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Reclamation Announces Spring 2015 Park Events and Ranger Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa

NAPA, Calif. – The Bureau of Reclamation’s Central California Area Office announces spring 2015 park events and Park Ranger interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, Calif. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!

**Fourth Sunday of each month (April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23) 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, nine miles west of Winters)**

Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? Or how much water it holds? Or what was there before the lake? Where does the water go? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a Park Ranger at the Monticello Dam on the 4th Sunday of every month throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to learn fun facts and about this essential water resource. Please contact a Park Ranger at 707-966-2111, ext. 113 for any questions.

Birding 101

Saturday, May 9, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Meet at the Smittle Creek Day Use Area

Having trouble telling a titmouse from a wren, or a raven from a robin? This hike is designed to help participants make heads or tail feathers of the complex avian world. Join Ranger Todd Eggert <http://www.usbr.gov/> for an informative bird-watching hike along the Smittle Creek Trail. Birders of all levels are welcome to attend this delightful hike. Bring binoculars, bird guides and, most of all, enthusiasm. This is an easy 1.5-mile round-trip hike (3/4 mile each way) with a slight elevation change. For details, directions and to RSVP, please contact Ranger Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111, ext. 113 or reggert@usbr.gov

World Environment Day

Sunday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meet near Markley Cove Resort, past Monticello Dam

Join Reclamation Park Rangers and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership for a fun lakeshore clean up event. Volunteers will walk trails and shoreline helping to clean up trash and debris at the south end of the lake. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while spending the afternoon in a beautiful outdoor setting! Food and drinks will be provided. To participate, please contact Ranger Todd Eggert at 707-966-2111, ext. 113 or reggert@usbr.gov. Pre-registration is required for lunch.

Displays and Exhibits

May 16 through September 14: Weekends 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Weekdays Noon - 2 p.m.

Lake Berryessa Visitor Center

The Lake Berryessa Visitor Center offers displays and exhibits on the history of Lake Berryessa, the Monticello Valley and the construction of the Solano Project. It also houses an exhibit of local wildlife (stuffed and mounted) showing the common and not-so-common animals found around the lake. Park Rangers are available to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge.

Interpretive programs and events at Lake Berryessa tie into President Barack Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative (<http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/index.cfm>) which seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy and vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come. Ranger-led hikes and activities also support the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside!* initiative (<http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>) which encourages children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities that abound in every city, town and community. And where better for the public to appreciate and enjoy the great outdoors than at a Reclamation facility like Lake Berryessa?

If you would like to participate in a program and need accommodation, please contact the Lake Berryessa Ranger Department at 707-966-2111, ext. 113 at least 14 days in advance.

Please visit the Lake Berryessa website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/berryessa/index.html> for additional information.

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