Striving for sustainability

By Ranger Jeremiah Hockett

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING. THE DOOM AND GLOOM ASSOCIATED with its impacts are widely communicated. Many of us have heard the foreboding predictions of a 4 to 7°F rise in the Earth’s average temperature by 2100 and the resulting rise in sea levels, changing precipitation patterns, extended droughts and fire seasons, and disruptions of vital ecosystems. Rarely is there any good environmental news to soften the blow. As I face the harsh realities of these predictions, I remind myself that I can make a difference and there is still time to do so. As many of us are making sacrifices, changing our worldviews, and taking action to combat climate change, shouldn’t our national parks and their employees who are charged with preserving and protecting them do the same?

Whiskeytown is now leading from the front by joining the Climate Friendly Parks (CFP) program and initiating a transition toward a higher degree of sustainable operations. In collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service has developed the CFP program to provide parks with management tools and resources to address climate change within park boundaries and throughout the surrounding communities.

The leading cause of climate change is the buildup of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere. The first step in quantifying the park’s contributions of GHGs to the atmosphere was an inventory conducted in 2007 which measured the combined emissions of park operations, concessionaire operations, and visitor activities. The total emissions from these three sources are equivalent to the emissions created powering 247 average U.S. households for one year. With the help of the CFP program, Whiskeytown developed an action plan that will rein in these emissions to more acceptable levels by establishing specific GHG emission reduction goals and processes by which to achieve them. While the action plan includes an increasing use of technological innovations such as photovoltaic systems, lighting sensors, energy-efficient vehicles and appliances, and low-E double-paned windows, the most substantial emissions reductions will ultimately come from the choices we make as consumers working in and visiting the park.

Our individual choices carry enormous strength — collectively they can create a better world for all life forms. While in college at California State University, Chico, I discovered this strength while engaging in a discussion in my environmental ethics course. My professor, Randy Larsen, shared with us something that appeared to be very trivial and simple in practice, yet profound in its ramifications relative to the environment. The eco-wisdom came from Randy’s nationally syndicated radio show Ecotalk. While interviewing Dr. Steven Schneider, a Stanford University climate scientist and participant in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Randy asked, “What is the single greatest thing people can do to fight climate change?” Dr. Schneider replied, “Turn off the lights when you leave a room.”

Dr. Schneider further explained that by turning off the light switch in an empty room, a simple and logical act, you are changing your relationship to energy—you are recognizing that energy is an important resource that should not be wasted. “We are also cultivating that understanding,” Randy added in a recent email. “Many of us perhaps recognize as a fact that energy shouldn’t be wasted, but by engaging in the practice of conserving energy, we internalize the truth of energy’s preciousness and it becomes a part of more than just our thinking. This is what Aristotle meant when he spoke of cultivating an excellence of character. The relationship between action and attitude is circular,” Randy concluded.

Applied in a greater context, changing wasteful human behaviors and replacing them with conscious choices to live more sustainably is perhaps the greatest tool we have in curbing climate change. Park managers are now incorporating climate-friendly behaviors into sustainability planning and are working to increase public awareness of climate change mitigation strategies through park programs and community outreach. Together, we can all make a difference. Conscious flipping a light switch to “off” has greater value than saving money on our energy bill—it helps us to become better human beings, resulting in healthy parks, healthy people, and a healthy Earth.

In the tradition of thinking globally and acting locally, please visit the Get Involved page of the NPS website at www.nps.gov/getinvolved/index.htm to see how you can make a difference in your park and local community. If you would like to view Whiskeytown’s Climate Friendly Action Plan and see how the park is becoming a leader in sustainability, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/whis/parkmgmt/planning.htm.

Welcome to Whiskeytown National Recreation Area!

