New for 2018: Whiskeytown Goes Online!
Arrive ready to play in the park! Skip the lines at the visitor center and go straight to your favorite spot on the lake or in the woods. There are two new online services available for purchasing entrance passes and for making campground reservations at Whiskeytown.

Pay your entrance fee online
Purchase a $20 pass valid for seven days or a $40 pass valid for a year from month of purchase by using your smartphone, tablet or computer. Your pass will be sent via email and transmitted to the Park Service electronically so you do not have to print it and place it in your car. You can use the pass immediately or store it on your mobile device. For information on how your fee dollars benefit Whiskeytown, see page 11 for details.

Reserve Your Campsite Online at Recreation.gov
All five of Whiskeytown's primitive campgrounds are now available for reservation up to six months in advance of your visit. Now you can guarantee your spot at one of these popular campsites in the forest: Crystal Creek, Brandy Creek, Sheep Camp, Horse Camp or Peltier Bridge. Reserve your place under the stars!

Reserve a Kayak or Paddle Board Tour Online at Recreation.gov
Tours may be reserved online up to two weeks in advance. Summer ranger-led programs are offered at no cost from June 9 through September 3. There is a non-refundable reservation fee of a $1.50, required for all kayak and paddle board programs (not for other interpretive programs), see page 12 for more details.

Whiskeytown is Bear Country
Black bears, despite their name, are not always black. At Whiskeytown, brown, cinnamon, or blonde colored black bears are common. Adult male black bears can weigh up to 400 pounds, while adult females can weigh up to 240 pounds. Don't let their ungainly appearance fool you—bears can sprint at speeds up to 30 mph for short distances! They are also excellent swimmers and climbers, can see in color (most mammals cannot), have excellent hearing, and a highly developed sense of smell.

Bears are omnivorous which means they eat both plants and animals. Natural bear foods include berries, acorns, grasses, fish, insects, and carrion. Most of a bear's waking hours are spent searching for food. This is especially true in late summer and fall when bears are fattening up for winter. Given a bear's keen sense of smell, constant search for food, and high intelligence, it is easy to understand why Whiskeytown's campgrounds are routinely visited by bears.

Problems start when bears get into human food or trash. When bears obtain food rewards, they quickly become "conditioned" to associating people with food, and can become aggressive and dangerous. It is common for food conditioned bears to take food from visitors. Sadly, destruction of these bears is usually the only alternative, trapping and relocation rarely works.

You can help protect bears!
• Never feed bears or leave food unattended, even for a few minutes.
• Dispose of all garbage in bear-proof trash containers.
• When camping, always use bear-proof food storage lockers.
• If a bear approaches, stand up, wave your arms, shout and make loud noises. Be bold, but use good judgement – if you feel threatened, walk away, don't run.

Remember “A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear!” Don’t let your carelessness cause the death of a bear.
**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 John F. Kennedy 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.

**Accessibility**

Park headquarters, restrooms and the visitor center are ADA accessible, as well as the native plant garden located directly behind the visitor center. The park has three ADA accessible trails, including the paved Crystal Creek Falls Trail, a paved portion of the Brandy Creek trail, and the section of the Guardian Rock Trail from Horse Camp leading to the Guardian Rock Vista Point, which has some uneven surfaces. Oak Bottom offers RV and tent camping, with additional RV camping at Brandy Creek. Two ADA picnic sites are available at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek beaches. Accessible fishing piers are located at Whiskey Creek Picnic Area and Oak Bottom Marina.

**Amenities**

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

**Alcohol and Marijuana**

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. Marijuana, both recreational and medicinal, is prohibited on all Federal Public Lands. Driving or boating under the influence of marijuana is a federal offense.

**Backpacking**

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

**Bicycling**

Bicycles may access all trails except 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. 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 possess a valid entrance pass (see "Fees/Passes"). There are 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. 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 be registered with the state. 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 to ensure visitor safety. All passengers on all boats (motor, sail, paddle board, kayak) are required to have a lifejacket, all passengers 12 years of age and under must wear their lifejacket.

