



The Whiskeytown Nugget

The Official 2013 Guide to
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area



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Welcome to Whiskeytown!



WELCOME TO WHISKEYTOWN NATIONAL Recreation Area! We want you to have a fun and enjoyable time while visiting Whiskeytown this summer season. Like last year, we expect over 800,000 visitors will swim in Whiskeytown Lake, hike up Shasta Bally to one of the park's four waterfalls, or wander through the historic apple orchards in the Tower House Historic District.

This year, park staff face an additional challenge of serving visitors with a budget that has been reduced. Like all federal agencies, the National Park Service received an across-the-board permanent spending cut that reduced our annual operating budget by five percent. This cut, amounting to \$216,000, combined with declining budgets over the last three years, will result in six positions left unfilled. As a result, we have fewer maintenance staff to clean restrooms and park rangers to give interpretive programs. While we make appropriate reductions in services to meet the challenges of federal budget reductions, the park remains open, welcoming visitors and continuing

to protect the resources entrusted to our stewardship.

Still there is much to celebrate! This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the completion of Whiskeytown Dam, which was dedicated by President John F. Kennedy on September 28, 1963. On that day, President Kennedy spoke of the value of conserving these resources for future generations and this legacy is evident throughout the park. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area has now been a national park site for 48 years.

The next generation of park stewards learn about conservation and make personal connections to nature in one of the nation's longest running environmental education programs—the Shasta County Office of Education's "Whiskeytown Environmental School." The park serves as an outdoor classroom for nearly 2,000 students who make the trek annually from communities across Northern California to attend the school's programs. In addition, the park provides unlimited recreational opportunities including: hiking, swimming, sailing, kayaking, mountain biking, equestrian riding, competitive athletic events, and relaxing on one of the park's smoke-free beaches.

Due to the support of hundreds of volunteers and park partners such as the Shasta Astronomy Club and the Friends of Whiskeytown, Whiskeytown National Recreation area is able to offer a wide variety of experiences for our visitors to enjoy.

Last winter, severe storms flooded the bridge to Whiskeytown Falls on the popular James Carr Trail, significantly

reducing access to the falls. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Whiskeytown, we were able to construct a new footbridge and provide a sturdy crossing that will last for many years to come. The Friends of Whiskeytown continue working diligently to provide support for projects, interpretive programs, and special events that enhance the visitor experience and help to care for the wonderful park resources that we all enjoy.

National Park Service employees, like all Americans, understand the need for the government to balance its budget. As federal employees managing this country's magnificent national park system, we will continue to manage your park with fiscal responsibility. Our nation has made a commitment to protect for perpetuity these special national park sites, representing both America's outstanding natural wonders and its cultural heritage.

Please help us do this through actions such as packing out your own litter to keep the park clean, becoming a park volunteer, or supporting organizations like The Friends of Whiskeytown. The dedicated employees and volunteers of the National Park Service are proud of the traditions that built the agency's outstanding reputation. Together citizen volunteers, park partners, and the dedicated men and women of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area will help you, your family and friends have a memorable and safe experience this summer season at Whiskeytown.

Jim F. Milestone
Superintendent



The Friends of Whiskeytown (FOW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service restore and protect the magnificent resources and recreational opportunities at Whiskeytown.

FOW has been instrumental in providing support for park projects and programs over the years, including: the hiring of a Student Conservation Association trail crew to build and maintain trails each summer, Whiskeytown's Artist-in-Residence Program, the annual Volunteer-In-Parks Program recognition event, the Old Time Holiday at the Camden House, Pick Up Lake Litter Day, Persied Meteor Shower, and Whiskeytown's Annual Harvest Festival.

If you would like to join and support FOW, your contribution of \$25.00 or more will help the park complete projects that would be otherwise unfunded.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the fourth annual Brandy Creek Beach Luau on Saturday, June 15, 2013 starting at 5:00 p.m. This fun event is a fundraiser for FOW and will feature a luau dinner, Hawaiian entertainment, roasted pig on a spit, and a live and silent auction on outstanding prizes. For further information, call (530) 242-3460 or visit www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org

2-3 Things you need to know

This compilation of essential park information is 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, flip here for a complete listing of the park's extensive trail system and campgrounds that includes essential information for each. A map will orient you to the park.

6 What can I do in the time I have?

Not sure what to do during your park visit? Turn to page 6 for a helpful guide that will aid you in planning your recreational activities according to the time you have, as well as activities for the different seasons.

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.

The National Park Service Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

Whiskeytown Lake was created as part of the Central Valley Project to provide water for agricultural, municipal, and industrial use, as well as for the maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, Whiskeytown Lake has two hydroelectric power generation stations, and the dam provides flood control downstream of its earthen mass. The dam was completed in early February 1963, and dedicated by President John F. Kennedy on September 28, 1963.

The 3,200 acre reservoir and 39,000 acres of surrounding forests became Whiskeytown National Recreation Area in 1965. Within its boundaries, the park preserves and protects an incredible diversity of flora and fauna, as well as the cultural history of the Wintu Native Americans and the California Gold Rush. The park also provides a wide variety of year-round recreation opportunities for its nearly 800,000 annual visitors.

Park Information

Superintendent

Jim F. Milestone

Visitor Center

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Park Profile

Origin of the "Whiskeytown" name

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

Highest point:

6,199 ft. Shasta Bally

Lowest point:

860 ft. on Clear Creek near the southeast park boundary

Lake elevation:

1,209 ft. at full pool and 1,198 ft. during the winter draw-down

Park acreage:

42,000 acres

Lake:

3,200 surface acres

Shoreline:

36 miles

Lake water storage capacity

241,000 acre feet when at full pool

Whiskeytown Dam

The earthen dam is 281.5 ft. high with a crest length of 4,000 ft.

