected to open soon. Campgrounds and the dock in the Lakes Basin Area remain closed due to snow. Higher elevation trails also have patchy snow, while lower elevations are snow-free. Other open campgrounds include Conklin Park, Crocker, Laufman, and Meadow View.

For more information about recreation opportunities, contact the following:

- Feather River Ranger District, (530) 534-6500
- Mt. Hough Ranger District, (530) 283-0555
- Beckwourth Ranger District (530) 836-2575
- Supervisor's Office (530) 283-2050

Or visit the Plumas website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas>. For campground reservations at selected sites, call (877) 444-6777, or visit the website, www.recreation.gov.

Take advantage of summer-like conditions but be prepared for cool nighttime temperatures and variable weather. As always, completely extinguish campfires with water and keep pets leashed. Leaving campgrounds in good condition for those to follow makes for a memorable recreation experience.

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Key points:

- 1) Several Plumas National Forest campgrounds are open for the Memorial Day weekend.**
- 2) Extinguish campfires completely; leashed pets welcome.**