

Bucks Lake Recreation Area Plumas National Forest



Camping

A private concessionaire manages 5 family campgrounds and 1 group campground around Bucks Lake. There are approximately 63 family camping units and 3 group sites. There are no rest room facilities on Lower Bucks Lake so camping is restricted to self-contained vehicles. Campsites may be reserved through Reserve USA (1-877-444-6777)

Each campground has piped water with the exception of the Lower Bucks Lake. Trailer sites are available, as well as walk-in tent campsites. Trailers of up to 40 feet can be accommodated in some of the camping units. No hookups are provided. Facilities are usually open from Memorial Day to October.



Fishing

Hunting and fishing are regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Bucks Lake supports rainbow, German brown, and kokanee salmon. Bucks Lake is stocked with rainbow trout annually.



Hiking

Hiking and backpacking are enjoyed by many visitors in this area. The Mill Creek Trail provides hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding opportunities on the northeast side of the lake. The Pacific Crest Trail can be accessed from the Mill Creek Trail, Three Lakes, Bucks Summit at the Oro-Quincy Hwy crossing and on Big Creek Rd. where it once again crosses the highway. Bucks Lake Wilderness boundary is adjacent to the northeast side of Bucks Lake.



Off-Road Vehicles

The use of off-road vehicles is restricted within the Bucks Lake Recreation Area.



Other Activities

Bucks Lake Recreation Area provides opportunities for many more recreation experiences for visitors. Four boat launch ramps provide access to the water for fishing, water-skiing, sailing, or simply touring on boats. Sandy Point day use area is a favorite place for swimming, fishing and volley ball.. Several swim beaches provide excellent swimming and picnicking opportunities. Visitors may also enjoy watching Bald Eagles, Osprey, and Canadian Geese.



Supplies

Supplies can be purchased at the 3 local resorts or in the town of Meadow Valley or Quincy.

Bucks Lake has a three resorts with deli, restaurant, bar, dancing, cabin, motel and bed & breakfast room rentals. Horse backs ridding is also available.



Drinking Water

Only water from developed recreation sites is maintained for safe drinking. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One method of treatment is to boil water for five minutes or use approved filtration system.

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