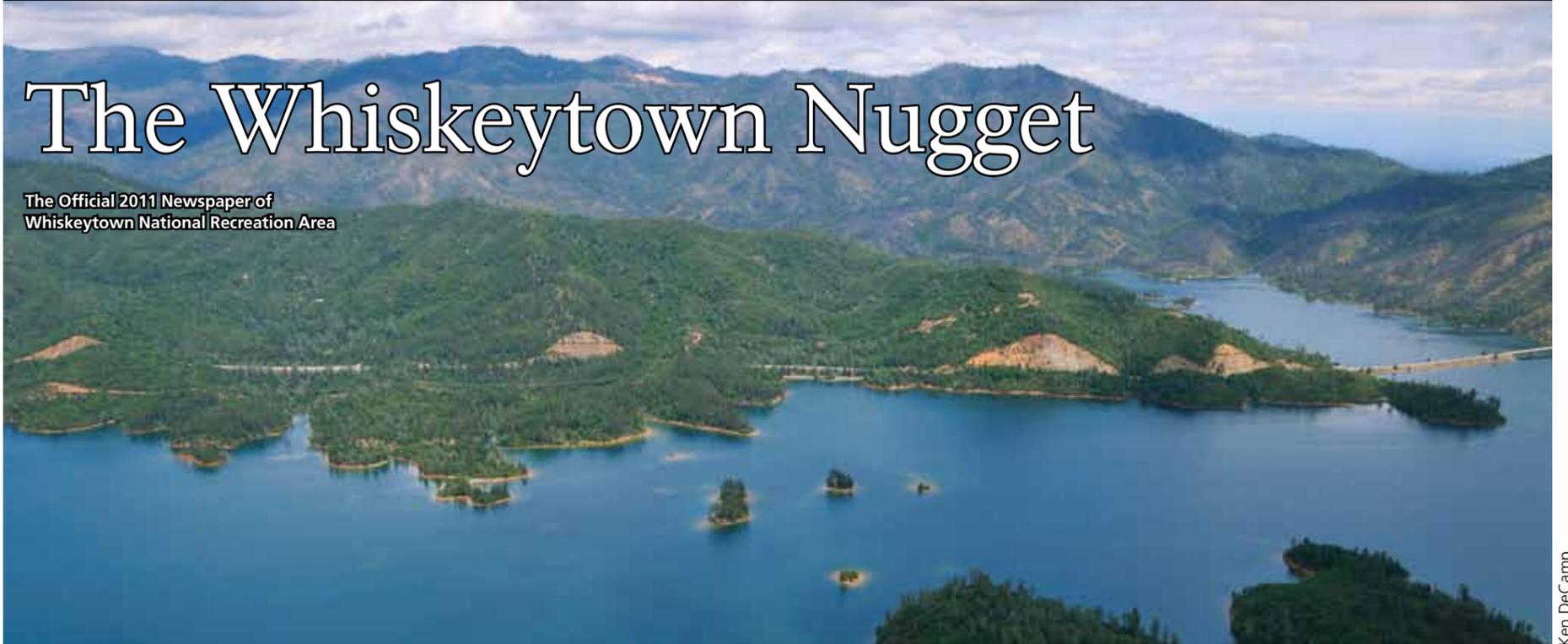




# The Whiskeytown Nugget

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## Striving for sustainability By Ranger Jeremiah Hockett

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING. THE DOOM AND GLOOM ASSOCIATED with its impacts are widely communicated. Many of us have heard the foreboding predictions of a 4 to 7°F rise in the Earth’s average temperature by 2100 and the resulting rise in sea levels, changing precipitation patterns, extended droughts and fire seasons, and disruptions of vital ecosystems. Rarely is there any good environmental news to soften the blow. As I face the harsh realities of these predictions, I remind myself that I can make a difference and there is still time to do so. As many of us are making sacrifices, changing our worldviews, and taking action to combat climate change, shouldn’t our national parks and their employees who are charged with preserving and protecting them do the same?

Whiskeytown is now leading from the front by joining the Climate Friendly Parks (CFP) program and initiating a transition toward a higher degree of sustainable operations. In collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service has developed the CFP program to provide parks with management tools and resources to address climate change within park boundaries and throughout the surrounding communities.

The leading cause of climate change is the buildup of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere. The first step in quantifying the park’s contributions of GHGs to the atmosphere was an inventory conducted in 2007 which measured the combined emissions of park operations, concessionaire operations, and visitor activities. The total emissions from these three sources are equivalent to the emissions created powering 247 average U.S. households for one year. With the help of the CFP program, Whiskeytown developed an action plan that will rein in these emissions to more acceptable levels by establishing specific GHG emission reduction goals and processes by which to achieve them. While the action plan includes an increasing use of technological innovations such as photovoltaic systems, lighting sensors, energy-efficient vehicles and appliances, and low-E double-paned windows, the most substantial emissions reductions will ultimately come from the choices we make as consumers working in and visiting the park.

Our individual choices carry enormous strength—collectively they can create a better world for all life forms. While in college at California State University, Chico, I discovered this

strength while engaging in a discussion in my environmental ethics course. My professor, Randy Larsen, shared with us something that appeared to be very trivial and simple in practice, yet profound in its ramifications relative to the environment. The eco-wisdom came from Randy’s nationally syndicated radio show *Ecotalk*. While interviewing Dr. Steven Schneider, a Stanford University climate scientist and participant in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Randy asked, “What is the single greatest thing people can do to fight climate change?” Dr. Schneider replied, “Turn off the lights when you leave a room.”