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 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive and CA Highway 299. The summer hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Winter hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays. The visitor center provides information, a variety of use permits, natural and cultural history exhibits, an ADA accessible California native plant garden, as well as books, maps, and souvenir items for sale. In addition, accessible restrooms, first aid, an Automated External Defibrillator, and drinking water are all available here.

Accessibility

Park headquarters, restrooms, and the visitor center are ADA accessible, as well as the Native Plant Garden located directly behind the visitor center. The park has two newly constructed ADA accessible trails: the Crystal Creek Falls Trail, which is paved, and the section of the Guardian Rock Trail from Horse Camp leading to the spectacular Guardian Rock Vista Point. In addition, two accessible picnic sites are available at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek beaches. Accessible fishing piers are located at Whiskey Creek Picnic Area and at Oak Bottom Marina near the amphitheater.

Amenities

Some food items and essential camping supplies can be purchased at the **Oak Bottom Campground Store**, which is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the winter and until 6:00 pm in the summer. The store can be reached by calling (530) 359-2269. Lodging is not available in the park. The nearest hotels are in Redding, 8 miles east of the park. The **Oak Bottom Marina** is open for limited hours during the winter and from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm during the summer. Fishing bait, tackle, and lifejackets are all available for purchase at the marina store. **Snack bars** are located at both Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom beaches. They 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.

Alcohol

Alcohol is prohibited on the park's four designated public swim beaches: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and East Beach. The legal blood alcohol level for the operators of vehicles and motorboats cannot exceed 0.08, but boat operators and drivers may be impaired and incapable of safe operation at lesser levels.

All-terrain vehicles

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

Backpacking

Backpacking Permits and regulations 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 eye protection are recommended for all riders. Maintain a safe speed for road and trail conditions and stay within your level of riding experience. Cyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Hikers and equestrians always have the right-of-way.

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. Please call (530) 359-2671 or visit www.whiskeytownmarinas.com. Motor boats with two and four-stroke engines are allowed on Whiskeytown Lake and must observe posted no-wake areas. 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. Vessels are subject to inspection by rangers at any time to examine licenses, documents, and compliance with regulations pertaining to safety equipment, vessel capacity, sanitation, and pollution and noise abatement devices. Stay alive! Wear a life jacket!

Bookstore

The bookstore, located at the visitor center, is managed by Western National Parks Association (WNPA) whose mission is to promote the preservation of the national park system and its resources. A variety of books, maps, guides, postcards, souvenirs, and other items can be purchased here. Local products are available, as well as books written by local authors. In addition to stock on hand, WNPA has an even larger selection of items available for purchase from their online store at www.wnpa.org. WNPA members receive a 15% discount, and educators receive a 20% discount on all bookstore items. 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 Permits, camping is authorized 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 weekly 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. Fee Free days in 2013 are April 22-26, Aug. 25, Sept. 28, and Nov. 9-11. You do not need a pass on these dates.

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, 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, six 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.

Hiking

Hiking can be enjoyed year-round at Whiskeytown. With over seventy miles of trails in the park, most of which can be ridden by mountain bikers and equestrians, there is something for every ability level and interest (please see page 4 for trail information). Be prepared for changing conditions while enjoying the park's backcountry and be sure to carry an adequate amount of water for each person. Summer daytime temperatures often exceed 100°F.

Horses & pack animals

Horses, burros, mules, and camelids may be used on designated multiple-use trails in the park. Horse Camp primitive campground is accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only location in the park where camping with horses is allowed. There are two sites available and a potable water spigot.

Lost and found

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

Mines

Old mine workings in the park are dangerous and unstable. When hiking cross country, be on the lookout for uncovered mining shafts. Stay out, and stay alive!

Noise levels

In order to keep natural soundscapes free from loud human-source noises, the following regulations apply: a vessel cannot exceed 75 decibels (dB equivalence of a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner) and 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.

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. Leash length is not to exceed six feet. With the exception of service animals, pets are prohibited on all of the park's designated public swim beaches: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Pets cannot be left unattended at any time.

Picnicking

Picnic sites are available in developed areas of the park including: Brandy Creek Beach and Marina, Oak Bottom Beach, Whiskey Creek Boat Launch, Judge Francis Carr Powerhouse, Crystal Creek Falls, and the Clear Creek Picnic Area off of Trinity Mountain Road. No reservations can be made for these sites and no area can be held for the exclusive use of any group. Inquire at the visitor center for the location of ADA accessible picnic sites. For groups of 20 or more, reservations can be made for day use sites at Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Sharing the park

With the exceptions of Special Use Permits and the areas of the park that can be legally reserved, no visitor or group of visitors can hold or claim exclusive use rights of any area in the park, including the islands, shoreline, and coves of the lake. Please help us to provide for the enjoyment of all visitors by sharing the park.

Showers

Hot showers are available in the restroom at Oak Bottom Beach for a small fee. Free, cold outdoor showers are available during the summer months at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek beaches.

Smoking

To protect the health of park visitors, smoking is prohibited on the park's four designated swim beaches: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is federal land; the possession and use of marijuana is prohibited, even with a valid California Prop 215 card.

Special Use Permits

Special events such as weddings, sporting events, and commercial filming are permissible by obtaining a Special Use Permit. Activities must be appropriate and have a minimal impact on other park visitors. Applications and information are available on the park website. For more information, please contact the Chief Ranger at (530) 242-3413.

