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Redding Mountain Biking Club Photo - 2005

Recreational Opportunities Abound at Whiskeytown



Jim Milestone, Park Superintendent

Do you want to get in shape, lose some winter weight, improve your heart beat, and strengthen your body? If you do, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for you and your family.

The park continues to host large sporting events, including the Lemurian Shasta Classic mountain bike race, the Memorial Day Sailing Regatta, the Whiskeyman Triathlon, the Whiskeytown Relays and the September Lake Swim. The spectacular landscape and the varied terrain of the park attract hundreds of mountain bikers, long-distance swimmers, runners, sailors, and equestrians. Mountain streams, waterfalls and old growth forests provide a lush backdrop to inspire even the most tired athlete to push a little further.

Whiskeytown was originally slated to become a 5,000-acre county park. The county park would have included the 3,200-acre lake and a 300-foot buffer around the shoreline, including Oak Bottom, Brandy Creek beach and marina and the Whiskey Creek boat ramp. However, leaders in Redding and Shasta County began to worry whether the county would have the financial resources to maintain such a facility. James K. Carr, a local resident who was appointed Undersecretary of the Interior in 1961, sought to make Whiskeytown a unit of the National Park Service.

On November 8, 1965, Congress passed the legislation to create Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area.

Forty years later, over 752,000 people visit the park each year to recreate. While most visitors use the lake for swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking, and water skiing, more and more visitors are using the park's backcountry. In response to the growing demand for trail use, the National Park Service has joined forces with the nearby communities of Weaverville, Redding, and French Gulch to develop a plan to construct a regional trail. In the future, the Shasta-Trinity Trail will link Redding with the Trinity Alps.

In June 2005, the National Park Service released the Shasta-Trinity Trail Environmental Assessment for public review. The document describes three alternatives for constructing a nearly 20-mile hiking, biking and equestrian trail through Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The preferred alternative proposed by the Park Service suggests constructing several new sections of trail that will traverse the higher slopes of Shasta Bally, connecting Brandy Creek with the Boulder Creek Falls area. It is expected that following public review, portions of the new trail could begin construction as early as summer 2006.

More and more people are visiting Whiskeytown's beautiful waterfalls, located in box canyons shaded by pine and Douglas fir forest. Improved trails include new rock work, handrails and rock-chipped steps which provide safer access to the bases of these picturesque waterfalls. A waterfall with an estimated height of 220 feet was rediscovered in 2004, and a new trail will be open to "Whiskeytown Falls" in the summer of 2006.



If you wish to get in shape and hike the trails to these special places of Whiskeytown, the park is open year-round. As you stroll through the forest, you might see a long-distance runner or a mountain biker working hard as they prepare for the next triathlon or relay. You may be inspired by their peak level of physical performance and the beauty of the scenery surrounding you to push on for that extra mile...

Whiskeytown trails are popular with equestrians



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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 more than 40,000 acres in a mountain lake setting, Whiskeytown is home to a variety of wildlife.

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The Little Dipper of Whiskeytown

Don't look for this little dipper in the night sky – it's not a constellation. No, it's a funny, stubby songbird with the most unusual habits. The next time you are at any clear, rushing mountain stream in Whiskeytown, look very closely for the American Dipper. You won't find it in the creekside willows or in the nearby treetops of the alders or pines. Instead, search for it right in the middle of the stream, comically bobbing up and down on a rock. It won't be easy to see, since its sooty gray color allows it to blend in with the water. It is a solitary bird, rarely seen with others of its kind.

The dipper will be easier to hear, however. The loud, buzzy metallic DZEET of its call clearly distinguishes it from other birds. Its song is almost rattle-like, with a series of high whistled or trilled phrases. I describe it as a wren on steroids, as if the dipper is attempting to reproduce the melodic tunes of other songbirds, but its voice box will only allow it to make big, harsh noises.

The dipper employs one of the strangest foraging strategies of any North American songbird. Its diet consists mainly of aquatic insect larvae, small fish in the 2 to 3 inch range, and fish eggs. Of course, it has to go underwater to reach its preferred cuisine. These birds may very well get their name from their habit of suddenly "dipping" into



Look for dippers mid-stream on exposed rocks.

the water to feed. They can forage on the bottom of streams where the current is too fast and the water too deep for people to stand in. According to some sources, they can "fly" underwater to depths of 20 feet, using their strong legs and toes to walk under the surface or their short wings to paddle around under the water like avian scuba divers.