Dr. Schneider further explained that by turning off the light switch in an empty room, a simple and logical act, you are changing your relationship to energy—you are recognizing that energy is an important resource that should not be wasted. “We are also cultivating that understanding,” Randy added in a recent email. “Many of us perhaps recognize as a fact that energy shouldn’t be wasted, but by engaging in the practice of conserving energy, we internalize the truth of energy’s preciousness and it becomes a part of more than just our thinking. This is what Aristotle meant when he spoke of cultivating an excellence of character. The relationship between action and attitude is circular,” Randy concluded.

Applied in a greater context, changing wasteful human behaviors and replacing them with conscious choices to live more sustainably is perhaps the greatest tool we have in curbing climate change. Park managers are now incorporating climate-friendly behaviors into sustainability planning and are working to increase public awareness of climate change mitigation strategies through park programs and community outreach. Together, we can all make a difference. Consciously flipping a light switch to “off” has greater value than saving money on our energy bill—it helps us to become better human beings, resulting in healthy parks, healthy people, and a healthy Earth.

In the tradition of thinking globally and acting locally, please visit the *Get Involved* page of the NPS website at [www.nps.gov/getinvolved/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/index.htm) to see how you can make a difference in your park and local community. If you would like to view Whiskeytown’s Climate Friendly Action Plan and see how the park is becoming a leader in sustainability, please visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/whis/parkmgmt/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/whis/parkmgmt/planning.htm).



### Welcome!

Welcome to Whiskeytown National Recreation Area! My staff and I want you to have a great time while you’re visiting the park, whether just for a few hours, or for a few days of camping. Whiskeytown is one of this country’s best kept secrets, but people are discovering its stunning attractions and fun opportunities. I meet people who come from all over the world and they keep telling me the same thing over and over, “Why haven’t I heard of Whiskeytown before? This place is beautiful!” We have smoke-free beaches, beautiful waterfalls, great hiking, biking, and equestrian opportunities, and the lake swimming and scenery from our four designated public swimming beaches is a wonderful way to spend a relaxing afternoon.

I grew up in San Francisco and have followed my family history of sailing and boating in and around San Francisco Bay both professionally and in my recreational time. This past year I have renewed my enthusiasm for sailing by taking every chance I can to raise the sails on my boat and point the bow for the deep blue waters of Whiskeytown Lake. As a result, my family and I have developed many happy memories of catching the last summer-like days of fall, swimming off our anchored boat in a cove with a view of Shasta Bally Mountain high above us, and exciting outings this past winter sailing in a stiff breeze across the lake.

Whiskeytown is all about making happy memories with friends and family, and enjoying the beauty of this special national park site in the Klamath Mountains. Please ensure that you have a safe time while visiting the park as you swim in the lake, hike, or ride into our deep forest trail system, or just take a casual stroll in the woods. On behalf of the National Park Service, the park staff, and our concessionaire, Forever Resorts...Welcome to Whiskeytown National Recreation Area!

Jim Milestone  
Superintendent

### 2-3 Things you need to know

This is a compilation of essential park information based on questions frequently asked by visitors. The information is organized alphabetically to help you quickly find what you are looking for.

### 4-5 Camping and trail information

If you are planning an outdoor adventure, you will find a complete listings of the park’s extensive trail system and campgrounds with essential information for each of them. A map will orient you to the park.

### 8 Ranger-led programs

Whiskeytown offers a variety of FREE Ranger-led Programs during the summer season. These programs are fun and family-friendly. A program schedule is found on this page, as well as program descriptions.



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### Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

Whiskeytown Dam was dedicated in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy. Whiskeytown Lake was created as part of the Central Valley Project for the purposes of flood control, irrigation, and power generation. With 42,000 acres in a beautiful mountain lake setting, Whiskeytown is home to a variety of plant and wildlife species.

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### Park Profile

#### Name Origin

The park is named after a mining town that was removed to create the reservoir.

#### Elevation and Size

**Highest point:** 6,199 ft. Shasta Bally Mt.

**Lowest point:** 860 ft on Clear Creek

near the southeast park boundary

**Lake level:** 1,209 elevation at full pool

and 1,198 elevation at low pool

**Park:** 42,000 acres **Lake:** 3,200 acres

**Shoreline:** 36 miles

#### Lake Water Storage Capacity

241,000 acre feet when at full pool

#### Dam

Earthen Dam is 281.5 feet high

### Accessibility

Park headquarters, restrooms, and the visitor center are ADA accessible, as well as the Native Plant Garden located directly behind the visitor center. In addition, two accessible picnic sites are available at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek beaches, along with boardwalk access pathways leading into the water. Accessible fishing piers are located at Whiskey Creek and Oak Bottom.



### Amenities

Some food items and essential camping supplies can be purchased at the Oak Bottom Campground, which is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the winter and until 6:00 pm in the summer. Lodging is not available in the park, and the nearest hotels are in Redding, 8 miles east of the park. The marina is open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm during the winter and until 8:00 pm during the summer. Fishing bait, tackle, and lifejackets are all available for purchase at the marina store. There are snack bars located at both Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom beaches, which are open during the summer and sell a variety of made-to-order foods, cold drinks, sun block, water toys, and swim diapers. For vehicles, the closest fuel is in Redding. Motorboat fuel can be purchased at the Oak Bottom Marina.

# Things you need to know

## Visitor Center



THE VISITOR CENTER IS A GREAT PLACE to start when you arrive in the park. The knowledgeable staff and volunteers will help you maximize your visit. The visitor center is located at the intersection of J.F. Kennedy Memorial Drive and CA

Highway 299. The summer hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Winter hours of operation are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years

holidays. The visitor center provides information, a variety of use permits, natural and cultural history exhibits, as well as books, maps, and souvenir items for sale. In addition, accessible restrooms, first aid, and drinking water are available.

### Alcohol

Alcohol is prohibited at all of the park's four designated public swim beaches, including Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and East Beach.

