

## Lake Berryessa News

October 20, 2024

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### 2025 is Almost Here and the New 25 For 25 Program Begins

The Lake Berryessa News Still Needs Your Support in 2025! Thanks to those of you who donated in 2022, 2023, and 2024. More than a hundred of you have donated every year, which is extremely gratifying to me. Your support helps keep me going when I feel lazy. We still need your support to continue our social media presence and publish the print version of the Lake Berryessa News in 2025.

You'll notice a bit of inflation in my new request, as you've seen in all prices around you. I hope you'll stick with me despite the increase. Since I turned 80 in July I considered doing an 80 for 80 program, but decided that was pushing it - even though it is only \$1 per year that I've been around.

I challenge you to find any Lake Berryessa news anywhere. Hopefully, the many years of our intensive reporting about the latest Lake Berryessa issues will convince you of the truth of our motto, "Without The Lake Berryessa News there would be no Lake Berryessa News".

The Lake Berryessa News has been around in one form or another since the 1970s. You can download searchable PDF files of it from 2005 to the present at <https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/styled-2/>. That web page also includes some very old fun-to-read editions from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. If anyone has any old issues (or old maps other than the ones on my website (<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photos-4/>) please let me know at PKilkus@gmail.com.

The Lake Berryessa News regular email newsletter is read by about 500 people (you) per issue. Our Facebook page has 32,700 Followers. My Nextdoor Berryessa posts regularly reach another 500 or so local residents. I distribute 1,000 copies of the print version on my 150 mile paper route every month from April to September. (Yes, many people do still read, and like, stories written on paper!)

If you love Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa News in all its forms and want to support the Lake Berryessa Revitalization Program please send a donation check of \$25 (or more if you feel so inclined) made out to Peter Kilkus (not the Lake Berryessa News) and mail it to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. You can stick crinkly old cash in an envelope with your information and send it to the same address. You can also use Venmo or Paypal if you wish. My Venmo account is under @Peter-Kilkus, Paypal is Member #2051. You can email me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (Note: Your donation is NOT tax deductible)

Your decision to support the Lake Berryessa News will show your vote of confidence in the future of the Lake Berryessa community. I'll continue to do my best to keep you

informed about every detail affecting Lake Berryessa.

Thanks, Peter

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### **Glory Hole Watch 2025**

#### Lake Berryessa Statistics (10/20/24)

Glory Hole Watch 2025 is now officially underway.

2024-2025 rainfall: First light rain of the season occurred on Saturday, October 12.

Monticello Dam: .03 inches  
Berryessa Highlands: .02 inches.  
Cobb Mountain: .56 inches

The lake level has dropped to 428.7 feet, 11.3 feet below Glory Hole.

Water temperature has dropped to 71 degrees.

Lake output is gradually getting lower and is at an average of 330 cfs (cubic feet per second) or 655 A-F (acre feet per day).

At this rate it would take 2.4 years to drop to half full.

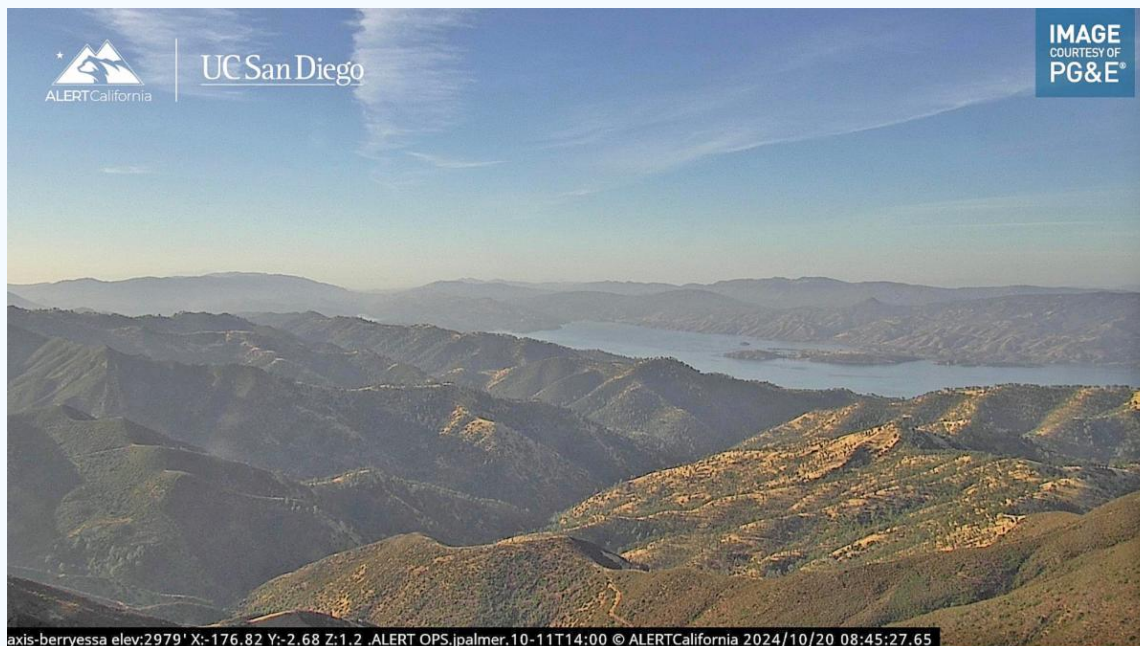
The Gamble Gauge shows the lake capacity dropped to 86.7%.