The adaptations of dippers to their aquatic lifestyle are amazing. Scales close over their nostrils while they are underwater. A thick coat of downy feathers insulates them from the cold. A third eyelid can be drawn across the eye to help keep it clear of dirt suspended in the water. They have oil glands that are much larger than those in other songbirds and spend a lot of time preening, applying that oil to their feathers to maintain the waterproofing and insulating qualities of their plumage.

The short wings aren't just for paddling – dippers can fly with no problem. Their flight pattern is also distinctive. When disturbed, they take off on what seems like a crash course, flying low and tilting above the water, buzzing loudly. If the dipper is a nesting female, she will usually fly straight back to her nest to defend it. The nest itself is a beautiful green covered basket, made of interwoven mosses shape like a rounded hut with an arched opening near the bottom. They tend to locate nests on cliff faces that are mossy and ferny, behind waterfalls, and even underneath bridges.

American Dippers thrive in unpolluted, fast-moving streams that have not been subject to a lot of silt accumulation. Deteriorating dirt roads can silt out a stream and destroy the populations of aquatic insects and fish that dippers depend on as a food source. At Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, ongoing efforts to rehabilitate old dirt logging roads by turning them into small foot trails or by restoring the natural contours of the land have succeeded in improving habitat not just for the dippers, but also for trout and salmon, who share some of the same food preferences and habitat as the dippers. The need to preserve their shared habitat gives bird watchers common cause with anglers.

Challenge yourself to spot a dipper on your next hike or fly fishing trip to Whiskeytown. Whether it is dive bombing down the creek or walking underwater, you are sure to be entertained by this spunky "feathered fish."



Observe carefully and you may see the dipper "swim" underwater

Whiskeytown Waterways

Many visitors to Whiskeytown come to enjoy its beautiful lake and the water sports it has to offer. Sailing, kayaking, canoeing, waterskiing and fishing are many of the activities you can enjoy on Whiskeytown. There are beautiful beaches and lakeside campsites and you do not have to go far from the lake to enjoy cool, pristine streams, scenic waterfalls and beautiful forests.



Remember, whatever your choice of recreation, your safety and that of others depends on staying alert, and respecting the rights and feelings of others. All federal, state and local boat laws are enforced on Whiskeytown. Please contact a Park Ranger if you have questions or need further information concerning boating or other park regulations.

Join the Friends of Whiskeytown. 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 to complete projects that would be otherwise unfunded.

THE FRIENDS OF
WHISKEYTOWN

Yes! I want to become a Friend of Whiskeytown and help protect Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of: _____

Donors of \$25 or more receive the Friends of Whiskeytown newsletter twice a year. Please make check payable to the "Friends of Whiskeytown, Inc." and mail to P.O. Box 105, Whiskeytown, CA 96095.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Email _____

Interested in volunteering? Yes / No (circle one)

Please call our Volunteer Manager's office at (530) 242-3421 for more information.

The Friends of Whiskeytown was incorporated in December 2002, as an independent private nonprofit organization. The Friends of Whiskeytown operates under a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service to provide private funding for specific programs and projects that further the preservation, protection or enhancement of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The Friends of Whiskeytown is not a membership organization, nor does it engage in political activity or other advocacy. The Friends of Whiskeytown does not receive federal funding of any kind. Contributions to the Friends of Whiskeytown are tax-deductible to the extent that the sum exceeds the value of benefits provided to the donor. For further information, call 530-242-3460.

Reminder: Food and Odors Attract Bears

The future of bears and the safety of others depends on you.

When camping or picnicking:

- **Keep the area clean.**
- **Never leave food out unattended.**
- **Use bear-proof trash cans where provided.**
- **Put food and all related items in food storage lockers where provided.**
- **Bears can break into vehicles. Please store food odor-free and out of sight.**
- **Do not feed bears or other park animals.**

Hey Kids, Try This Fire Quiz

Pick the one best answer for each question. Answer key is at the very end.