### All-terrain vehicles

ATVs and off-road vehicle travel are prohibited in the park.

### Backpacking

Backpacking permits are available at the visitor center at no cost.

### Bicycling

Bicycles are permitted on all trails except the Camden Water Ditch, Shasta Divide, Davis Gulch, and Crystal Creek Water Ditch trails. Mountain biking trail information is available at the visitor center. Helmets, gloves, and glasses are recommended for all riders. Always maintain a safe speed for road and trail conditions and stay within your level of riding experience. Cyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Please be alert for other visitors when riding park trails.

### Boating

There are no boat launching fees at Whiskeytown Lake, but visitors must display a Day Use Pass or other valid entrance pass (see "Fees/passes"). There are boat launches at Brandy Creek Marina, Oak Bottom, and Whiskey Creek. A variety of boats ranging from a one-person kayak to a ten-person deck cruiser are available for rent at Oak Bottom Marina. Motor boats with two and four-stroke engines are allowed on Whiskeytown Lake and must observe posted no-wake areas. Engine noise cannot exceed the maximum decibel level of 75 dBA (decibel equivalent of a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner). Noise levels from other equipment or electronic devices cannot exceed 60 dBA from 50 feet (See "Noise levels"). Boats cannot exceed 36 feet in length. Occupied vessels can remain on the water overnight provided they move at least one-half linear mile each hour. Overnight camping on boats is prohibited. For your safety and the safety of others, please be aware of other lake users. Non-motorized craft always have the right-of-way. The use of personal watercraft is prohibited in all areas. Stay alive! Wear a life jacket!

### Bookstore

The bookstore, located at the visitor center, is managed by Western National Parks Association whose mission is to promote the preservation of the national park system and its resources. A variety of books, maps, guides, postcards, and other items can be purchased here. A portion of the proceeds from each sale is donated to the park to support education, interpretation, and research programs.

### Camping

With the exception of backpacking, camping is permitted only in the designated campgrounds of the park. Please see pages 4 and 5 for campground locations, fees, and available services.

### Fees/passes

Entrance fees for the park are \$5 per vehicle for a Day Use Pass. A one-week pass can be purchased for \$10, and the Whiskeytown annual pass costs \$25. In addition, the annual pass from Lassen Volcanic National Park, the Interagency Annual Pass, Senior Pass, Access Pass, and the Golden Age or Access Passports are all honored at Whiskeytown. All passes must be displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard whenever a vehicle is parked within the park boundary. A pass is not required while visiting the Whiskeytown Cemetery.

### Firearms

Federal law permits people who can legally possess firearms under federal and State of California laws to *possess* firearms in the park. It is the visitor's responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state and federal firearms laws. Firearms are prohibited in most federal buildings in the park including the visitor center and park headquarters. Firearms may only be *used* in the park during hunting seasons in authorized areas, and pursuant to the lawful taking of game species in compliance with California laws and regulations.

### Fires

Campfires are only permitted in the established fire grates at picnic areas and campsites. Fires must never be left unattended and must be properly extinguished upon departure. Dead wood may only be collected from the ground for personal use while in the park. Collecting live vegetation or standing dead wood is prohibited. The use of self-contained barbecues, both gas and charcoal, is permitted as long as they are attended at all times and properly extinguished.

### Fishing

California Department of Fish and Game regulations apply at Whiskeytown. Fishing is allowed year-round in the lake; however, the streams feeding Whiskeytown can only be fished from the last Saturday in April through November 15. The nearest location to purchase a fishing license is Tops Fresh Market, 6 miles east of the visitor center.

### Gold panning

Recreational gold panning is permitted in the park. A valid annual gold panning permit is required for all persons 17 and older. Gold panning regulations, as well as the \$1 annual permit can be obtained at the visitor center.

### Horses & pack animals

Horses, burros, mules, and camelids may be ridden on designated multiple-use trails in the park. Horse Camp primitive campground is accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only place where camping with horses is allowed. There are two sites available and a potable water spigot. Special arrangements can be made for campers with horses by calling the Fee Program office at (530) 242-3412.

### Lost and found

Lost items can be reported, turned in, or claimed at the visitor center.

### Mines

Remnants of Whiskeytown's mining history are found throughout the park. Old mine workings are dangerous and unstable. Stay out, and stay alive!

### Noise levels

Soundscapes have equal standing with other park resources that warrant protection. In order to keep natural acoustical environments free from loud human-source noises, the following regulations apply: A vessel cannot exceed 75 decibels (dB equivalence of a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner); Other noise levels from motorized equipment or electronic devices cannot exceed 60 decibels (conversational level) from a distance of 50 feet. In addition, noises below these established levels are prohibited if they are deemed unreasonable. Quiet hours in the park are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. Please help preserve solitude and tranquility enjoyed by park visitors and wildlife.

### Parking

A valid park pass or Day Use Pass must be displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard whenever a vehicle is parked within the park boundary. Please see the "Fees/passes" section for more information on valid passes. Visitors can park in any public parking spaces as well as along paved roadways, provided the parked vehicle is completely off the asphalt without trampling vegetation and is in compliance with all posted signage. Parking in front of gates or blocking right-of-way access is prohibited.

### Pets

Pets are allowed in the park and on trails provided they are leashed at all times with a leash length not exceeding six feet. With the exception of service animals, pets are prohibited on all of the park's designated public swim beaches including Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Pets cannot be left unattended at any time. Summer temperatures often exceed 100 degrees and can quickly kill an unattended animal.





