

What Can't You Do At Lake Berryessa?

Prohibited Activities at Lake Berryessa. (Original restrictions were passed when Lake Berryessa was designated the Berryessa Lake and Park Area.)

12.08.030 Unlawful activities designated.

A. Within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, it is unlawful for any person:

1. To pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit, or cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, fence, structure or improvement of any kind, unless an employee of the county or an employee of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) while in the performance of official duties or unless authorized by special permit by the BOR;
2. Unless authorized by the BOR, to cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten to any tree, fence, wall, rock, building, monument or other object within the Berryessa Lake and Park area any bill, advertisement or inscription;
3. Unless authorized by the BOR, to dig up or remove any dirt, stones, rocks or other substance whatever, make any excavation, quarry any stone, or lay or set off any blast within the Berryessa Lake or Park area. Any proposed blasting must first be submitted for and receive approval from the county;
4. To leave or abandon in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except in receptacles designated for that purpose by the BOR, human or animal waste, cans, bottles, waste, paper, broken glass or other rubbish or garbage;
5. To light, build or maintain in the Berryessa Lake and Park area any open fire, with the following exceptions:
 - a. When a written permit has been obtained from the BOR,
 - b. When fires are maintained in fireplaces, grills or other facilities provided and designated for that purpose by the BOR, and
 - c. When fires are in oil or gasoline stoves or gas grills in camps and picnic areas maintained and designated by the BOR;
6. To bring any dog or cat or any domestic animal into the Berryessa Lake or Park area except on a leash;
7. To ride, drive, lead or keep a horse or other livestock in the Berryessa Lake or Park area except upon roads and trails designated for that purpose by the BOR, or in such other areas as may be designated as pasturage areas under lease by the BOR. No horse or other livestock shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in such manner as to cause damage to such tree or shrub. This subsection shall not apply to the use of horses for law enforcement purposes, or if prior approval has been obtained through issuance of a special permit by the BOR;
8. To pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill any bird, mammal or reptile or to attempt to pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill, or to disturb any bird, mammal or reptile's habitat in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, unless certain areas are designated from time to time to be hunting areas by the BOR and the California Department of Fish and Game;
9. To operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour on any road in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, other than upon state or county highways, unless otherwise posted;
10. To operate any vehicle within the Berryessa Lake and Park area except upon roads and thoroughfares and areas designated for such purpose by the BOR;

11. To sell, peddle or to offer for sale any food, liquids, edibles for human consumption, or any goods, wares, services or merchandise within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except under permit issued by the BOR, and subject to such laws and regulations as may now or hereafter exist, promulgated by the board of supervisors of the county, the director of public health, or the director of environmental health of the county;

12. To camp in any portion of the Berryessa Lake and Park area other than in areas designated for such purpose by the BOR, unless authorized by special permit by the BOR;

13. To wade, swim, bathe, operate a boat or water ski within one thousand five hundred feet of Monticello Dam;

14. To operate a boat or pass through any log boom or line of buoys designating a closed area;

15. To contaminate or pollute the waters of Lake Berryessa or the shore area or the tributaries thereof, or to discharge any human waste, litter, garbage, oil or other debris therein;

16. To enter any areas of the Berryessa Lake and Park area which are closed to entry by the BOR, and posted against trespassing in accordance with the provisions of Section 602 of the California Penal Code;

17. To carry and possess any firearms in the Berryessa Lake and Park area without a valid concealed weapons permit, or a permit issued by the BOR;

18. To destroy, injure, deface, remove and/or alter public property, including but not limited to developed facilities, natural formations, gravel, mud, sand, mineral deposits, designated historical or archaeological features, except when in accordance with written permission from the BOR;

19. To cut down or remove live trees, or gather wood, without the written permission of the BOR;

20. To bring into the Berryessa Lake and Park area any household or commercial garbage, trash, rubbish, debris, dead animal(s) or litter of any kind for disposal or dumping without the written permission of the BOR;

21. To engage in the sport or activity of parasailing on Lake Berryessa in the following areas:

- a. Within one thousand feet of any powerline, or
- b. As posted on at least two signs on shore or on buoys in or near the prohibited area, or
- c. Within two thousand feet of Monticello Dam.

22. To park any vehicle in a fire lane, in a red zone, or in any other area that is not a designated parking area within the Berryessa Lake and Park area;

23. To bring any glass containers to the day use facilities at Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park areas;

24. To tie or attach any vessel, rope, canopy, hammock or similar item(s) to any tree, shrub, bush, vegetation, pole, picnic table, bench or other park facility, improvement, or structure;

25. To abandon a campfire or any open fire.

B. Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this section, other than provisions relating to the parking of vehicles, may be charged as a misdemeanor or an infraction pursuant to Section 17 et seq. of the California Penal Code, and Government Code Section 25132.

Violation of any provision of this section relating to the parking of vehicles shall not be a criminal violation but shall instead be subject to civil penalty in accordance with Vehicle Code Section 40200 et seq. and Chapter 10.32 of this code. (Ord. 1287 § 1 (part), 2007; Ord. 1237 § 2 (part), 2004)