**Camping**

With the exception of backpacking permits, camping is authorized only in designated campgrounds. Please see pages 6 and 7 for campground locations, fees, and available services.

**Fees/Passes**

The entrance fee for the park is $20 per vehicle for a seven-day pass. Whiskeytown annual pass costs $40. In addition, the annual pass from Lassen Volcanic National Park, the Interagency Pass and the Access Pass, 4th grade pass and the Golden Age or Access Passports are all honored at Whiskeytown. All passes must be in possession of the purchaser while in the park. A pass is not required while visiting the Whiskeytown Cemetery. Fee Free days in 2018 can be found on page 11. Passes can be purchased at the visitor center or YourPassNow.com.

**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 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.

**Fires**

Campfires are only permitted in the established fire grate at picnic areas and campgrounds. Campfires must never be left unattended and must be properly extinguished prior to 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 used at all times and properly extinguished prior to departure.

**Fishing**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife 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 30. California fishing regulations can be found at www.wildlife.ca.gov.

**Fun Facts**

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 Bald.

Lowest point: 860 ft on Clear Creek near the southeast park boundary.

Lake elevation: 1,200 ft. at full pool and 1,198 ft. during the winter draw-down.

Park acreage: 42,000 acres

Lake: 3,200 surface acres

Saltations: 6 miles

Lake water storage capacity: 241,000 acre-feet when full pool.

Whiskeytown Dam

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

Hiking
Hiking can be enjoyed year-round at Whiskeytown. With over seventy miles of trails in the park, most of which are ridden by mountain bikers and equestrians, there is something for everyone at every level and interest. Please see page 6 for trail information. Be prepared for changing conditions while enjoying the park’s backcountry and be sure to carry adequate water for each person. Summer daytime temperatures often exceed 100°F (38°C).

Picking
Picnicking
Picnic sites are available in developed areas of the park including; Brandy Creek Beach and Marina, Oak Bottom Beach, Whiskey Creek Boat Launch, Carr 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 ADA 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 1-877-444-4777.

Sharing the Park
With the exception of the areas of the park that can be legally reserved, no group or visitor of any kind cannot 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.

Horses & Pack Animals
Horses, burros, mules, and camels 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 designated horse trailer parking lot. Rock Creek Campground is accessible to vehicles towing horse trailers and is the only designated horse trailer parking lot. For reservations, visit recreation.gov.

Hunting
Whiskeytown is open to big game, small game, waterfowl, and upland bird hunting. California Department of Fish and Game hunting regulations apply at Whiskeytown. Areas with high public use or buildings are closed to hunting. A hunting map is available at the Visitor Center. California Department of Fish and Game hunting regulations apply within the park. Hunting is prohibited in the designated smoking areas: Brandy Creek Beach, Marina, and RV Campground; Oak Bottom Beach, Marina, Amethyst Hills, Tent RV Campground; Carr Powerhouse; Horse Camp and Whiskey Creek Boat Launch. Water from any natural source should be purified.

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.

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

Noise Levels
In order to keep natural soundscapes free from loud human-source noises, the following regulations apply: a vacuum cannot exceed 75 decibels (CAS equivalence of a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner) and other noise levels from motorized equipment or electronic devices cannot exceed 60 decibels (conversational distance) from a distance of 50 feet. In addition, below noises below these established levels are prohibited if they are deemed unreasonable. Quiet hours in the park are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Pets
Pets are allowed in the park and on 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 swim beaches: Brandy Creek, Oak Bottom, East Beach, and Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area. Pets cannot be left unattended at any time.

Annual Meteor Shower 2018-2019

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For Chart Below:
A meteor shower happens when the Earth passes through the trail left by a comet or asteroid, also known as the path of a meteoroid. The radiant is the constellation where the meteors appear to come from in the night sky.

- The most favorable viewing conditions are during the last dark hour before dawn.
A Look at our Accomplishments

Est. September 25, 1965

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.

1981
The approximate date the park initiated its exotic plant program, which has used volunteers, Student Conservation Association Interns, Youth Conservation Corps, and seasonal staff to control high priority invasive plant species like puncturevine, yellow star thistle and tree of heaven.