Annual Meteor Showers 7/2013 - 5/2014

Shower	Viewing Period	Peak Activity	Number per hour	r*	Velocity	Best Viewing †	Moon Age ‡
Delta Aquarids	Jul 21 - Aug 23	Jul 30	20	3.2	25.5 mi/sec	3:00 am	22
Perseids	Jul 13 - Aug 26	Aug 12	60	2.6	37.6 mi/sec	4:00 am	06
Orionids	Aug 25 - Nov 19	Oct 22	25	2.5	41.6 mi/sec	5:00 am	18
Leonids	Nov 06 - Nov 30	Nov 18	40	2.5	43.9 mi/sec	5:00 am	15
Puppid/Velids	Dec 01 - Dec 15	Dec 07	10	2.9	24.9 mi/sec	4:00 am	05
Geminids	Dec 04 - Dec 16	Dec 13	65	2.6	21.8 mi/sec	1:00 am	11
Ursids	Dec 17 - Dec 24	Dec 22	10	3.0	20.3 mi/sec	5:00 am	18
Quadrantids	Jan 01 - Jan 10	Jan 2, 3	40	2.1	25.5 mi/sec	5:00 am	1, 2
Lyrids	Apr 18 - Apr 25	Apr 22	20	2.1	29.1 mi/sec	4:00 am	21
Eta Aquarids	Apr 29 - May 20	May 07	15	2.4	41.6 mi/sec	4:00 am	7

Average Temperature and Precipitation

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High/Low °F	54/37	58/39	65/43	70/46	80/54	88/60	97/64	96/63	91/58	78/50	62/43	55/38
Record High/Low °F	78/17	82/18	92/26	94/28	103/32	110/41	112/47	115/49	114/40	104/28	93/25	80/11
Average Precipitation	11.26"	10.69"	11.14"	4.22"	2.76"	1.07"	0.41"	0.24"	1.56"	2.95"	8.15"	8.79"

Swimming

There are four designated public swim beaches in the park: Brandy Creek Beach, East Beach, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and Oak Bottom Beach. Brandy Creek Beach has lifeguards during the summer months. The area inside the buoyed water curtain below the visitor center can be utilized by long-distance swimmers. Swimming is prohibited inside the buoy-enclosed area around the Glory Hole and Carr Powerhouse, within 300 feet of any boat launch or mooring facility, and within 100 feet of the Whiskey Creek Bridge on CA highway 299. Open-water swimming is dangerous—swim close to shore or have a spotter when swimming in open water. Rope swings are prohibited.

Trash

Please pack out all trash when hiking and dispose of it in a responsible manner. There are recycling facilities at the visitor center, many parking areas, and the park's designated swim beaches.

Vehicles

Motorists must obey all posted speed limits. Vehicles are only allowed on designated roadways. Be alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife on the roadways. Use special care while driving at dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active. State and federal vehicle laws apply within the park. Make sure to display a valid park pass on your vehicle's driver-side dashboard while parked.

Water

Potable water is available at the following locations: the visitor center; Brandy Creek Beach, Marina, and RV Campground; Oak Bottom Beach, Marina, Amphitheater, Tent and RV Campground; Carr Powerhouse; Horse Camp; and Whiskey Creek Boat Launch. Water from any natural source should be purified.

Wildlife

Please do your part to keep the park's wildlife wild. Do not feed or otherwise harass wildlife. Enjoy all animals from a safe distance and try not to disturb their natural behaviors. Use the bear-proof storage lockers for all scented items and never leave food unattended!

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 2013	Lunar Phase The New Moon	Sunset 2013
05/01 6:09a	5/9, 6/8, 7/8, 8/6, 9/5, 10/4, 11/3, 12/2, 1/1, 1/30, 3/1, 3/30, 4/28	05/01 8:05p
05/15 5:54a		05/15 8:20p
06/01 5:42a		06/01 8:34p
06/15 5:39a		06/15 8:43p
	Waxing Crescent	
06/21 5:40a ^a		06/21 8:45p ^a
07/01 5:43a		07/01 8:45p
07/15 5:52a		07/15 8:40p
	The First Quarter	
08/01 6:07a	5/17, 6/16, 7/15, 8/14, 9/12, 10/11, 11/9, 12/9, 1/7, 2/6, 3/8, 4/7	08/01 8:26p
08/15 6:21a		08/15 8:09p
09/01 6:37a		09/01 7:44p
09/15 6:51a		09/15 7:20p
	Waxing Gibbous	
09/22 6:58a ^b		09/22 7:09p ^b
10/01 7:07a		10/01 6:54p
10/15 7:21a		10/15 6:31p
	The Full Moon	
11/01 7:40a		11/01 6:08p
11/03 DST		11/03 DST
11/15 6:57a		11/15 4:53p
	Waning Gibbous	
12/01 7:14a	5/24, 6/23, 7/22, 8/20, 9/19, 10/18, 11/17, 12/17, 1/15, 2/14, 3/16, 4/15	12/01 4:44p
12/15 7:27a		12/15 4:44p
12/21 7:30a ^c		12/21 4:46p ^c
	2014	2014
01/01 7:34a		01/01 4:53p
01/15 7:32a		01/15 5:07p
02/01 7:21a		02/01 5:27p
02/15 7:05a		02/15 5:44p
03/01 6:45a		03/01 6:01p
03/09 DST		03/09 DST
03/15 7:23a		03/15 7:16p
03/20 7:14a ^d		03/20 7:21p ^d
04/01 6:55a		04/01 7:34p
04/15 6:32a		04/15 7:49p
a. Summer Solstice		c. Winter Solstice
b. Fall Equinox		d. Spring Equinox
		Total Lunar Eclipse

† The most favorable viewing conditions are during the last dark hour before dawn.

