

Kayakers Explore New Melones Lake's Carson Creek

On Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, kayakers braved the chilly weather to explore Carson Creek at New Melones Lake. During the 4-mile, 3-hour-long kayaking interpretive program, the history of Carson Creek was discussed and paddlers saw first-hand many cultural resources that have been exposed due to the lake's receding waters. Participants found old relics from the gold-mining days but left them where they were found so that others will be able to discover the relics for themselves. Along with preserving the past, kayakers learned how to protect the future of New Melones Lake. For example, they learned about zebra and Quagga mussels and ways they can help protect our waterways from these invasive species for future generations.

