Welcome to Whiskeytown!

Over the past 50 years, millions of people came to Whiskeytown to play, relax, or enjoy the diverse natural and cultural resources the park offers.

Over the past 30 years, millions of people have spent summer days on the park’s beaches, experienced the excitement of water skiing or wake boarding for the first time, and enjoyed the pleasure of interacting with the natural world by kayaking or watching sailing boats cruise across the lake waters. Think back to all the deer, birds, bears and perhaps even mountain lions observed during hiking adventures to Whiskeytown’s picturesque waterfalls, or all the people that competed in foot races, swimming events and mountain bike races over the decades. Children who dove into the lake in 1963, days after President Kennedy spoke at the dam, are now watching their grandkids build their first sand castles at Oak Bottom Beach. The park staff, volunteers and park partners are working hard to ensure your visits over the next 50 years continue to be filled with happy experiences like these, to add to your family’s album of memories.

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, we also look forward to the National Park Service turning 100 years old in August 2016. Over 400 National Park Service sites are found across the nation, each one representing some of America’s finest landscapes, rich historical stories or important cultural sites from the creation of this nation. The mission of the National Park Service and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is to “Conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same, in such manner and by such means, as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Whiskeytown is a special place with a rich history, and we hope that both this generation and the next continue to enjoy the park and use it to relax, exercise, learn and spend quality time in nature with family and friends. So have fun, be safe, and be sure to wish Whiskeytown a happy 50th birthday!

Jim Milestone
Superintendent

ON JUNE 1, 2015, WHISKEYTOWN INCREASED ENTRANCE AND OTHER PARK FEES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1997. A seven-day entrance pass is $10, annual park pass $40, Dry Creek Group Campground $80 per site/night, Brandy Creek RV Campground and primitive campsites $15, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area $50 per site/day. “We are committed to keeping the park affordable, but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience,” said Whiskeytown NRA’s Park Superintendent Jim Milestone. “The money from camping/entrance fees is used to improve visitor facilities, infrastructure, and visitor services.”

The fees will be used to decrease our $27 million dollar backlog of identified deferred maintenance projects. Additional revenue raised by a fee increase will be used to replace the Oak Bottom Beach restroom and changing facility, improve and expand our 51 year old visitor center, renovate the beach stores and swim beaches, rehabilitate park picnic areas, renovate Oak Bottom Campground bathrooms, preserve historic structures, develop and produce park interpretive videos, renovate informational kiosks, provide improved signage, and many other projects that will improve the park experience for visitors.

All types of passes may be purchased at the visitor center. To purchase a seven-day pass, there are pay-by-envelope stations at various locations throughout the park. The online purchase of an annual pass, seven-day pass, or gold panning permit will soon be available online at the pay.gov website. Check the park website for updates.

Your Fee Dollars at Work

2-3 Things you need to know

This compilation of essential park information is based on questions frequently asked by visitors and organized alphabetically to help you quickly find what you are looking for.

4-5 Fiftieth Anniversary Dedication

This year marks our 50th birthday! The park was established November 8, 1965. Flip to these pages to read recollections from our visitors, learn about some historical milestones, or complete a fun crossword puzzle.

6-7 Camping and trail information

If you are planning an outdoor adventure, flip to page 4 for a listing of the park’s extensive trail system and campgrounds that includes essential information for each. A map will orient you to the park.

8-9 What can I do in the time I have and what’s going on in the park?

Not sure what to do during your park visit? Turn to page 8 for a helpful guide that will assist you in planning your recreational activities according to the time you have, as well as activity suggestions for the different seasons.

10-11 Kids activity and upcoming events

Want to become a Junior Ranger but don’t have time to attend a program? Turn to page 10 and fill out this activity page and earn your badge! Also, throughout the year we have many special events, check page 11 for descriptions.

12 Ranger-led programs

Whiskeytown offers a variety of FREE Ranger-led Programs during the summer season. These programs are fun and family-friendly. A program schedule and description is found on page 12.
Park Profile

Origin of the “Whiskeytown” name
The park is named after a mining town that was flooded to create the reservoir.

Highest point: 6,199 ft. Shasta Rally
Lowest point: 860 ft. on Clear Creek near the southeast park boundary

Lake elevation: 1,198 ft. at full pool and 1,198 ft. at the winter draw-down

Lake acreage: 42,000 acres
Lake level: 2,200 feet above sea level
Lake water storage capacity: 241,000 acre-feet at 1,198 ft.

Whiskeytown Dam
The earthen dam is 281.5 ft. high with a crest length of 4,000 ft.

The National Park Service Mission
The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
Whiskeytown Lake was created as part of the Central Valley Project to provide water for agricultural, municipal, and industrial use, as well as for the maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, Whiskeytown Lake has two hydroelectric power generation stations, and the earthen dam provides flood control downstream of its location. The dam was completed in early February 1963, and dedicated by President John F. Kennedy on September 28, 1963.

The 3,200-acre reservoir and 39,000 acres of surrounding habitat became Whiskeytown National Recreation Area in 1965. Within its boundaries, the park preserves and protects an incredible diversity of flora and fauna, as well as the cultural history of the Wintu Native Americans and the California Gold Rush. The park also provides a wide variety of year-round recreation opportunities for over 850,000 annual visitors.

