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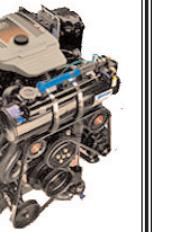
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The Lake Berryessa News Collector's Edition

Serious Questions for Congressman Thompson about the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area

National Conservation Areas were established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations."

Why is the proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA necessary? It does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

Why has Lake Berryessa been included in the NCA? Although beautiful in many respects, Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource – in that order of priority.

Why is the NCA divided into two sections with the Cache Creek Wilderness Study Area being excluded causing the gap between the southern and northern sections of the proposed NCA?

Why is only the western half of the Mendocino National Forest included? Is there something not up to NCA standard in the eastern half?

Exactly what are the financial benefits of the NCA?

Exactly what jobs will be created with the NCA?

Why does the proposed NCA legislation not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are allowed at Lake Berryessa. Per BLM Manual 6100 – National Landscape Conservation System Management, it will allow the Bureau of Land Management to supersede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

Why does the May 2012 NCA Map include so much private property?

Exactly what are the plans for the private and public property in-holdings in the NCA?

What funding is available for acquisi-

tions of in-holdings if there is an NCA?

Exactly what are the management plans for the NCA?

The economic benefit arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called "gateway communities" surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Hundreds of thousands of people have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of most of the resorts.

The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won't Reclamation allow them to be built?

Special Emergency Service Now Available for Lake Berryessa

Through a joint partnership of Napa County Fire Department and Physio-Control, we are pleased to announce that the Spanish Flat CAL FIRE Station has been selected to be a "First in California" 12-lead Basic Life Support Trial program. The equipment, policies and personnel in-service have been put in place, and as of 8/13/2012, the system was fully functional.

This program uses a new 12-lead ECG technology, which only requires placing electrodes on the patient's chest, pushing an "Acquire" button, then a "Transmit" button. The system will obtain a 12-lead ECG, and transmit the information over cellular signal to the Queen of the Valley ER where a Physician will receive it. The Physician will read the 12-lead ECG, determine if a cardiac event is occurring, and notify field personnel who will coordinate the best means of transport. In the event of failure of the cellular signal, the field diagnosis can be read off of the machine, and a decision can be made on the best means of transport.

Field diagnosis of 'suspected acute myocardial infarction (A.M.I.)', (a recent onset of low/no oxygen cardiac event with heart tissue damage) enables patients to have a significantly improved survivability, quality of life, in addition to expedited hospital care.

A 12-lead ECG is the Gold Standard for field diagnosis of AMI, it's entry into the BLS realm is highly anticipated.

This program elevates the 'Level of Care' in the remote Berryessa area, by allowing quicker 'field' diagnosis of potential cardiac events.

Paul Duncan Fire Captain, EMS - Coordinator Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit CAL FIRE 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena, CA 94575. 707-967-1437 Paul.Duncan@fire.ca.gov

Get ready for the Zombie Invasion in October

September is National Preparedness month and this year focuses on turning awareness into action by encouraging all individuals and families to make an emergency preparedness plan.

Napa County Public Health wants everyone to prepare for all emergencies, even zombies! This fall, Napa County Public Health is launching a "Zombie Preparedness" campaign. Although fictional, zombies have been used as an effective outreach tool by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to engage the public in emergency preparedness and flu prevention activities.

"If you're prepared for the Zombie Invasion, then you're prepared for any disaster we experience in Napa County, from natural disasters, like floods and earthquakes, to infectious diseases, such as H1N1 pandemic influenza," said Health Education Specialist Cara Mae McGarry. "Also, people are more likely to take action to get prepared if they're having fun at the same time."

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

Downstairs, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen, where if not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were hundreds of his favorite pierogi

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

He threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a crumpled posture. His parched lips parted, the wondrous taste of the pierogi was already in his mouth. With a trembling hand he reached up to the edge of the table, when suddenly he was smacked with a wooden spoon by his wife.

"Back off!" she said. "Those are for the funeral."

Get free flu vaccine, find out how to stay healthy and avoid becoming a zombie at the Zombie Flu Clinic and Halloween Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Health & Human Services Agency Campus, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

"The first step in getting prepared is to talk to your loved ones about an emergency plan," McGarry said. "Take a few moments to sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency."

The following steps will help you prepare for all kinds of emergencies, including fires, earthquakes, floods, bioterrorism and even zombies: Make an individual or family plan for what to do in an emergency; Build a kit with supplies for up to 3 days; Stay informed about what to do during and after the emergency.

Pierogis in Heaven?

An elderly Polish man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite pierogi with fried onions wafting up the stairs.

There are many opportunities to learn more and get involved with Zombie Preparedness in September and October.

Learn all you need to know to get ready for zombies at Zombie Preparedness 101, offered by Napa County Public Health:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Health & Human Services Agency Building K Conference Room , 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Napa County Library, 580 Coombs Street, Napa.

Visit the Zombie Preparedness Table at the Recovery Happens Resource Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Health & Human Services Agency, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, Napa.

Event Calendar

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September 15 – Saturday: Taco Night at the Berryessa Senior Center! 5:30pm. All are invited!!! Bring the kids and join in the fun! This is a potluck and we will need Appetizers, Salads and Desserts. Call 966-0206 and tell us the number in your party - we want to have plenty of food.