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### **Wildfire Watch 2025**

For those of you interested in watching out for potential wildfires, please check out the PG&E fire cameras all around us for some beautiful views of Lake Berryessa and surroundings.

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# The Great Lake Berryessa Waterspout of 2016 (North end)

Video Link:

[https://youtu.be/Mo-ezLB9QHE?si=gPLZ35rkcUKwUr\\_A](https://youtu.be/Mo-ezLB9QHE?si=gPLZ35rkcUKwUr_A)



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Below: Lake Berryessa on January 23, 2017 at sunset. (Drone photo by Evan Kilkus)



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Brent Randol writes a great regular fishing article in the Napa Register.

[The Reel Life: Finding bait schools key at Berryessa](#)

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"At Lake Berryessa, the bite for multiple species remains outstanding when the fish decide to feed. The action for Eagle Lake-strain trout remains solid from the surface to 80 feet with shad-patterned spoons. Catfish, bass, king salmon and trout are all feeding on the lake's shad, but boat traffic has been heavy in small areas of the lake. The key is finding the bait schools.

For bass, working Blade Runner spoons has been extremely effective at depths from 30 to 40 feet along with plastics on a drop-shot rig. There are several tournaments scheduled in October, including the two-day Best Bass Tournament of Champions this past weekend. California Inland Fishery Foundation's net pens have been installed, and they will be loaded with rainbows for next year."

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He just sent me the following note about Rhonda's Roadhouse. The Lake Berryessa community is looking forward to their opening. I've not been able to contact Rhonda and Daniel directly yet. Hopefully we'll get more on this new addition to our community soon.

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[A Note From Brent Randol: Rhonda's Roadhouse](#)

"I am excited to announce that the previously shuttered Cucina Italiana since before the pandemic at the Spanish Flat Village Center is set to reopen under new ownership. Rhonda and Daniel, local Napa Valley residents, will be opening from 11-7 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in November. They will be serving fresh homemade hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, and fresh cut fries, burgers will have a

topping list you can add as you want, locally sourced beef. They will also have a soup and dessert of the day. Once they obtain their liquor license, they will have beer and wine on tap. They will feature Indoor and outside seating. I hope the bocce court will be part of the new restaurant, it's good to see some commercial life in the Lake Berryessa market."



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### **The Purpose of Election Polls**

The basic question is how many votes really need to be cast and counted to determine the likely outcome of any election. The confidence level in a poll tells you how sure you can be of the result. It is expressed as a percentage and represents how often the true percentage of the population who would pick an answer lies within the confidence interval. The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain; the 99% confidence level means you can be 99% certain. Most pollsters use the 95% confidence level.

The larger your sample size, the more sure you can be (confidence interval) that their answers truly reflect the population. This indicates that for a given confidence level, the larger your sample size, the smaller (better) your confidence interval. However, the relationship is not linear (i.e., doubling the sample size does not halve the confidence interval).

To achieve a 4% confidence interval in a sample you need to survey 600 people. To halve that error to 2% you need a sample of 2,400 or four times as many. Once you get over a population size of 10,000 it makes little difference, and once you exceed 50,000 there's none really. So, we can effectively define a large population as larger than 10,000.

It doesn't make a difference whether you have a large population or not. The same law of large numbers applies. For example, to get a 95% confidence level with a 2% margin of error of our nearest city (Santa Rosa, California), which has a population of about 150,000, you need a sample of 2,364. To get the same 2% confidence interval on the

population of the USA (308 million in 2010) you need a sample of 2,401. That's right, only 37 more people!

Using the [Sample Size Calculator](#), we can determine a range of possible sample sizes and confidence levels with confidence intervals. Data from the Napa County Elections Department confirm that Napa County voters are very involved, with about a 75% turnout rate. But elections are about more than the winners and losers. They are a barometer of the basic strength of a democracy and the importance of an educated and involved citizenry.

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### **New Hydrogel May Reduce Wildfire Damage**

Scientists at Stanford University and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo have developed a long-lasting, water-enhancing gel that could be sprayed on critical structures — homes, bridges and roads — to prevent them from burning during wildfires.

The researchers' trials show that the new gel is more effective and lasts longer than its commercially available predecessors. In the lab's experiments, the new gel lasted seven minutes under a blowtorch - a temperature much higher than most wildfires - while commercially available options lasted about 90 seconds.