1. In THIS National Park you may have a campfire _____.
 - a. In fire grills in the picnic areas & campgrounds.
 - b. Any place you want.
 - c. Along the trail as long as it's a small fire.
 - d. All of the above.
2. To have fire, what three things must be present?
 - a. Two grown ups and matches.
 - b. Oxygen, fuel (something to burn) and heat.
 - c. Thunder, lightning and rain.
 - d. Smoke, sticks and flame.
3. If your clothes catch fire, you should _____.
 - a. Stop, drop and roll.
 - b. Stop, drop and roll.
 - c. Stop, drop and roll.
 - d. Stop, drop and roll.
4. By rolling over the burning clothes you _____.
 - a. Get exercise.
 - b. Get dirty.
 - c. Stop oxygen (in the air) from getting to the fire so the fire goes out.
 - d. Give the flames to ants who then carry it away.
5. To have a campfire in a fire grill in the park you may _____.
 - a. Bring charcoal from home.
 - b. Collect dead and down wood from the park.
 - c. Buy firewood at the camp store.
 - d. All of the above.
6. When picking up dead wood that is on the ground, be sure to _____.
 - a. Look before you reach.
 - b. Always keep your hands where you can see them.
 - c. Leave wood that is deeply set in the ground alone –it's probably an animal's home.
 - d. All of the above.
7. Before starting a campfire, it is a good idea to _____.
 - a. Invite Rangers over for marshmallows.
 - b. Stack the extra wood upwind and away from the fire grill.
 - c. Have a bucket of water nearby.
 - d. B. and C.
8. Never leave a campfire unattended because _____.
 - a. The fire might escape.
 - b. It is illegal to do so.
 - c. A and B.
 - d. None of the above.
9. What should you do to make sure your campfire is out?
 - a. Ask it, "Are you out yet?"
 - b. Drown it, stir it, and check it. Repeat until it's out, cold.
 - c. Sit still and watch it very carefully.
 - d. Call Smokey Bear.

Answers: 1-a, 2-b, 3-stop, drop and roll, 4-c, 5-d, 6-d, 7-d, 8-c, 9-b.



Discover the role that wild-fire plays in our national parks. Come to a Junior Firefighter program Saturday's 11:00 am -12 noon

Visit Smokey Bear's website at www.smokeybear.com.

Biodiversity Abounds at Whiskeytown!

Biodiversity abounds at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Whether on steep, sun-exposed slopes, in dark, moist canyons, at the bottom of the Whiskeytown Lake, or at the headwaters of Brandy Creek on Shasta Bally, species and habitats from different regions collide. Whiskeytown contains a broad range of vegetation communities that support abundant wildlife species. From the shrublands along the lakeshore to the old-growth forests near the top of Shasta Bally (the highest peak in the park), Whiskeytown has over 900 native vascular plant species along with at least 42 mammal species, 160 bird species, and 30 reptile and amphibian species. In addition to the vascular plant and vertebrate species, Whiskeytown boasts a diverse array of less obvious, but equally important species, such as lichens, bryophytes, fungi, and arthropods of many kinds. Investigators have yet to fully study and record most of the invertebrates. New species of all types are likely to be confirmed as biologists complete inventories within the park.

Whiskeytown is a geological crossroads where several of northern California's physiographic regions merge. Elements of the Klamath Mountains, Cascade and Coast Mountain Ranges, and the Sacramento Valley come together here to create a variety of habitats. Also, the park's rugged topography plays an important role in providing habitats. The park's elevation ranges from 700 feet above sea level at Clear Creek to 6,209 feet at the top of Shasta Bally. That's an increase of 4,900 feet in about 2.5 miles with an average slope of 37%! In addition, many streams and creeks flowing through the park produce ridges in all directions, and, in some places, gradients in excess of 75%. This extreme topography creates many different habitat conditions where species can thrive.

Landscapes are never static. Mountains uplift and erode, storms rage over the oceans and land, and disturbances of many types occur through time. As a result of these dynamic conditions, biotic communities also change. In particular, episodic disturbances, both natural and human-caused, can have rapid and profound effects on biotic communities. Disturbances upset conditions, reshuffling species distributions and abundances, and often

reorganizing entire ecosystems. In fact, the redistribution of resources in both time and space is essential for the maintenance of biodiversity. Both natural and human-caused disturbances shape the biotic communities at Whiskeytown. Floods, landslides, windstorms, drought, fires, insects, disease cycles, mining, logging, development, dam construction, and fire suppression are some of the disturbances affecting Whiskeytown communities. These interactions have produced a mosaic of vegetation types, some very interesting and unusual, across the park in various states of recovery from disturbance.