September 20 – Thursday: Book launch, Murder and Mayhem in the Napa Valley, by Todd L. Shulman. 5:30 pm at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa

The picturesque vineyards of California's Napa Valley disguise a tangled history of lawlessness, depravity, and frontier justice. From the Pomo massacre to the cold cases that continue to haunt the region, Napa Police Detective Todd Shulman decants the crimes of the Napa Valley in his thrilling book. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255-1836.

October 4 – Thursday: Book signing and lecture: The Napa River by Nancy McEnery, 7:00 pm. St. Helena Public Library, 1492 Library Lane, St. Helena

McEnery traces the earliest beginnings of Napa as a frontier town highlighting the river's influence on our valley's development through the years. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at info@napacountylandmarks.org or 255-1836.

October 6 - Saturday: The 12th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS, Raley Field, West Sacramento. The Walk to Defeat ALS holds a 1 mile walk option specifically to accommodate the needs of ALS patients. The 5k option for the Walk is to the State Capitol and back to Raley Field and is truly a walk. The pre-Walk event begins at 9:00 am and activities include registration, face painters, clowns, vendors and a complimentary continental breakfast. The Walk officially kicks off at 11:00 a.m. This pre-Walk event and registration are free to the community. They may register for the Walk or learn more about it on line at www.walktodefeatals.org.

October 13 – Saturday: C.A.S.T. for Kids, an event designed to provide children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing. Take to the water with C.A.S.T. for an unforgettable morning of fishing and boating! Contact Jason Jordan to register, volunteer, or for event information. Click on his name to email him or call Jason at 707-966-2111.

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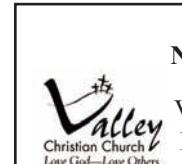
Dam Level Update as of Monday, 9/10/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now **18.77'** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
8/20/12	422.65	0.30	99	59	0.00
8/21/12	422.59	0.29	100	56	0.00
8/22/12	422.51	0.30	96	54	0.00
8/23/12	422.43	0.31	96	57	0.00
8/24/12	422.35	0.25	97	56	0.00
8/25/12	422.27	0.29	97	55	0.00
8/26/12	422.17	0.35	94	54	0.00
8/27/12	422.10	0.31	82	44	0.00
8/28/12	422.03	0.16	89	50	0.00
8/29/12	421.96	0.29	96	52	0.00
8/30/12	421.89	0.21	94	54	0.00
8/31/12	421.81	0.33	99	53	0.00
9/1/12	421.74	0.25	82	53	0.00
9/2/12	421.67	0.20	86	50	0.00
9/3/12	421.61	0.23	95	51	0.00
9/4/12	421.55	0.21	96	53	0.00
9/5/12	421.49	0.27	96	50	0.00
9/6/12	421.43	0.18	90	53	0.00
9/7/12	421.36	0.27	91	52	0.00
9/8/12	421.30	0.21	94	55	0.00
9/9/12	421.23	0.32	96	53	0.00



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A 2012 El Niño Is Coming? Will Lake Berryessa Fill Up This Year?

The latest data from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center continues to point toward much-needed substantial rainfall this winter in California. El Niño conditions are likely to develop during September 2012. The previous series of extended monthly outlooks suggested a broad belt of above normal rainfall for much of the southwestern U.S. beginning late this fall, and the most recent models released continue this trend, with some additional emphasis on more concentrated precipitation for much of California.

