

Summer 2013 Park Events and Ranger Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation announces the spring 2013 park events and Park Ranger interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, Calif. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Topic: World Environment Day

Date/Time: Sunday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Meet near Markley Cove Resort, past Monticello Dam

Join the Bureau of Reclamation in partnership with the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership for a fun lakeshore clean up event. Volunteers will walk trails and shoreline helping to clean up trash and debris at the south end of Lake Berryessa. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while spending the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor setting! Food and drinks will be provided. Anyone interested in participating can contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111, ext 143 or <mailto:jgjordan@usbr.gov>. Pre registration required for lunch.



Topic: Lake Berryessa Water Education Program

Date: Available by appointment

Location: Oak Shores Day Use Area

The Lake Berryessa Water Education Program is an interdisciplinary learning experience for students in grades 4-6. The program integrates the natural resources of Lake Berryessa with California curriculum standards. Classes join a Park Ranger at the lake to learn about the importance of water in their lives. In addition to the on-site learning experience, a teacher packet is available with logistical information and pre and post site activities. Berryessa Rangers are available to conduct pre-site classroom visits. For more details on this free program please

contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111, ext 112 or email: mmcgraw@usbr.gov

Topic: Displays and Exhibits

Hours: Starting the Week of May 9, Weekends: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays: Noon-2 p.m., closed Wednesdays

Location: Lake Berryessa Visitor Center

The Lake Berryessa Visitor Center offers displays and exhibits on the history of Lake Berryessa and the Monticello Valley and the construction of the Solano Project. It also houses an exhibit of local wildlife (stuffed and mounted) showing the common and not-so-common animals found around the lake. Park Rangers are available to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge.



Topic: Paddle With a Park Ranger

Date: Various Dates

Location: Various Locations

Experience Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during these ranger-led paddling tours. Each tour offers a different experience as they launch from various areas around the lake. Events occur rain or shine; high winds may cause the event to be cancelled. Heavy spring rains may

change certain launch locations.

Paddling outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak, canoe or other non-motorized boat. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available, but boats will not typically be available for rent. Participants should bring their boat, life jacket, paddle, sunscreen, hat, water, clothing layers depending on the weather, and a lunch/snack. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. For details and directions, please contact Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111 x 113 or vbevolden@usbr.gov.

The following programs are offered:

Water and Wildlife

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Eticuera Day Use Area

Explore the northwestern shore of the lake, spotting interesting geology and wildlife along the way.

Note: Boats must be carried down a short, somewhat steep path to the shoreline.

Getting Your Feet Wet

Sunday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Coyote Beach, Oak Shores Day Use Area

Come celebrate Father's Day on the water. Bring the whole family, and get a taste of paddling on the lake!

From **9am to 10 a.m.**, Park Rangers will go over basic safety and paddling techniques in a relaxed, informal setting. From **10 a.m. to 12pm**, paddlers of all experience ranges are welcome to join a Park Ranger on a slow, easy paced paddle on the main body of the lake.

Notes: Several types of kayaks will be available to try out in the cove, and paddlers are welcome to bring their own non-motorized boats as well. Some boats may be available to use for the main paddle; contact vbevolden@usbr.gov for more details. Parking may be limited. No trailers are allowed in Oak Shores Day Use Area.

Lake Paddle

Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pleasure Cove Marina

Join a park Ranger and explore the water along the Wragg Canyon arm of the lake.

Notes: Kayak rentals may be available (reservations required). Day use fees for Pleasure Cove Marina do apply.

Sunset Sojourn

Friday, July 26, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pope Creek Bridge Parking Lot

Enjoy cooler weather on this relaxing evening paddle on Pope Creek.

Notes: Boats must be carried down a short, somewhat steep path to the shoreline. Bring flashlights and wear warm layers.

Paddle Lake Solano

Sunday, August 11, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lake Solano Day Use Area

Join Lake Berryessa Park Rangers at Lake Solano, east of Lake Berryessa along Highway 128, to learn a bit about where Lake Berryessa water goes and how it is used.

Notes: Day use fee for Lake Solano Park will be waived. Kayak rentals may be available for \$30 for the duration of the trip (reservation required).

Lake Paddle

Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Markley Cove Marina

Explore Markley Canyon and the Narrows at the south end of the lake.

Notes: Kayak rentals may be available (reservations required). Parking fees at Markley Cove will be waived for program participants.

Interpretive programs and events at Lake Berryessa tie into President Barack Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative (<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>) which seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy and vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come. Ranger-led hikes and activities at Lake Berryessa also follow First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative (<http://www.letsmove.gov/>) which is dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. And where better for the public to appreciate and enjoy the great outdoors than at a Reclamation facility like Lake Berryessa?

If you would like to participate in a program and need accommodation, please contact the Lake Berryessa Ranger Department at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 at least 14 days in advance.

Please visit the Lake Berryessa website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/berryessa/index.html> for additional information.