My staff and I want you to have a great time while you’re visiting the park, whether just for a few hours, or for a few days of camping. Whiskeytown is one of this country’s best kept secrets, but people are discovering its stunning attractions and fun opportunities. I meet people who come from all over the world and they keep telling me the same thing over and over, “Why haven’t I heard of Whiskeytown before? This place is beautiful!” We have smoke-free beaches, beautiful waterfalls, great hiking, biking, and equestrian opportunities, and the lake swimming and scenery from our four designated public swimming beaches is a wonderful way to spend a relaxing afternoon.

I grew up in San Francisco and have followed my family history of sailing and beaching in and around San Francisco Bay both professionally and in my recreational time. This past year I have renewed my enthusi-asm for sailing by taking every chance I can to take the sails on my boat and point the bow for the deep blue waters of Whiskeytown Lake. As a result, my family and I have developed many happy memories of catch- ing the last summer-like days of fall, swim- ming off our anchored boat in a cove with a view of Shasta Bally Mountain high above us, and exciting outings this past winter sail- ing in a stiff breeze across the lake.

Whiskeytown is all about making happy memories with friends and family, and enjoying the beauty of this special national park site in the Klamath Mountains. Please ensure that you have a safe time while visit- ing the park as you swim in the lake, hike, or ride into our deep forest trail system, or just take a casual stroll in the woods. On behalf of the National Park Service, the park staff, and our concessionaire, Forever Re- sorts…Welcome to Whiskeytown National Recreation Area!

Jim Milestone
Superintendent
Things you need to know

Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is a great place to start when you arrive in the park. The knowledgeable staff and volunteers will help you maximize your visit. The visitor center is located at the intersection of J.F. Kennedy Memorial Drive and CA Highway 299. The summer hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Winter hours of operation are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays. The visitor center provides information, a variety of use permits, natural and cultural history exhibits, as well as books, maps, and souvenir items for sale. In addition, accessible restrooms, first aid, and drinking water are available.

Horses & pack animals

Horses, burros, mules, and cameldias may be ridden on designated multiple-use trails. All pack primitive campgrounds are accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only place where camping with horses is allowed. There are two sites available and a potable water spigot. Special arrangements can be made for campers with horses by calling the Fee Program office at (530) 242-3412.

Lost and found

Lost items can be reported, turned in, or claimed at the visitor center.

Noise levels

Scoundrelas have equal standing with other park resources that warrant protection. In order to keep natural acoustical environments free from loud human-sourced noises, the following regulations apply: A vessel cannot exceed 75 decibels (dB) for a day use pass or other valid entrance pass (see “Fees/passes”).

Fires

California Department of Fish and Game regulations apply at Whiskeytown. Fishing is allowed year-round in the lake; however, the streams feeding Whiskeytown can only be fished from the last Saturday in April through November 15. The nearest location to purchase a fishing license is Tops Fresh Market, 6 miles east of the visitor center.

Gold panning

Recreational gold panning is permitted in the park. A valid annual gold panning permit is required for all persons 17 and older. Gold panning regulations, as well as the $1 annual permit can be obtained at the visitor center.

Alcohol

Alcohol is prohibited at all of the park’s four designated public swim beaches, including campgrounds Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and East Beach.

Feef/passes

Entrance fees for the park are $5 per vehicle for a Day Use Pass. A one-week pass can be purchased for $10, and the Whiskeytown annual pass costs $25. In addition, the annual pass from Lassen Volcanic National Park, the Interagency Annual Pass, Senior Pass, Access Pass, and the Golden Age or Access Passports are all honored at Whiskeytown. All passes must be displayed on the driver’s side of the dashboard whenever a vehicle is parked within the park boundary. A pass is not required while visiting the Whiskeytown Cemetery.

Camping

With the exception of backpacking, camping is permitted only in the designated campground. All camp primitive campgrounds are accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only place where camping with horses is allowed. There are two sites available and a potable water spigot. Special arrangements can be made for campers with horses by calling the Fee Program office at (530) 242-3412.