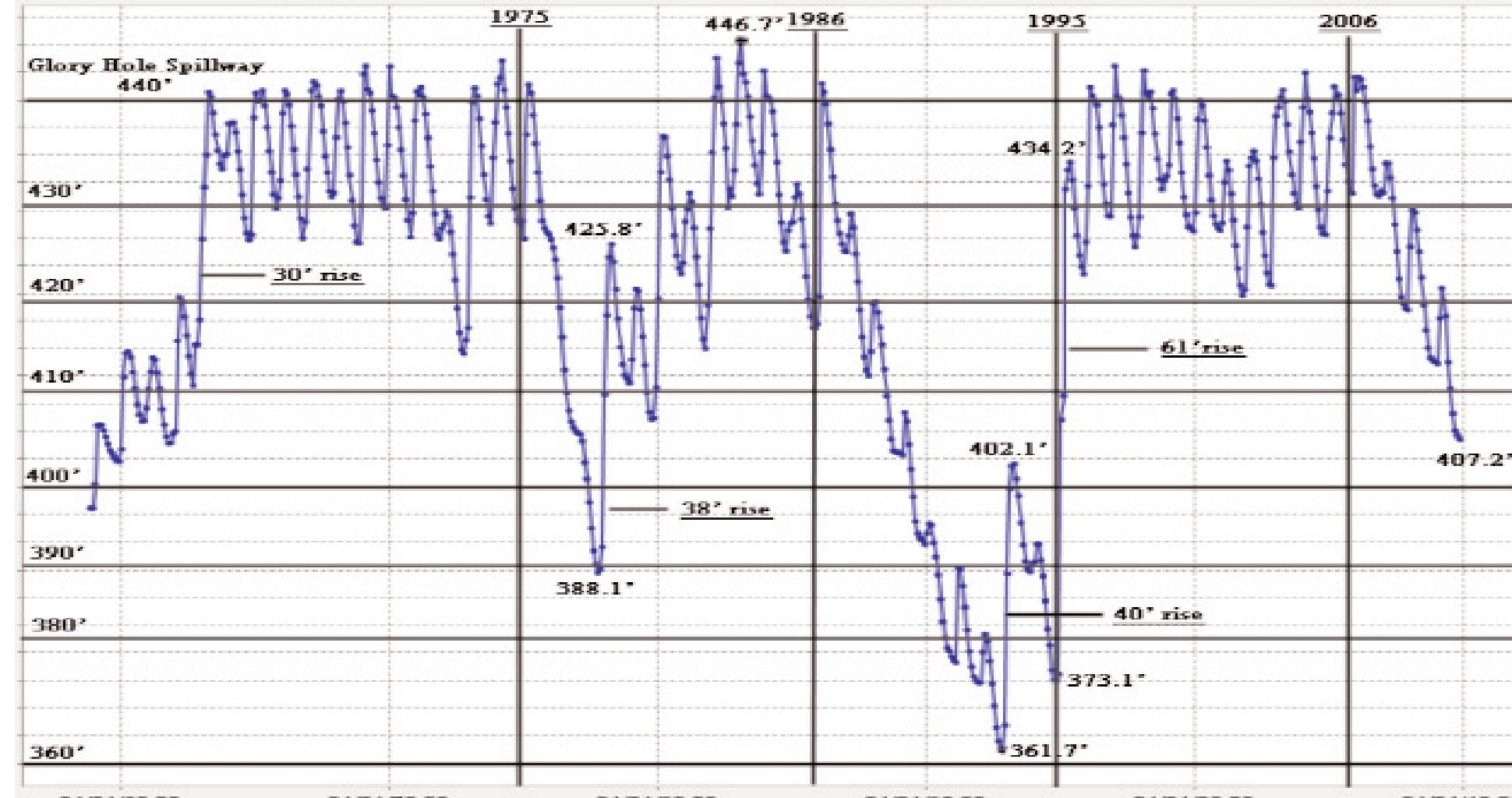
Characteristically, about one in every four to five years lends itself to the development of a significant El Niño event. The last several years being dry (La Niña pattern), a wet winter for much of the southwest including California is overdue. The last official El Niño event is listed as having occurred in 2009, but it was not among the more significant events in the past several decades. 1997-98 is considered the last major El Niño event.

Indications continue to point toward a building El Niño, a pattern that can greatly impact the second half of the hurricane season. Depending on how quickly El Niño develops, there could be a quick shutdown of tropical storm systems during the latter part of the Atlantic season and an increase of Pacific tropical cyclones and an extended season on the Pacific side.

Oceanic and atmospheric models suggest a merging of the two principal eastern Pacific jet streams this winter, the polar and subtropical jet(s). Typically, these two high altitude rivers of air are separated by weak high pressure along and off the U.S. west coast. This gives California a relatively dry climate; rainfall averages 15-25 inches per year for much of the state.

The abnormal warming of oceanic surfaces associated with the low to mid-latitude El Niño pattern causes the polar jet to assume a more southerly track, combining with and enhancing the subtropical jet. In addition, the weakening or absence of high pressure west of California "opens the door" for a direct west to east (zonal) flow of moisture laden air at low latitudes, with multiple low pressure systems approaching southern and central California.

Instead of just tail ends of associated frontal boundaries resulting in low clouds or scanty showers, the full force of these storms may affect the entire California coastline. As in the notable El Niños of 1980-83, Los Angeles may experience the frequency and magnitude of rainfall normally reserved for Seattle.



Season	First	Season	Lowest	Below
	Rain	Total	Level	Glory Hole
97-98		46.3"	425.4'	-14.6'
98-99	11/10/98	23.5"	431.1'	-8.9'
99-00	10/30/99	26.0"	427.0'	-13.0'
00-01	10/20/00	24.7"	427.1'	-12.9'
01-02	10/29/01	23.4"	420.4'	-19.6'
02-03	11/7/02	31.6"	421.5'	-18.5'
03-04	10/31/03	25.6"	429.5'	-10.5'
04-05	10/19/04	36.4"	426.8'	-13.2'
05-06	9/26/05	40.6"	431'	-9.0'
06-07	10/3/06	12.7"	430.5'	-9.5'
07-08	9/19/07	25.3"	419.1'	-20.9'
08-09	10/3/08	24.0"	406.9'	-33.1'
09-10	9/13/09	26.4"	412.5'	-27.5'
10-11	10/17/10	37.3"	425.5'	-14.5'
11-12	9/25/11	19.6"	421.7'	-18.3'

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Interns Say Goodbye!

Hi, Berryessa Boaters! This is the Lake Berryessa Boater Interns, Sabrina and Alisa! As the summer slowly winds down and air becomes chillier, we have the final report for you! For those that have seen us hard at work around the lake, it may be easy to get a sense of what we do. Our goals range from increasing awareness about the invasive quagga and zebra mussels, to persuading boaters to install bilge pads, to general clean boating and recreational habits for safe clean drinking water. We have spent many hours and our best efforts to make sure the lake is enjoyable for everyone who visits.

Over the course of the summer, we have educated more than 1,700 people about invasive mussels, bilge pads and water quality. We provided more than 300 surveys at all of the boat launches along the lake to test boaters knowledge in exchange for a free boater kit with bilge pad and important boating information. Nearly 200 boaters decided to immediately install the bilge pad, showing approximately a 60% success rate in engaging boaters to take time to go the extra effort.