Park Information

Superintendent
Jim F. Milestone

Visitor Center
(530) 246-1255

Park Headquarters
(530) 242-3410 Fax (530) 246-5154

Park Ranger Dispatch Office
(530) 242-3431

Emergency Phone
911

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Whiskeytown, CA 96095

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www.nps.gov/whis

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Amenities

Basic food and camping items can be purchased at the Oak Bottom Campground Store, between 8 am and 4 pm during the winter and 7 pm in the summer. The Oak Bottom Marina store is open on request over the winter and from 8 am to 6 pm during the summer. Fishing and boating supplies, such as motorboat fuel and oil, are available in this store along with snacks, beverages, ice, cream, sunblock and miscellaneous merchandise. The Brandy Creek Beach Store opened in 2014 and a new store will open at Oak Bottom Beach, both selling a variety of sandwiches, water toys, beverages and snacks. Both beach stores are open between Memorial Day and Labor Day from 11 am – 6 pm.

Books

The bookstore, located at the Visitor Center, is managed by Western National Park Associations (WNPA) whose mission is to promote the preservation of the national park system and its resources. A variety of books, maps, guides, postcards, souvenirs, and other items can be purchased here. Local products are available, as well as books written by local authors. In addition, they stock a variety of fishing and camping equipment. The proceeds from each sale is donated to support education, interpretation, and research programs.

Backpacking

Backpacking Permits and regulations are available at the visitor center at no cost.

Bicycling

Bicycles are permitted on all trails except the Camden Ditch, Shasta Divide, Davis Gulch, and Crystal Creek Water Ditch Trails. Mountain biking trail information is available at the visitor center. Helmets, gloves, and eye protection are recommended for all riders. Maintain a safe speed of 15 mph for road and trail conditions and stay within your level of riding experience. Cyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Hikers and equestrians always have the right-of-way.

Boating

There are no boat launching fees at Whiskeytown Lake, but visitors must display a valid entrance pass (see “Fees”). The boat launches at Brandy Creek Marina, Oak Bottom, and Whiskey Creek. Oak Bottom Marina rents a variety of motor boats. Single and double kayak rentals are available at both Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek Beach. Please call (530) 359-2671 or visit www.whiskeytownmarinas.com. Motor boats with two and four-stroke engines are allowed on Whiskeytown Lake and must observe posted no-wake areas. Boats cannot exceed 36 feet in length. Occupied vessels can remain on the water overnight provided they move at least one-half linear mile each hour. Overnight camping on boats is prohibited. For your safety and the safety of others, please be aware of other lake users. Non-motorized craft always have the right-of-way. The use of personal watercraft is prohibited in all areas. Vessels are subject to inspection by rangers at any time to examine licenses, documents, and compliance with regulations pertaining to safety equipment, vessel capacity, sanitation, and pollution and noise abatement devices. Stay alive! Wear a life jacket!

Camping

Campsites are only permitted in the established five campgrounds at picnic areas and campgrounds. Fires must never be left unattended and must be properly extinguished upon departure. Dead wood may only be collected from the ground for personal use while in the park. Collecting live vegetation or standing dead wood is prohibited. The use of self-contained barbecues, gas and charcoal, is permitted as long as they are attended at all times and properly extinguished.

Firearms

Federal law permits people who can legally possess firearms under federal and State of California laws to possess firearms in the park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state and federal firearms laws. Firearms are prohibited in most federal buildings in the park including the visitor center and park headquarters. Firearms may only be used in the park during hunting seasons in authorized areas, and pursuant to the lawful taking of game species in compliance with California laws and regulations.

Fishing

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, six miles east of the visitor center.

Fire

The entrance fee for the park is $10 per vehicle for a seven-day pass. Whiskeytown annual pass costs $40. 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. Fee Free days in 2015 can be found on page 11.

Fees/Passes

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Alcohol

Alcohol is prohibited on the park’s four designated public swim beaches and parking areas: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and East Beach. The legal blood alcohol level for the operators of vehicles and motorboats cannot exceed 0.08, but boat operators and drivers may be impaired and incapable of safe operation at lesser levels.

All-Terrain Vehicles

ATVs and off-road vehicle travel are prohibited in the park.

Camping

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 Memorial Drive and CA Highway 299. The hours of operation are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily year-round, except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s holidays. The visitor center provides information, a variety of use permits, natural and cultural history exhibits, an ADA accessible California native plant garden, as well as books, maps, and souvenir items for sale. In addition, accessible restrooms, first aid, an Automated External Defibrillator, and drinking water are all available here.

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

Hiking
Hiking can be enjoyed year-round at Whiskeytown. With over seventy miles of trails in the park, most of which can be ridden by mountain bikers and equestrians, there is something for every ability level and interest (please see page 4 for trail information). Be prepared for changing conditions while enjoying the park's backcountry and be sure to carry a adequate amount of water for each person. Summer daytime temperatures often exceed 100°F.

Horses & pack animals
Horses, burros, mules, and camelids may be used on designated multiple-use trails in the park. Horse Camp primitive campground is accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only location in the park where camping with horses is allowed. There are two sites available and a potable water spigot.