1989
Dave Pugh, the third park Superintendent, served for five years. During his tenure the popular Davis Gulch Trail was established.

1993
The Camden House, having been unoccupied since the 1940s, fell into disrepair. Park staff began restoring the structure to its original form.

1997
At 1:00 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
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 morning hours, sparking over two thousand wildfires, including several that resulted in the burning of about 20% of the park.

2016
Celebrated 100 years of service as the National Park Service, established August 25, 1916.

2017
Implemented a comprehensive trails management plan. See page 7 for details.

Artist-in-Residence Program
The Artist-in-Residence Program at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area offers established visual artists the opportunity to pursue their particular art form while surrounded by the inspiring landscape of the park. The park provides a rustic cabin for participants for up to a three week residency. This program focuses on landscape painting of plein air, impressionist and abstract styles. In addition, some artists will demonstrate how to paint in plein air style, as well as teach the public helpful techniques. To find out more about our Artist-in-Residence Program, please contact the park Superintendent at (530) 242-3460.
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Northern California in the two
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The Tower House Historic
District, listed on the National
Register of Historic Places,
comprises 20 acres and 16
structures and is home to 148
historic fruit trees. As early as
1853, numerous fruit and nut trees
were planted and maintained by
Levi Tower on the grounds of the
Tower Hotel. Tower also planted the
first peach trees north of Sacramento
and was possibly the first person
to experiment in the raising of
berries in Shasta County.
He planted more than
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and around the Tower House.

The "oasis-like" landscape was so famous
that it appeared on county and state maps
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important repository of heirloom
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We encourage you to walk around
the Tower House Historic District and
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with the trees - they are very old and the
simple act of picking or shaking them
can damage or kill it. Always be aware
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Here are a few of the fascinating stories
surrounding apple varieties you may
discover as you wander the historic
orchards:

The Winesap (or Dermen Winesap) is a
well-known American heirloom apple,
and was a major commercial variety
in Virginia during the 19th century. Its
origins are unknown but it probably
dates back to the 18th century. It has
all the qualities needed for commercial
production - it is a regular heavy cropping
tree and the apples can be kept in natural
cold storage for a good 3 months or more.
It can be eaten fresh but is primarily a
culinary apple, also popular for cider
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The Rhode Island Greening allegedly
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The Esopus Spitzenburg, a highly
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Backcountry Safety Matters!

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

WHISKEYTOWN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR families to enjoy the outdoors. Have a safe trip 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.

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

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 feed your food or hang your food up or use a bear canister if backpacking. Poison oak is found throughout the park. Look at the leaves of three, let them be!

A black-tailed deer feeding on an unattended picnic. Animals can become aggressive and dangerous if fed and habituated to people. Please do your part to preserve and protect the park for the enjoyment of present and future generations by following the seven principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan your trip and prepare for inclement weather and temperature extremes.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly “pack it in, pack it out”.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Build fires in established fire grates only.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Do Not Feed The Wildlife!

Native wildlife should be left undisturbed in the park. Feeding or attempting to feed native wildlife, especially young animals, can cause them to lose fear of people and other wildlife. Feeding wildlife can cause them to habituate to people, putting them at risk of injury in traffic or poaching by predators. Feeding wildlife can also control their natural behaviors, resulting in them becoming dependent on human food sources. If you encounter a bear or a mountain lion, try to scare it away using shouting, waving your hands, and throwing sticks or rocks. Never approach or feed wildlife, or leave food unattended, and make sure to feed your food or hang your food up or use a bear canister if backpacking. Poison oak is found throughout the park. Look at the leaves of three, let them be!

Plants That Bite Back

PARK STAFF CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES WITH HELP FROM VISITORS LIKE YOU!

Invasive species are non-native species that occur outside their natural range and spread rapidly, often as a consequence of human activity. Invasive plants increase the intensity and frequency of wildfires, degrade wildlife habitat, reduce water availability, and impact the visitor experience.