Tailed frogs found in Crystal Creek. (Photo courtesy of USGS)

This biodiversity is critical in that it sustains the environments in which we live and on which our lives depend. Biodiversity provides us with food, clothing, medicine, and fuel. Equally important are the ecosystem services that biodiversity provides, such as clean air and drinkable water. Threats to biodiversity include habitat loss and degradation, invasive species, pollution, overpopulation, overexploitation and consumption, and global climate change. By learning about how your daily actions affect biodiversity, you can take the first steps toward conserving it. And don't forget, Whiskeytown deserves respect and further study as an area of great biodiversity in general.

A Way Cool Experience

Since 2001, Whiskeytown has offered visitors free ranger-led kayak tours. The tours provide a premier recreational experience and a different perspective of the lake. Park rangers give paddlers the chance to see bears, ospreys, blue herons, and maybe a bald eagle.



Seen here at the mouth of Boulder Creek, visitors enjoy one of several cool and quiet coves on Whiskeytown.

Kayaking the waters of Whiskeytown is a unique experience and good way to get some exercise and stay cool at the same time. For more information on the free kayak tours, contact the Whiskeytown Visitor Center at 530-246-1225.

Help Keep Whiskeytown Green

Nearly everyone knows that recycling benefits the environment and that the National Park Service protects and preserves special sites like Whiskeytown. We all want to visit and enjoy a clean, safe, and trash-free Whiskeytown.

When you do your part, your recyclables will be reused and won't end up in the garbage. Did you know that it takes 80-100 years for an aluminum can to decompose, up to 700 years for plastic, and one-million years for glass? The plastic that is recycled is melted down and molded into new products like fiberfill for sleeping bags, plastic lumber, toys, rulers, and even t-shirts.

Please sort your glass, aluminum, plastic, and trash into the correct can when you visit Whiskeytown. As you deposit empty containers in our recycle bins, you are not only keeping more trash out of landfills, but also saving energy and reducing pollution.

By recycling, you make a vital contribution to the environment. Recycling is one of the easiest and best things you can do for Whiskeytown; you really can make a difference.

Encourage your family and friends to recycle. Reducing the amount of garbage you throw away is important. You can also help reduce trash by buying items that use little or no packaging. This reduces the amount of trash we produce.

You do your part and we will do ours. Help keep your park clean and green for present and future visitors. The National Park Service is committed to reducing waste, conserving natural resources, and preventing and minimizing pollution.



Whiskeytown Volunteers-In-Parks VIP Profile

Volunteer Kayak Assistants

One of Whiskeytown's premier Interpretive programs is its free kayak tours for the public. Each year they become increasingly popular. They have even expanded to include evening and full moon tours. With the help of 40 volunteer kayak assistants, Whiskeytown is able to provide these tours to the public during the summer months. There are up to 2 tours per day, 7 days per week, plus the additional special evening or moonlight tours. Two volunteers per tour assist a lead park ranger in preparation of the kayaks before and after each tour. During the tour they assist visitors in managing their kayaks and keep an eye out for any safety concerns. Volunteers also help manage the daily telephone kayak reservation line. Volunteers also assist in pre-and post-season activities which include training, kayak maintenance, repair, and cleaning. For more information on volunteer opportunities at Whiskeytown, contact the Volunteer Manager at 241-3421.



Volunteers attend annual safety and orientation training to prepare for the upcoming season.

Old-fashioned Recreation

In the early days after the discovery of gold in the Whiskeytown area, miners had little time for leisure and entertainment. Their diversions were limited to attending social events, such as the weekly dances held in Whiskeytown. Despite the area becoming more civilized, one "leisure time" activity started by the miners remained a problem: excessive use of alcohol.



In the early 1890s, the three Camden sisters, Grace, Ada and Mary, pose with friends before a "picnic party" departs from the Camden home.

In the latter years of the 19th century, however, leisure activities multiplied as the area became more settled. It was clear that the hardships of mining were quickly giving way to modern conveniences. Journals kept by the Shasta County pioneer family of Charles Camden help document how people used leisure time around the turn of the twentieth century. Permanent residents of the area appear to have enjoyed recreational reading. Parlor games and card games were also popular in this pre-TV, pre-video game, and pre-cell phone society. In good weather, outdoor games such as croquet and lawn tennis were popular. Socializing on casual strolls or at picnics was quite common. Many residents of the area grew gardens as a source for food, but there was still time for planting and tending flower gardens.