Cal Fire currently uses Phos-Chek MVP-Fx and Phos-Chek 259-F, both long-term fire retardants approved by the U.S. Forest Service. Typical fire retardants contain water, salts and other chemical polymers. Wildfire heat kicks off a chain of chemical reactions in the retardant that hold off the flames. The retardant remains somewhat effective even when the water fully evaporates. The researchers' new gel adds an innovative layer of protection — silica particles. After water in the gel evaporates, these silica particles form a white, foamlike barrier that continues to protect the structures it is applied on.

The lab came across the development while experimenting with other versions of the gel intended for vegetation. The researchers coated some of the gel on a piece of wood, exposed it to fire, and were surprised when the gels puffed up into a foam. The real scenario for a commercial water-enhancing gel is when the wildfire approaches, you spray them on the house. When the wildfire crosses that structure, it can leave the house intact.

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### **Random Humor You May Have Heard Before** **(But Are Still Funny?)**

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough.

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.

I had the right to remain silent, but I didn't have the ability.

I tried to hang myself with a bungee chord. I kept almost dying

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

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**Visit Napa Valley Releases Visitor Profile and Economic Study**

One of Visit Napa Valley's long-range goals was to broaden the appeal of the destination to a younger generation. Those efforts have borne results, with the average visitor age having decreased from 46 in 2018 to age 40 in 2023, according to Visit Napa Valley's 2023 Visitor Profile and Economic Impact Study.

The core demographic of visitors to Napa Valley are considered luxury travelers, age 50 and older, with an annual income that exceeds \$250,000. It's the millennials, considered aspirational travelers, with an annual income of less than \$200,000 that Visit Napa Valley has been working to attract. That demographic is projected to earn more the older they get, and become the core demographic in the future.

Looking further into the diversity portion of the study's findings is an all-time high of Black, Latino and LGBTQ visitors to Napa Valley. Between 2018 and 2023, visitation among Black visitors grew from 4% to 11%; Latino tourism increased from 10% to 17%; and visitation from the LGBTQ community doubled, from 4% to 8% in 2023, according to the findings.

Other top-line findings over the five-year span between 2018 and 2023 show visitor spending and related tax revenue have surpassed pre-pandemic levels. Visitors brought more than \$2.5 billion into the local economy in 2023, a 13% increase from 2018, according to the data. Those funds helped support Napa Valley restaurants, shops, galleries, spas, tour providers, and the 95% of wineries and tasting rooms that are family owned. Visitor overnight stays generated \$107.5 million in tax revenue, a 26% increase from 2018.

Visitors to the Napa Valley pay a transient occupancy tax (TOT) on every overnight hotel stay. These dollars go directly to local governments' general funds to help pay for public

safety, libraries, parks and recreation, road repair and more to support a high quality of life for locals. The TOT collected from overnight hotel guests in Napa County last year totaled \$69 million, amounting to \$14 million more than pre-pandemic 2019.

The still-missing piece of the puzzle is the full return of international travelers, particularly visitors from China, who traditionally spend the most of any global travelers. The bulk of international visitors to Napa Valley coming out of the pandemic have traveled from Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

[2023 Visitor Profile and Economic Report](https://www.visitnapavalley.com/industry/)

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## Lake Berryessa News

October 6, 2024

### Glory Hole Watch 2025

It feels a bit odd to start our Glory Hole Watch 2025 while we are still in the throes of the hottest summer on record at Lake Berryessa since Monticello Dam was completed - and long before that (or ever).

While floating in 75 degree water on a sunny 100 degree day last week, I was contemplating my 25 years here at the lake. We've always had a few hot days every summer. I recall one of my first Saturday parties when the temperature was 100+ degrees followed by a 112 degree Sunday. But our 2024 summer temps were unprecedented. The rains will come, but when and how much? Glory Hole is only 10.5 feet down so it won't take much rain to fill up the lake this year.

The first rain ususally falls in October - we are well into October. The follwing chart shows rainfall statistics for the last 27 years at Monticello Dam - quite a variation! Last year we started early with .03' on August 15 followed by .21" on September 22, and .7" on October 14. By January 1, 2024 the total was at 7.7". The rain year finished at 28.14".

Last winter was one of the most exciting years in the history of Monticello Dam since the 11-year drought-busting rapid rise and overflow in 2017. See the drone video by Evan Kilkus at:

2/21/17: Lake Berryessa is 3.5' OVER the Glory Hole Spillway

<https://youtu.be/-iHAjOrrU4k>

The drought-busting rain year of 2017 saw the first rain of only .04" on October 4th, 2016, 17" by January 1, 2017, then torrential storms in February, 2017 totally 47.55' for the year. The 27 year total is 703" with an annual average of 26". See the following article: Weak La Niña This Year. Will It Be a Wet or Dry Winter? Who knows?

