



What Do Bats and Gold Panning Have In Common? They Are Both Part of America's Great Outdoors!



Finding Gold

The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region recently gave two-dozen children and their parents the thrill of panning for gold and finding a few glittering flakes! The event was part of an ongoing recreational and educational program at New Melones Lake, overseen by the Central California Area Office. The lake is in the heart of California's Mother Lode region, site of the 1849 Gold Rush.



Going Batty

The Central California Area Office also recently drew and audience of about 50 to an interpretive evening program at New Melones Lake. Participants in "Bats Are Your Buddies" learned about the importance of bats in our ecosystem. At left, youths hang arts and crafts created during the event.

More on New Melones Lake programs: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/newmelones/>
More on America's Great Outdoors: <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>