

Hiking and Wildlife Viewing

Although fishing and boating are very popular activities at Lake Berryessa, hiking and wildlife viewing are also in demand. A wide range of wildlife may be seen on any given day. The Bureau of Reclamation has published several "watchable wildlife" brochures.

[Watchable Wildlife - https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/Watchable-Wildlife.pdf](https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/Watchable-Wildlife.pdf)

[Berryessa Bird Checklist - https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/Berryessa-Birds.pdf](https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/References-PDFs/Berryessa-Birds.pdf)



The Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area

The east shore of Lake Berryessa is an undeveloped wildlife area backed by cattle ranches. This area contains about 2,000 acres and runs along the entire east side of Lake Berryessa. It is owned by BOR and managed by the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife. There are hiking trails, but no campsites. It is a good area for flora and fauna viewing, including deer, coyote, bobcat, grey fox and numerous types of birds. A large variety of raptors and waterfowl may be viewed along the shoreline including White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles, Western Grebes, Cormorants and many species of ducks.

All of the land to the east (away from the lake) side of the road is private property and not open to the public. The ranch houses are not appropriate sources of information, water or bathroom facilities; contact the ranchers only in case of a real emergency.

Berryessa Peak Hike: Extreme Sports - 8 Hours of Heaven (or Hell?).

This is a hard one! To reach the summit of Berryessa Peak, you will hike approximately 7.25 miles, one way, with 3500-feet of elevation gain. There is only one way in and one way out of the public lands this trail provides access to, so bring enough water, food, and emergency medical supplies. If you pass off the public land, you will be trespassing, so use your map and GPS and stay on the trail!

The downloadable map shows property boundaries and the trail location, as well as images from along the trail to use as reference. Only those in excellent physical shape should attempt to reach the summit of Berryessa Peak! **THIS IS NOT A SUMMER HIKE!** Berryessa Peak is also the highpoint of Blue Ridge, a small mountain ridge east of Lake Berryessa that runs in a north-south direction. Berryessa Peak was once thought to be one of the highest points or the highest point of Yolo County. That distinction now belongs to Little Blue Peak.

<https://www.summitpost.org/berryessa-peak/766290>

Other trails are also available.