Bilgee and the interns also spoke to hundreds of adults and children at Oak Shores about how Lake Berryessa is a drinking source for many citizens and how each person does their part in keeping it clean. Along with the interns from the Solano County Water Agency, the program reached out to more than 3000 visitors and distributed more than 1550 bilge pads. But it's not quite over yet!

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U.S. Outdoor Recreation Economy 2012 (Source: Outdoor Industry Association)				
Type	Gear & Vehicles	Trip-Related Sales	Total	% of Total
Hunting	\$8,525,723,987	\$14,636,912,252	\$23,162,636,239	3.60%
Wildlife Viewing	\$10,736,692,517	\$22,585,482,854	\$33,322,175,371	5.20%
Fishing	\$9,742,089,046	\$25,725,732,919	\$35,467,821,965	5.50%
Motorcycling	\$10,024,945,513	\$32,501,773,446	\$42,526,718,959	6.60%
Snow Sports	\$7,718,490,380	\$45,328,719,522	\$53,047,209,901	8.20%
Off-Roading	\$13,160,580,559	\$53,334,247,815	\$66,494,828,375	10.30%
Trail Sports	\$12,251,578,246	\$68,376,967,617	\$80,628,545,863	12.50%
Bicycling	\$10,538,970,178	\$70,781,975,693	\$81,320,945,871	12.60%
Water Sports	\$19,420,893,225	\$66,776,605,002	\$86,197,498,227	13.40%
Camping	\$18,613,995,403	\$124,769,735,895	\$143,383,731,29	22.20%
Total All Activities	\$120,733,959,053	\$524,818,153,015	\$645,552,112,06	100.00%
California Only			\$46,000,000,000	7.10%

Lake Berryessa became a raw recreation resource as soon as it filled. This was not the original intent of the Bureau of Reclamation. Although Lake Berryessa was not officially opened for public recreation by Napa County until June 1, 1959, the water and land areas were already receiving heavy public use. Despite the lack of minimum basic public facilities at that time, including water supply and boat launching facilities, it is estimated that 800 boats were in the area on Sunday, August 31, 1958.

Lake Berryessa Regional Economy 2005 – Gross Revenue				
Business	Gross Revenue	Mobile Home Rentals	% Mobiles	% of Total
Rancho Monticello Resort	\$3,315,500	\$2,058,054	62%	24.3%
Steele Park Resort	\$2,622,515	\$663,295	25%	19.2%
Spanish Flat Resort	\$2,067,932	\$777,057	38%	15.1%
Berryessa Marina	\$1,608,679	\$760,581	47%	11.8%
Markley Cove Resort	\$1,081,802	\$207,124	19%	7.9%
Putah Creek Resort	\$1,030,000	\$380,000	37%	7.5%
Pleasure Cove Marina	\$434,494	\$67,072	15%	3.2%
Other Visitor Serving Businesses (est.)	\$1,500,000			11.0%
Total Lake Berryessa Local Gross Revenue	\$13,660,922			100.0%

Recreation Definitions and Differentiation

Recreation, Outdoor Recreation, Nature-Based Recreation, Nature-Based Tourism, Adventure Tourism, and Ecotourism concepts have evolved since the 1960s. A large body of academic literature has developed dedicated to the study of recreation and leisure and the economics of such activities. The following definitions have become standard.

Recreation is any form of voluntary activity engaged in during leisure time, which brings the experience of personal enjoyment and satisfaction to a person.

The Outdoor Industry Foundation defines active outdoor recreation as biking, paddling, camping, climbing, skiing (including downhill, cross country, and tele-mark), snowboarding, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, as well as the use of trails for hiking, backpacking, and trail running.

Nature-based recreation is defined as outdoor activities in natural settings or otherwise involving in some direct way elements of nature—terrain, plants, wildlife, water bodies. Nature-based recreation provides visitors with an opportunity to satisfy their recreation needs while maintaining the diversity and richness of an area's natural, cultural, and historical resources.

A tourist is one who travels away from home for a distance of at least 50 miles (one way) for business, pleasure, personal affairs, or any other purpose except to commute to work, whether he stays overnight or returns the same day. By United Nations' definition a tourist is someone who stays for more than one night and less than one year. Business and convention travel is included.

A recreationist is someone who engages in a recreation, especially outdoor recreation or an outdoor leisure activity such as camping, boating, hunting, etc.

An excursionist is a traveler who spends less than 24 hours at a destination, also known as a day user.

A traveler is defined as any person on a trip between two or more countries or between two or more localities within his/her country of usual residence.

In the United States, the definition of a person-trip is one person traveling 50 miles (one way) or more away from home, or staying overnight regardless of distance. U.S. residents take over two billion person-trips a year - mostly by motor vehicle on the nation's highways.

Many outdoor recreation activities are sports-related and have been classified as adventure travel. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) reports that the top outdoor recreation adventure activities were, in order of participation, overnight vacation camping, bicycle riding, fishing, hiking, hunting with firearms, backpacking/wilderness camping, alpine skiing, off-road mountain biking, waterskiing, hunting with a bow and arrow, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing.