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

Mines
Old mine workings in the park are dangerous and unstable. When hiking cross country, be on the lookout for uncovered mining shafts. Stay out, and be on the lookout for uncovered mining shafts. Stay out, and avoid all.

Noise levels
In order to keep natural soundscapes available and a potable water spigot.

Picnicking
Picnic sites are available in developed areas of the park including, Brandy Creek Beach and Marina, Oak Bottom Beach, Whiskey Creek Boat Launch, Judge Francis Cary Powerhouse, Crystal Creek Falls, and the Clear Creek Picnic Area off of Trinity Mountain Road. No reservations can be made for these sites and no area can be held for the exclusive use of any group. Inquire at the visitor center for the location of AOA accessible picnic sites. For groups of 20 or more, reservations can be made for day use sites at Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area by calling 1-877-444-6777.

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

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

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 and information are available on the park website. For more information, please contact the Chief Ranger at (530) 242-3413.

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.

Vehicles
Motorists must obey all posted speed limits. Vehicles are only allowed on designated roadways. Be alert for pedestrians, cyclists, horses, and wildlife on the roadways. Use special care while driving at dusk and dawn 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.

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

Wildlife
Do please your best to keep the park's wildlife wild. Do not feed or harass wildlife. Enjoy all animals from a safe distance and try not to disturb their natural behaviors. Use the bear-proof storage lockers for all scented items and never leave food unattended.

Annual Meteor Showers 2015

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A valid park pass or Seven-Day Entrance 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 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 gate or blocking right-of-way access is prohibited.

Pets
Pets are allowed in the park on and trails, provided they are leashed at all times. Leash length is not to exceed 6 feet. Pets are prohibited on all of the park's designated public swim beaches: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Pets cannot be left unattended at any time.
Happy 50th Birthday
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
Established November 8, 1965

A lot can happen in 50 years

1965
President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation establishing Whiskeytown National Recreation Area on November 8, 1965. The first Whiskeytown staff is shown above accompanied by Superintendent Leon Mitchell in 1966.

1971
Shasta County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Raymond V. Darby submits a proposal to turn Whiskeytown Environmental Camp into a center for outdoor education serving the needs of many educational groups and agencies. The Whiskeytown Environmental School continues this mission today.

1978
Ray Faust, served as the second park Superintendent for 17 years and implemented many policies that have shaped how the park is used today.

1980
Superintendent Faust banned alcohol from swim beaches, reducing the instances of DUI’s and improving visitor safety and experience.

1986
Whiskeytown published its first newsletter, the 'Whiskeytown Generator' now known as the 'Whiskeytown Nugget.'

1981
The Camden House, having been unoccupied since the 1940s, fell into disrepair. Park staff began restoring the structure to its original unique form.

1990
The park’s Bald Eagle population rebounded with two breeding pairs of Bald Eagles. One of the chicks was sent to San Francisco to reintroduce elsewhere.

1995
Dave Pugh, the third park Superintendent, served for five years. During his tenure the popular Crystal Creek Water Ditch Trail was established.

1997
At 1 AM on January 1, a major debris flow sent rocks, mud, snow and water down Brandy Creek and Paige Boulder Creek, damaging bridges and leaving Brandy Creek Beach dramatically changed. Boulders at Brandy Creek Beach are evidence of the slide.

1999
In March Whiskeytown National Recreation Area received a Partnership Achievement Award from the National Park Foundation for collaborating with Shasta College on the 300-acre Paige Bar Watershed Restoration project.

2000
Jim Milestone, begins as the fourth park Superintendent. Under his direction, park staff have expanded trails, established waterfall access and focused on expanding recreational opportunities.

2002
Personal watercraft were banned from the lake. This led to the creation of one of Whiskeytown’s most popular free ranger-led programs still offered today - kayaking.

2005
By installing solar panels, more efficient appliances and fixtures and properly insulating buildings, the park reduced its carbon footprint and energy consumption by nearly 50%.

2008
On June 21st a lightning storm passed over northern California in the early hours sparking over two thousand fires, including several that ended by burning about 20% of Whiskeytown NRA.

2011
The parks four swim beaches were designated "smoke free."

2013
Celebrated 50 years since President John F. Kennedy dedicated the Clair A. Hill Whiskeytown Dam on September 28, 1963.
Over 50 years of Passion and Dedication

CAN YOU TELL BY LOOKING AROUND WHO WAS here before you and what they did while they were here? Whiskeytown protects and preserves a continuous historical record and remnant sites of many people. Beginning with Native American settlement thousands of years ago, the park’s landscape reflects the stories of how diverse groups of people have utilized the area’s resources through time. Whiskeytown was first settled by the Winnu Indians. Living in villages throughout the area, they hunted abundant game including deer, quail, rabbit, and elk; fished for salmon in free-flowing rivers; and gathered grasses, roots, acorns, manzanita fruits and other plants.

When gold was discovered on Clear Creek, about seven miles below where the Whiskeytown Dam is today, a new era was ushered in that had far reaching consequences for the Winnu people and the landscape. Person B. Reading’s discovery brought rush of hopeful miners to these hills - miners who limited access to the land, dammed the Tocumwal Creek, about seven miles below where Whiskeytown Dam is today, a new history is of the land is written, the park has been set aside for them. For 50 years the National Park Service has been preserving this park and its long history. As Whiskeytown continues to evolve, and a new history is of the land is written, the park will continue to watch over the historic values and objects it protects so they will remain unimpaired for education and enjoyment of future generations.