Whiskeytown employs an exotic plant crew to stop the spread of non-native plant species because preventing the introduction of invasive plants is more cost-effective than trying to manage infestations that have already become established. In doing so, Whiskeytown is asking for your help. Please keep the following tips in mind to avoid transporting seeds or plant parts to new locations:

• Before traveling to or around Whiskeytown, please clean or brush off your shoes and clothes, pets and stock, vehicles and tires, and any other equipment or clothing that carry seeds.
• Horses or mules can easily spread invasives from their fur or manure if they have been in weed infested areas or have been eating feed that has invasive plant seeds in it. Whiskeytown encourages the use of weed-free forage in order to mitigate this threat.
• When boating, clean your boat thoroughly before transporting to a new body of water. Ensure that your boat is CLEAN, DRAINED and DRY before launching at Whiskeytown.
• Don’t release aquarium fish and plants, live bait or other exotic animals into the wild!

Leave No Trace

Please do your part to preserve and protect the park for the enjoyment of present and future generations by following the seven principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan ahead and prepare:
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly “pack it in, pack it out”.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Build fires in established fire grates only.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Preserve Whiskeytown’s Water

The National Park Service’s concessioner operates Oak Bottom Marina and Brandy Creek Marina. Both marinas offer ship rentals and launch ramps. Boat moorage is available at Oak Bottom Marina and dry storage at Brandy Creek. The Oak Bottom Marina rents fishing boats, pontoon boats, and deck boats. Kayak and paddle board rentals are available at both Oak Bottom and the Brandy Creek Beach Store.

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• All children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket onboard all vessels.
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• Wear a properly fitted US Coast Guard approved life jacket.
• Take swimming lessons.
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There are also actions you can take to help! 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. Please shower before and after swimming in the lake and don’t use the lake as a bathub! Showers are available at the beaches.

Did you know a goose can defecate 1-3 pounds per day? Remember, it’s up to all of us to keep Whiskeytown lake clean!

For more information:
Camping Reservations: (530) 359-2269
Motel Reservations: (530) 359-2267
Brandy Creek Beach Store and Kayak Rentals: (530) 246-1054
Oak Bottom Beach store: (530) 359-2675 or www.whiskeytown marinas.com

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Wings in the Night Sky

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Photo courtesy Dr. J. Scott Altenbach

Several bat species roost or hibernate in abandoned mines. To protect bats from human disturbance and to protect visitors from the dangers of abandoned mines, the park has constructed "bat gates" that allow bats to come and go while keeping curious visitors out.

Fun Facts
- Like us, bats are mammals that nurse their young with milk. But unlike us (and any other true mammals), they can fly.
- The delicate and elongated finger bones in a bat’s wing give us the name of its scientific order, Chiroptera, which means, “winged hand.”
- Most bats use some form of echolocation to capture prey similar to the way sonar works. A bat.emit a rapid sequence of high frequency sounds and the returning echoes reveal its prey’s size, shape, location, and direction of movement.
- If we could hear bats, we would be shocked to find their echolocation can be ear-splittingly loud—as loud as thunder or a police siren!
- Bats eat insects. The study of bats has led to scientific advances in hearing, sonar, and vaccine development. An anticoagulant found in the saliva of vampire bats led to medication that helps prevent strokes in humans.
- Bats boost our bottom line. By eating crop pests, like the corn earworm moth, bats save farmers billions of dollars otherwise lost to crop damage or spent on pesticides. By pollinating important food crops, like mangos, bananas, and cocoa, bats are invaluable to the agricultural industry.

Bat Myths
- If you were “blind as a bat,” you would actually have decent vision. Bats, especially tropical species, can see as well as most mammals. Insectivorous bats can also “see” quite sharply using echolocation.
- Unless you sport a Marge Simpson coiffure, your hair is very unlikely to snag a bat. They are agile flyers.
- The incidence of rabies in bat populations is actually very low. Nonetheless, it is always best not to handle bats, as they are wild animals, can bite, or can carry other diseases.
- Bats are not flying mice. They are actually more closely related to humans than to rats and mice.
- Should I be afraid of vampire bats? Only three species of Latin American bats eat blood, and only one of these targets mammals (typically livestock).