Ecotourism is environmentally responsible travel and visitation to relatively undisturbed natural areas, in order to enjoy and appreciate nature (and any accompanying cultural features - both past and present) that promotes conservation, has low negative visitor impact, and provides beneficially active socio-economic involvement of local populations.

The International Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as "responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people", and adds the following principles.

Ecotourism:

- Minimizes impact.
- Builds environmental and cultural awareness and respect.
- Provides positive experiences for both visitors and hosts.
- Provides direct financial benefits for conservation.
- Provides financial benefits and empowerment for local people.
- Raises sensitivity of host country's political, environmental, and social climate.
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A Special Letter to the Editor

My front page story in the previous issue and email newsletter editorial struck a chord with many readers. It was the largest number of supportive emails and phone calls I've received in a long time. People are frustrated with the obstructionism that has prevented any progress at the lake for years now. A few asked me to stop insulting sock puppets!

One said, "Thanks Peter - Don't get too low...Remember there are monkeys running some things. Oh, and sometimes the monkeys are dressing in human costumes!"

There are actually a few local vocal residents who are part of the REF movement (Radical Exclusionist Fringe) out here. Ironically, they actually do want to referee your lives since they know so much better what you should think and experience. I did get one negative response which I print here in full since it is so emblematic of the logical fallacies and group-think of the REFs that got us into this mess.

"It is now time to take me off your email distribution list. While I have been mostly entertained over the years by the continuations of the Berryessa News under your tutelage, it has now become an unbearable periodical of outrageous accusations and fabrications that now reflect more slander than activism. The various groups you have participated in and worked to promote, including Task Force 7 and the current incarnation of Berryessa for All, are poster children for self-sustaining failed objectives and self-serving interest. You and these participants have done more to hinder and delay the redevelopment of the lake area and have prolonged the decades long economic downturn of the region.

What you and others fail to acknowledge is that the resorts were a lab experiment that went terribly wrong. In the process to correct these institutional errors, those who had vested economic interests denied any culpability or any wrong doing. That is too bad, and is one of the major reasons so little has been allowed to progress. Your group's failed lawsuit is a star example of obstructionist litigation. In addition, you are not an objective voice because you yourself have an economic interest on the federal lakeshore, whereas those you criticize for their advocacy do not. Do you still have a right to participate in the conversation? Absolutely. However, your viewpoints lack credibility simply because of their self interest.

That stated...it has never been the wish by anyone I know who lives in-county or out who have had some level of participation in these years of lake redevelopment to exclude or deny boaters to the lake. You and others fabricating and disseminating these outright lies is another example of self-serving agenda.

It has been your groups that have had the agenda of perpetuating exclusionary access. That is what it was for 50 years. The remedy has been a painful extraction of these failed shoreline entities so that a new vision and access plan can be realized. The fear mongering about the Snow Mountain proposal is another attempt to bring back the old, faulty incarnations. Now you are actually provoking people to attend an activity with the aim of disrupting a public celebration intended to promote the region. Your rented Tea Party T-shirt may be on a little too tight. On some level I want to believe you mean well. But this last email displays a vitriol that befits an angry old man who is selfish and lacks any sense of decency. Please remove me from your list."



"For displaying a vitriol that befits an angry old man who is selfish and lacks any sense of decency!"

REWARD

Contact Your Local REF* Organization for Details

* Radical Exclusionist Fringe

I'm Peter Kilkus and I approved this message.

Cubs Fans Now Too Fat To Attend Games

CHICAGO—According to a statement released Thursday by the Chicago Cubs front office, fans of the 136-year-old baseball franchise are now too fat to attend home games. The statement—which confirmed that members of the team's fan base are no longer able to fit into stadium seating and, even if they could, are physically unable to walk up the number of steps necessary to get to their seats—confirmed that Wrigley Field would temporarily close until alterations could be made to accommodate the obese fans.

"The average weight of a Cubs fan is between 375 and 425 pounds," team president Theo Epstein said in the statement, adding that while there are still a few fans whose weight does not prevent them from attending games, there aren't nearly enough to fill the seats, because all of them are tourists. "One person filling up two or three seats throughout the entire bleacher section is not a sustainable business model. And we don't have enough room to accommodate all of our fans' motorized scooters."

"The bottom line is that Wrigley is an old stadium never intended to hold 41,000 morbidly obese people," Epstein continued. "If we keep forcing it to support that much weight, it could very well collapse."

Stadium-limitations aside, sources close to the team, as well as medical personnel, have confirmed that it's physically dangerous for Cubs fans to attend games, mainly because it would involve them being outside for more than 90 minutes at a time.

Stadium records indicate that besides the more than 12,000 sweat-drenched, massively overweight fans who have passed out due to dehydration this season, Wrigley Field has also been the site of nearly 4,500 heart attacks and strokes in the past year, as well as almost 2,000 incidents of fans going into diabetic shock.

In addition, during the 2012 baseball season, more than 500 obese fans have choked to death on hot dogs or nachos.

"In order for us to provide a safe environment, we would need to have a fully functioning hospital on site and seats equipped with ready-to-use oxygen tanks. We'd also need to hire 150 additional ushers trained in CPR," head of ballpark operations Carl Rice told reporters Thursday, reiterating that Cubs fans are just "very, very fat." "Now, we could probably cover the cost of these things through concession sales, but the truth is, I can't in good conscience serve these people the number of Italian beef sandwiches and bags of popcorn they want, because they would be leaving the stadium on gurneys every night."