# Trails of Whiskeytown

Easy Hikes	Distance One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Highlights and Notes
<b>Buck Hollow</b>	1.0	130 ft.	Wildflowers, seasonal streams, lots of shade, views of Shasta Bally Mt.
<b>Camden Water Ditch</b> (Closed to bikes & horses)	1.1 Loop	Mostly level	Camden House, historic orchards, El Dorado Mine, Willow Creek
<b>Crystal Creek Water Ditch</b> (Closed to bikes & horses)	0.75	30 ft.	Shaded, historic water ditch, remnants of old dams, elevated water flume
<b>Crystal Creek Falls</b>	0.3	Mostly level	50 ft. falls and picnic area, wildflowers in spring and early summer
<b>Oak Bottom Ditch</b>	2.75	20 ft.	Scenic views, swimming opportunities, lake access
<b>Shasta Divide Nature Trail</b> (Closed to bikes & horses)	0.4 Loop	190 ft.	Lots of shade, access to Whiskeytown Lake, swimming, views of mountains, benches along the trail
Moderate Hikes			
<b>Boulder Creek Falls</b> (Mill Creek Road route)	1.0	80 ft.	138 ft. falls, one creek crossing with plank bridge
<b>Brandy Creek</b> (Brandy Creek Beach to the 2nd intersection with Brandy Creek Rd., located southeast of Sheep Camp)	1.6	400 ft.	Follows the spectacular Brandy Creek, swimming holes, ample shade. There are four small creek crossings, and you hike twice on the road (signs to guide you)
<b>Brandy Creek Falls</b>	1.5	500 ft.	Beautiful series of cascades, views of Brandy Creek, shade
<b>Clear Creek Canal</b>	4.5	30 ft.	Views of dam, Shasta Bally, Kanaka Peak, crosses Orofino Creek
<b>Clear Creek Vista</b>	2.4	400 ft.	Historic District and scenic views of Clear Creek
<b>Davis Gulch</b> (Closed to bikes & horses)	3.3	170 ft.	Lots of shade, lake views, scenic and quiet coves, swimming, resting benches
<b>Guardian Rock</b>	1.0	200 ft.	Lower Clear Creek Canyon vista point
<b>Logging Camp</b>	1.0	415 ft.	Watershed Restoration Project
<b>Mt. Shasta Mine Loop</b>	3.5	540 ft.	Historic mines, Orofino Creek, and mountain views
<b>Mule Mountain Pass</b> (Salt Creek Loop to Swasey Drive)	4.4	700 ft.	Creeks, scenic views of Mt. Lassen, great for hikers, bikers, and horses
<b>Peltier Trail</b>	1.75	380 ft.	Paige Boulder Creek, small waterfall, wildflowers
<b>Salt Creek Loop</b>	1.8	300 ft.	6 creek crossings, mountain views, shade
Difficult Hikes			
<b>Boulder Creek Falls</b> (via South Shore Drive)	2.75	950 ft.	138 ft. falls, Boulder Creek views, 3 creek crossings with no bridges
<b>James K. Carr Trail</b> (Whiskeytown Falls Trail)	1.7	520 ft.	220 ft. falls, beautiful views of Crystal Creek, some shade
<b>Kanaka Peak Loop</b>	6.5*	1,430 ft.	*Portions of trail are closed—scheduled to open fall 2011
<b>Mill Creek</b>	6.1	350 ft.	20 creek crossings, lots of shade
<b>Papoose Pass Trail</b>	5.5	900 ft.	Spectacular views, sections follow the East Fork of Boulder Creek
<b>Rich Gulch Trail</b>	1.8	500 ft.	Shaded, creek, views of Shasta Bally
<b>Salt Gulch</b>	1.6	800 ft.	Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps

The National Park Service promotes responsible outdoor recreation. Please take a personal role in preserving the outdoor experience for yourself and future generations while enjoying your visit at Whiskeytown.

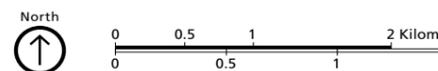
**Please follow the 7 principles of Leave No Trace:**

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Build fires in established fire grates only
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

For more information, visit the Leave No Trace program web site at [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org)



Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area is located in northern California. Whiskeytown Unit is administered by the National Park Service. Shasta and Trinity units are administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