Amenities

Some food and essential camping supplies can be purchased at the Oak Bottom Campground, which is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the winter and until 6:00 pm in the summer. Lodging is not available in the park, and the nearest hotels are in Redding, 8 miles east of the park. The marina is open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm during the winter and until 8:00 pm during the summer. Fishing bait, tackle, and lifepackets are all available for purchase at the marina store. There are snack bars at both Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom beaches, which are open during the summer and sell a variety of made-to-order foods, cold drinks, sun block, water shoes, and fishing poles. For vehicles, the closest fuel is in Redding. Motorboat fuel can be purchased at the Oak Bottom Marina.

Bookstore

The bookstore, located at the visitor center, is managed by Western National Parks Association whose mission is to promote the preservation of the national park system and its resources. A variety of books, maps, guides, postcards, and other items can be purchased here. A portion of the proceeds from each sale is donated to the park to support education, interpretation, and research programs.

Parking

A valid park pass or Day Use Pass must be displayed on the driver’s side of the dashboard whenever a vehicle is parked within the park boundary. Please see the “Fees/passes” section for more information on valid passes. Visitors can park in any public parking spaces as well as along paved roadways, provided the parked vehicle is completely off the asphalt without trampling vegetation and is in compliance with all posted signage. Parking in front of gates or blocking right-of-way access is prohibited.

Pets

Pets are allowed in the park and on trails provided they are leashed at all times with a leash length not exceeding six feet. With the exception of service animals, pets are prohibited on all of the park’s designated public swim beaches including Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Pets cannot be left unattended at any time. Summer temperatures often exceed 100 degrees and can quickly kill an unattended animal.

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The squirrel bit me twice in less than a second. It took 13 stitches.” B.W.

Don’t Feed Us
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Zion National Park

No matter how cute, or how much they beg — don’t do it.

“You better behave, because I won’t.”

We may be forced to destroy the animal.

• We don’t want you feeding wildlife.
• We will give you a $250 citation.
• Fed wildlife become dangerous and aggressive.
• We may be forced to destroy the animal.

Sharing the park
With the exceptions of Special Use Permits and the areas of the park that can be legally reserved, no visitor or group of visitors can hold or claim exclusive use rights of any area in the park, including the islands, shoreline, and coves of the lake. Please help us to provide for the enjoyment of all visitors by sharing the park.

Showering
Hot showers are available in the restroom at Oak Bottom Beach for a small fee. Free, cold outdoor showers are available during the summer months at Brandy Creek beaches.

Smoking
To protect the health of park visitors, smoking is prohibited on the park’s four designated swim beaches including Brandy Creek, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area.

Special Use Permits
Special events such as weddings, sporting events, and commercial filming are permissible by obtaining a Special Use Permit. Activities must be appropriate and have a minimal impact on other park visitors. Applications are available on the park website and the visitor center. For more information, please contact Chief Ranger Jim Richardson at (530) 242-3413.

Vehicles
Motorists must obey all posted speed limits. Vehicles are only allowed on designated roadways. Be alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife on the roadways. Use special care while driving at dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active. State and federal vehicle laws apply within the park. Make sure to display a valid park pass on your vehicle’s driver-side dashboard while parked.

Trash
Please pack out all trash when hiking and dispose of it in a responsible manner. There are recycling facilities at the visitor center, many parking areas, and the park’s designated swim beaches.

Water
Potable water is available at the following locations: the visitor center; Brandy Creek Beach, Marina, and RV Campground; Oak Bottom Beach, Marina, Amphitheater; Tent and RV Campground; Carr Powerhouse; Horse Camp; and Whiskey Creek Boat Launch. Water from any natural source should be purified.

Wildlife
Please do your part to keep the park’s wildlife wild. Do not feed or otherwise harass wildlife. Enjoy all animals from a safe distance and try not to disturb their natural behaviors.
Vault Both sites are very close to Crystal Creek.

Caution: Sites are near a steep drop-off to the creek.

- Buck Hollow
  - Distance: 1.0
  - Elevation: 130 ft.
  - Highlights: Wildflowers, seasonal streams, lots of shade, views of Shasta Bally Mt.

