

# ***STEELHEAD FESTIVAL***

**Saturday February 8th, 10:00 - 4:00  
Milt Brandt Visitor Center at Lake Sonoma**

The 7th annual Steelhead Festival celebrates the annual return of steelhead to the Russian River and is sponsored by the *Friends of Lake Sonoma*. Festival participants will be able to follow the steelhead from Dry Creek through the fish ladder and into the hatchery, where the fish are sorted into holding tanks.

This free event features activities at the Visitor Center, on the lawns and in the Fish Hatchery. Visitors will enjoy over 30 educational exhibits, a trout pond for young anglers, a fly fishing demonstration pond with tips from the pros, live steelhead display, art for kids to do, and a chance to try your hand at archery.

A wide variety of exhibitors and vendors will be on hand, including the Free Bookmobile of Sonoma County, the Bird Rescue Center, Bike Monkey, the U.S. Coast Guard, River's Edge Kayak and Canoe, Sonoma County Regional Parks, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Trout Unlimited and many more. The California Department of Water Resources will be at the festival with a computer-run fishing boat that kids (and adults) can sit in and try to catch fish. Meanwhile, the Sonoma County Bowman organization will help people hone their archery skills.

Enjoy live music from Rosetown Ramblers and available for purchase: local brews from Eagle Distributing and Lagunitas Brewing Company, and fine wines from Truett-Hurst. Food venues include Chicago Style Hot Dogs; Bun Slinger; Awful Falafel; Fish On! Chips and Kettles Corn Show.

The Friends of Lake Sonoma (FOLS) will also conduct a silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and residents, including a guided feral pig hunt led by Jayson Collard and a homemade ravioli feast at the Knights Valley home of Joe Montana, Sr. All proceeds will go to FOLS, which is the non-profit organization that supports educational and interpretive programs at Lake Sonoma.

The Visitor Center is located at 3288 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville: 10 minutes west of Healdsburg on Dry Creek Road off Hwy 101.

More information about the Steelhead Festival is available at [www.lakesonoma.org](http://www.lakesonoma.org), <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/LakeSonoma.aspx> or contact Festival Director Liz Keeley at (707) 484-6438.