



The Whiskeytown Nugget

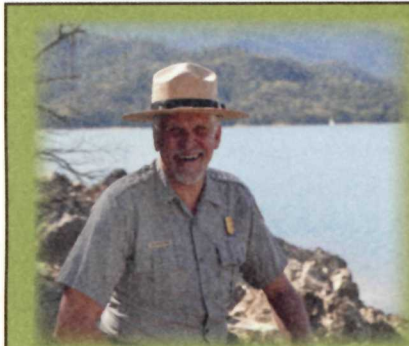
The Official 2017 Guide to
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area



Southern Alligator Lizard, *Elgaria multicarinata*

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Welcome to Whiskeytown!



WELCOME TO WHISKEYTOWN NATIONAL Recreation Area! I am very happy you took the time in your busy schedule to relax and enjoy the park with your family and friends. This 42,000 acre national park site extends from 860 feet on Lower Clear Creek all the way to the summit of Shasta Bally at 6,200 feet. Between these two points, the park has beautiful beaches, crystal clear mountain streams, hungry trout and bass, four beautiful waterfalls and close to 100 miles of trails to hike, run, or ride your bike on through shaded deciduous oak woodlands and old growth trees dating back to the early 1600s.

Our non-profit group, the Friends of Whiskeytown, received a significant grant this year from Dignity Health which will provide for expanded service of the Brandy Creek Beach Bus linking downtown Redding with Whiskeytown. The new bus service will run Monday through Saturday, multiple times a day, and will provide alternate access to the park for those who cannot, or prefer not to drive their own car. The grant is also providing us with new kayaks for our free, ranger guided kayak tours. Over 40,000 people have enjoyed free guided tours of Whiskeytown Lake since 2002.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is also "Smoke Free," emphasizing healthy life styles and healthy living. Physical exercise, or just peaceful relaxation in a beautiful, natural setting with friends and family is a great means towards a healthy life.

Over the past winter, the park received over 90 inches of rain! This is at least 20 inches more than we receive in a "normal" winter season. Whiskeytown's watersheds deliver clean, pure

water from Shasta Bally's snow capped summit and the thousands of small tributaries that feed its mountain streams. These protected watersheds help deliver abundant water for salmon migrating from the Pacific Ocean to their spawning beds in Lower Clear Creek. Whiskeytown's watersheds also deliver clean, cold water to communities and to farmers in the San Joaquin Valley hundreds of miles to the south.

Through all these winter storms, park staff have been busy planning and preparing for your arrival through infra-structure improvements, trail repairs, and coordinating a busy summer schedule, packed with wonderful programs and events. As the National Park Service moves forward into its second century of service as stewards of America's most treasured places, we want you to have a safe, educational and enjoyable stay. Welcome to Whiskeytown!

Jim F. Milestone
Park Superintendent

Inside you will find:
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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.

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Learn about historical features, such as the historic orchard within the Tower House Historic District, and the history and life of Kate Camden.

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If you are planning an outdoor adventure, flip to **pages 6 and 7** for a list of the park's extensive trail system and campgrounds. A map will orient you to the park.

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Dive into what the Inventory & Monitoring scientists are studying in the park and how climate change is impacting park resources.

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Not sure what to do during your park visit? Turn to **page 10** for a helpful guide that will assist you in planning your recreational activities according to the time you have. Also, throughout the year we have many special events, check **page 11** for an overview.

Ranger-led programs,
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Whiskeytown offers a variety of FREE Ranger-led programs throughout the summer. These programs are fun and family-friendly. A program schedule and descriptions are found on **page 12**.

Support Your Park with Entrance Fees



YOUR PARK FEES PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE experience for visitors. Applying fees to projects in the area where they were collected assures that visitors pay a share of operational costs. Eighty percent of the fees collected at Whiskeytown are returned to the park for specific projects.

This year's projects include many upgrades at Oak Bottom: new shade structures, accessible ramps, information kiosks, lighting and drinking fountains. The Oak Bottom Water Ditch Trail will also be repaired. Future projects include improving and expanding our 53-year-old Visitor Center.