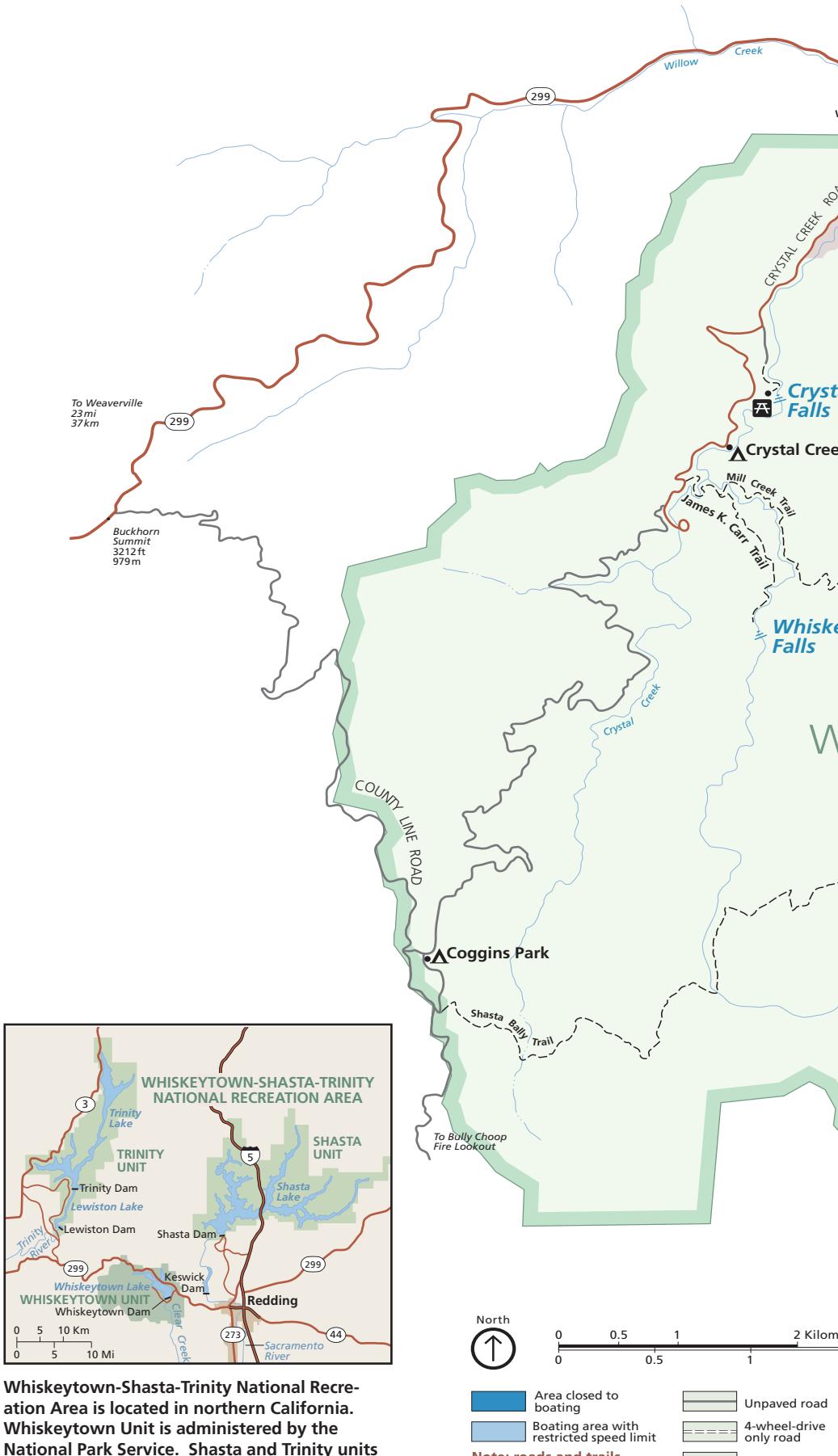
‡ New moons (day 0) are best for viewing meteor activity due to the absence of moonlight. Crescent moons (1-6 days and 22-29 days) also provide good viewing. Full moons (14 days) are the least favorable as light will wash out visible meteors. Ideal meteor viewing conditions are between the waning crescent and waxing crescent moon phases.

* The "r" value is the overall brightness of each shower. The "r" value usually ranges from 2.0 (bright) to 3.5 (faint).