"And that's its own problem," Rice continued, "because we would need to special order extra-large gurneys, which are very expensive."

Until a long-term solution can be reached, a few alterations to the stadium are already in the works. Some of the changes include widening box seats by more than 3 feet, turning the current loading dock into the stadium's main entrance, and installing defibrillators at the end of every row.

However, Cubs officials said those changes alone will not be nearly enough. "We only expect our fans' weight to increase," Rice said. "If their current rate of gain continues, by 2016 the average Cubs fan will weigh 600 pounds. And unfortunately that means we'll have to tear down Wrigley and build a new, state-of-the-art stadium that allows ushers to roll supine game attendees from their bus, car, or subway into the stadium and into their spots, where they can continue to just lie there and watch the game. Basically, we can't have Cubs fans physically moving on our premises, as any movement on their part would certainly kill them."

At press time, reporters had reached Cubs fans for comment, but had to wait for them to finish chewing first.

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license.

First, of course, he had to take an eyesight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters:

'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

"Can you read this?" the optician asked.

"Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

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The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum of Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation developed a Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Users' Handbook (WALROS), September 2011, which attempts to define various forms of recreational settings and management goals for these settings.

"Half a century ago, when people said they were going camping, fishing, or boating, it was clear what they intended. Today, due to many factors such as new technology and equipment, more facilities, and diverse public tastes and preferences, there are many types of camping, fishing, and boating activities. The outdoor recreation industry and profession have become much more complex and sophisticated.

Research has shown that recreationists not only seek to participate in recreation activities, but also seek specific recreation settings in order to enjoy a special kind of recreation experience and subsequent benefits. These four components (activities, settings, experience, and benefits) constitute a recreation opportunity; that is, the opportunity for a person to participate in a particular recreation activity in a specific setting in order to enjoy a particular recreation experience and the benefits this affords.

For example, one family might desire camping in a modern, full service campground on a reservoir in order to spend quality time with the family, to rest and relax, and to see nature's beauty. Another family might desire camping in a rural location where they can test their fishing skills, enjoy solitude, and see nature's beauty. Both families want to go camping, but in very different settings leading to different kinds of experiences and benefits; that is, they are seeking different kinds of recreation opportunities."

WALROS defines six recreation settings: Urban setting; Suburban setting; Rural developed setting; Rural natural setting; Semiprimitive setting; Primitive setting. Lake Berryessa clearly falls into the Rural Developed Setting (which would normally eliminate it for consideration as part of a National Conservation Area under the National Landscape Conservation System guidelines):

"A rural developed area is beyond a metropolitan area and the suburban ring of development. Rural developed areas may serve as "bedroom" communities for urban areas and may contain working farms, ranches, and towns. In this setting, primary road networks are common. Although development will be prevalent and common, the setting has a pastoral sense because of an interspersing of forests, water resources, hills, valleys, canyons, wetlands, open spaces, and agricultural lands. Naturally appearing shoreline edges are common, although various water controls or other structures are also common. Recreation management is prevalent and common but not as extensive as in an urban setting (e.g., personnel, rules, facilities, signs, services, conveniences, security).

Recreation use, diversity, socialization, concentration, sense of security, and conveniences are less common than in a developed suburban or urban setting. The sights, sounds, and smells of recreation and non-recreation use are common, yet interspersed with locations and times when the urbanized visitor may experience a sense of tranquility and escape from everyday challenges. Examples of rural developed areas include areas with country estates, second homes and cabins, dams, power stations, primary and secondary roads, communication lines, resorts, marinas, small communities, full service campgrounds, county and State parks, farms, ranches, and small commercial and industrial establishments."

The Visitor Opportunity Spectrum of Lake Berryessa

Per the definitions on Page 4 , Lake Berryessa may potentially provide a range of recreational opportunities to visitors. However, some opportunities are clearly more appropriate and historically-supported by visitor usage data. Examples would include motorized boating and other activities in the Outdoor Recreation, Nature-Based Recreation, and Adventure Travel categories.

Nature-Based Tourism might be a visitor opportunity, but describing Lake Berryessa as a resource for Eco-Tourism would be a stretch based on the definition of Eco-Tourism itself.

Relative to Lake Berryessa, tourist implies coming from a long distance for a destination-oriented experience which is an end in itself and not meant necessarily to be repeatable on a regular basis. Being a Lake Berryessa recreationist implies coming a shorter distance for an active outdoor experience that can be repeated often with similar satisfaction levels.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Someday America will come to an economic understanding that doesn't include an outrageous hunger for more and more manufactured goods, but for now, your life is pretty sweet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Everybody has their own part to play in life. Unfortunately, yours is to be the love interest of the true hero: Sam, the cute walrus that's all the rage on the Internet.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It's both cynical and dangerous to underestimate the power of human love, but that's okay. You'll overestimate it every time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're not the sort of person who panics easily, which will keep you from getting on TV following next week's volcano disaster.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll be called in for the 20th week in a row to testify before a council of your peers on whether or not punk is in fact dead.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Running away from your problems will fail this week, as will climbing out of your problems' reach and playing dead in hopes that your problems go away.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The stars indicate that you've really done it this time. I mean, just look around, for God's sake. How did this even happen?

