



Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

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 Phone Number

(916) 988-0205

Max. Trailer Lengths

Trailer: Up to 31 Feet

Camper/Motorhome: Up to 31 Feet

Park Hours

The PARK HOURS of Operation

(../pages/500/files/Folsom%20Lake%20State%20Recreation%20Area%20Hours%20of%20Operation_revB.pdf)

Dogs Allowed?

Yes

Dogs allowed on trails and in water. Dogs not allowed in swim area at Black Miners Bar, at swim area in Granite Bay, in swim area at Beals Point, in swim area at Nimbus Flat and on the turf area at Nimbus Flat.



Accessible Features (<http://access.parks.ca.gov/parkinfo.asp?park=119&type=0>)



Purchase Annual Passes (/?page_id=1049)



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Notices

Folsom Lake SRA Boat Ramp Status As Of 9/19/2022 (#collapse1Four)

Located at the base of the Sierra foothills, the lake and recreation area offers opportunities for hiking, biking, running, camping, picnicking, horseback riding, water-skiing and boating. Fishing offers trout, catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, or perch. Visitors can also see the Folsom Powerhouse (once called "the greatest operative electrical plant on the American continent"), which from 1885 to 1952 produced 11,000 volts



of electricity for Sacramento residents. For cyclists, there is a 32-mile long bicycle path that connects Folsom Lake with many Sacramento County parks before reaching Old Sacramento. The park also includes Lake Natoma, downstream from Folsom Lake, which is popular for crew races, sailing, kayaking and other aquatic sports.

Regular day use hours apply to all areas except the following:

- a. Campgrounds
- b. Overnight moorings for registered boat campers
- c. Folsom Lake Marina at Brown's Ravine

Lake Natoma is primarily managed for non-motorized and slow-speed aquatic recreation such as rowing, paddling, etc. There is a 5-mph speed limit enforced on the entire lake.



The following units are **closed** to vehicles until further notice:

- Nimbus Shoals

For any and all questions and the most current information, please contact the park at (916) 988-0205

Camping is available at Beals Point year-round and at Peninsula Campground beginning April 1, through the summer (Peninsula Campground closes October 1). Additional information about [Camping](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1352) can be found [here](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1352) (https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1352) or by calling (800) 444-7275.

Location

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area is located in the Sierra-Nevada foothills about 25 miles east of Sacramento, can be reached via either Highway 50 or I-80. Both Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma have many access points and entrances. The administrative offices are located at the base of Folsom Dam at the corner.



Park Entrances

The park has multiple entrances most of which are fairly easily accessed by either Interstate 80 to Douglas Blvd.(east), or Highway 50 to Hazel Ave., or Folsom Blvd., (north).

Directions to the Peninsula campground:

80 east Reno

From Hwy 80 take the Elm St. exit out of the city of Auburn, at the 1st light make a left, at your very next light you will make another left that is High

St. High St turns into Hwy 49 you will travel on Hwy 49 for 10 miles towards the city of Cool. You will enter a small town called Pilot Hill from that small town you will turn right on Rattlesnake Bar Rd. that road will dead end into the campground in 9 miles.

Hwy 50 S.Lake Tahoe

From Hwy 50 you will take the El Dorado Hills Blvd. exit go north on El Dorado hills for about 10 miles (at some point the road changes names to Salmon Falls Rd.) you will enter the small town of Pilot Hill you will make a left on Rattlesnake Bar Rd. which dead ends onto the campground in 9 miles.

Directions to the Beals Point campground:

80 east Reno

From Hwy 80 you will take the Douglas Blvd. exit out of the city of Roseville. Go east on Douglas for about 6 miles make a right on Auburn-Folsom Rd. go about 2½ miles until you come to a stop light the sign will say Beals Point and you make a left.

Hwy 50 S. Lake Tahoe

Take the Folsom Blvd. exit go north on Folsom for about 7 miles (the road will change names to Folsom- Auburn) you will come to a stop light, the sign will say Beals Point and you make a right.

Transportation to the Park



A variety of transportation methods are available to park visitors at Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. With its urban setting and the accessibility of the parks entrances, local bus services can be used reach Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. Private vehicles as well as bicycles, horseback, and foot travel are the most frequently used methods of park entry.

Visit Recommendations

The primary recreation season coincides with the spring and summer months when temperatures are in the 80s, 90s and 100s.

Visitation is highest from April through September. In the spring months when school is still in session, evenings and weekends are the times of highest lake activity.

Climate, Recommended Clothing

Summers at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area are generally hot and dry. Dress lightly for high temperatures but be careful of over exposure to the sun.