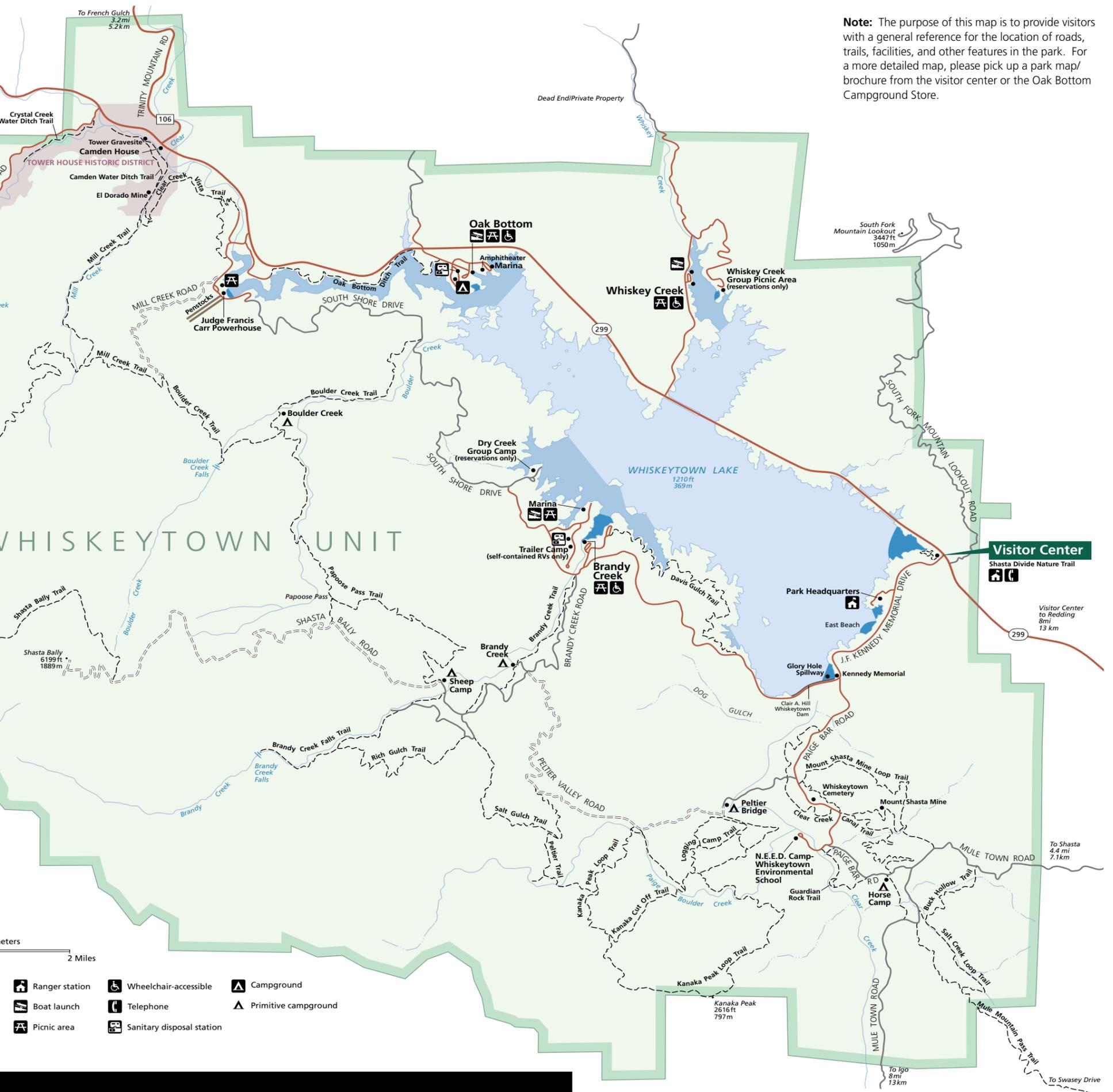


- Area closed to boating
  - Boating area with restricted speed limit
  - Unpaved road
  - 4-wheel-drive only road
  - Hiking trail
- Note: roads and trails may be closed in winter.

## Camping

Developed Camp Sites	Number of sites	Price per night	Season	Maximum people/tents	Reservations
<b>Oak Bottom Tent Campground</b>	98	\$20 regular* \$22 for shoreline*	year-round	6 people 2 tents	•
<b>Oak Bottom RV</b>	22	\$18 *	year-round	10 people no tents	
<b>Brandy Creek RV</b>	37	\$14 *	year-round	10 people no tents	
<b>Dry Creek Group Camp</b>	2	\$75	4/1 to 10/31	50 people (20 minimum)	Reservations are required
Primitive Camp Sites	Obtain permits at the visitor center*				
<b>Brandy Creek</b>	2	\$10	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served
<b>Sheep Camp</b>	4	\$10	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served
<b>Peltier Bridge</b>	7	\$10	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served
<b>Horse Camp</b>	2	\$10	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served
<b>Crystal Creek</b>	2	\$10	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served
<b>Coggins Park</b>	1	\$10	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come-served

**Note:** The purpose of this map is to provide visitors with a general reference for the location of roads, trails, facilities, and other features in the park. For a more detailed map, please pick up a park map/brochure from the visitor center or the Oak Bottom Campground Store.



Site	Potable Water	Shower	Toilet Type	Notes
1	●	●	Flush	<b>* Summer rates from 4/15–10/15. During the rest of the year all tent sites are \$10.</b> There are four ADA accessible camp sites. For reservations call (530) 359-2269
2	●		Flush	<b>* Summer rates from 4/15–10/15. During the rest of the year all RV sites are \$10.</b> Very little shade.
3	●		no toilet	<b>*Price from 5/15–9/15. During the rest of the year, all sites are \$7.</b> Water and dump station may be shut off periodically during winter to prevent freezing.
4	●		Vault	Call 1-877-444-6777 or visit <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> for reservations up to one year in advance. Closed from 11/1–3/31. Large groups can reserve both sites.
<b>*If arriving after hours, camp in an unoccupied site and pay immediately when visitor center reopens.</b>				
5			Vault	Steep downhill road to reach the campsites.
6			Vault	<b>Caution:</b> Sites are near a steep drop-off to the creek.
7			Vault	All of the sites are near Clear Creek.
8	●		Vault	Only campground where camping with horses is allowed. Call (530) 242-3412 for more information.
9			Vault	Both sites are very close to Crystal Creek.
10			no toilet	4WD or high-clearance vehicles are highly recommended for the unpaved road to the remote campsite.

### Enjoy your park!

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. It is our sincere hope that your park experience will be a memorable one for you and your family. Whether you are heading out on the trails, camping, or exploring the beauty of the lake, you can safely enjoy yourself while preserving the park experience of other visitors by following park regulations and extending common courtesy to your neighbors.

Everyone deserves to hear and enjoy the natural sounds of this beautiful park. If you are camping overnight, please observe the quiet hours from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am by not running generators and avoiding other noises such as loud voices or music. In addition, you can help keep our wildlife wild by properly storing your food. Please use the bear-proof food storage lockers in your campsites for all food items and other non-food items such as toothpaste and scented deodorant

that may attract bears and other wildlife. Allowing a bear to obtain human food, even once, often results in aggressive bear behavior. Aggressive bears are a threat to human safety and must be relocated or killed. Remember, a fed bear is a dead bear!