	Rain Year (7/1 - 6/31)	First Rain	Total By 1/1 (At Dam)	Season Total (At Dam)
1	97-98		10.77"	46.26"
2	98-99	11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"
3	99-00	10/30/99	6.5"	26"
4	00-01	10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"
5	01-02	10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"
6	02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
7	03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
8	04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
9	05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
10	06-07	10/3/06 .22"	5.36"	12.7"
11	07-08	9/19/07 - .1"	4.48"	25.32"
12	08-09	10/3/08 - .2"	6.6"	23.96"
13	09-10	9/14/09 - .24"	6.5"	26.41"
14	10-11	10/18/10 - .21"	12.62"	37.92"
15	11-12	10/4/11 - .2"	3.04"	19.56"
16	12-13	10/22/12 -.73"	17.97"	20.65"
17	13-14	9/22/13 - .43"	1.88"	13.69"
18	14-15	9/19/14 - .11"	13.34"	19.56"
19	15-16	10/2/15 - .68"	6.23"	24.57
20	16-17	10/4/16 - .04"	17.11"	47.55"
21	17-18	10/20/17 - .21"	3.41"	14.89"
22	18-19	10/2/18 - .51"	7.28"	40.53"
23	19-20	11/27/19 - .73"	7.14"	10.93"
24	20-21	11/15/20-.09"	1.92"	9.21"
25	21-22	9/10/21 - .05"	15.36"	18.73"
26	22-23	9/19/22 - .51"	11.92"	40.97 (4/4/23)
27	23-24	8/15/23 - .03 9/22/23 - .21	7.66"	28.14" (4/26/24)

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**Lake Berryessa Statistics (10/6/24)**

The lake level has dropped to 429.5 feet,  
10.5 feet below Glory Hole.

Water temperature is 74 degrees.

Lake output is averaging 375 cfs (cubic feet per second) or 744 A-F (acre feet per day).

The Gamble Gauge shows the lake capacity dropped to 87.5%.

2024-2025 rainfall is still 0".

## **Weak La Niña This Year. Will It Be a Wet or Dry Winter?**

The official California water year runs from October first to July 31. A good rain season would be about 25 inches at Lake Berryessa. The 27 year average is 20.05". The last two rain seasons included several soaking storms.

But after a scorching summer, the latest U.S. Drought Monitor shows Napa County as being "abnormally dry," on the verge of slipping into another drought. There's the La Niña a factor. Sometimes, weather patterns signal whether an upcoming rain season might be wet or dry. Not this year.

The Climate Prediction Center on Sept. 12 predicted that a weak La Niña will develop this fall. La Niña refers to cooler-than-average Pacific Ocean temperatures near the equator. The conditions, such as those found in El Niño years, influence weather patterns.

But La Niña years for Napa County and Lake Berryessa can be either wet or dry. A National Weather Service chart shows that La Niña conditions often lead to a wet rain season to the north and a dry one to the south, with Lake Berryessa caught in the middle.

One prognosticator opined that if he were to make a prediction, and he's not confident about it, he'd say we could be somewhere around 90% (average rainfall) ... but nothing higher than 105%. In other words, a decent rainfall season, but no continuous, torrential downpours as in 2017 when Lake Berryessa got 30 inches from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

This pattern leans more toward early fall rains. Another possibility suggested by this pattern is a midwinter drought followed by a wet February and March. The U.S. Climate Prediction Center isn't going out on a limb about this rain season's rainfall outlook. It says there are equal chances for a wet or dry year in the Bay Area. Are we confused yet?

Lake Berryessa is the drama queen. This new rain season will continue last season's Lake Berryessa saga. The massive reservoir in eastern Napa County has its Morning Glory spillway. Water pouring into this 72-foot-diameter concrete funnel near Monticello Dam is a spectacle that draws sightseers and news media. Spills that signify a full reservoir have become increasingly rare over the last two decades. The last such spillover was in 2019.

A spillway watch was underway last spring as Lake Berryessa filled. Water lapped the brim of the spillway, to the point that wind created small waves that tumbled in. Joyous social media pundits declared a spill. But dam operators said no – water didn't run into the spillway on a sustained basis. An official spill might have happened except for one factor. Even as water was less than an inch from spilling, dam operators released water from the other side of 304-foot-tall Monticello Dam to provide agricultural irrigation, drinking water for 400,000 people, power a small hydroelectric plant and provide flows for fish in Putah Creek.