Even though life at the turn of the century in Whiskeytown still required a good deal of hard work, the march of time and technology made leisure activities more varied and enjoyable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SERVICES:

Visitor Center:

Located on Hwy 299 and Kennedy Memorial Drive, the Visitor Center is open daily during the summer from 9 am - 6 pm. All permits and passes are available here. A large selection of books and postcards is also available. (530) 246-1225

Park Headquarters:

Open Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm. Special Use Permits are available here. (530) 242-3400

Radio:

Tune to 1440 on your AM radio for information about Whiskeytown.

Launch Ramps and Fishing Piers:

There are three boat ramps on the lake located at Whiskey Creek, Oak Bottom, and Brandy Creek Marina. There are handicap accessible fishing piers at Whiskey Creek and Oak Bottom.

Marinas and Store:

Oak Bottom Marina provides gas, fishing supplies, souvenirs and other items for sale. Boats may be rented at Oak Bottom Marina.

Accessibility

There are handicap accessible picnic tables and swim beach access platforms at Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom.

Phones:

Phones are located at Oak Bottom (store, marina, and beach), Brandy Creek (beach and marina), Whiskey Creek launch ramp, and the Visitor Center.

Post Offices:

French Gulch is open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday; Saturday 8:30 am - 10:30 am.

Shasta is open 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (closed noon - 1:00 pm); Saturdays 7:00 am - 8:30 am.

Nearby Services & Attractions:

Shasta: Post Office, J's Market, Mill House Deli. Visit Shasta State Historic Park. Call (530) 243-8194 for current hours or for more information.

French Gulch: Post Office, French Gulch Hotel and Restaurant, French Gulch Store, E. Franck Bar.

Redding is 8 miles east and has all major services. Visit Turtle Bay Exploration Park, 800 Auditorium Drive. Call (530) 243-8850 for current hours or for more information.

Hospitals & Clinics:

Redding:
Sunset Urgent Care - (530) 247-4211,
Shasta Regional Medical Center - (530) 244-5400,
Mercy Medical Center - (530) 225-6000.

Camping at Whiskeytown

Reservations can be made up to five months in advance of your stay at Oak Bottom, Dry Creek, and the Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area by calling the National Park Reservation Service at 1-800-365-2267 or using the website <http://reservations.nps.gov>. Overnight campers must purchase a daily, weekly or annual pass for their vehicle in addition to their campsite fee.

Oak Bottom Campground offers \$18.00/night lakeside tent sites, \$16.00/night tent sites, and \$14.00/night RV sites. During the winter season, sites are available on a first-come-first-served basis at \$8.00/night for tent and \$7.00/night for RV sites. Reservations are recommended between May 15 to September 15.

Primitive Tent Campsites are available only on a first-come-first-served basis. Permits are available at the Visitor Center. Rates are \$10.00/night.

Dry Creek Group Tent Campground offers 2 campsites (tent only) at \$75/site/night. Each has a maximum of 50 people and reservations are recommended between April 1 to September 30.

Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area offers 3 group day-use picnic areas at a rate of \$40 or \$50 per site depending on which site is reserved. Reservations are recommended between April 1 to September 30.

Brandy Creek RV Campground offers sites on a first-come-first-served basis. Summer rate is \$14.00/night and winter rate is \$7.00/night. Permits are available at the fee drop box in the campground.

Wildfire Prevention Is Everyone's Responsibility

Use established fire rings.
NEVER leave your campfire unattended.
Make sure your fire is completely out before you leave.

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Ranger Guided Programs

Whiskeytown offers a variety of ranger-guided activities and programs for everyone. All programs are subject to change. Please call the Visitor Center at 246-1225 for current information.

Kayak Tours

Daily tours. Reservations required

Hop on a kayak built for two and explore some of the more quiet coves around Whiskeytown Lake while you learn more about the park. You must register in advance by calling (530)242-3462.

Puppet Show

Thursday 8:00 pm-8:45 pm (From June 15 to August 30)

Both adults and kids are invited to join a cast of zany characters in a lively and entertaining program about how to safely enjoy Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Evening Programs

Friday and Saturday 9:00 pm-10:00 pm from June 16 to August 3 then 8:30 pm-9:30 pm from August 10 to September 2

Spend the evening with a park ranger and learn more about Whiskeytown NRA through talks, a slide show, or other activity. Various topics include history, wildlife, and current issues related to water and wildland fire. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Camden House Tour

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2:00-3:00 pm

Tour the 1852 home of pioneer/pro prospector Charles Camden and learn how he and his partner Levi Tower reshaped the landscape during the California Gold Rush. Discover the efforts by the National Park Service to revitalize the historic orchard started by Levi Tower. Meet across the footbridge at the Tower House Historic District.