- Camden Water Ditch (Closed to bikes & horses)
  - Distance: 1.1 Loop
  - Elevation: Mostly level
  - Highlights: Camden House, historic orchards, El Dorado Mine, Willow Creek

- Crystal Creek Water Ditch (Closed to bikes & horses)
  - Distance: 0.75
  - Elevation: 30 ft.
  - Highlights: Shaded, historic water ditch, remnants of old dams, elevated water flume

- Crystal Creek Falls
  - Distance: 0.3
  - Elevation: Mostly level
  - Highlights: 50 ft. falls and picnic area, wildflowers in spring and early summer

- Oak Bottom Ditch
  - Distance: 2.75
  - Elevation: 20 ft.
  - Highlights: Scenic views, swimming opportunities, lake access

- Shasta Divide Nature Trail (Closed to bikes & horses)
  - Distance: 0.4 Loop
  - Elevation: 190 ft.
  - Highlights: Lots of shade, access to Whiskeytown Lake, swimming, views of mountains, benches along the trail

**Moderate Hikes**

- Boulder Creek Falls (Mill Creek Road route)
  - Distance: 1.0
  - Elevation: 80 ft.
  - Highlights: 138 ft. falls, one creek crossing with plank bridge

- Brandy Creek (Brandy Creek Beach to the 2nd intersection with Brandy Creek Rd., located southeast of Sheep Camp)
  - Distance: 1.6
  - Elevation: 400 ft.
  - Highlights: Follows the spectacular Brandy Creek, swimming holes, ample shade. There are four small creek crossings, and you hike twice on the road (signs to guide you)

- Brandy Creek Falls
  - Distance: 1.5
  - Elevation: 500 ft.
  - Highlights: Beautiful series of cascades, views of Brandy Creek, shade

- Clear Creek Canal
  - Distance: 4.5
  - Elevation: 30 ft.
  - Highlights: Views of dam, Shasta Bally, Kanaka Peak, crosses Orofino Creek

- Clear Creek Vista
  - Distance: 2.4
  - Elevation: 400 ft.
  - Highlights: Historic District and scenic views of Clear Creek

- Davis Gulch (Closed to bikes & horses)
  - Distance: 3.3
  - Elevation: 170 ft.
  - Highlights: Lots of shade, lake views, scenic and quiet covers, swimming, resting benches

- Guardian Rock
  - Distance: 1.0
  - Elevation: 200 ft.
  - Highlights: Lower Clear Creek Canyon vista point

- Loggin Camp
  - Distance: 1.0
  - Elevation: 415 ft.
  - Highlights: Watershed Restoration Project

- Mt. Shasta Mine Loop
  - Distance: 3.5
  - Elevation: 540 ft.
  - Highlights: Historic mines, Orofino Creek, and mountain views

- Mule Mountain Pass (Salt Creek Loop to Swayze Drive)
  - Distance: 4.4
  - Elevation: 700 ft.
  - Highlights: Creeks, scenic views of Mt. Lassen, great for hikers, bikers, and horses

- Peltier Trail
  - Distance: 1.75
  - Elevation: 380 ft.
  - Highlights: Paige Boulder Creek, small waterfall, wildflowers

- Salt Creek Loop Trail
  - Distance: 1.8
  - Elevation: 300 ft.
  - Highlights: 6 creek crossings, mountain views, shade

**Difficult Hikes**

- Boulder Creek Falls (via South Shore Drive)
  - Distance: 2.75
  - Elevation: 950 ft.
  - Highlights: 138 ft. falls, Boulder Creek views, 3 creek crossings with no bridges

- James K. Carr Trail (Whiskeytown Falls Trail)
  - Distance: 1.7
  - Elevation: 520 ft.
  - Highlights: 220 ft. falls, beautiful views of Crystal Creek, some shade