Bats and Science at Whiskeytown
National Park Service scientists are studying bats at Whiskeytown to learn where they roost, how bat populations are faring, and whether white-nose syndrome has arrived in the area. Led by the Klamath Inventory and Monitoring Network—a small team of scientists that serve national park units in the region—biologists will be out catching (and releasing) bats in mist nets this summer to track bat populations and check for white-nose syndrome.

See and Learn About Bats
To find bats on your own, visit the lakeshore, creeks, or the Tower House Historic District barn at dusk on a warm evening.

Learn More
- NPS Klamath Inventory and Monitoring Network: https://science.nature.nps.gov/1M/klms/index.cfm
- Bat Conservation International: www.batcon.org/
- White-nose Syndrome: www.whitennosesyndrome.org
- Report a sick or dead bat: https://www.wildlife.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Investigations/Monitoring/WNSReport

Bats found in Whiskeytown provide great examples of how each species’ flight style, echolocation, and diet preferences have co-evolved. With their long, narrow wings (think—fighter jet), Mexican free-tailed bats fly high and fast, feeding on insects above the forest canopy. In contrast, short broad wings provide other bat species with the slow maneuverable flight required for gleaners insects off the ground and in vegetation. For example, pallid bats specialize on large ground-dwelling insects, such as scorpions and Jerusalem crickets. Townsend’s big-eared bats specialize on moths, but these have preyed on a diverse strategy of foraging and avoiding bats. Consequently, the Townsend’s big-eared bat utilizes for prey—generated sound or stealthily walks very quiet to echolocation calls (whispers) to locate moths and other prey. Other common species at Whiskeytown are the California myotis, big brown bat, and silver-haired bat. Each of these other species has its own special set of adaptations for its preferred diet.

Come winter, some bats migrate south to find food, while others hibernate in caves, at times congregating in the thousands. Unfortunately, bats that hibernate in cellars are the most vulnerable to devastating new disease: white-nose syndrome. This disease is caused by a fungus, Pseudogymnoascus destructans, that grows on hibernating bats. Infected bats eventually exhibit a telltale powdery white mottle and wing damage. White-nose syndrome has killed billions of bats since it was first discovered in New York in 2006. The widespread spread of this disease took a giant leap with its detection in the state of Washington in 2016.
What Can I Do in the Time I Have?

Hours: minutes

Walk by the wayside exhibits outside the visitor center and enjoy the scenic views. Come inside the visitor center and learn about the history of Whiskeytown’s Wintuan native heritage and the California Gold Rush through the various exhibits.

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 beautiful 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.

Half an hour

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.

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).

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 via the Mill Creek Trail or Camden Water Ditch Trail.

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Two hours

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

Hike the Petier Trail and enjoy a beautiful waterfall on Paige Boulder Creek.

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

Half a day

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

Rent a kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle board, or motorboat at Oak Bottom Marina or Brandy Creek Beach and enjoy the lake for the day. Or sign up for a ranger-led kayak or paddle board program at www.recreation.gov.

Whole day

A Park For All Seasons

**Spring**

Take a hike to the park’s four 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 include 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 view 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. For more information stop by or call the visitor center at 530-246-1225.

**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 relax in the shade and cool mist, or swim in the pools below the cascading waters. Drive (4WD vehicles only) to the 6,199 ft. (1889 M) 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. In addition, join us on September 15th for Whiskeytown’s 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 1, 2018. Hike along the Brandy Creek, Mill Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to witness the massive gatherings of Ladybugs numbering in the thousands as they enter a period of dormancy to conserve energy in the colder months. Bring your binoculars to the quiet cows 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!
Perseid Meteor Shower Event
Saturday evening August 11, 2018
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 nighttime star party.

Harvest Festival
Saturday September 15, 2018 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 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.

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Your Pass Purchase Makes a Difference
The fees you pay when visiting the park make a difference! Whiskeytown retains 80% of all fees collected and uses that money to invest in critical projects that improve visitor services and protect natural and cultural resources in the park. The other 20% is shared among national park sites that do not charge an entrance fee.

Projects approved for 2018 funded by your fee dollars include improving the roadways and parking areas at Pechu Bridge and Dry Creek Campgrounds, renovating the Oak Bottom Amphitheater and the Brandy Creek Beach Store, making the Guardian Rock Trail from Horse Camp to the vista of Clear Creek Canyon accessible by laying pavement, and completing a comprehensive trails management plan.

