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# Boat-in and Hike-to Camping At Lake Sonoma

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Lake Sonoma maintains 15 primitive campgrounds with 115 sites that are accessible by boat or hiking trail only. Each campsite includes a table, fire ring, and lantern holder. Restroom facilities consist of chemical vault toilets. No potable water is found at the campgrounds; campers are advised to bring plenty of drinking water. There are no developed docks at our primitive campsites and campers should exercise caution, as much of our shoreline is steep terrain. Two primitive group campsites, *Island View* and *Broken Bridge*, are also available and can accommodate 30 to 50 campers.

Single Family Sites	\$20.00 per night
Group Sites (Island View and Broken Bridge)	\$80.00 per night

### Check-in/Check-out

Registered campers are not required to check-in at the Visitor Center before heading to their campsites. Please write your reservation number on a slip of paper and display on the dash of your vehicle to avoid duplicate day use charges at the boat ramps and trail heads. All campers must have reservations. Lake Sonoma has a campsite check-out time of 12:00 P.M. Failure to vacate the site may result in a citation and/or additional camping fees.

### Fires

Campfires are permitted only inside the fire-ring at designated campsites. Tiki torches are not allowed. Campers may gather **DEAD** and **DOWNED** wood only.

### Juveniles

No person under 18 years of age is allowed to register for a campsite. Minor(s) under 18 years of age while camping on Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam Project premises must, at all times, be accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian. For age verification purposes, anyone appearing to be under 25 years of age must be in possession of valid photo identification, showing the date of birth. Anyone under 21 years of age is prohibited from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on Lake Sonoma /Warm Springs Dam Project premises.

### Quiet Hours

All generators, radios, and other noise producing equipment must be turned off between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Disturbing the peace at any hour may be grounds for removal from the park and loss of fees paid.

### Pets

Pets must be on a maximum 6 ft. leash at all times. Pets must not remain unsupervised in a campsite at any time. Campers are required to clean up after their pets.

### Emergency Access

Cell phones do not have clear communication in all regions of the park. In addition, dialing 9-1-1 by cell phone routes the call through the CHP in Benicia. If calling by cell phone in an emergency, call the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (707) 565-2121. If calling by pay phone dial 9-1-1.

### Refunds

The National Recreation Reservation Service handles all refunds if you have to cancel or leave early. Refunds are generally not granted for changes in weather, insects or other natural phenomenon. Contact park staff immediately if you have a problem with your campsite,

### Reservations

Reservations are available through the *National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS)* by calling their toll-free number, 1-877-444-6777, can be made day of camping. Or visit their web site at: [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov). To help the agent find our location, ask for "Boat-in Sites, California". **There is a two day minimum stay on weekends and a three day minimum stay on holiday weekends during peak season**

### NOTE:

**The reservation covers parking fees for two vehicles. Place your reservation confirmation letter on the vehicle dashboard.**

### Boating and Water Safety

Lake Sonoma is a reservoir with frequent changes in water levels. Boaters should always have a lookout person for spotting submerged hazards. Swimmers are advised that diving, jumping or swinging from trees, bridges or other structures is prohibited. The maximum speed limit on the lake is 50 mph. Some sections of the lake are designated no wake and some are open to skiing, tubing and the like. Check a park map and watch for the buoy markers. All boating laws are strictly enforced. Any vessel operating recklessly or without the state-required safety equipment on board will be escorted off the lake. Children under the age of 12 are required to wear a lifejacket while the vessel is underway. If you don't have a lifejacket for your child, free loaners are available from the Visitor Center.