- Kanaka Peak Loop
  - Distance: 6.5* 1,430 ft.
  - Highlights: Spectacular views, sections follow the East Fork of Boulder Creek

- Mill Creek
  - Distance: 6.1
  - Elevation: 350 ft.
  - Highlights: Shaded, creek views of Shasta Bally

- Papoose Pass Trail
  - Distance: 5.5
  - Elevation: 900 ft.
  - Highlights: Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps

- Rich Gulch Trail
  - Distance: 1.8
  - Elevation: 500 ft.
  - Highlights: Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps

- Salt Gulch Trail
  - Distance: 1.6
  - Elevation: 800 ft.
  - Highlights: Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps

The National Park Service promotes responsible outdoor recreation. Please take a personal role in preserving the outdoor experience for yourself and future generations while enjoying your visit at Whiskeytown.

Please follow the 7 principles of Leave No Trace:
1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Build fires in established fire rings only
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

For more information, visit the Leave No Trace program web site at www.LNT.org

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**Camping**

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<td>4/1 to 10/31</td>
<td>50 people (20 minimum)</td>
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**Primitive Camp Sites**

- Brandy Creek: 2 $10 closed in winter, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
- Sheep Camp: 4 $10 year-round, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
- Peltier Bridge: 7 $10 year-round, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
- Horse Camp: 2 $10 year-round, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
- Crystal Creek: 2 $10 closed in winter, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
- Coggins Park: 1 $10 closed in winter, 6 people, 2 tents, First-come-served
**Enjoy your park!**

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. It is our sincere hope that your park experience will be a memorable one for you and your family. Whether you are heading out on the trails, camping, or exploring the beauty of the lake, you can safely enjoy yourself while preserving the park experience of other visitors by following park regulations and extending common courtesy to your neighbors.

Everyone deserves to hear and enjoy the natural sounds of this beautiful park. If you are camping overnight, please observe the quiet hours from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am by not running generators and avoiding other noises such as loud voices or music. In addition, you can help keep our wildlife wild by properly storing your food. Please use the bear-proof food storage lockers in your campsite for all food items and other non-food items such as toothpaste and scented deodorant that may attract bears and other wildlife. Allowing a bear to obtain human food, even once, often results in aggressive bear behavior. Aggressive bears are a threat to human safety and must be relocated or killed. Remember, a fed bear is a dead bear!

**Be on the lookout!**

We all know to be alert for wildlife and dangerous trail conditions when we’re out in the park, but you should also be on the lookout for suspicious and illegal activities. Increasingly, dangerous criminals are establishing illegal marijuana cultivation sites in the park’s backcountry. Our rangers are seeking out and eradicating these illegal marijuana cultivation sites. If you see anything unusual, seek safety immediately! Please report suspected illegal activity to Whiskeytown dispatch at (530) 242-3431 or by calling 911 in an emergency. Please include descriptions of the location, time, people, vehicles, and license plates if possible. Your safety increases when you stay on official trails and hike or ride with others.
What can I do in the time I have?

**Hours:minutes**

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<td>Come inside the visitor center and learn about Whiskeytown's Native American and California Gold Rush history through the various exhibits</td>
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<td>Take a walk along the ADA accessible trail through the California Native Plant Garden located behind the visitor center</td>
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<td>Visit the President John F. Kennedy Memorial and press the button to hear his speech from the Whiskeytown Dam dedication on Sept. 28, 1963</td>
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<td>Enjoy a leisurely stroll down the Shasta Divide Nature Trail to the shores of beautiful Whiskeytown Lake</td>
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<td>Take a short walk (0.3 miles) to Crystal Creek Falls and enjoy your lunch at the picnic site</td>
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<td>Pan for gold along Clear Creek (see “Goldpanning” on page 2 for more information)</td>
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<td>Take a walk through time and visit the Tower House Historic District. Explore a gentleman’s ranch from the Gold Rush era, 150 year-old fruit trees, and a stamp mill at the El Dorado Mine</td>
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<td>Hike to the spectacular Boulder Creek Falls from the Mill Creek Road trailhead</td>
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A park for all seasons