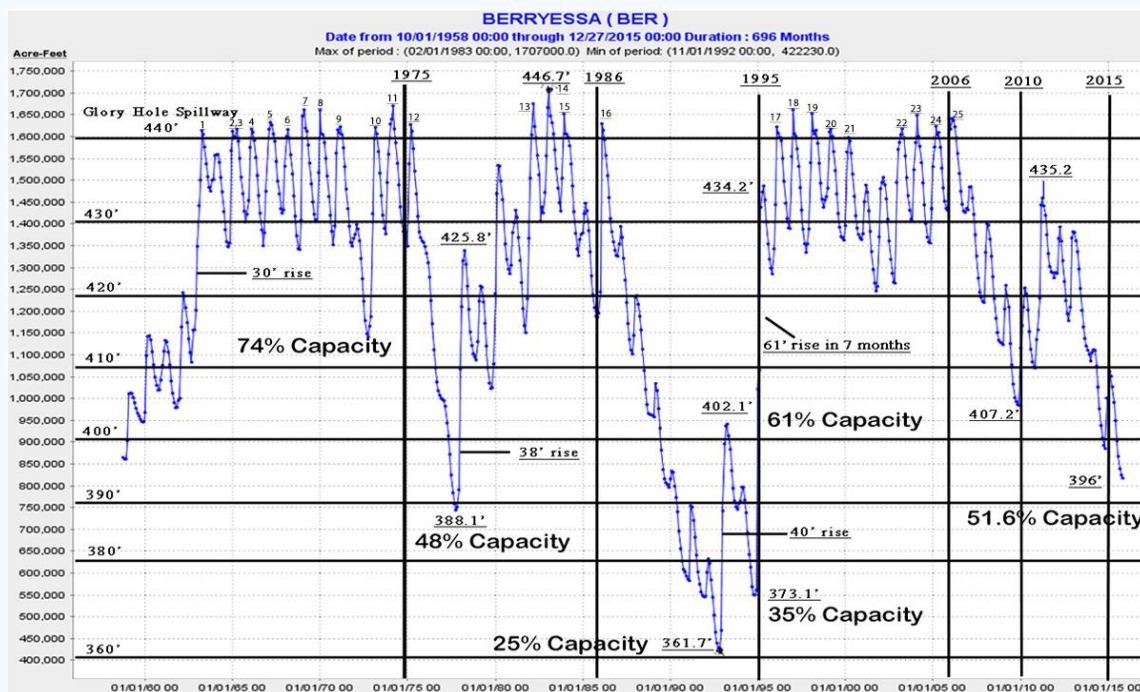
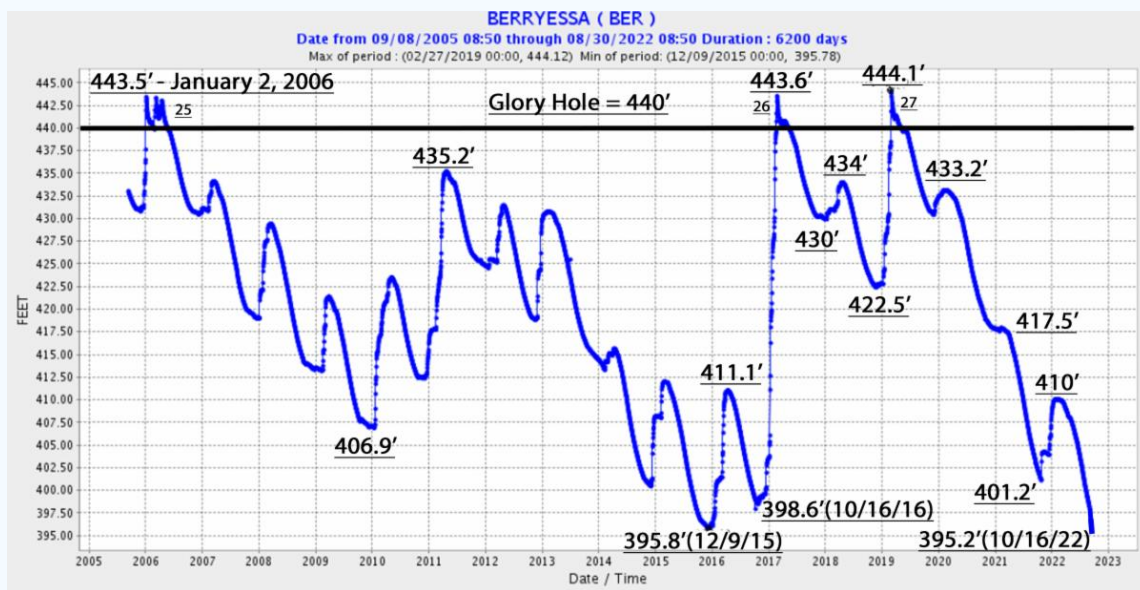
How close was it? Jay Cuetara, the Solano County Water Agency's supervising water resources engineer, gave this view last April.

"As it sits right now, this season will be the closest the lake has ever been to spilling without officially going over," he said.

Lake Berryessa provided water to Solano County cities and farms during the long, hot summer. As of October 6, 2024, the reservoir was 87% full and just 10 feet below the spillway. Another rain year like the last one could send Lake Berryessa spilling.