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Your face will soon be on the cover of every newspaper in town, thanks to a rather gruesome printing-press accident.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Don't let other people influence your future. That's what a vague and arbitrary set of cosmic indicators is for.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): When given a choice between tuna salad or egg salad this week, go with the egg salad. Just trust the stars on this one

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Powers beyond your control will soon determine your fate while you wait patiently in the car.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will experience deep spiritual vertigo when you realize there is nothing else in the world you want to buy.

General Trends in Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation

For a sizable number of nature-based activities, both the number of people participating and the summed days of participation has been increasing. Prominent among these growth activities were viewing and photographing natural scenery, flowers, trees, wildlife, birds, and fish. Also growing in both number of participants and total days of participation were visiting nature centers, sightseeing, visiting beaches, visiting wilderness, developed camping, boating, driving off-road motor vehicles, big-game hunting, kayaking, and snowboarding.

There were seventeen fastest-growing activities between 2000 and 2007—that is, those with days of participation growing by more than 10 percent. Of these top seventeen activities, six involve viewing, photographing, identifying, visiting, or otherwise observing elements of nature—flowers, trees, natural scenery, birds, other wildlife, nature exhibits, and wilderness (wildlands generally). The growth in viewing and photographing plants and natural scenery has been most rapid, at about 78 and 60 percent, respectively.

Some motorized recreation, especially off-road driving, has also been growing, as have some physically challenging activities. Driving motor vehicles off-road, occupies the number three slot; it grew by 56 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Next are viewing, photographing, and identifying wildlife and birds. Thus, four of the top five activities are viewing, photographing, and otherwise observing nature.

Three water-oriented activities made the top seventeen: kayaking, visiting water areas or shores other than ocean beaches, and visiting ocean beaches. Generally, however, the greatest growth in participation is for activities that are physically not very challenging.

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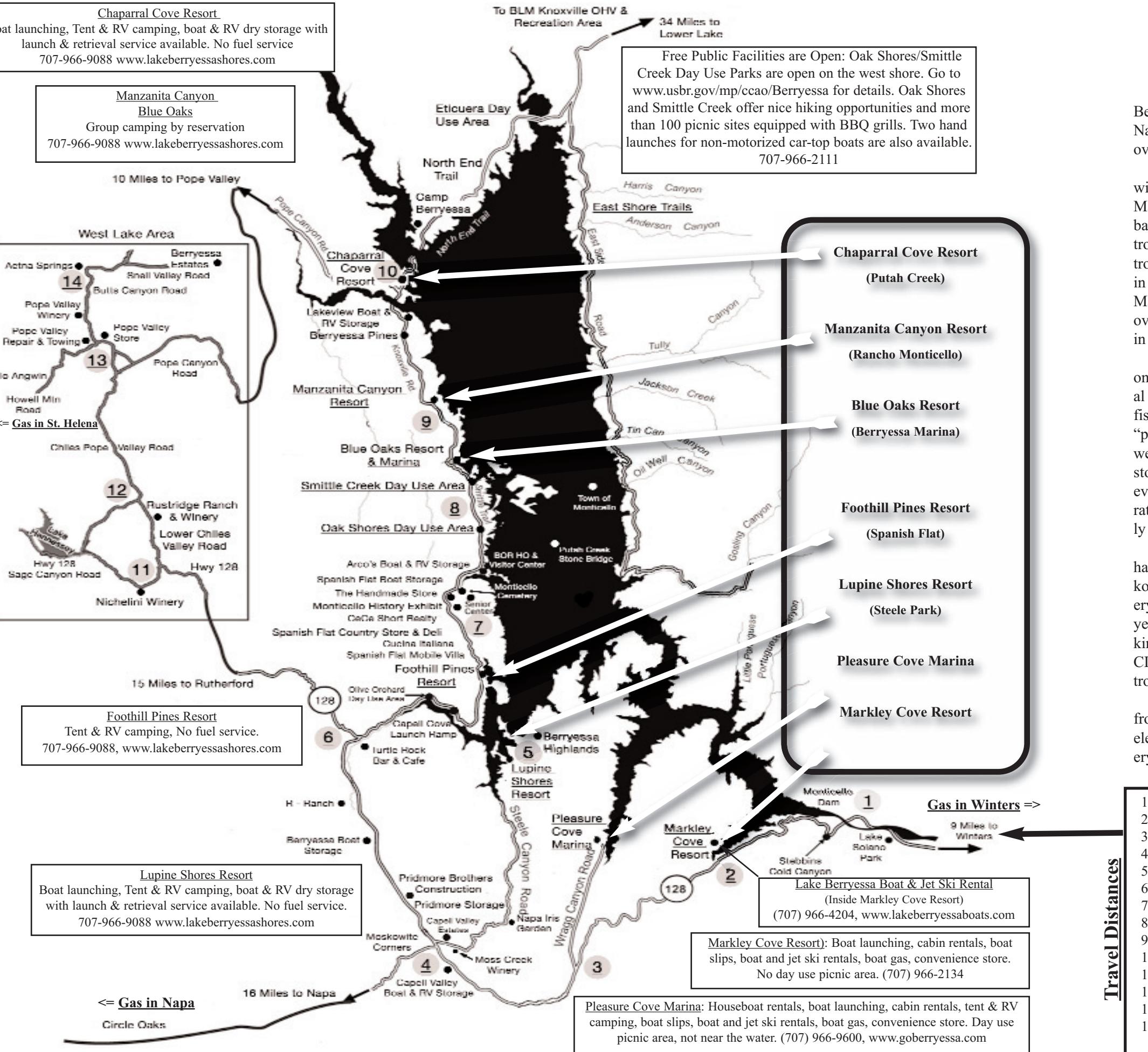
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Then and now

Fishing at Lake Berryessa

OFF THE HOOK by Dan Bacher
(www.fishsniffer.com)

The salmonid fishery at Lake Berryessa, located on Putah Creek in Napa County, has changed dramatically over the past two decades.

