

BASS LAKE RECREATION AREA

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

WELCOME

The Bass Lake Recreation Area is located at the 3400-foot elevation in the Sierra National Forest - about a one-hour drive North of Fresno via State Highway 41. The primary recreation attractions of the area include camping, picnicking, boating, water skiing, swimming and fishing. The recreation area, which is open all year, serves as an excellent location from which to explore the high country attractions of the Sierra National Forest and Yosemite National Park.

The first known people to live at the present site of Bass Lake were the Western Mono (or Monache) people. Their villages surrounded the large meadow that once occupied the area now covered by Bass Lake. In 1851, a militia group known as the Mariposa Battalion came into the area while exploring this region of the Sierra. As they approached the meadow, a flock of herons, which they incorrectly identified as cranes, flew into the sky. The soldiers named the place Crane Valley.

Fifty years later, a dam was built across Willow Creek to store water-generating electricity for communities in the San Joaquin Valley. In 1910, this dam was enlarged to form the lake you see today - 4 miles long by a half mile wide. The water from the lake is still used to generate electricity while also gaining increased importance as a source of recreation. Bass Lake - gateway to Sierra adventure.

INFORMATION

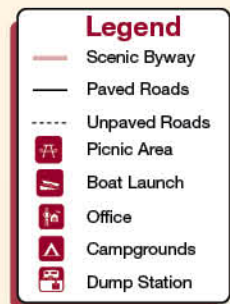
During the summer season, information may be obtained by telephoning the campground office at 559-642-3212. For **Emergency** assistance, dial **911**.

Reserve your place under the stars.

For all family campgrounds, group camping and picnic areas **CALL 1-877-444-6777**.

Reservations for all individual, family campsites may be made from 1 to 6 months in advance of your planned arrival.

Reservations for group campgrounds and group picnic facilities may be made up to one year in advance. Online reservations may be made at www.recreation.gov



We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Please write:

Bass Lake Hospitality
39900 Rd. 222
Bass Lake CA 93604
559-642-3212



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Maximum stay is 14 days.
- Single family sites have a maximum limit of six people, double sites can hold twelve, quadruple sites-24.
- Check-out time is 12:00 noon.
- **Maximum speed 5MPH in all areas.**
- Max of 1 vehicle in single sites, 2 vehicles in doubles and 4 vehicles in quadruple sites. Additional vehicles must purchase and display a valid car pass.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Maximum of two dogs in each campsite.
- All campfires must be dead out when leaving site. Use water and a shovel. Do not bury burning coals.
- Parking is allowed only on spurs and other designated parking areas. Do not block campground roadways. All boat trailers must either be parked in the site spur or in the trailer parking areas.
- Day-use areas close at 9:00 p.m. All personal items must be removed by closing.
- Please leave your site in a neat and clean condition.
- Campground quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

* Complete list of rules posted in the park.



and



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BASS LAKE RECREATION AREA Sierra National Forest

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Bass Lake Hospitality, a professional outdoor recreation management company, was founded in 1981. The company currently operates a variety of major recreation facilities throughout California, Western Nevada and Colorado.

The staff of Bass Lake Hospitality, is here to serve you and to help make your visit to the Bass Lake Recreation Area an enjoyable one! To improve our service, we need your suggestions. Guests are urged to offer their comments personally to any of our resident campground hosts and to complete the "Guest Comments" forms available from any company staff member. Please take the time to share your ideas with us.

	CAMPGROUND & TYPE	# OF SITES	WATER	TOILET TYPE	MAX PARKING LENGTH
MERCER RIVER	DIRT FLAT*	6	YES	V	TENT ONLY
	DRY GULCH*	4	YES	V	TENT ONLY
BASS LAKE	CEDAR BLUFF*	11	YES	F	40'
	DOUBLES	7	YES	F	40'
	QUADS	28	YES	F	40'
	FORKS	51	YES	F	40'
	LUPINE*	61	YES	F	30'
	SPRING COVE	24	YES	F	30'
	WISHON	22	YES	F	30'
	BASS LAKE	7	NO	V	30'
CRANE VALLEY GROUP	4	YES	F	NONE	
RECREATION POINT GROUP					
BACK COUNTRY	SUMMERDALE	30	YES	V	40'
	BIG SANDY	22	NO	V	30'
	CHILKOOT	14	NO	V	20'
	FRESNO DOME	17	NO	V	20'
	GREYS MTN.	26	NO	V	20'
	KELTY MEADOW	11	NO	V	20'
	SOQUEL	11	NO	V	20'
	TEXAS FLAT GROUP	4	NO	V	30'
	GAGGS	12	NO	V	30'
	WHISKERS	8	NO	V	30'
MINARETS	FISH CREEK	7	NO	V	20'
	ROCK CREEK	13	YES	V	30'
	SINGLES	5	YES	V	30'
	DOUBLES	18	NO	V	40'
	SODA SPRINGS	7	NO	V	20'
	PLACER	7	NO	V	20'
SWEET WATER	10	NO	V	20'	
MAMMOTH POOL	47	YES	V	30'	
LOWER CHIQUITO	7	NO	V	28'	

* Indicates Open All Year

MOST OF THE CAMPGROUNDS HAVE PIPED WATER, FLUSH (F) OR VAULT (V) TOILETS, TABLES AND FIRE RITS. ALL CAMPING AREAS HAVE TRASH REMOVAL.

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