"We are predicting that if we have an average rainfall year the lake should spill, but it also depends on the timing of storms," Cuetara said on Monday. "If there is sufficient time between storms for the ground to dry out, it is possible it will still not spill."

No one is betting on a wet year, if only because the region has seen two fairly wet rain years in a row. The possibility of a third consecutive wet year is unlikely, but not impossible, in a world dealing with climate change.



## **Smoke on the Water: The Lake Berryessa News Rescues Three Ladies in a Boat.**

The Lake Berryessa News staff and friends had a spur of the moment opportunity to get out on the lake on Tuesday, October 1. Just after we launched from the Steele Canyon and were on our way over to pick up friends at Spanish Flat, we were flagged down by three ladies in a boat in the middle of the cove. A cloud of smoke was drifting away from them.

The captain told us they had just left the Capell Valley launch ramp when something in their engine compartment caught fire and smoke was billowing out. They of course had a fire extinguisher, as all smart boaters have (and is required by law), and were able to put out the fire. She had also called 911 on her smartphone and reported the emergency. CalFire and the Napa Sheriff's department had also been notified so help was on the way.

We continued to Spanish Flat and picked up our friends, then went back to check on the burned boat ladies. Since it was Tuesday, the sheriff's boat was not on the water and would have taken some time to get launched. Also, there were no other boats in sight. So, we told them we would tow them back to the Capell launch. Evan got on his phone with the 911 operator, the Sheriff's Department, and CalFire confirming that all was well and there were no injuries. CalFire personnel were already at Capell with a fire truck and took over the final phase of the rescue. (I'm always impressed with their outfits in 100 degree weather!)

The ladies were adamant that we accept some money for our efforts. We said no. They rolled some bills into a ball and threw it onto our boat. Scott caught it and threw it back into their boat. Luckily, the money ball did not end up in the lake! To me it looked like a mini-badminton match - little green ball flying through the air.

What struck me about this adventure was the technology that allowed rapid emergency communication to occur. When we bought our place at Steel Park Resort in 1997, there were no cell phones or any satellite internet. Most of us had CB radios tuned to the emergency channel. That's how we first got to know one of our next-door neighbors, Vic and Robbin. They were out on the lake with friends when their boat broke down. We heard their emergency call on our CB radio. Evan and I jumped into our boat, found them, and towed them back to our cove. One way to make new friends.

We've helped in several emergencies during the last 25 years. I'm sure many of you have too. Safety first. Always stop to help a fellow boater in trouble!



**Coastal Cleanup Day at Lake Berryessa (Sept. 21, 2024)**

Monticello Ski Club volunteers, along with neighbors from Berryessa Highlands, gathered together for the Coastal Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 21 at Steele Canyon Recreation Area.

They had a very successful day collecting 716 pounds of trash and 19 pounds of recyclables from the shores around Steele Canyon RecArea (formerly Steele Park Resort) and the Willi's Cove area.



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### **Former Lake Berryessa School to Become a Nine Unit Lodging Project**

The 5-acre former Capell Valley Elementary School campus — located on Capell Valley Road northwest of Moskowitz Corner — has been closed since 2010. The former school near Lake Berryessa is set to be turned into lodging, with nine visitor units and a new events barn. The 5-acre former Capell Valley Elementary School campus — located on Capell Valley Road northwest of Moskowitz Corner — has been closed since 2010.

The Pridmore family donated the site for a school in 1958. Napa Valley Unified School District closed Capell Valley Elementary School in 2010 amid budget woes. It sold the site to the Pridmores in 2016 for \$325,000, allowing ownership of the land to go full circle. The long-time east Napa County family says bringing short-term rental cottages to the former Capell Valley school site could help boost a struggling Lake Berryessa tourist economy.

The stalled resort redevelopment at Lake Berryessa has hurt the local economy. The Capell site as at least part of the solution. Such Capell Valley school holdovers as the school house, bathrooms, a 17-stall parking area, a basketball court and a baseball field remain.

Under the proposal, the school building would remain. It would be used for communal guest space, according to a county report. And a barn would be built on the property for private events and community gatherings. It isn't certain when development might begin, given such requirements as securing financing and obtaining building permits.