On one of the last times I fished with the late Claude Davis at "Mr. Markley Cove" in August 1990, we bagged two quick limits of rainbow trout in the 12- to 16-inch range while trolling nightcrawlers on downriggers in his boat. I then went over to the Markley Cove docks and picked up over 30 crappie while fishing Mini Jigs in the manner I was taught by Davis.

"I caught the two winners while trolling with Uncle Larry's copper bar spinners and purple hoochies, tipped with white corn scented with Smelly Jelly Kokanee Feast, behind 7-inch dodgers at 95 to 115 feet near the dam," he said.

At that time, rainbows were the only salmonid, other than an occasional wild brown, found in the lake. The fishery was managed by the DFG as a "put and grow" one, but the fish rarely went over 2 pounds. The Department stocked large numbers of rainbows every April in one or two big plants, rather than planting catchables regularly as is done in many reservoirs.

Twenty-two years later, Berryessa has become a trophy king salmon, kokanee salmon and rainbow trout fishery. The current fishery is a result of yearly plants of fingerling, kokanee and kings by the DFG in cooperation with CIFFI, as well as the CIFFI/Markley trout pen-rearing project.

"Berryessa has been transformed from a 12-inch planter fishery to a low elevation trophy trout and salmon fishery," said Sep Hendrickson, executive

director of the CIFFI. "When you fish Berryessa now you have a good chance of hooking rainbows in the 2 1/2- to 3-pound range, kokanee in the 2 1/2- to 3-pound range and kings up to 6 pounds."

Jason Tidwell, the first place winner of the CIFFI Derby at Berryessa on

August 25, can attest to the quality fishery available at the lake now. Tidwell landed two big kokanee, one measuring 19 1/2 inches long and weighing 2.8 pounds, and the other going 19 1/2 inches and 2.4 pounds. The two fish weighed a total of 72.1 ounces.

Mike Giovachini won the big king pot with 55.7 ounces, winning \$240. Brian Mathison took the big trout pot with 37.4, winning \$215. Finally, Nate Lenard, Sr. won the blind bogey with 21.6 ounces, taking home \$265.

Rich Crispi of TW Guide Service confirmed, "It has been a great year at Berryessa; our biggest king was 4 pounds 7 ounces and measured 23 1/2 inches; our largest kokanee to 20.8 inches and 2 pounds, 11 ounces; and the top rainbow was 31 1/2 pounds and 20 inches."

If Claude Davis had lived to see the thriving fishery, he would have been very impressed, both by the size and numbers of kings, kokanee and rainbows. All three species have plenty of forage to feed upon, including threadfin shad and plankton.

The DFG now plants fingerling chinooks and kokanee every year, although the numbers varying year to year. They stocked 55,052 kings in 2009, 163,991 fingerlings in 2010, 100,045 fingerlings in 2011 and 118,999 in 2012. The DFG stocked 50,126 kokanee in 2009, 102,606 in 2010, 87,436 in 2011 and 68,986 in 2012.

Other anglers also boasted big kokanee in the event. John Eagleton

took second place with two fish weighing 71.7 ounces Mike Giovachinii placed third with 70.6 ounces, John Beugue took fourth with 69.8 ounces and Eddie Trujillo took fifth with 65.9 ounces.

The youth kokanee winners were (1) Nate Lenard Jr. 58.1; (2) Autumn Bundy 29.4; and (3) Ty Collins 20.6.

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One of the reasons for the

improved rainbow fishery is the pen fishery at Markley Cove. It raises the fish from a catchable size to 2 1/2 to 3 pounds. The DFG delivers anywhere from 800 to 1500 pounds of triploid trout to the pens in the fall to be released in the spring.

While Berryessa is known for its outstanding trout and salmon fishing, it also supports a popular largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass fishery, channel catfish, bluegill, and my favorite, black crappie.

In the eighties and early 1990s, I spent many hours fishing for crappie with Claude Davis at the docks at Markley Cove in the fall and in the coves in the spring. It was some of the most productive and memorable fishing I've ever experienced.

Saturday, August 25, California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc., Derby.

The Lake Berryessa weather was perfect, the conditions excellent and the attendance was great at the 10th Annual CIFFI Derby. Anglers enjoyed success catching kokanee, trout and king salmon! The Tri-tip lunch, by Buckhorn Caterers, was top-notch and at the end of the event, attendees were complimentary and already talking about next year! And the winners are....

Adult Division	Youth Division
1. J.T. Tidwell	1. Nate Lenard Jr.
2. John Eagleton	2. Autumn Bundy
3. Mike Giovachini	3. Ty Collins
4. John Bergue	
5. Eddie Trujillo	

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6. Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7. Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8. Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9. Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10. Pope Canyon Road/Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11. Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
12. Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
13. Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
14. Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