### Be on the lookout!

We all know to be alert for wildlife and dangerous trail conditions when we're out in the park, but you should also be on the lookout for suspicious and illegal activities. Increasingly, dangerous criminals are establishing illegal marijuana cultivation sites in the park's backcountry. Our rangers are seeking out and eradicating these illegal marijuana cultivation sites. If you see anything unusual, seek safety immediately! Please report suspected illegal activity to Whiskeytown dispatch at (530) 242-3431 or by calling 911 in an emergency. Please include descriptions of the location, time, people, vehicles, and license plates if possible. **Your safety increases when you stay on official trails and hike or ride with others.**

# What can I do in the time I have?

## Hours:minutes

Walk through the wayside exhibits outside the visitor center and enjoy the scenic views .....

0:10

Take a walk along the ADA accessible trail through the California Native Plant Garden located behind the visitor center

Come inside the visitor center and learn about Whiskeytown's Native American and California Gold Rush history through the various exhibits .....

0:15

0:20



### Half an hour

Visit the President John F. Kennedy Memorial and press the button to hear his speech from the Whiskeytown Dam dedication on Sept. 28, 1963 .....

0:30

Walk through the Whiskeytown Cemetery and explore its history through the tombstones .....

1:00

Take a walk through time and visit the Tower House Historic District. Explore a gentleman's ranch from the Gold Rush era, 150 year-old fruit trees, and a stamp mill at the El Dorado Mine .....

1:15

1:30

1:45



### Two hours

Bring your rod and gear and fish the waters of the lake or the park's many creeks .....

2:00

Hike to the spectacular Boulder Creek Falls from the Mill Creek Road trailhead .....

2:30

Hike the Oak Bottom Ditch Trail and explore Oak Bottom Channel .....

3:00

Hike the Davis Gulch Trail .....

3:30



### Half a day

Drive to Coggins Park to discover the beauty of the park's remaining old-growth forests (Summer/Fall, 4WD or high-clearance vehicles recommended) .....

4:00

Hike to Boulder Creek Falls from the South Shore Drive trailhead (Summer/Fall) .....

5:00

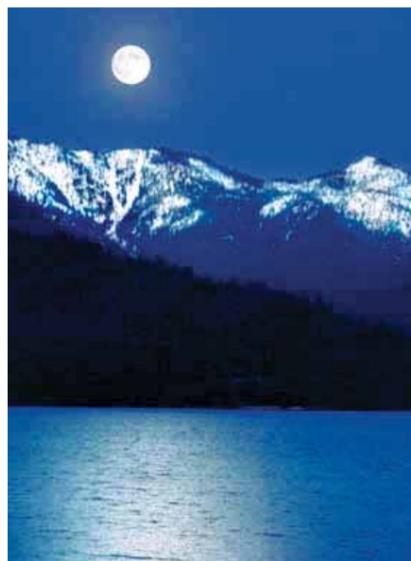
Hike the Papoose Pass Trail one-way from Sheep Camp to South Shore Drive .....

6:00

7:00

8:00

9:00



### Whole day

DISCOVER WHISKEYTOWN'S WILD NIGHT LIFE! Sit quietly at dusk or dawn and watch for wildlife activity during the twilight hours. Discover the wonders of the night skies while stargazing in an area largely free from ambient light pollution. Take a moonlight hike on a familiar trail or

paddle in the silvery reflections of the moon on the quiet and often calm waters of the lake on summer evenings. Visit a familiar place in the park at night and listen closely to the natural soundscapes—see how they differ from the sounds you hear in the same place during the day.

## A park for all seasons

### Spring

TAKE A HIKE TO THE PARK'S FOUR WATERFALLS to see them during their peak flow as the mountain snowpack begins to melt. Hike any of the trails in the park to experience the bloom of the park's wondrous wildflowers. Great trails for spring wildflower viewing are the Mt. Shasta Mine Loop, Davis Gulch, Guardian Rock, Lower Brandy Creek, and Boulder Creek trails. Spring is also a great time for birding when patience, stillness, and quiet observance will allow you to see the most activity. In April, bring your family and friends to the park for Waterfall Week, Whiskeytown's annual celebration of National Park Week.



### Summer

JOIN A RANGER-LED PROGRAM FOR A FUN-filled and educational park experience (See page 8). Take a swim in the cool waters of the lake at Brandy Creek Beach and have a picnic while you are there. Beat the summer heat by taking a hike to the waterfalls to bask in the shade and cool mist, or swim in the pools below the cascading waters. Drive (4WD vehicles only) to the 6,199 ft. summit of Shasta Bally Mountain for panoramic views of Mt. Lassen, Mt. Shasta, the Trinity Alps, and the Central Valley. Rent a motorized or human-powered boat at Oak Bottom Marina and enjoy the cool blue waters of Whiskeytown Lake for the day.



### Fall

TAKE A HIKE ALONG THE CLEAR CREEK VISTA, Mill Creek, Brandy Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to view the brilliant fall colors of Big Leaf Maple, Pacific Dogwood, Western Redbud, and California Black Oak. Lake-based recreation is enjoyable while the weather is still fairly warm and there is less traffic on the water. Hiking, horseback riding, and biking are also very enjoyable during the fall as temperatures cool and the buzz of summer activity fades. Fall is also the start of hunting season, so be aware of possible hunting activity while in the park's backcountry. Support your park by joining us on Saturday, September 24, 2011, for Pick-Up Lake Litter Day, Whiskeytown's annual volunteer event celebrating National Public Lands Day.



### Winter

JOIN US AT THE CAMDEN HOUSE WITHIN THE park's Tower House Historic District for the annual "Old Time Holiday" celebration and free wreath-making workshop on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Hike along the Brandy Creek, Mill Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to witness the crimson glory of massive gatherings of lady beetles numbering in the thousands as they enter a period of dormancy to conserve energy in the colder months. Bring your binoculars to the quiet coves around the lake to enjoy the beautiful waterfowl that congregate on Whiskeytown Lake during the winter migration. Species that are commonly seen are Canada Geese, Mallards, Buffleheads, Common and Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks, and Ring-necked Ducks.

