

Does It Snow at Lake Berryessa? Yes

Every few years it snows at the lake. The precipitation often comes as a short hailstorm that paints the ground greyish white. Sometimes it comes as light, wet snow. Neither version lasts more than a few hours before melting. Then came the unusual snowstorm of February 24, 2023! It was a very cold storm with snow levels down below 2,000 feet. Berryessa Peak and surrounding hills had snow about halfway down. Lake Berryessa News headquarters above the Berryessa Highlands is at 1,400 feet and got about six inches - a record. Since the surface of Lake Berryessa is at 440 feet when full, no snow fell that far down.

Since snow, depending on its wetness, has a water content of 10 inches snow to 1 inch rain, the snow was equivalent to only about a half inch of rain. Although the 2022-2023 rain year hit more than 41 inches, it was not enough to rise the lake to the Glory Hole 440 foot level. But the snow did last more than a day.



Berryessa Peak

Big Island

Goat Island

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**2/24/23, 8 AM: Lake Berryessa News Headquarters
above the Berryessa Highlands**