Trails of Whiskeytown

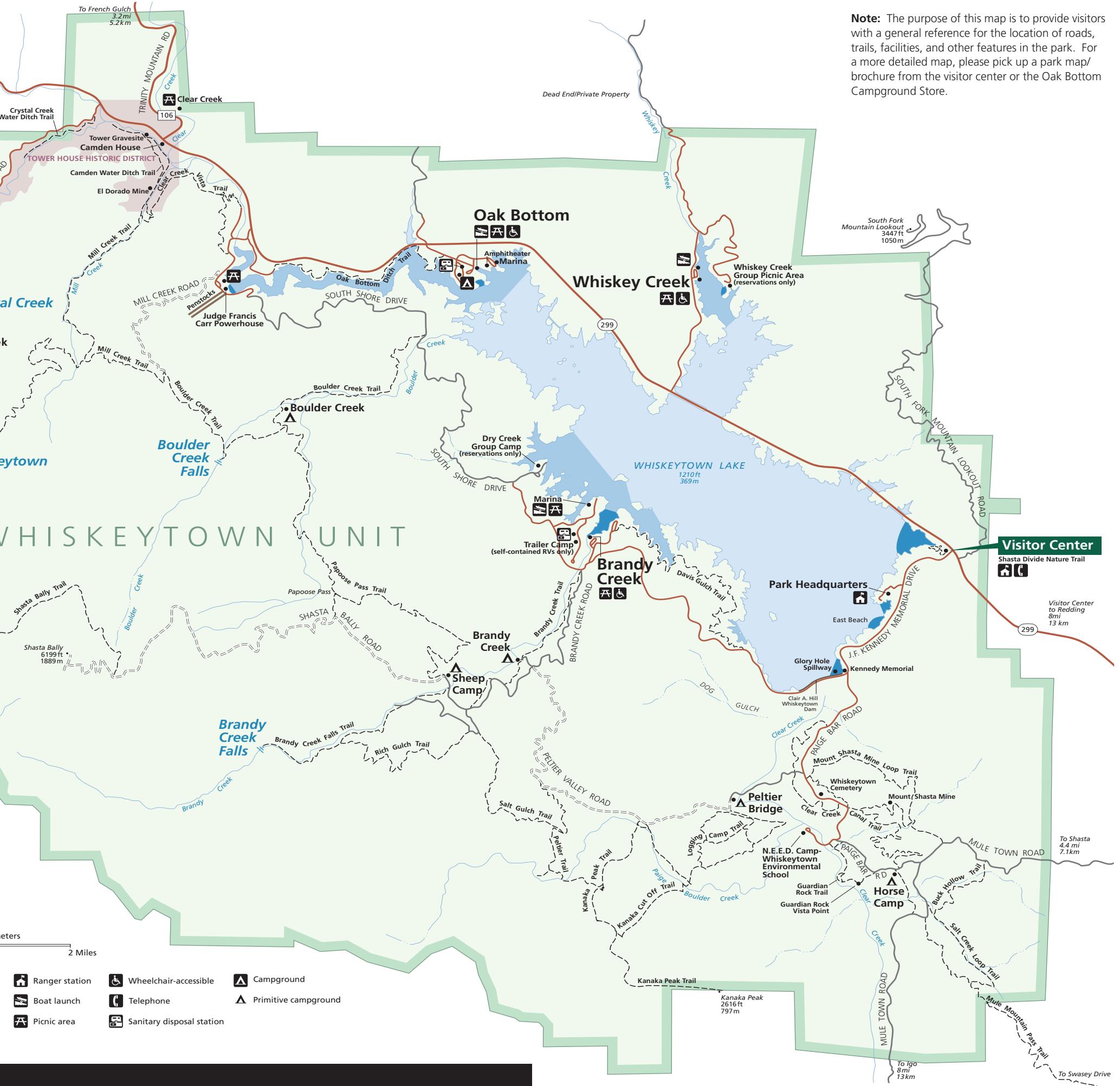
Easy Hikes	Distance One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Highlights and Notes
Buck Hollow	1.0	130 ft.	Wildflowers, seasonal streams, lots of shade, views of Shasta Bally
Camden Water Ditch (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	1.1 Loop	Mostly level	Camden House, historic orchards, El Dorado Mine, Willow Creek
Crystal Creek Water Ditch (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	0.75	30 ft.	Shaded, historic water ditch, remnants of old dams, elevated water flume
Crystal Creek Falls	0.3	Mostly level	50 ft. falls and picnic area, ADA accessible and paved from the trailhead
Oak Bottom Ditch	2.75	20 ft.	Scenic views, swimming opportunities, lake access
Moderate Hikes			
Boulder Creek Falls (Mill Creek Road route)	1.0	80 ft.	138 ft. falls, one creek crossing with bridge, shaded
Brandy Creek (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 guide you)
Brandy Creek Falls	1.5	500 ft.	Beautiful series of cascades, views of Brandy Creek, shade
Clear Creek Canal	4.5	30 ft.	Views of Whiskeytown Dam, Shasta Bally, Kanaka Peak, crosses Orofino Creek
Clear Creek Vista	2.4	400 ft.	Historic District and scenic views of Clear Creek, east end comes out near Carr Powerhouse
Davis Gulch (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	3.3	170 ft.	Lots of shade, lake views, scenic and quiet coves, swimming, resting benches
Guardian Rock	0.25 for ADA accessible section	Negligible for accessible section	ADA accessible section from Horse Camp to the Clear Creek Canyon Vista. Views of Clear and Orofino creeks, Remnants of historic mining
Logging Camp	1.0	415 ft.	Restored logging road and watershed
Mt. Shasta Mine Loop	3.5	540 ft.	Historic mines, Orofino Creek, and beautiful views of Shasta Bally and South Fork Mountain
Mule Mountain Pass (Salt Creek Loop to Swasey Drive)	4.4	700 ft.	Creeks, scenic views of Mt. Lassen, great for hikers, bikers, and horses
Peltier	1.75	380 ft.	Paige Boulder Creek, small waterfall, wildflowers
Salt Creek Loop	1.8	300 ft.	6 creek crossings, mountain views, shade
Shasta Divide Nature Trail (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	0.4 Loop	190 ft.	Lots of shade, access to Whiskeytown Lake, swimming, views of mountains, benches along the trail
Difficult Hikes			
Boulder Creek Falls (via South Shore Drive)	2.75	950 ft.	138 ft. falls, Boulder Creek views, 3 creek crossings with no bridges.
James K. Carr Trail (Whiskeytown Falls Trail)	1.7	520 ft.	At 220 feet, park's tallest falls, beautiful views of Crystal Creek, some shade
Kanaka Peak	3.6	1,430 ft.	Panoramic views of the Trinity Alps, Mt. Lassen, Igo and Ono, Yolla Bolly Mtns., Clear Creek Canyon, beautiful Whiskeytown Lake
Mill Creek	6.1	350 ft.	16 creek crossings, lots of shade, north end of the trail connects with the Tower House Historic District
Papoose Pass	5.5	900 ft.	Spectacular views, sections follow the East Fork of Boulder Creek
Rich Gulch	1.8	500 ft.	Shaded and views of Shasta Bally
Salt Gulch	1.6	800 ft.	Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps



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.