How Well Do You Know Whiskeytown?

Across
2. Friendly park staff you meet that answer questions, lead programs and keep you safe
3. Constructed in 1963
5. Our only man made waterfall
7. A plant you should never touch
9. Never pick these in a national park site
10. What you have left after you visit
11. A popular way to get around the lake (motorized or not)
12. A way to strike it rich (don’t forget your permit)
13. A way to strike it rich (don’t forget your permit)
14. A nice place to cool off in the summer
15. A place to launch your boat
16. One creek that feeds the lake
18. Leads you to a destination (there are over 70 miles of these in Whiskeytown)
19. Established November 8, 1965
20. A way to get exercise
21. One of the most erosive mountains in Northern California and the tallest in the park
22. Fire loving brush that surrounds the park
23. Enjoy from afar and never feed
26. One of the first established beaches located on the south shore of Whiskeytown Lake
27. Controls the waters temperature

Down
1. Built in 1852
2. Whiskeytown is managed by the
4. Whiskeytown’s earliest settlers
6. Whiskeytown Dam employees installing water transfer piping
8. A way to get exercise
9. Never pick these in a national park site
10. What you have left after you visit
12. The park has four trails to these popular destinations
14. A nice place to cool off in the summer
15. A place to launch your boat
16. One creek that feeds the lake
17. Where you gather information about the park, or buy a book or souvenir
18. A way to get around the lake without a motor
22. Fire loving brush that surrounds the park
24. An enjoyable way to relax and catch a bite to eat
25. Interpretive tour created in 2002

Visitors wading in the lake to cool off from the hot summer sun

Whiskeytown Nugget 5
Vault Only campground where camping with horses is allowed. All of the sites are near Clear Creek.

Boulder Creek Falls (Brandy Creek Trailhead)
- Distance: 1.0 mi
- Elevation Change: 80 ft.
- Highlights: Follows the spectacular Boulder Creek, swimming holes, ample shade. There are four small creek crossings, and you hike twice on the road (signs guide you)

Princess Ditch (from Salt Creek Loop to Stoney Gulch Trailhead)
- Distance: 1.8 mi
- Elevation Change: 500 ft.
- Highlights: Historic water ditch, scenic views, cross over four bridges that span drainages where historic flumes once ran

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

### Difficult Hikes

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<td>At 220 feet, park's tallest falls, beautiful views of Crystal Creek, some shade</td>
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<td>Kanaka Peak</td>
<td>3.6 mi</td>
<td>1,430 ft.</td>
<td>Panoramic views of the Trinity Alps, Mt. Lassen, Igo and Ono, Yolla Bolly Mtns., Clear Creek Canyons, beautiful Whiskeytown Lake</td>
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<td>Mill Creek</td>
<td>6.1 mi</td>
<td>350 ft.</td>
<td>16 creek crossings, lots of shade, north end of the trail connects with the Tower House Historic District</td>
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<td>Papoose Pass</td>
<td>5.5 mi</td>
<td>900 ft.</td>
<td>Spectacular views, sections follow the East Fork of Boulder Creek</td>
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<td>Rich Gulch</td>
<td>1.8 mi</td>
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<td>Shaded and views of Shasta Bally</td>
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<td>Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps</td>
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### Primitive Camp Sites

- Obtain campground permits at the visitor center. Dispersed camping is allowed with the exception of Backpacking Permits that must be obtained at the visitor center.

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### Archaeology in the Park

Whiskeytown’s landscape reflects the stories of how diverse groups of people have utilized the area’s resources through time. While you are out hiking, swimming, camping or bike riding you may come across an object that may have cultural or historical significance.

To preserve the park’s history, we ask that you please leave any cultural or historical artifacts where you found them. Write down a description of the location of the object or take a picture and please contact the park cultural resource specialist at (530) 242-3438. Additionally, let us know if you would like to be contacted about the object’s significance or to volunteer with investigating and preserving the parks cultural and historical resources.

Remember that removing, altering, or destroying cultural artifacts in a National Park is a federal offense and could result in fines or jail time. Possession or use of a mineral or metal detector is also prohibited.

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### Water, Toilet, and Notes

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If arriving after hours, camp in an unoccupied site and pay immediately when visitor center opens. Camping trailers (15’ or less) are permitted in sites.

vaulting is prohibited in the park at the visitor center.

- Vault: Steep downhill road to reach the lower campsite #2.
- Vault: Caution: Sites are near a steep drop-off to the creek.
- Vault: All of the sites are near Clear Creek.
- Vault: Only campground where camping with horses is allowed. Call (530) 242-3412 for more information.
- Vault: Both sites are very close to Crystal Creek.
- no toilet: 4WD or high-clearance vehicles are highly recommended for the unpaved road to the remote campsite.

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**Whiskeytown Nugget 7**
Walk by the wayside exhibits outside the Visitor Center and enjoy the scenic views.

Take a walk along the ADA accessible trail through the California native plant garden located behind the visitor center.

From the visitor center parking lot, enjoy a leisurely stroll down the Shasta Divide Nature Trail to the shores of Whiskeytown Lake.