## Your park after dark



Rick Braveheart

## 2011 Artists-In-Residence will visit and inspire

ARTISTS ARE TRAVELLING FROM ALL OVER THE United States to spend time in Whiskeytown capturing and interpreting the beauty of the park and adding a new face to the activities here. Whiskeytown is one of fewer than thirty parks that host an ongoing National Park Service Artist-in-Residence Program. This year we are proud to announce the five artists that have been selected to capture the sights of the park. Photographers, painters and sculptors are coming from as far as New York City and as close to home as Redding; each with their own very unique style and personal artistic interpretation of the park's resources.

Rick Braveheart, who recently visited from Columbus, Ohio, is a landscape photographer whose past experiences include residencies at Rocky Mountain, Badlands, and Petrified Forest national parks.

Randall Tipton is a plein air painter from Lake Oswego, Oregon; David Nechak is an installation artist from Seattle, Washington; Jessica Cadkin from San Francisco is a sculptor, as is Leah Harper, a local talent from Shasta County. Through these varying backgrounds and mediums, they will interpret the sights, sounds, and textures of the park.

Between them, these five artists will experience Whiskeytown through its seasons, beginning in early spring and ending just as winter starts. Through their art, the changing moods of the landscape will be captured as they unfold.

This year's artists will add to the legacy of the Artist-In-Residence Program, which started only eight years ago and has grown to see a Guggenheim Fellow and many nationally known artists, each of whom has donated a work of art to the park's collection for all to enjoy. This summer you are invited to the Art-in-the-City Exhibition which runs from May 10

through September 9, 2011. The exhibition will be at the Redding City Hall, located at 777 Cypress Avenue, and will feature a selection of the works donated to Whiskeytown by previous Artists-In-Residence, offering viewers artistic expressions of Whiskeytown's beauty.



Rick Braveheart

## Share your adventure!

WHISKEYTOWN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA is inviting photographers, both professional and amateur, to submit current photographs for the upcoming "Whiskeytown Adventure" photographic exhibition. The subject of the photos should be park visitors, staff, or volunteers experiencing one of Whiskeytown's many outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, mountain biking, running, horseback riding, camping, sailing, motor boating, swimming, sunning, picnicking, snowshoeing, hunting, reading, painting, sightseeing, working, and playing.



Ken DeCamp

Chris DeCamp enjoying his adventure on top of South Fork Lookout Mountain

The park's nonprofit group, Friends of Whiskeytown, will have the right to use the selected images for publicity and reproduction. The exhibition will run from August 19 through October 16, 2011. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, August 18, at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center.

Please submit your images along with your name and telephone number to the Artist-In-Residence coordinator, Sheila Edridge, at [WhiskeytownFunPhotographs@gmail.com](mailto:WhiskeytownFunPhotographs@gmail.com). For more information, please contact Sheila at (530) 246-1225.

Artists are invited to submit up to three JPEG photographs per entry. The first-place photographer will be awarded a \$100 prize, and a \$50 award will be granted to the People's Choice recipient. Selected photographs may also be included in an upcoming book that will feature people enjoying Whiskeytown's outdoor adventures. Photographs will be accepted until August 1, 2011, and you will be notified if your entries are selected for the exhibition. Photographs need to be framed by the artist and ready for display.

## The uninvited guests

Invasives are non-native plants that grow or spread rapidly. An invasive weed usually becomes established over large areas of land and is characterized by vigorous growth, a high reproductive rate, profuse seed production, high seed germination rate, and longevity. When an invasive weed comes into a new area, it usually does not have natural competitors to keep it in check and can easily take over and displace native plant communities.

Many of Whiskeytown's 700,000 annual visitors trek through weed-infested lands on their way to the park—unintentionally bringing invasive plants in on socks, shoelaces, tires, backpacks and pet fur. This makes the introduction of exotic species inevitable. Keeping Whiskeytown's backcountry pristine is a continuous challenge that requires park staff and visitors to do their best in preventing introductions of new exotic plants and the spread of existing plant infestations.

### Invasive plants are wreaking havoc by:

- Out-competing and displacing rare and endangered native plants
- Reducing biodiversity by turning complex plant communities into monocultures
- Changing fire intensity and frequency
- Diminishing the quality of the visitor experience
- Affecting cultural resources

### Do your part:

- Stay on established trails
- Brush vegetation and seeds from your animal's fur and dispose of it properly
- Inspect your clothes, gear, tent, boots, boat, and vehicle for hitch-hikers
- Educate yourself about invasive weeds
- Plant California native plants at home; they require less care, provide wildlife habitat, and they are beautiful!



Employees working in a sea of star thistle



The folds of these boots are packed with the seeds of invasive plants

### Preserve the pristine waters of Whiskeytown

Quagga and zebra mussels are two exotic species of bivalve that have caused ecological and economic havoc in many areas of North America. Quagga and zebra mussels can be inadvertently spread by contaminated boats being moved from one water body to another. When removing any watercraft from the water, please do the following:

- Drain all water and dry all areas including the outboard unit and all live-wells.
- Inspect all exposed surfaces—small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.
- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- Remove all plant and animal material.
- Wait 5 days and keep watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.



**WESTERN  
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ASSOCIATION**

Whiskeytown would like to thank the Western National Parks Association for making the production of this newspaper possible through their generous donations. The WNPA mission is to promote preservation of the national park system and its resources by creating greater public appreciation through education, interpretation, and research. WNPA operates the bookstore in the Whiskeytown Visitor Center with a portion of the proceeds from each sale donated to the park. Please visit their website at [www.wnpa.org](http://www.wnpa.org).