Camping						
Developed Camp Sites	Number of sites	Price per night	Season	Maximum	Reservable	Permit Required
Oak Bottom Tent Campground	98	\$20 regular^ \$22 for shoreline^	year-round	6 people 2 tents	•	
Oak Bottom RV	22	\$18 †	year-round	10 people no tents		
Brandy Creek RV	37	\$14 ‡	year-round	10 people no tents		
Dry Creek Group Camp*	2	\$75	4/1 to 10/31*	50 people (20 minimum)	Reservations are required	
Primitive Camp Sites	Obtain campground permits at the visitor center. Dispersed camping is allowed with the exception of Backpacking Permits that must be obtained at the visitor center.					
Brandy Creek*	2	\$10	closed in winter*	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	
Sheep Camp*	4	\$10	year-round*	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	
Peltier Bridge*	9	\$10	year-round*	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	
Horse Camp	2	\$10	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	
Crystal Creek*	2	\$10	closed in winter*	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	
Coggins Park	1	\$10	closed in winter*	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	

* Due to reduced park funding and maintenance personnel, these camp sites may be closed for the 2013 season. Check with the visitor center for the current status of campgrounds.



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

Leave No Trace

Please do your part to preserve and protect the park for the enjoyment of this and future generations by following the seven 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



“The squirrel bit me twice in less than a second. It took 13 stitches.” -B.W.



Do Not Feed The Wildlife!

Feeding wildlife may result in the following:

- Fatal damage to the animal's digestive system
 - The animal becoming aggressive toward people
 - Possible starvation of the animal
 - You receiving a \$250 citation

What can I do in the time I have?

Hours : minutes

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

Take a walk along the ADA accessible trail through the California native plant garden located behind the visitor center.



Pussy Ears, *Calochortus tolmiei* NPS

From the visitor center parking lot, enjoy a leisurely stroll down the Shasta Divide Nature Trail to the shores of beautiful Whiskeytown Lake.

From Horse Camp, walk the ADA accessible portion of the Guardian Rock Trail to the beautiful vista point overlooking Lower Clear Creek Canyon.

Take a short walk (0.3 miles) to Crystal Creek Falls and enjoy your lunch at the picnic site.

Pan for gold along Clear Creek (see "Goldpanning" on page 3 for more information).



NPS

Grab your mountain bike and enjoy a ride on more than 70 miles of park trails. There are trails for every skill level and interest. Information is available at the visitor center.

Spend the afternoon at Brandy Creek and enjoy a picnic on the beach or in one of the many shaded picnic sites near the creek.

Become a Junior Ranger and Junior Firefighter by attending both programs and learn how to better enjoy and preserve and protect the park resources.



NPS

Explore the newly re-routed Kanaka Peak Trail and enjoy the spectacular views from the summit.



For a physically rewarding day, you can complete the Whiskeytown Waterfall Challenge (see page 5) in one day by hiking to all four of the park's waterfalls.

0:10

0:15

0:20

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



NPS

Half an hour

0:30

0:45

1:00

1:15

1:30

1:45

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

Choose a place in the park with an unobstructed view of the sky and enjoy stargazing under Whiskeytown's beautiful night skies. The best time to stargaze is on the new moon or anytime between the Waning Crescent and Waxing Crescent Moon Phases (see "Sun and Moon" on page 3 for more information).

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



Matt Switzer

Two hours

2:00

2:30

3:00

3:30

Hike Crystal Creek Water Ditch Trail or hike to Boulder Creek Falls via the Mill Creek Rd Trailhead.

Hike the Peltier Trail and enjoy a beautiful unnamed waterfall on Paige Boulder Creek.

Hike to Whiskeytown Falls or Brandy Creek Falls or hike the Mount Shasta Mine Loop Trail.



Paul Young

Half a day

4:00

5:00

6:00

7:00

8:00

Hike the Papoose Pass Trail from Sheep Camp to Boulder Creek Falls and back.

Rent a kayak, canoe, or motorboat at Oak Bottom Marina and enjoy the lake for the day.

Whole 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. Use caution as the trails will be slippery. Hike any of the park trails to experience the incredible bloom of 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 great time for birding when patience, stillness, and quiet observance will allow you to see the most activity. In April, take 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 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. Hiking, horseback riding, and biking are 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 28, 2013 for Pick-Up Lake Litter Day, Whiskeytown's annual volunteer event celebrating National Public Lands Day. In addition, keep an eye out for the date of Whiskeytown's 3rd Annual Harvest Festival in the historic orchards.

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 7, 2013. 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 commonly seen are Canada geese, mallards, buffleheads, common and hooded mergansers, ruddy ducks, and ring-necked ducks. Watch for bald eagles as well!

Backcountry safety matters!



Poison oak is very common in the park, as is exposure to the plant's toxic oils. Leaves of three, let them be!

WHISKEYTOWN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR families to enjoy the outdoors. In order to ensure that you have a safe time in the park's backcountry, all visitors should be aware of some potential dangers and how to avoid them. Weather conditions can change rapidly, so be adequately prepared for your backcountry adventure by bringing extra layers of clothing, food, and plenty of water for each person, especially in the summer when temperatures can exceed 100°F.

Be alert for wildlife and maintain a safe distance. If you encounter a bear or a mountain lion, try to scare it away by shouting, waving your hands, and throwing sticks or rocks. Never leave food unattended and make sure to hang your food or use a bear canister if backpacking. Poison oak is found throughout the park. Look at the photo above (top left) to identify the plant and stay on the trails to avoid it. The plant



Western rattlesnakes are common in the park. Snakes should never be handled and their beauty can be enjoyed at a safe distance.

drops its oily leaves in winter, but the dormant stems of the plant are still toxic to your skin and can cause an itchy and painful rash. Rattlesnakes (above center) are commonly found in the park during the warmer months. Avoid them by staying on established trails.