From Horse Camp, walk the ADA accessible portion of the Guardian Rock Trail to the beautiful vista point overlooking Lower Clear Creek Canyon.

Take a short walk (0.3 miles) to Crystal Creek Falls and enjoy your lunch at the picnic site.

Pan for gold along Clear Creek (see “Gold panning” on page 3 for more information).

Grab your mountain bike and enjoy a ride on more than 70 miles of park trails. There are trails for every skill level and interest. Information is available at the visitor center.

Spend the afternoon at Brandy Creek and enjoy a picnic on the beach or in one of the many shaded picnic sites near the creek.

Become a Junior Ranger and Junior Firefighter by attending both programs and learn how to preserve and protect the park resources.

Explore the newly developed Princess Ditch Trail and enjoy its historical character and open views.

For a physically rewarding day, you can complete the Whiskeytown Waterfall Challenge (see page 11) in one day by hiking to all four of the park’s waterfalls.

What Can I Do in the Time I Have?

Hours : minutes

Half an hour

0:30  Visit the President John F. Kennedy Memorial and press the button to hear his inspiring speech from the Whiskeytown Dam dedication on September 28, 1963.

1:00  Choose a place in the park with an unobstructed view of the sky and enjoy stargazing under Whiskeytown’s clear night skies. The best time to stargaze is on the new moon or anytime between the Waning Crescent and Waxing Crescent Moon Phases (see “Sun and Moon” on page 3 for more information).

2:00  Take a walk through time and visit the Tower House Historic District. Explore the 150 year-old fruit trees, and stamp mill at the El Dorado Mine.

Two hours

Hike to Boulder Creek Falls via the Mill Creek road Trailhead.

3:00  Hike the Peltier Trail and enjoy a beautiful unnamed waterfall on Paige Boulder Creek.

3:30  Hike to Whiskeytown Falls or Brandy Creek Falls, or hike the Mount Shasta Mine Loop Trail.

Half a day

4:00  Hike the Papoose Pass Trail from Sheep Camp to Boulder Creek Falls and back.

5:00  Rent a kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle boards, or motorboat at Oak Bottom Marina or Brandy Creek Beach and enjoy the lake for the day.

Whole day

Waterfalls: To see them during peak flow as the mountain snowpack begins to melt. Use caution as the trails can be slippery. Hike any of the park trails to experience the incredible bloom of 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 a great time for birding. Patience, stillness, and quiet observation will allow you to see the most bird activity. In April, take 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 fun-filled and educational park experience. See page 12. 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 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 and California black oak. Hiking, horseback riding, and biking are 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 National Public Lands Day for volunteer opportunities. Contact the Visitor Center for more information: (530) 246-1225 or visit the park website at nps.gov/whis.

In addition, join us on September 19th for Whiskeytown’s 5th Annual Harvest Festival in the historic orchards.

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 5, 2015. Hike along the Brandy Creek, Mill Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to witness the crimson glory of massive gatherings of lady bird 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 waterfowl that congregate on the lake during the winter migration. Species commonly seen are Canada geese, mallards, buffleheads, common mergansers, coots, ruddy ducks, and ring-necked ducks. Watch for bald eagles as well.

A park for all seasons
Plants That Bite Back

NON-NATIVE PLANTS ARE THOSE THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THEIR NATIVE RANGE AND SPREAD rapidly often due to human activity. Whiskeytown employs an exotic plant cult to stop the spread of non-native plant species. It is our goal to reduce or eliminate these plants which can displace native species, increase the intensity and frequency of wildfires, degrade wildlife habitat, reduce water availability, or impact the visitor experience.

Problem Plant: Puncture Vine: a.k.a. goathed. The scientific name for puncture vine is Tribulus terrestris is loosely translated as “spiky weapon of the earth”. It grows like mat in summer and has yellow flowers. The sight of its seeds will definitely stick with you. Puncture vine is infamous for producing spiny burrs that can pop bike tires, stick in your pet’s paws and hitch a ride on shoes.

Here at Whiskeytown, we battle puncture vine in the Tower House Historic District and along certain trails. We hand pull this plant and bag the seeds, as they can remain viable for several years. A mature plant can produce thousands of seeds.

Poison oak is very common in the park, as is exposure to the plant’s toxic oils. Leaves of three, let them be!

WHISKETOWN IS A WONDERSFULL PLACE FOR families to enjoy the outdoors. Have a safe time in the park’s backcountry and be aware of some potential dangers and how to avoid them. Weather conditions can change rapidly, so be prepared by bringing extra layers of clothing, food, a basic first aid kit, and plenty of water for each person, especially in the summer when temperatures can exceed 100°F. Know approximate times for sunrise and sunset, and bring a flashlight in case you are out longer than expected.

Before heading out on the trail, take time to familiarize yourself with the park map and consider taking a more detailed topographic map. Many of Whiskeytown’s trails connect with other trails, including some that continue outside the park’s boundaries.

Western rattlesnakes are common in the park. Snakes should never be handled and their beauty should be enjoyed at a safe distance.

Never hike or ride alone, bring a fully charged cellular phone and make sure someone knows your planned route and approximate return time. Look up, down, and around at campsites for hazards, including steep drop-offs and dead, leaning, or otherwise weakened trees which can fall without warning. Campfires are not allowed outside of designated fire pits. Be sure to treat or filter water from natural sources.