**Spring**

Take a hike to the park’s four waterfalls to see them during their peak flow as the mountain snowpack begins to melt. Hike any of the trails in the park to experience the bloom of the park’s wondrous wildflowers. Great trails for spring wildflower viewing are the Mt. Shasta Mine Loop, Davis Gulch, Guardian Rock, Lower Brandy Creek, and Boulder Creek trails. Spring is also a great time for birding when patience, stillness, and quiet observance will allow you to see the most activity. In April, bring your family and friends to the park for Waterfall Week, Whiskeytown’s annual celebration of National Park Week.

**Summer**

Join a ranger-led program for a full-filled and educational park experience (See page 6). Take a swim in the cool waters of the lake at Brandy Creek Beach and have a picnic while you are there. Beat the summer heat by taking a hike to the waterfalls to bask in the shade and cool mist, or swim in the pools below the cascading waters. Drive (4WD vehicles only) to the 6,199 ft. summit of Shasta Bally Mountain for panoramic views of Mt. Lassen, Mt. Shasta, the Trinity Alps, and the Central Valley. Rent a motorized or human-powered boat at Oak Bottom Marina and enjoy the cool blue waters of Whiskeytown Lake for the day.

**Fall**

Take a hike along the Clear Creek Vista, Mill Creek, Brandy Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to view the brilliant fall colors of Big Leaf Maple, Pacific Dogwood, Western Redbud, and California Black Oak. Lake-based recreation is enjoyable while the weather is still fairly warm and there is less traffic on the water. Hiking, horseback riding, and hiking are also very enjoyable during the fall as temperatures cool and the buzz of summer activity fades. Fall is also the start of hunting season, so be aware of possible hunting activity while in the park’s backcountry. Support your park by joining us on Saturday, September 24, 2011, for Pick-Up Lake Litter Day, Whiskeytown’s annual volunteer event celebrating National Public Lands Day.

**Winter**

Join us at the Camden House within the park’s Tower House Historic District for the annual “Old Time Holiday” celebration and free wreath-making workshop on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Hike along the Brandy Creek, Mill Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to witness the crimson glory of massive gatherings of lady beetles numbering in the thousands as they enter a period of dormancy to conserve energy in the colder months. Bring your binoculars to the quiet coves around the lake to enjoy the beautiful waterfowl that congregate on Whiskeytown Lake during the winter migration. Species that are commonly seen are Canada Geese, Mallards, Buffleheads, Common and Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks, and Ring-necked Ducks.

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**Your park after dark**

Discover Whiskeytown’s Wild Night Life!

Sit quietly at dusk or dawn and watch for wildlife activity during the twilight hours. Discover the wonders of the night skies while stargazing in an area largely free from ambient light pollution. Take a moonlight hike on a familiar trail or paddle in the silvery reflections of the moon on the quiet and often calm waters of the lake on summer evenings. Visit a familiar place in the park at night and listen closely to the natural soundscapes—see how they differ from the sounds you hear in the same place during the day.
2011 Artists-In-Residence will visit and inspire

Between them, these five artists will experience Whiskeytown through its seasons, beginning in early spring and ending just as winter starts. Through their art, the changing moods of the landscape will be captured as they unfold.

The unrivaled guests

Invasives are non-native plants that grow or spread rapidly. An invasive weed usually becomes established over large areas of land and is characterized by vigorous growth, a high reproductive rate, profuse seed production, high seed germination rate, and longevity. When an invasive weed comes to a new area, it usually does not have natural competitors to keep it in check and can easily take over and displace native plant communities.

Many of Whiskeytown’s 700,000 annual visitors trek through weed-infested lands on their way to the park—unintentionally bringing invasive plants in on socks, shoelaces, tires, backpacks and pet fur. This makes the introduction of exotic species inevitable. Keeping Whiskeytown’s backcountry pristine is a continuous challenge that requires park staff and visitors to do their best in preventing introductions of new exotic plants and the spread of existing plant infestations.

