



Folsom Dam Programs

Overview

This notice is to inform you of changes with tours at Folsom Dam. Due to increased security guidelines and numerous construction projects at the dam and powerplant, dam tours have been suspended indefinitely.



Folsom Dam with five gates open

However, the programs at the relocated and updated American River Water Education Center (ARWEC) will continue. In addition, we have added a program about Folsom Dam. Those tours will be presented in the nearby Beals Point Park and will incorporate the same information as past tours in a fast-paced, fun and interesting way. Other tour options are also being explored.



American River Water Education Center (ARWEC)

Folsom Dam has been identified as one of the top ten high risk threats to our country's infrastructure. For this reason, heightened security policy now does not allow visitors or any unnecessary personnel to access areas that the tour route once followed. The safety of all and the security of the dam is the priority. We hope this will not stop you from experiencing our ARWEC and tour.

Folsom Dam has a long history of public education and involvement with the community, and we hope that at some point in the future dam tours will be possible.

The staff and management at the ARWEC thank you for your understanding and patience with this change. For additional questions or to schedule a program, please call the program office at (916)-537-7053.

Program at Beals Point Park

- The group drives out to Beal's Point in their vehicles and assembles at the point.
- Brief history of the dam while group enjoys the view of the dam and reservoir.
- Short walk around the point to the main beach.
 - Stopping to see the forks of the river and various other landmarks around the lake.
- Main beach picnic area
 - students will break into groups to learn the features of the dam and its many uses.
- Reassemble for an interactive presentation on hydroelectric generation
 - Games to reinforce the presentations
- Program wraps up reviewing the importance of Folsom Dam and return trip back to the center.