Winters can be very cold with lengthy periods of central valley fog conditions. Dress in layers as the damp can bring on a penetrating chill.

Spring and Fall offer warm days and cooler evenings and nights. Dress in layers.

Good walking shoes are a must when exploring any of the park trails. Shoes or sandals are recommended on the lake's beaches and boat ramp areas.

Granite Bay Group Picnic Sites

Granite Bay Main Beach at Folsom Lake SRA offer two reservable group picnic sites with easy access to the lake and the Granite Bay Main Beach parking area. The group picnic sites are available year round during normal park hours. The group picnic areas can accommodate 100 people both sites include 11 picnic tables, 1 large BBQ station, flush toilets adjacent to site and 2 water faucets. All park day use fees apply. Reservations can be made 90 days in advance at our Folsom Sector Office at 7755 Folsom-Auburn Rd Folsom, CA 95630.

[Group Picnic Reservation Application \(../pages/500/files/Group Picnic Reservations mater ff 1-11-19.pdf\)](#)

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[Folsom Lake SRA - Camp Hosts \(?page_id=29649\)](#)

[Black Miners Bar, Folsom Lake State Recreation Area \(?page_id=27866\)](#)

[Folsom SRA Road and Trail Management Plan \(?page_id=28192\)](#)

[Browns Ravine Trail Change-in-Use Project \(../../?page_id=27913\)](#)

[Final General Plan/Resource Mgmt. Plan - Vol. I - The Plan
\(http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21299/files/FLSRA_GP_RMP_Vol1_Final_Plan.pdf\)](#)

[FLSRA GP/RMP Final EIR/EIS - Vol. II - EIR/EIS
\(http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21299/files/FLSRA_GP_RMP_Vol2_EIR_EIS.pdf\)](#)

[Managing Partner Agreement \(MPA\) \(/pages/500/files/MPA_Exhibits.pdf\)](#)

[Folsom Lake SRA Junior Lifeguards \(?page_id=26663\)](#)

Posted Orders

- [690-001-2022 Nimbus Shoals Road Closure \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-001-2022 Nimbus Shoals Road Closure.pdf\)](#)
- [690-002-2022 Folsom Stay Limits \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-002-2022 Folsom Stay Limits.pdf\)](#)
- [690-003-2022 Boat Camping Folsom \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-003-2022 Boat Camping Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-004-2022 Equestrian Use Folsom \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-004-2022 Equestrian Use Folsom.pdf\)](#)
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- [690-006-2022 Metal Detectors \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-006-2022 Metal Detectors.pdf\)](#)
- [690-017-2022 Folsom Hours of Operation \(../.. /pages/500/files/690-017-2022 Hours of Operation - Folsom.pdf\)](#)

- [690-008-2022 Off Road Vehicle Operation \(../pages/500/files/690-008-2022 Off Road Vehicle Operation.pdf\)](#)
- [690-018-2022 Orangevale Bluff Closure \(../pages/500/files/690-018-2022 Orangevale Bluff Closure - Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-019-2022 Consumption of Alcohol Folsom \(../pages/500/files/690-019-2022-Consumption-of-Alcohol-- Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-011-2022 Water Safety Folsom \(../pages/500/files/690-011-2022 Water Safety Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-020-2022 Trail Use Order Folsom \(../pages/500/files/690-020-2022 Trail Use Policy - Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-013-2022 Juvenile Curfew Folsom Auburn \(../pages/500/files/690-013-2022 Juvenile Curfew Folsom Auburn.pdf\)](#)
- [690-021-2022 Temporary Fire Restrictions – Peninsula Campground and Day Use Areas \(../pages/500/files/690-021-2022 Temporary-Fire-Restrictions-Peninsula-Folsom.pdf\)](#)
- [690-024-2022 Temporary Vessel Speed Limit Reduction - Folsom Lake \(../pages/500/files/690-024-2022-Temporary-Vessel-Speed-Limit-Reduction-FolsomLake-.pdf\)](#)

Trail Maps

- [Donton's Cove Trail \(../pages/500/files/Doton's Cove Trail Brochure.pdf\)](#)
- [Folsom Lake Main Body \(../pages/500/files/FLSRA Trail Map Main Body.pdf\)](#)
- [Lake Natoma \(../pages/500/files/FLSRA Trail Map Lake Natoma.pdf\)](#)
- [North Fork American River \(../pages/500/files/FLSRA Trail Map N Fork AR.pdf\)](#)
- [South Fork American River \(../pages/500/files/FLSRA Trail Map S Fork AR.pdf\)](#)