Be alert for wildlife and maintain a safe distance. If you encounter a bear or a mountain lion, try to scare it away by shouting, waving your hands, and throwing sticks or rocks. Never approach or feed wildlife, or leave food unattended, and make sure to hang your food or use a bear canister if backpacking. Poison oak is found throughout the park. Look at the photo above to identify the plant and stay on the trails to avoid it. The plant drops its only leaves in winter, but the dormant stems of the plant are still toxic to your skin and can cause an itchy and painful rash. Rattlesnakes are commonly found in the park during the warmer months. Avoid rattlesnakes by staying on established trails and give them plenty of distance if you do encounter them.

Always lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you while recreating in the park. Report suspected illegal activity to Whiskeytown Dispatch at (530) 242-3431 or by calling 911 in an emergency. Timely reporting of information is essential for your safety and for park investigations.

Your safety greatly increases when you stay on official trails and hike or ride with others.

Backcountry Safety Matters!

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WHISKETOWN IS THE NATIONAL PARK Service’s concessioner that operates Oak Bottom Marina and Brandy Creek Marina. Both marinas offer slip rentals and launch ramps. Buoy moorage is available at Oak Bottom Marina and dry storage at Brandy Creek. The Oak Bottom Marina rents 16’ fishing boats, 24’ pontoon boats, and 26’ deck cruisers. Kayak and paddle board rentals are available at both Oak Bottom and the Brandy Creek Beach Store.

Forever Resorts also operates the Oak Bottom Campground with 94 walk-in tent campsites and 22-day-camping RV sites, all within walking distance of the lake, swim beach, and showers. An RV dump station is available. Each tent campsite has a fire pit, picnic table and a bear-proof storage locker. Forever Resorts operates stores at Oak Bottom campground & marina and seasonal stores at Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom Beach. All stores sell ice, ice cream, snacks and a variety of summer and beach merchandise.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff at Oak Bottom Marina wants all guests to enjoy their favorite outdoor activities and is always ready to assist with boating necessities, boat rental and camping reservations.

For more information, call (530) 359-2269 for camping reservations, (530) 359-2008 for moorage questions, and (530) 359-2071 for the marina store and boat rental reservations. For the Brandy Creek Beach Store and Kayak Rental, call (530) 246-1056 and the Oak Bottom Beach store can be reached at (530) 359-2675. WhiskeytownMarinas.com

Lifejackets Save Lives

In 2013, the U.S. recorded 560 deaths while boating and in 84% of those deaths, the victims were not wearing their lifejackets! By simply wearing a lifejacket while boating, your chances for survival are increased. To safeguard you and your family around water, follow these simple suggestions:

• Always supervise your children
• Avoid alcohol
• Wear a properly fitted US Coast Guard approved lifejacket
• Take swimming lessons
• Learn CPR

For more information on water safety please visit www.USCGboating.org or www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

Did you know that lifeguards at Brandy Creek Beach perform between 25-40 swimmer assists or near drowning rescues each summer season? That accounts for nearly one rescue for every thousand beach visitors. Through a generous contribution from The Friends of Whiskeytown, the lifeguards at Brandy Creek Beach have a free lifejacket loan program from Memorial Day through Labor Day. They have a variety of sizes ranging from infant through adult. Check out the jackets at 10:00 am and return them by 5:30 pm.

Clean Water Is Up To Us

Last year over one million visitors came to Whiskeytown, many to escape the heat of summer in the cool lake water. The park’s four swim beaches are very popular destinations. To help protect the public, Whiskeytown park staff sample water quality at these beaches at least five times a month from early May to late September.

Why is this important? People enjoy Whiskeytown’s picturesquely lake and crystal clear waters. However, even the clearest water can be contaminated by large groups of bathers. Testing of the waters at the swim beaches allows park staff to monitor water quality conditions and trends. Should contamination thresholds be exceeded, warning signs are posted on the beach to advise against bathing. To keep the water clean, park staff have taken actions such as banning dogs at swim beaches and limiting the number of visitors at Brandy Creek Beach on busy holidays.

There are also actions you can take to help! Please shower before and after swimming in the lake and don’t use the lake as a bathtub! Showers are available at the beaches. Please don’t allow children in diapers to enter the water. Don’t swim if you have or recently had diarrhea. Keep pets away from swimming areas. Do not feed wildlife, especially the geese. Remember it’s up to all of us to keep Whiskeytown Lake clean!
There are many ways at Whiskeytown you can become a National Park Service Junior Ranger. Don't have time to join a Junior Ranger Program? By completing this page you can earn your Junior Ranger Badge.

**Visitor Center Scavenger Hunt**
Whiskeytown is known for its rich gold history, prospectors used patience in digging and panning for gold. You can find answers 1 through 11 by looking at the various displays inside the Visitor Center.

**Gold Discovered in California**
1. What year was gold discovered in California?

2. Whiskeytown is located in a gold mining area of California called the "Northern ____________." 

**The Miners and Their Tools**
3. Name three tools used by the miners for finding gold.

4. Why was life very difficult for most miners?

5. What were better ways than mining to make a steady income?

6. What features made the Tower House District an "oasis" during the Gold Rush?

7. What happened to the town of Whiskeytown in the 1960s?

**The Wintu Indians**
8. What is in the exhibit case that shows you the Wintu hunted animals for food?

9. The exhibit also contains stone pestles used for grinding. Can you guess what the Wintus used for grinding into flour?