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### **Lake Berryessa Lots**

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817 Bahia Vista Court, .28+ acre, \$37,500  
814 Bahia Vista Court, .32 acre, \$49,000  
Live Oak Ln. #21, .47+ acre, \$54,000  
201 Mulford Drive, .52 acre, \$50,000  
#17 Rimrock Drive, 61 acres, \$350,000

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### **Artificial Intelligence vs Natural Stupidity - Who's Winning?**

Lake Berryessa News Special Report

by Peter Kilkus (Updated: 9/30/24)

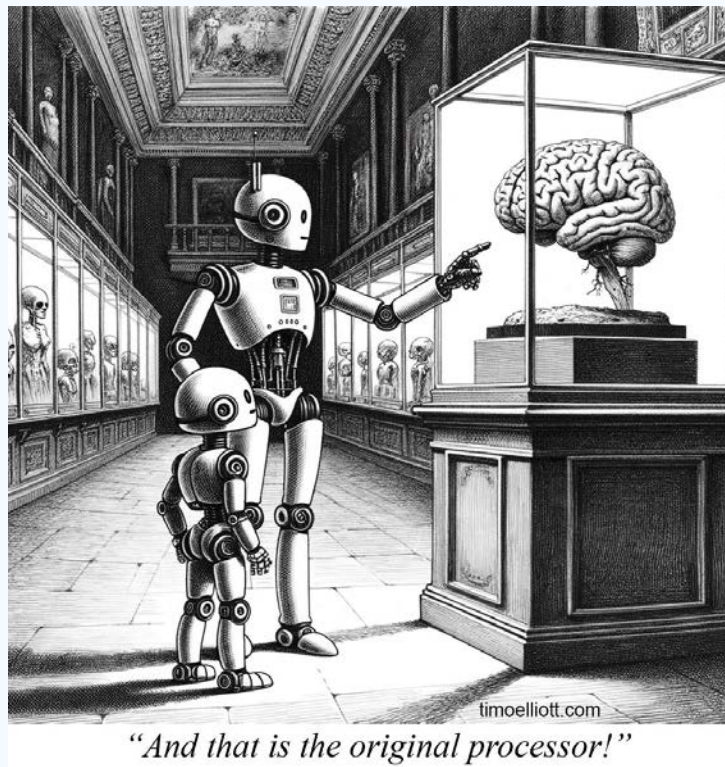
I like to consider my first introduction to modern artificial intelligence as the Encyclopedia Britannica - a massive searchable database containing much of the world's knowledge

and available for "download" to your own home using a "post office link" for private use! Amazingly, I was then able to "upload" it directly into my brain using simple "text recognition" software through my "optical interface". The hours I spent googling through those books in grammar school were a world class adventure.

Having worked with electronic computers since they were first invented (I am that old!), I am amused by the current use of the terms AI and artificial intelligence. Take any recent article about AI and replace "artificial Intelligence" with "computer" and the article remains essentially the same.

A shorter version of this report was published in September, 2024. An extended PDF version is now available to download at:

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**Amazing Lake Berryessa Properties Close to the Napa Valley and World Class Wineries  
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<p align="center"><b><u>\$85,000</u></b></p> <p>134 Poppy Lane, Lot #63 Listing #324039096</p>  <p align="center"><b><u>SOLD</u></b></p> <p>Just minutes to Steele Park Recreation Area for boating, and all lake activities. Quiet setting at end of Poppy Lane cul-de-sac, this lot is ideal for your full time residence or vacation home.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>\$86,000</u></b></p> <p>1085 Rimrock Dr Listing #323035255</p>  <p align="center"><b><u>SOLD</u></b></p> <p>Lake activities a few minutes to Steele Canyon Recreation Area (boat launch and camping) while being just 30 minutes to Napa. Easy access to I-80 via Wooden Valley Road/Suisun Valley Rd.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>\$218,500</u></b></p> <p>State HWY 128 Listing #323928125</p>  <p align="center"><b><u>SOLD</u></b></p> <p>The Circle K Ranch, 61 acres of rolling terrain, multiple building sites on a majestic property. Build your dream home with Lake Berryessa views. Highway 128 frontage makes Napa Valley and Winters accessible.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>\$110,000</u></b></p> <p>129 Steele Canyon Rd Listing #324038667</p>  <p>Beautiful level lot on Steele Canyon Road in Berryessa Highlands. Five minutes to Steele Park Recreation Area for all lake activities: boating, swimming, camping, hiking, wildlife viewing.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Robin M. Short (Lic: 01890377)</b>  <b>Wine Valley Homes (Office Lic: 02042215), 1300 First Street Suite 368, Napa, CA 94558</b>  <b>707-738-3006, <a href="mailto:shortnapa@gmail.com">shortnapa@gmail.com</a></b></p>			

**October Horoscopes**

**Aries (3/21-4/19):** Catch-22 is better in at least 2 ways than Catch-20. Don't be caught in the Catch-20 loop - you're unlikely to ever see your family again.