Telephone

District Office

916-988-0205

Camping Reservations

1-800-444-7275

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Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

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Folsom, CA 95630

See Folsom Lake's Lake Level (<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/QueryF?s=fol>)



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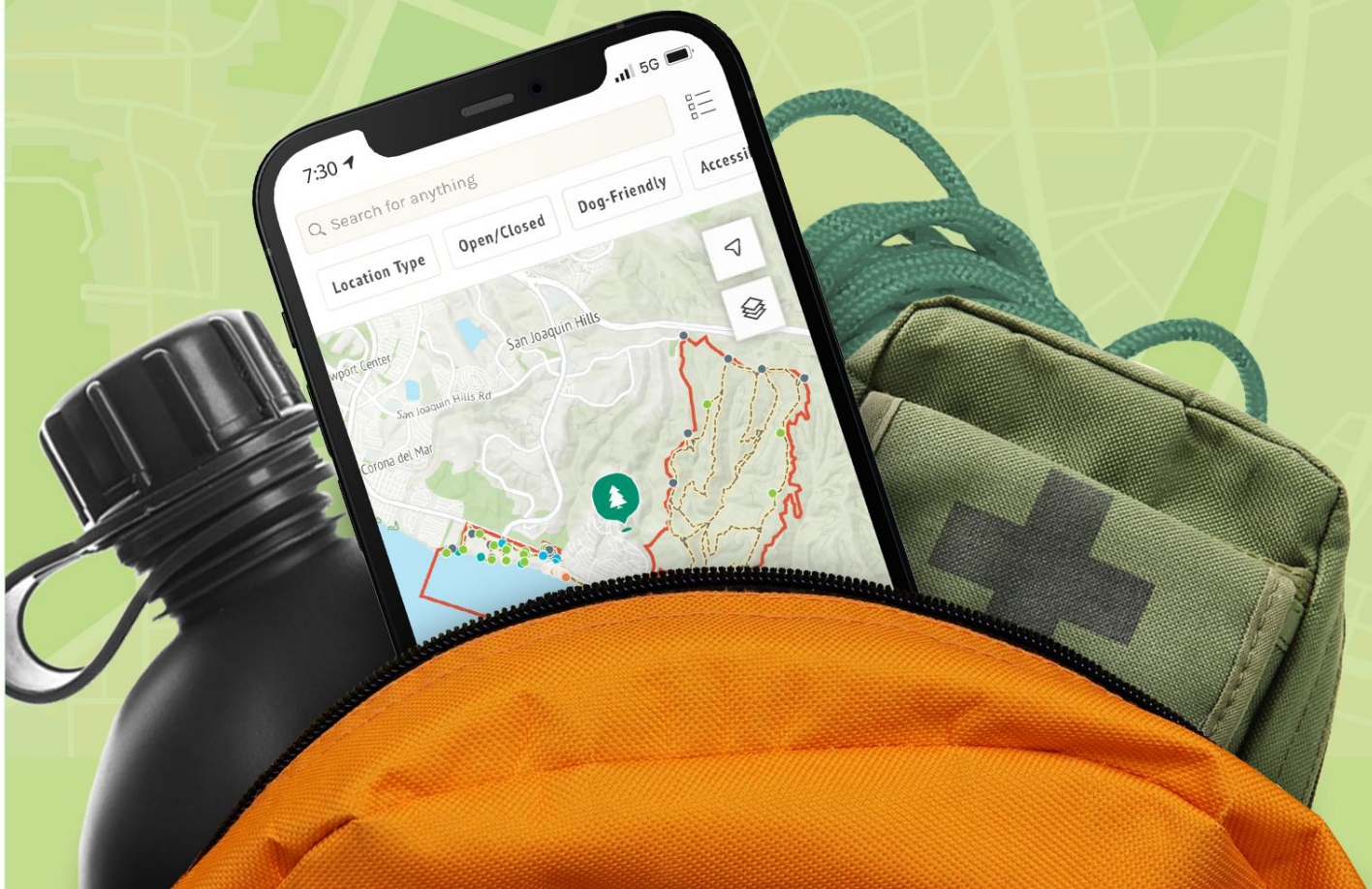
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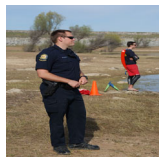


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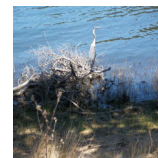
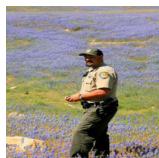
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