

Mid-Pacific Region

American River Water Education Center at Folsom Dam

Mission

The goal of the American River Water Education Center (ARWEC) is to increase the public's understanding of the American River watershed, the water cycle, water conservation, and Folsom Dam's multiple roles in flood control, providing water for power generation, irrigation, municipal and industrial use, fish and wildlife, and recreation. The center focuses on teaching children and their families about these important issues in interesting ways such as through interactive sessions at informative exhibits, water-related videos, a video tour of Folsom Dam, and water-related hands-on activities. The American River Parkway Bike Trail is adjacent to the ARWEC grounds, and visitors may walk on the bike trail to an overlook area to see Folsom Dam.



A State Park Ranger talking to a group of visitors at the American River Water Education Center.



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Water Wise Garden

The Center offers a beautiful, water-efficient xeriscape garden. Native species, low-water use, and drought-tolerant trees, flowers and grasses are just some of the attractions featured in the landscape design. Garden tours are available upon request.

Folsom Dam Tours

Due to increased security guidelines and ongoing construction projects at Folsom Dam and Powerplant, dam tours are no longer available. To continue to support the long history of public education and involvement with the community, a program about Folsom Dam is presented near Beals Point Park that incorporates the same information as past dam tours in a fast-paced, fun and interesting way.

Visitor Information

Located at 7785 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, CA, ARWEC is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions or to schedule a visit, please contact the ARWEC office at 916-989-7100 or 916-989-7132, or email ibr2foodarwec@usbr.gov, or visit ARWEC's website at www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec.

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