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Stars**
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For your safety, please become familiar with the park rules and regulations which are available at our main office and visitor center, and can be found posted in the campgrounds. Please enjoy and respect your federal parks and their diverse natural resources.

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation manages the operation of New Melones Lake. As part of the Central Valley Project, the purpose of the lake is to provide flood control, irrigation, domestic water supplies, and hydroelectricity, as well as to enhance fish and wildlife communities, protect water quality, and provide opportunities for recreation.



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Managing Water in the West

New Melones

Lake and Recreation



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Welcome to New Melones!

This lake formed after the completion of the New Melones Dam in 1979 and is now California's 5th largest reservoir. It holds up to 2.4 million acre-feet of water, provides 12,500 surface-acres, and is surrounded by 100 miles of shoreline.

Recreation opportunities abound at New Melones. Please, come visit and enjoy...

- Boating • Swimming • Horseback
- Biking • Water Sports Riding
- Hunting • Camping • Ranger Hikes
- Hiking • Picnicking & Programs
- Fishing • Visitor Center

The Developed Facilities of Tuttletown and Glory Hole Recreation Areas include 305 campsites and 2 group campgrounds. Together they offer year-round access to day-use picnic areas, boat launch ramps, and a full-service marina. To make reservations, visit www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Wildlife Viewing is a favorite activity at New Melones Lake. More than 20 miles of hiking trails will delight you with abundant flora and fauna. Animals ranging from the elusive eagle and bobcat to the common black-tailed deer and California quail can be seen within these foothill oak woodlands.

Other Highlights within the park include unique geological features such as the Table Mountain lava flow, the Stanislaus River Canyon, and the stream-filled caverns of Natural Bridges. Also, be sure to explore the New Melones Visitor Center and Museum. Call for hours and program information.

Nearby attractions include the picturesque towns of Sonora, Angels Camp, and Jamestown. Columbia State Historic Park and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offer unique experiences. World-famous Yosemite National Park and Calaveras Big Trees State Park awe visitors with spectacular and ancient natural wonders.

Local History teems with Native American Me-Wuk and 49er gold rush stories. Mark Twain's famous tale "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" has launched May's annual Jumping Frog Jubilee. What stories will your family create while visiting New Melones Lake?

Volunteer Opportunities are available year round. Come and help us to preserve our natural and cultural history by becoming a docent, campground host, or visitor center volunteer. Please call 209-536-9543.