Gold Panning

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 3:15 pm

Immediately following the Camden House Tour, discover the myths and realities of the Gold Rush Days, then try your luck at finding your own gold the old-fashioned way. Pans and shovels are provided. Meet across the footbridge at the Tower House Historic District.

Junior Ranger

Saturday 10:00-11:00 am

Kids ages 7 to 12 years old can make new friends while learning about the special wonders of Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Firefighter

Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon

Discover the role that wildfire plays in our national parks. Learn how firefighters manage fire to ensure forest health and protect property and lives. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Ranger Kayak

Sundays 10:00 am

Kids participate in a kayak water safety demonstration, jump in a tandem kayak and learn how to paddle, earn credit toward becoming a Whiskeytown Junior Ranger. Space is limited to 8 kids (age 6-12) and their parent or adult guardian. You must register in advance by calling (530)242-3462.

Take A Hike!

Once a week - Call for schedule

Hike with a ranger to one of several Whiskeytown's spectacular waterfalls and learn how water influenced the use of the area from the days of the California Gold Rush to the Central Valley Project. Waterfall hikes include trips to Whiskeytown, Boulder Creek and Brandy Creek waterfalls. Call at (530) 242-3462 to obtain detailed information about each week's hike.



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.

1. Plan ahead. Know before you go.
2. Stick to trails.
3. Trash your trash, manage your dog, (pick up poop).
4. Leave it as you find it.
5. Be careful with fire.
6. Keep wildlife wild - don't feed the wildlife.
7. Respect other visitors, share our trails, yield to others.

Leave No Trace is a national education program which promotes minimum-impact practices for non-motorized recreation. The goal of the Leave No Trace program is to promote responsible use of public lands through education, research and partnerships.

For more information visit the Leave No Trace program website - www.LNT.org

Your Fee Dollars at Work

project funded by this park's
UserFee

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act passed by Congress in 2004, Whiskeytown retains 80% of the fees collected from the sale of its passes to pay for needed repairs and projects to improve visitor services and facilities.

In 2006, the park will begin work on five projects funded by your fee dollars: 1) the construction of a staging area for the Shasta-Trinity Trail, to be located on Trinity Mountain Road; 2) the continuation of lifeguard services and the Junior Lifeguard program at Brandy Creek Beach; 3) the rehabilitation of the parking area surrounding our entrance sign along Highway 299 at the eastern boundary of the park; 4) the placement of a new kayak shed at Brandy Creek Beach so that we will have a second location for launching the popular free kayak tours on the lake; 5) the development of a short trail, safety fence, and interpretive material at the entrance to the Gladys Mine.

Whiskeytown Fees to Change in 2008

Due to the inexorable rising costs of doing business, entrance fees at Whiskeytown and neighboring National Park Service sites such as Lassen Volcanic, Crater Lake, and Lava Beds will increase two years from now in 2008. The new entrance fees at Whiskeytown will be as follows: \$7 for a daily pass, \$15 for a weekly pass, and \$30 for an annual pass. In lieu of these passes, Golden Age, Golden Access, Golden Eagle, and the proposed "America the Beautiful" pass, which will replace the National Parks Pass, will be accepted for entrance.

To comment on the proposed fee changes, please write to Superintendent, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, PO Box 188, Whiskeytown, CA, 96095.

PARK PASSES

Passes may be purchased at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center and at self-pay stations throughout the park. Place your pass on the driver's side dashboard when you visit the park. By purchasing a pass, you are directly contributing to improvements at Whiskeytown.



Daily - \$5

Valid at Whiskeytown on date of purchase only.

Weekly - \$10

Valid at Whiskeytown for seven days from date of purchase.

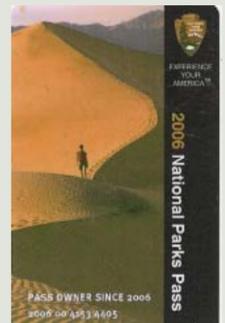
Annual - \$25

Valid for one year from month of purchase. Also honored at Lassen Volcanic National Park.



National Park Pass - \$50

Covers all National Parks with entrance fees. Valid for one year from month of purchase.



Golden Age - \$10

Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are 62 years or older.

Golden Access - Free

Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are permanently disabled.