# Enjoy your park with a ranger!

FOR CLOSE TO A CENTURY, VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD have participated in the rich tradition of attending ranger-led programs. Millions of visitors, whether seeking a greater awareness of nature, learning about our cultural history, or just looking for fun and exciting outdoor activities, have deepened their appreciation for national parks by attending these programs. Whiskeytown continues this tradition by offering a wide variety of fun, family-friendly ranger-led programs through the summer season.

For those visitors interested in becoming Whiskeytown Junior Rangers, please stop by the visitor center or ask a park ranger for a Junior Ranger program card. Completing the Junior Ranger programs will help you explore, learn about, and protect the park's natural and cultural resources. Although the programs are designed for children ages 6 to 12, all ages are welcome to participate and earn a Whiskeytown patch!

Ranger-led programs begin June 18, 2011 and are offered through Labor Day weekend. Some programs, such as the Kayak Tours may be offered beyond Labor Day, weather permitting. You can call Park Ranger Clinton Kane at (530) 242-3451 to arrange a special program for your students or other organization. Whiskeytown offers a Gold Rush program which meets California's 4th grade curriculum standards for history, as well as ranger-led hikes to the waterfalls throughout the year. Please call the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225, visit our website at [www.nps.gov/whis](http://www.nps.gov/whis), or call Ranger Kane for the latest information on park programs.



Complete the Junior Ranger and Junior Firefighter cards to earn our two beautiful Whiskeytown patches!



## Junior Ranger

*Saturday at 10:00 am* (1 hour)

Children 6 to 12 years of age can learn about preserving and protecting while making new friends during a special one-hour activity that explores the wonders of Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

## Junior Firefighter

*Saturday at 11:00 am* (1 hour)

See how firefighters manage fire to promote forest health and protect lives and property. Learn about the important role that fire plays in our national parks during this hands-on activity. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

## Junior Ranger Kayak Program

*Monday and Thursday at 1:30 pm* (1.5 hours)

Join us for a special program that pairs parents and their children in a kayak so they can discover and share the joy of nature with each other as they paddle and play. The program is geared for children six to twelve years old. Please call (530) 242-3462 to make a reservation.

## Ranger-led program offerings

Program	ADA	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Kayak Program		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Special Access Kayak Program	♿					●		
Junior Ranger Kayak Program		●			●			
Junior Ranger	♿						●	
Junior Firefighter	♿						●	
It's All About Nature	♿		●					
Walk In Time				●			●	●
Evening Programs	♿						●	●
Water Safety Demonstration	♿						●	●

## Ranger-led program descriptions

### Kayak Program

*Daily tours at 9:30 am and 6 pm. A 12:30 pm tour is offered on Saturday and Sunday. (2 ½ hours)*  
Reservations are required, call (530) 242-3462

Hop on a kayak with a friend and explore the quiet coves around Whiskeytown Lake while you learn more about the natural and cultural values of the park. Children must be at least six years old. For reservations up to two weeks in advance, call (530) 242-3462. Ask about arranging a group tour (minimum of 12 people) for your friends and family, business, or community group.

### Special Access Kayak Program

*Friday evenings during July and August* (2 hours)

This program has been developed for individuals with special needs so they can enjoy a kayaking adventure. Visitors who have limited mobility, disabilities, developmental issues, or restrictions due to age or illness are encouraged to give kayaking a try. Visitors with special needs are paired with an experienced volunteer. Please call (530) 242-3454 for more information.

### Moonlight Kayak Tours

*There are several tours offered each month from July through September* (2 ½ hours)

Experience dramatic changes in the landscape as you explore Whiskeytown lake under the light of the moon. Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance by calling (530) 242-3462. Reservations are limited to four per call. Please call early to secure your space.

### Evening programs

*Friday and Saturday at 9:00 pm* (1 hour)

*Beginning August 5, start time is 8:30 pm*

Spend the evening with a ranger and learn more about wonders of Whiskeytown through talks, slide shows, or other activities during this one-hour program. Topics include history, wildlife, and current issues related to protecting the park's natural and cultural resources. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.



Fran Mainella, former Director of the National Park Service, enjoys a kayaking adventure into the mouth of Boulder Creek



Families enjoying "It's all about nature!" with ranger Nancy Quirus and park volunteer Linda Boyden (top right)

### It's all about nature!

*Tuesday at 11:00 am* (1 hour)

Families with children 3 to 5 years of age are welcome to join a ranger near the Brandy Creek Beach snack bar. Come learn about the natural world of Whiskeytown through children's stories, songs, activities, and nature-based crafts. Local storytellers will be featured throughout the summer, providing fun and educational activities for our youngest visitors.

### Walk In Time

*Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 3:00 pm* (2 hours)

Discover how pioneers/prospectors Charles Camden and Levi Tower reshaped the landscape to create a home for their families and an "oasis" for many travelers during and after the California Gold Rush. After a tour of the Camden house, built in 1852, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the apple orchard, then try your hand at finding gold the old-fashioned way—with a gold pan in the creek! Meet the ranger at the Tower House Historic District parking lot near the bulletin board. Please bring a bottle of water and extra clothing if you choose to get wet.

### Water safety demonstration

*Saturday and Sunday afternoons* (30 minutes)

Learn how to save someone from drowning while keeping yourself at a safe. Join a ranger for this fun water-safety demonstration at Brandy Creek Beach.

## THE FRIENDS OF WHISKEYTOWN

### Join Our Friends!

The Friends of Whiskeytown is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service restore and protect the magnificent resources and recreational opportunities at Whiskeytown. Your contribution of \$25.00 or more will help the park complete projects that would be otherwise unfunded. For further information, call (530) 242-3460 or visit [www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org](http://www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org)