You should also be on the lookout for suspicious and illegal activities. On public lands throughout California, drug trafficking organizations are establishing illegal marijuana cultivation sites, including Whiskeytown's backcountry. Law enforcement rangers are actively pursuing and eradicating these sites. While visiting the park and especially in the backcountry, be on the lookout for the following clues:

- Vehicles carrying agricultural supplies such as irrigation hose, fertilizer and/or pesticides
- People carrying firearms outside of hunting season; illegal cultivators are often armed



A black-tailed deer feeding on an unattended picnic. Animals can become aggressive and dangerous if fed and habituated to people.

- Well established campsites outside of designated campgrounds; illegal cultivators occupy these sites throughout the growing season
- Large amounts of trash in the backcountry
- Irrigation hose or PVC pipe located near streams or in the backcountry
- Strange odors that do not occur naturally

For the safety of you and your family, if you observe any of these clues, or anything else out of the ordinary, leave the area immediately! Report suspected illegal activity to Whiskeytown dispatch at (530) 242-3431 or by calling 911 in an emergency. Timely reporting of information is essential for your safety and for park investigations.

Your safety greatly increases when you stay on official trails and hike or ride with others.

Forever Resorts is the National Park Service's concessioner on Whiskeytown Lake operating Oak Bottom Marina and Brandy Creek Marina. Both marinas offer slip rentals, launch ramps, and seasonal snack bars. Boat rentals at Oak Bottom Marina range from single and tandem kayaks to 16' fishing boats and 26' deck cruisers.



Also operated by Forever Resorts, Oak Bottom Campground offers 98 walk-in tent sites and 22 dry-camping RV sites, all within walking distance of the lake and swim beach. The campground has a dump station, restrooms, in-season snack bar, swim beach and access to the boat ramp. Each campsite has a fire pit, picnic table, and bear-proof storage locker.

Convenience stores at Oak Bottom are located in the campground office and the marina office. Both sell snacks, ice, bait and tackle, clothing, gifts and sundries. Oak Bottom Marina provides everything you need to enjoy your favorite outdoor recreational activity and Forever Resorts' knowledgeable and friendly staff is always ready to assist you with your boating necessities and reservations.

For more information, call (530) 359-2269 for camping reservations and (530) 359-2671 for the marina store, or visit www.whiskeytownmarinas.com.

The uninvited guests

NON-NATIVE PLANTS ARE THOSE THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THEIR NATIVE RANGE AS A RESULT OF actions by humans. Non-native and invasive plants are those which spread rapidly into surrounding ecosystems. Since these species do not have natural competitors or predators to keep them in check, they can easily displace native species (including rare and endangered species), increase the intensity and frequency of wildfires, degrade wildlife habitat, reduce water availability, and diminish visitor experience.

Many of Whiskeytown's 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. Keeping Whiskeytown's backcountry free of exotic plants is a monumental challenge that requires park staff and visitors to do their best in preventing the introduction and spread of non-native and invasive plant species.

Please help!

- Inspect your clothes, gear, tent, boots, boat, and vehicle for hitch-hiking seeds and brush vegetation and seeds from your pet's fur.
- Please ensure that all seeds are safely disposed of in the trash.
- Stay on established trails.
- Learn more about invasive plants and spread the word about non-native plant invasions.



Seeds from a sock destroyer plant (*Torilis arvensis*) adhere to a visitor's pants and shoelaces.

Preserve Whiskeytown's waters!

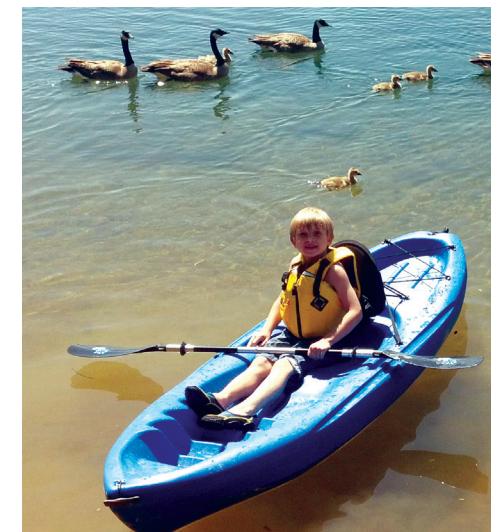
Quagga and zebra mussels are two exotic species of bivalve that have caused ecological and economic havoc in many areas of North America. Both mussels can be inadvertently spread by contaminated boats being moved from one water body to another. Any time you remove your vessel (motorized and non-motorized) 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 using your eyes and hands—small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch and may not be visible.
- Remove all plant and animal material.
- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- "Clean, drain, and dry!" to stop the spread!



Lifejackets save lives

EVERY YEAR, DROWNING CLAIMS MORE THAN 6,500 lives in the U.S. alone. Worldwide estimates place the total between 140,000 and 150,000 deaths annually. Near drowning statistics estimate that in the U.S., an additional 7,000 people per year seek medical attention related to submersion incidents. The use of alcohol is involved in 70% of adolescent and adult drownings and intoxication of adults contributes heavily to cases where young children drown. Most childhood drownings occur in the early or late afternoon around food preparation times, when adult supervision is less. Nationwide, almost 90 percent of all drowning deaths occur within 10 feet of safety and more than two-thirds of the victims cannot swim. The lifeguards at Brandy Creek Beach perform between 25-40 swimmer assists or near drowning rescues each summer season, which accounts for nearly one rescue for every thousand beach visitors.



All paddle-powered vessels require a PFD on board. Children under 13 must wear it!