## Warm Springs Arm

<p><b>Bummer Peak:</b> Hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists will enjoy the two campsites, accessible by <b>TRAIL ONLY</b>, that overlook the lake and surrounding hills. Allow at least one hour to reach this campground from the No Name Flat trailhead (1.7 miles). Bring plenty of water, as this campground has no water source.</p>	<p><b>Quicksilver:</b> This campground is located in a no-wake zone. All sites have shade; sites 3, 4 &amp; 5 are closest to the water. The campground is on Laughing Springs loop trail and is considered a “moderate” slope. The hike from Skaggs Springs Vista is 1.1 miles.</p>
<p><b>Island View Group Camp:</b> This site can accommodate a group of up to 32 people. It is located in a “No Wake” zone so the noise from watercraft is minimal. A water-ski area is located a short distance away from the campground.</p>	<p><b>Lone Pine:</b> Lone Pine Campground offers seven sites that are an excellent choice for those interested in water-skiing as it is within our most popular skiing area. In addition, hike-in campers can traverse the 2.1 miles from No Name Flat trailhead to this lakeside camp.</p>
<p><b>Madrone Point:</b> Any of the six campsites at Madrone Point are an excellent choice for those interested in water-skiing as it is within our most popular skiing area. The shoreline is relatively free of rocks. In addition, this campground is only 1.2 miles from our drive-in campground, Liberty Glen.</p>	<p><b>Black Mountain:</b> Black Mountain is one of our more popular campgrounds. Located within a no wake zone, boat noise and traffic is kept to a minimum. However, boaters only need to travel a short distance before they enter a 50-mph zone. Most of the five sites are very close to the water's edge with the exception of Black Mountain 2, which is on a small hill surrounded by oak trees.</p>
<p><b>Buck Pasture:</b> Buck Pasture is one of our most popular campgrounds. Most of the thirteen campsites are large and can accommodate larger family tents. The campground is located on the Warm Springs arm and just inside a no wake zone. Several of the campsites are right at the water's edge while others are in a flat grassy area.</p>	<p><b>Old Sawmill:</b> Old Sawmill's nine campsites are isolated far up the Warm Springs arm of Lake Sonoma. The only campground that offers a corral and water for horses, Old Sawmill is an ideal location for those who wish to take a relatively long horseback ride to a remote area of the lake. The campground is also open to boat-in and hike-in (1.5 miles) campers.</p>

## Dry Creek Arm

<p><b>Broken Bridge Group Camp:</b> An ideal place to camp for a large group, Broken Bridge has room for up to 40 campers. Redwood trees provide plenty of shade for those hot summer months. Broken Bridge also has easy access to a water-ski zone</p>	<p><b>Falcons Nest:</b> A view of the Pritchett Peaks can be seen from this campground. All the seven campsites are within 150 feet of the water and have easy access to a ski zone. Campsites 3 and 4 are very close together and are best suited for large families or groups.</p>
<p><b>Homestead:</b> The eight campsites at Homestead are on a steep hillside. The sites themselves are located mainly in shaded areas and are designed for smaller tents. This campground is in a 50-mph zone but the boat traffic is not heavy. Campers wishing to park overnight at Yorty Creek should stop by the Visitor Center for a parking permit.</p>	<p><b>Loggers:</b> The ten sites at Loggers offer a wide variety of settings ranging from meadows to sites that offer a 180-degree view of the lake. The campground is located in a 50-mph zone but boat traffic is minimal. This is a great place to camp if you are planning on fishing. Campers wishing to park overnight at Yorty Creek should stop by the Visitor Center for a parking permit.</p>
<p><b>Rustler:</b> Rustlers Campground is the closest campground to the Yorty Creek Recreation Area (3/4 mile), and is ideal for the canoeist or kayaker who does not wish to paddle far. The eight sites at Rustler are on a steep slope. Rustler is within a no wake zone and offers good fishing opportunities. Campers wishing to park overnight at Yorty Creek should stop by the Visitor Center for a parking permit.</p>	<p><b>Thumb:</b> Canoeists and kayakers will enjoy Thumb Camp's ten sites, as it is only a short paddle away from Yorty Creek. Fully shaded campsites located in a secluded area with a gentle slope leading into the water make for an excellent campsite, especially for young children. Fishing is good and the campground is within a no wake zone so it is usually very quiet. Campers wishing to park overnight at Yorty Creek should stop by the Visitor Center for a parking permit.</p>
<p><b>Skunk Creek:</b> Skunk Creek's twelve campsites are in a very secluded portion of the lake. The fishing is very good and this campground is a good choice for those with canoes or kayaks due to its close proximity to the entrance at Yorty Creek. This campground is on a shallow slope that makes it an ideal place if you are planning on swimming or wading. The twelve campsites are in a no wake zone with lots of sun. Campers wishing to park overnight at Yorty Creek should stop by the Visitor Center for a parking permit.</p>	