



HIKING AT LAKE BERRYESSA

Hiking is a popular activity at Lake Berryessa. There are trails which range from easy to moderate difficulties and from 0.1 to 5 miles in length. These trails also vary in the level of maintenance used on the trail. Hiking Lake Berryessa's trails offer shoreline access, wildlife viewing, and scenic views all year round.



Smittle Creek Trail 2.6 mi 3 hrs.

This trail is accessed from trailheads From the Coyote Knolls parking area in Oak Shores and from Smittle Creek Day Use Areas. This trail meanders along the shoreline through blue oak woodland and is well maintained. The northern end connects with the Smittle Loop Trail. The Smittle Creek Trail also offers a 0.75 mile self-guided interpretative trail. This section starts at the Smittle Creek Day Use Area and continues south towards Oak Shores. Occasionally Park Rangers provide guided hikes on the Smittle Creek trail. Contact the Lake Berryessa park Rangers for more information at 707-966-2111 x113.

Smittle Loop Trail .5 miles 30 minutes.

This trail is accessed from each end of the parking lot at Smittle Creek Day Use Area.

Native Plants and Native People Interpretive Trail .1 mi 15 min.

Access this trail below the Visitor Center. This trail offers a self-led interpretative walk that describes native plants and their uses. Brochures are found at the trailhead.

Oak Shores Access Trail .5 mi 30 min.

This trail connects the Visitor Center and Oak Shores.

Pope Canyon Trail 1.6 mi 1.5 hrs.

Access is at the park gate 2.2 miles from the main lake on Pope Canyon Road. Explore this quiet canyon on the original Pope Canyon roadbed. This trail is not maintained. Use caution when hiking.

North End Trail

Segments of trail access the shoreline from pullouts north of Putah Creek Bridge. The trail is currently under redevelopment; use caution when hiking in this area.