**Taurus (4/20 – 5/20):** Nutrition will play a major part of your life for the next week.

**Gemini (5/21 – 6/21):** Employee of the month awards carry a penalty - the penalty of ridicule.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22):** Massaging figures is something that both Accountants and Masseurs do. But they are NOT the same thing. Honestly.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):** ODBC Error - 1305 | Horoscope cannot be created for someone as stupid as you. <>

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):** The faster you travel today, the more likely you are to pick up a speeding ticket.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):** The incredible temperature will affect today in ways that I simply cannot foresee. I believe it will be the kind of temperature that requires the movement of clothing, either on or off - the difficulty is that the fog of mystery surrounds you. I guess what I'm saying is that it will be hot or cold. Or possibly somewhere in between.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):** It probably seems unreal right now, but you are likely to meet a long-lost relative over the coming month or so.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):** You may become a danger to yourself this week, especially if you plan to surgically implant spikes on the ends of your fingers.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You can't star in your own television show if you're a no-talented idiot. Just something to keep in mind - no particular reference to you.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your sub-conscious may decide to rebel against you today and force you to re-remember everything you had managed to block out.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Whilst you may think that this horoscope is completely useless... I have to admit - I have a very guilty secret. You see, all horoscopes are completely useless. There - I said it. Now Mrs. McGinty who taught me everything I know will rue the day she said I couldn't make it as an astrologer! Curse you Mrs. McGinty!

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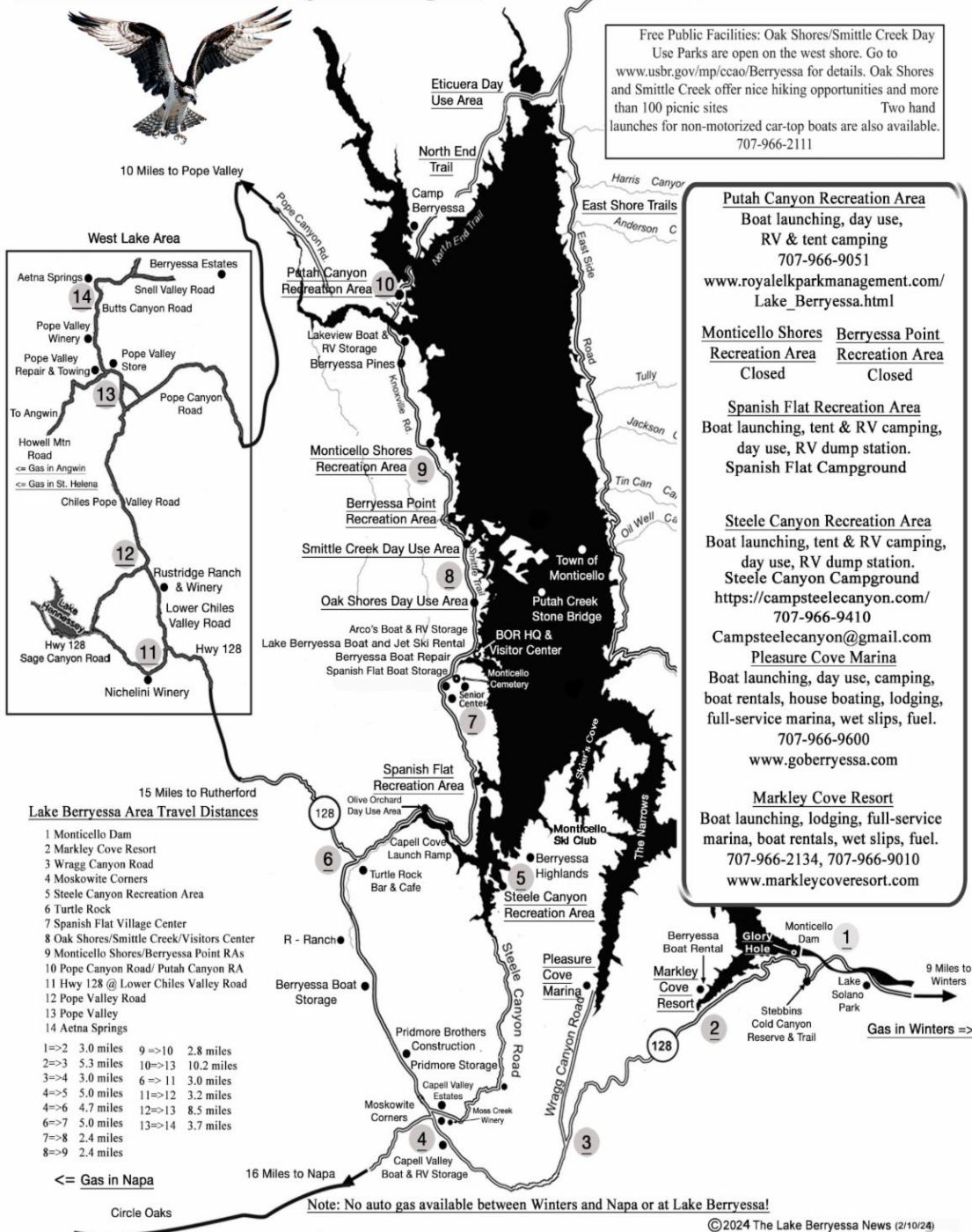
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**Updated Lake Berryessa Map (1/28/24)**

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To BLM Knoxville OHV & Recreation Area  
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