Invasive plants are wreaking havoc by:

• Out-competing and displacing rare and endangered native plants
• Reducing biodiversity by turning complex plant communities into monocultures
• Changing fire intensity and frequency
• Diminishing the quality of the visitor experience
• Affecting cultural resources

Do your part:

• Remove all plant and animal material.
• Drain all water and dry all areas including the outboard unit and all live-wells.
• Inspect your clothes, gear, tent, boots, boat, and vehicle for hitch-hikers.
• Educate yourself about invasive weeds.
• Bring California native plants at home.
• Wait 5 days and keep watercraft dry between being moved from one water body to another.

Preserve the pristine waters of Whiskeytown

Quagga and zebra mussels are two exotic species of bivalve that have caused ecological and economic havoc in many areas of North America. Quagga and zebra mussels can be inadvertently spread by contaminated boats being moved from one water body to another. When removing any watercraft from the water, please do the following:

• Drain all water and dry all areas including the outboard unit and all live-wells.
• Inspect all exposed surfaces—small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.
• Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
• Remove all plant and animal material.

Whiskeytown would like to thank the Western National Parks Association for making the production of this newspaper possible through their generous donations. The WNPA mission is to promote preservation of the national park system and its resources by creating greater public appreciation through education, interpretation, and research. The WNPA operates the bookstore in the Whiskeytown Visitor Center with a portion of the proceeds from each sale donated to the park. Please visit their website at www.wnpa.org.

Share your adventure!

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is inviting photographers, both professional and amateur, to submit current photographs for the upcoming “Whiskeytown Adventure” photographic exhibition. The subject of the photos should be park visitors, staff, or volunteers experiencing one of Whiskeytown’s many outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, mountain biking, running, horseback riding, camping, sailing, motor boating, swimming, sunning, picnicking, snowshoeing, hunting, reading, painting, sightseeing, working, and playing.

Artists are invited to submit up to three JPEG photographs per entry. The first-place photographer will be awarded a $100 prize, and a $50 award will be granted to the People’s Choice recipient. Selected photographs may also be included in an upcoming book that will feature people enjoying Whiskeytown’s outdoor adventures. Photographs will be accepted until August 1, 2011, and you will be notified if your entries are selected for the exhibition. Photographs need to be framed by the artist and ready for display.

The park’s nonprofit group, Friends of Whiskeytown, will have the right to use the selected images for publicity and reproduction. The exhibition will run from August 19 through October 16, 2011. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, August 18, at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center.

Please submit your images along with your name and telephone number to the Artist-In-Residence coordinator, Sheila Edridge, at WhiskeytownFunPhotographs@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Sheila at (530) 246-1225.
Enjoy your park with a ranger!

FOR CLOSE TO A CENTURY, VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD have participated in the rich tradition of attending ranger-led programs. Millions of visitors, whether seeking a greater awareness of nature, learning about our cultural history, or just looking for fun and exciting outdoor activities, have deepened their appreciation for national parks by attending these programs. Whiskeytown continues this tradition by offering a wide variety of fun, family-friendly ranger-led programs through the summer season.

For those visitors interested in becoming Whiskeytown Junior Rangers, please stop by the visitor center or ask a park ranger for a Junior Ranger program card. Completing the Junior Ranger programs will help you explore, learn about, and protect the park’s natural and cultural resources. Although the programs are designed for children ages 6 to 12, all ages are welcome to participate and earn a Whiskeytown patch!

Ranger-led programs begin June 18, 2011 and are offered through Labor Day weekend. Some programs, such as the Kayak Tours may be offered beyond Labor Day, weather permitting. You can call Park Ranger Clinton Kane at (530) 242-3451 to arrange a special program for your students or other organization. Whiskeytown offers a Gold Rush program which meets California’s 4th grade curriculum standards for history, as well as ranger-led hikes to the waterfalls throughout the year. Please call the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225, visit our website at www.nps.gov/whis, or call Ranger Kane for the latest information on park programs.