10. This is the name of the trail I hiked at Whiskeytown:

11. What do you think was special about this trail?

**Before Your Hike:**
Put a check mark next to everything that you can do on your walk to protect the park from harm.

___Stay on the trail and don't make a new one.

___Take your garbage home instead of leaving it on the trail, "Pack it in, Pack it out."

___If you have a dog, pick up its poop.

___Don't feed or approach wildlife.

**Take a Hike!**
Walk a trail at Whiskeytown. The closest and easiest trail is the Shasta Divide Nature Trail, located at the end of the Visitor Center parking lot. It is a half-mile walk. Or you may choose a different trail.

Ask for a copy of the guide to the trail that you choose and for a walk in nature.

**Rangers and Volunteers Here at Whiskeytown**
Find a ranger or volunteer and see what role they play here at Whiskeytown.

Who did you meet?

What does the he/ she do for the park?

Congratulations!
Show your completed scavenger hunt to the ranger or volunteer at the Visitor Center and receive your Junior Ranger badge.
Annual Events

Waterfall Week
Saturday April 18 through Sunday April 26
Come celebrate National Park Week and explore the beauty of Whiskeytown and its four major waterfalls. The National Park Service invites visitors to take the Whiskeytown Waterfall Challenge during National Park week. A great way to complete the Whiskeytown Waterfall challenge is to join a ranger-led hike to one of the park's four major waterfalls, including ADA accessible Crystal Creek Falls. For more information check out the park website: nps.gov/whis, or contact the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225.

National Junior Ranger Day
Saturday April 25, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Brandy Creek Marina
Whiskeytown is celebrating National Junior Ranger Day. There will be fun interactive ways to learn how to preserve and protect national parks and become a Whiskeytown Junior Ranger and Junior Firefighter. Visitors of all ages are welcome to participate, and those who complete the program will earn a Whiskeytown Junior Ranger badge.

National Public Lands Day
Saturday September 26, 2015
On this day, Americans of all ages will help maintain and restore our Nation's outdoor resources and ecosystems at more that 2,200 sites across our country. Volunteer in your parks and be on the lookout for more detailed information about celebrating National Public Lands Day at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Contact the Visitor Center for more information: (530) 246-1225 or visit the park website at nps.gov/whis.

Harvest Festival
September 26, 2015 at the park's Camden House and Whiskeytown's Annual Harvest Festival.

National Park Service Centennial
On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service turns 100! The Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America’s national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs, and will celebrate achievements of the past 100 years. Stay tuned for events happening in parks around the country.

Whiskeytown 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday August 22, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Brandy Creek Beach parking lot A
Celebrate Whiskeytown’s 50th birthday by joining us for a symphony on the beach. A special dedication of a new plaque commemorating the first director of the National Park Service, Steven Mather, will start the evening, followed by the Shasta Symphony Orchestra performing and a brilliant meteor shower of the year. Visitors are encouraged to bring red telescopes will be on hand to view what is considered to be the most powerful meteor shower of the year. For further information, call (530) 242-3460 or visit www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org

Brandy Creek Beach Luau
Saturday June 20, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Brandy Creek Beach
Don’t forget to mark your calendar for the 7th annual Brandy Creek Beach Luau. This fun event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Whiskeytown and will feature a luau dinner, Hawaiian entertainment, and a silent auction. For further information, call (530) 242-3460 or visit www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org

Perseid Meteor Shower
Friday evening August 14, 2015
Brandy Creek Beach parking lot B, start time is after sunset
Whiskeytown, in partnership with the Shasta Astronomy Club, will be holding a special star party for the Perseid Meteor Shower. Powerful telescopes will be on hand to view what is considered to be the most brilliant meteor shower of the year. Visitors are encouraged to bring red light flashlights, lounge chairs, food, drinks and extra clothing for the night time star party.

Harvest Festival
Saturday September 19, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tower House Historic District
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area and the Friends of Whiskeytown invite visitors to join us for the 5th Annual Harvest Festival at the park’s Tower House Historic District. This fun and family-friendly event will feature apple tasting, cider making demonstrations, an apple-themed bake-off contest, games for all ages, and tours of the historic Camden House and orchards.

Old Time Holiday
Saturday December 5, 2015 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
The National Park Service and California State Parks invite visitors for their annual “Old Time Holiday.” Follow in the footsteps of miners who in 1849, after preparing a holiday meal in Shaeta, traveled to Whiskeytown to share their food and cheer! The events will take place at Shaeta State Historic Park and the Tower House Historic District. Featured events will be wreath making, music, crafting ornaments, story time and historical reenactments.

A Park for Everyone

The Friends of Whiskeytown (FOW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service restore and enhance the magnificent resources and recreational opportunities at Whiskeytown.

FOW have been instrumental in providing support for park projects and programs over the years, including: the hiring of a Student Conservation Association trail crew to build and maintain trails, constructing a new foot bridge over Crystal Creek on the Whiskeytown Falls trail, Whiskeytown’s Artist-in-Residence Program, the annual Volunteer-In-Parks Program recognition event, the Old Time Holiday at the Camden House and Whiskeytown’s Annual Harvest Festival.