Did you know that according to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, the most dangerous boating conditions are a 70° F, calm sunny day? While boating, do you ever ask yourself these questions: How cold is the water? I wonder if I could swim to shore or safety if I fell out of the boat? Should I be wearing a lifejacket? In 2011, the U.S. recorded 758 deaths while boating and in 533 (84%) of those deaths, the victims were not wearing their lifejackets! By simply wearing a lifejacket while boating, your chances for survival are tremendously increased. At Whiskeytown Lake, don't let yourself or one of your family members become the "one out of a thousand" that need rescue. To safeguard you and your family around water, follow these simple suggestions:

- Always supervise your children.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Wear a properly fitted US Coast Guard approved lifejacket.
- Take swimming lessons.
- Learn CPR.

Through a generous contribution from The Friends of Whiskeytown, the lifeguards at Brandy Creek Beach have a free lifejacket loan program from Memorial Day through Labor Day. They have a variety of sizes ranging from infant through adult. Check out the jackets at 10:00 am and return them by 5:30 pm. Keep yourself and your family safe and remember to be smart around water! For more information on water safety please visit www.USCGboating.org or www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

Join us for a free ranger-led program!



Free ranger-led programs begin in mid-June and are offered through Labor Day weekend. Please call the visitor center at (530) 246-1225, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/whis for the latest information on park programs and special events.

Junior Ranger

Saturday at 10:00 am (1 hour)

Children and adults of all ages (geared for ages 6 to 12) can learn about preserving and protecting park resources while making new friends during a special one-hour activity that explores the wonders of Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater. Ask the ranger about earning your Whiskeytown Junior Ranger Badge and patch.

Junior Firefighter

Saturday at 11:00 am (1 hour)

Join National Park Service firefighters to learn how they manage fire to promote forest health and protect lives and property. Visitors will learn about the important role that fire plays in the ecosystems of our national parks during this hands-on activity. Participants who complete the program will earn a Junior Firefighter Badge. 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 kayaks so they can discover and share the joy of nature with each other as they paddle and play. The Monday program is geared for children three to six years of age, and the Thursday program is geared toward children seven to twelve years old. Please call (530) 242-3462 to make a reservation.

Walk In Time

Wednesday and Saturday at 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. Visit the historic orchard and find apple trees over 150 years old that still bear fruit! After a tour of the Camden house, built in 1852, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the area, 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 at the bulletin board.

Kayak Program

Daily tours at 9:30 am. An additional 5:30 pm tour is offered on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (2 1/2 hours)

Hop on a tandem 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.

Moonlight Kayak Program

June 16-22 and July 17-21 at 8:00 pm, August 15-19 at 7:30 pm, and September 14-18 at 7:00 pm (2 1/2 hours)

Experience dramatic changes in the landscape as you explore Whiskeytown Lake under the light of the moon. Reservations slots fill up fast for this program, calling in the morning two weeks in advance will give the best opportunity of securing a slot by calling (530) 242-3462.

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) 242-3421 for more information.

Evening Astronomy Program

Friday evening at 9:00 pm (1 hour)

During August and September, start time is 8:30 pm

Spend the evening with a Sky Ranger and learn about wonders of the night sky. Discover the stories of the how ancient cultures used the sky to navigate and mark important seasonal changes. Learn about the challenges we face today as urban light pollution threatens the dark sky and find out what you can do to help. After a 20 minute presentation, the Shasta Astronomy Club will share their powerful telescopes to assist visitors with their celestial gazing. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater for the first half of the program, star gazing will take place at the Oak Bottom Beach parking lot.

Star Party

Saturday 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm on 6/1, 6/8, 7/13, 8/3, and 9/7 (weather permitting). For up to date information call the visitor center (530) 246-1225 or visit park web site or www.shastaastronomyclub.com

Experience the splendor of the dark night sky! Because of its unique position nestled within mountain ranges and miles from urban light pollution, Whiskeytown is a great place to explore the heavens. The night constellations often elude urban dwellers; but at Whiskeytown, visitors are able to see deep into space aided by powerful telescopes provided by the passionate and knowledgeable Shasta Astronomy Club. NPS Sky Rangers provide engaging activities and share epic tales of heroes and demigods immortalized in the constellations. Take Paige Bar Road and meet at the Mount Shasta Mine Loop Trail parking lot. As a courtesy, please dim your headlights on arrival if it is safe to do so.

Perseid Meteor Shower Special Event

Saturday evening August 10, 2013

Brandy Creek parking lot B, start time is after sunset Whiskeytown, in partnership with the Shasta Astronomy club, will be holding a special star party for the Perseid Meteor Shower. These very knowledgeable and passionate amateur astronomers will be providing powerful telescopes to view what is considered to be the most brilliant meteor shower of the year. The lights will be turned off to minimize light pollution and the beach will remain open for the event. Visitors are encouraged to bring red light flahlights, lounge chairs food, drinks and extra clothing for the nighttime star party. Meet at the Brandy Creek Beach Lot B.



Attend an astronomy-themed programs to earn a special Junior Ranger patch to go with your other Whiskeytown patches!

Ranger-led program offerings

Program	ADA Accessible	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Kayak Program		9:30 am	9:30 am 6 pm	9:30 am 6 pm				
Junior Ranger	♿						10 am	
Junior Firefighter	♿						11 am	
Junior Ranger Kayak Program		1:30 pm			1:30 pm			
Walk In Time				3 pm			3 pm	
Special Access Kayak Program	♿					6 pm		
Evening Astronomy Program	♿					9 pm‡		
Star Party							8 pm*	

* During August and September, start time will be 8:30 pm

† See Star Party description for event dates

Stay connected to the park!

Want to join in the conversation and share your stories about Whiskeytown? Like us on Facebook! Get the latest news and photos. Here you can also find out about Whiskeytown history, trail conditions, and events. We invite you to share your own stories and pictures from your adventures at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

We like you, like us on facebook!