Ranger-led program offerings

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Ranger-led program descriptions

Kayak Program

Daily tours at 9:30 am and 6 pm. A 12:30 pm tour is offered on Saturday and Sunday. (2½ hours) 
Reservations are required, call (530) 242-3462
Hop on a kayak with a friend and explore the quiet coves around Whiskeytown Lake while you learn more about the natural and cultural values of the park. Children must be at least six years old. For reservations up to two weeks in advance, call (530) 242-3462. Ask about arranging a group tour (minimum of 12 people) for your friends and family, business, or community group.

Special Access Kayak Program

Friday evenings during July and August (2 hours) This program has been developed for individuals with special needs so they can enjoy a kayaking adventure. Visitors who have limited mobility, disabilities, developmental issues, or restrictions due to age or illness are encouraged to give kayaking a try. Visitors with special needs are paired with an experienced volunteer. Please call (530) 242-3454 for more information.

Moonlight Kayak Tours

There are several tours offered each month from July through September (2 hours) Experience dramatic changes in the landscape as you explore Whiskeytown lake under the light of the moon. Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance by calling (530) 242-3462. Reservations are limited to four per call. Please call early to secure your space.

Evening programs

Friday and Saturday at 9:00 pm (1 hour)
Beginning August 5, start time is 8:30 pm
Spend the evening with a ranger and learn more about wonders of Whiskeytown through talks, slide shows, or other activities during this one-hour program. Topics include history, wildlife, and current issues related to protecting the park’s natural and cultural resources. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Ranger

Saturday at 10:00 am (1 hour) Children 6 to 12 years of age can learn about preserving and protecting while making new friends during a special one-hour activity that explores the wonders of Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Firefighter

Saturday at 11:00 am (1 hour) See how firefighters manage fire to promote forest health and protect lives and property. Learn about the important role that fire plays in our national parks during this hands-on activity. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Ranger Kayak Program

Monday and Thursday at 1:30 pm (1.5 hours) Join us for a special program that pairs parents and their children in a kayak so they can discover and share the joy of nature with each other as they paddle and play. The program is geared for children six to twelve years old. Please call (530) 242-3462 to make a reservation.

Complete the Junior Ranger and Junior Firefighter cards to earn our two beautiful Whiskeytown patches!

Fran Mainella, former Director of the National Park Service, enjoys a kayaking adventure into the mouth of Boulder Creek

It’s all about nature!

Tuesday at 11:00 am (1 hour)
Families with children 3 to 5 years of age are welcome to join a ranger near the Brandy Creek Beach snack bar. Come learn about the natural world of Whiskeytown through children’s stories, songs, activities, and nature-based crafts. Local storytellers will be featured throughout the summer, providing fun and educational activities for our youngest visitors.

Walk In Time

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 3:00 pm (2 hours) Discover how pioneers/prospectors Charles Camden and Levi Tower reshaped the landscape to create a home for their families and an “oasis” for many travelers during and after the California Gold Rush. After a tour of the Camden house, built in 1852, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the apple orchard, then try your hand at finding gold the old-fashioned way—with a gold pan in the creek! Meet the ranger at the Tower House Historic District parking lot near the bulletin board. Please bring a bottle of water and extra clothing if you choose to get wet.

Water safety demonstration

Saturday and Sunday afternoons (30 minutes) Learn how to save someone from drowning while keeping yourself at a safe. Join a ranger for this fun water-safety demonstration at Brandy Creek Beach.

The Friends of Whiskeytown: Join Our Friends!

The Friends of Whiskeytown is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service restore and protect the magnificent resources and recreational opportunities at Whiskeytown. Your contribution of $25.00 or more will help the park complete projects that would be otherwise unfunded. For further information, call (530) 242-3460 or visit www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org