If you would like to support FOW, your contribution of $25.00 or more will help the park complete projects that would otherwise be unfunded.

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Volunteer in the Parks

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Fee Free Days

January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 14 - 16
Valentine Week

March 20 - 21
Spring Equinox Weekend

March 30 - April 1
Easter Weekend

April 15
Tax Day Weekend

May 27-30
Memorial Day Weekend

June 19
Juneteenth

July 4
Independence Day Weekend

August 25
National Park Service Birthday

September 6
Labor Day Weekend

September 26
National Public Lands Day

November 11
Veterans Day

Whiskeytown Nugget 11
Join us for a Free Ranger-led Program!

Free ranger-led programs begin in mid-June and are offered through Labor Day weekend. Please call the visitor center at (530) 246-1225, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/whis for the latest information on park programs and special events.

Junior Ranger Saturdays at 10:00 am (1 hour)

Children along with their parents can learn about preserving and protecting park resources while making new friends during a special one-hour activity that explores the wonders of Whiskeytown. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater. Ask the ranger about earning your Whiskeytown Junior Ranger badge and patch.

Junior Firefighter Saturdays at 11:00 am (1 hour)

Join Whiskeytown NPS firefighters to learn how they manage fire to promote forest health and protect lives and property. Children will learn about the important role that fire plays in the ecosystems of our national parks and property. Children who complete the program will earn a Junior Firefighter Badge. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Junior Ranger Kayak Program Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 pm (1 hour)

Join us for a special program that pairs parents and their children in kayaks so they can discover and share the joy of nature with each other as they paddle and play. The Monday program is geared for children three to six years of age, and the Thursday program is geared toward children seven to twelve years old. Please call (530) 246-3462 to make a reservation.

Walk In Time Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1:00 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. Visit the historic orchard and find apple trees over 150 years old that still bear fruit! After a tour of the Camden house, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the area, 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 bulletin board.

Kayak Program Daily tours at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm are offered on Sun. through Sat. except Fri. (2 ½ hours)

Hop on a tandem 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. Reservations are up to two weeks in advance, call (530) 242-3462.

Moonlight Kayak Program June 27-July 1 and July 26-30 at 8:00 pm, August 24-28 at 7:30 pm (2 ½ hours)

Experience dramatic changes in the landscape as you explore Whiskeytown Lake under the light of the moon. Reservations slots fill up fast for this program, calling (530) 242-3462 in the morning two weeks in advance will give the best opportunity of securing a slot.

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 will be paired with an experienced kayak volunteer. Please call (530) 242-3421 for more information.

Evening Astronomy Program Friday evenings at 9:00 pm (1 hour)

During August and September, start time is at 8:30 pm. Spend the evening with a Sky Ranger and discover the stories of how ancient cultures used the sky to navigate and mark important seasonal changes. Learn about the challenges we face today as urban light pollution threatens the dark sky and find out what you can do to help. After a 20 minute presentation, the Shasta Astronomy Club will share their powerful telescopes to assist visitors with their celestial gazing. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater for the first half of the program and the second half at the Oak Bottom Beach parking lot.

Star Party Saturdays 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm on 5/28, 6/11, 6/18, 7/05, 7/12, 8/09, 8/16, 9/03, 9/10, 10/07, 10/14, 10/21, and 11/18 (weather permitting). For up to date information call the visitor center (530) 246-1225, visit the park web site or www.shastaastronomyclub.com

Experience the splendor of the dark night sky! Because of its unique position nestled within mountain ranges, Whiskeytown is a great place to explore the heavens. The night constellations often elude urban dwellers, but at Whiskeytown, visitors are able to see deep into space aided by powerful telescopes provided by the passionate and knowledgeable Shasta Astronomy Club. Take Page Bar Road and meet at the Mount Shasta Mine Loop Trail parking lot.

Remembering Whiskeytown- A Historical Cemetery Tour of Whiskeytown’s Pioneers and Past Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm (1 hour)

Visit Whiskeytown’s historic gravestones and learn about some of the individuals and families who settled here during the Gold Rush through the time of the Central Valley Project and Whiskeytown Lake. Along the way, learn about the iconography/symbolism of headstones and its significance in telling a larger story. Following the tour, visitors will be encouraged to share their stories about this intriguing and unique cemetery as well as historic cemeteries in general and their preservation. Meet at the Whiskeytown Cemetery. For more information please call Park Ranger Jeff Gerbic at 530-242-3421.

Free Movie Night Under the Starlight Saturday evenings at 8:30 pm starting in June through Labor Day weekend at Oak Bottom Amphitheater Presented by the Oak Bottom Marina, family friendly movies are offered to anyone who would like to join. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. Bring a cozy pillow and sit under the stars while enjoying a movie next to the lake! For questions please contact the Oak Bottom Beach Store at (530) 539-2175.

Be on the Lookout! During the summer months rangers will be offering additional programs and other special events! Contact the visitor center for information (530) 246-1225 or check out Whiskeytown’s park website: www.nps.gov/whis.

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* See Star Party description for event dates

Attend ranger led programs and earn Junior Ranger badges and patches!

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