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A Park for Everyone
Take the Whiskeytown Waterfall Challenge! Visitors can complete the Whiskeytown Waterfall Challenge by obtaining a free Waterfall Challenge Passport at the visitor center. With the passport, visitors can hike to Brandy Creek, Boulder Creek, Crystal Creek and Whiskeytown Falls and stop at the trail register located at the base of each waterfall. Each register has a unique bronze plaque which visitors can use to create a colored impression within their passport. Once all four waterfalls are complete, visitors can then return the passport to the visitor center to receive their completion stamp and a special gift (while supplies last). The challenge can be completed during multiple visits, or in one day.

Volunteer in the Park
Is Whiskeytown one of your favorite places to spend the day? Do you enjoy meeting new people and learning new things? Would you like a chance to help your community and have fun at the same time? If so, consider becoming a National Park Service Volunteer at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. We are looking for friendly people to assist us in many activities. To find out more please contact Ranger Jesessa Corp at (530) 242-3451.

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

The Friends group has been instrumental in supporting many popular park projects and programs, including the free ranger-led kayak and paddle board programs, trail maintenance and repave, construction of new foot bridges, student scholarships enabling children to attend the Whiskeytown Environmental School, Whiskeytown’s Artist-in-Residence Program, the volunteer recognition dinner, and the Old Time Holiday and Harvest Festival events at the Camden House.

The Friends group is looking for potential board members. If you have a passion for Whiskeytown, please consider joining the team. If you would like to support the Friends of Whiskeytown, visit our website at www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org, find us on Facebook or mail a donation check to Friends of Whiskeytown, P.O. Box 2, Whiskeytown, CA 96095. For more information please call 530-524-5292.
Join us for a Ranger-led Program!

You Can Now Reserve Kayak and Paddleboard Programs Online (www.recreation.gov)

Summer ranger-led programs are offered at no cost from June 9 through September 3. There is a non-refundable reservation fee of a $1.50 required for all kayak and paddleboard programs (not for other interpretive programs). Reservations for kayak and paddleboard programs can be made no more than two weeks ahead of the desired trip, and must be made online at recreation.gov (www.recreation.gov). If you do not have internet access, you can still request a reservation by phone, by calling: 1-877-444-6777. Each summer, Whiskeytown rangers provide immersive Whiskeytown Lake experiences to over 3,000 visitors through guided morning, evening and full moon kayak programs. These programs would not be possible without the generous support of the Friends of Whiskeytown, Dignity Health, and hundreds of experienced, dedicated community volunteers.

Please note, programs may be canceled due to inclement weather, staffing shortages, or any other safety-related reason.

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 during this hands-on activity. Children who complete the program will earn a Junior Firefighter badge. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater.

Walk In Time
Sundays at 10:00 am (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 travelers during and after the California Gold Rush. Visit the historic orchard and see 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.

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* See Star Party description for event dates

Evening Astronomy
Friday evenings at 9:00 pm (1 hour)
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 celestial gazing. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater for the first half of the program. For the second half, meet at the Oak Bottom Marina parking lot.

Star Party
Saturdays 8:30 pm to 12:00 pm on: 5/12, 5/19, 6/16, 7/17, 7/24, 8/10, 8/17, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 (weather permitting).
Visit www.shastaastromonyclub.org, for more information.
Experience the splendor of the dark night sky, with the Shasta Astronomy Club! 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. Meet at the Oak Bottom Beach parking lot.

Free Movie Night Under the Starlight
Saturday evenings at 8:30 pm starting Memorial Day weekend 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 Marina at (530) 539-2008.

Stay connected to the park!
Want to join in the conversation and share your stories about Whiskeytown? Like us on Facebook and Instagram! Get the latest news and park photos. You can also find out about Whiskeytown history, trail conditions, and events. We invite you to share stories and pictures from your adventures at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

We like you, so like us on Facebook and Instagram!

Visit the park website for current news & publications: nps.gov/whis