For the one-time or short-term visitor, seven day passes are sold for \$10 at the Visitor Center and at pay-by-envelope stations around the park. For frequent visitors, an annual park pass is sold at the visitor center for \$40 and covers the entrance fee to Lassen Volcanic National Park as well. Both passes can also now be purchased online at www.pay.gov.

2017 Passes



Whiskeytown Annual Pass
\$40 - Valid for one year from month of purchase.

Lassen Annual Pass
\$40 - Valid for one year from month of purchase.



Access Pass
No charge - permanent disability - Valid for a lifetime.



Interagency Annual Pass
\$80 - Valid for one year from month of purchase.



Senior Pass
62 years and older-lifetime (inquire about current pricing).



Fourth Grade Pass
Free - Valid for all fourth grade students and their families for the school year.



Military Annual Pass
No charge for active duty service members and their dependents.



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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. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

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 42,000 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 California Gold Rush history. The park also provides a wide variety of year-round recreation opportunities for over 850,000 annual visitors.

Park Information

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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 Bally.

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

Lake elevation: 1,209 ft. at full pool and 1,198 ft. during the winter draw-down.

Park acreage: 42,000 acres

Lake: 3,200 surface acres

Shoreline: 36 miles

Lake water storage capacity

241,000 acre feet when at full pool.

Whiskeytown Dam

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

Things You Need to Know



Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is a great place to start when you arrive in the park. The knowledgeable staff and volunteers will help you maximize your visit. The Visitor Center is located at the intersection of 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 spectacular Guardian Rock Vista Point, which has some uneven surfaces. In addition, two accessible picnic sites are available at Oak Bottom and Brandy Creek beaches. Accessible fishing piers are located at Whiskey Creek Picnic Area and at Oak Bottom Marina, near the amphitheater.



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 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 and Oak Bottom Beach, both sell 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.



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.



Backpacking

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



Pacific Tree Frog *Pseudacris regilla*



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. Maintain a safe speed of 15 mph or less for road and trail conditions and stay within your level of riding skill. 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/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 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 signs. 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!



Bookstore

The bookstore located at the visitor center is managed by Western National Parks Association (WNPA) whose mission is to enhance the National Park experience for everyone. A variety of books, maps, guides and educational materials can be purchased here. Souvenirs include tee shirts, magnets, hats, mugs and many other items. Locally made products and books by local authors are also available. WNPA members and educators receive a 15% discount on bookstore items. A portion of the proceeds from each sale is donated to the park to support education, interpretation and research programs.



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 \$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, 4th grade 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 while in the park boundary. A pass is not required while visiting the Whiskeytown Cemetery. Fee Free days in 2017 can be found on page 11. Passes can be purchased at the Visitor Center or Pay.gov.



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.



Fires

Campfires are only permitted in the established fire grates at picnic areas and campsites. 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.



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 15. The nearest location to purchase a fishing license is Tops Fresh Market, six miles east of the visitor center on Hwy 299.

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 or Pay.gov.

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 every ability 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 an adequate amount of water for each person. Summer daytime temperatures often exceed 100°F (38°C).

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 stay alive!

Noise Levels

In order to keep natural soundscapes free from loud human-source noises, the following regulations apply: a vessel cannot exceed 75 decibels (dB equivalence of a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner) and other noise levels from motorized equipment or electronic devices cannot exceed 60 decibels (conversational level) from a distance of 50 feet. In addition, 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.

Parking

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 public parking spaces, as well as along paved roadways, provided the parked vehicle is completely off the asphalt without trampling vegetation and is in compliance with all posted signage. Parking in front of gates or blocking right-of-way access is prohibited.

Pets

Pets are allowed in the park and on trails, provided they are leashed at all times. 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.

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 1-877-444-6777.

Sharing the Park

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

Showers

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

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited with the following exceptions: visitors may smoke cigarettes and e-cigarettes in their vehicles, on their watercraft and in their campsite. Visitors are also allowed to smoke at the designated smoking areas: Brandy Creek Beach parking lot, Oak Bottom Beach parking lot, and at the visitor center’s parking lot island. Smoking is prohibited on all park beaches, trails, and open areas not specifically designated as a smoking area.

Special Use Permits

Special events such as weddings, sporting events, and commercial filming are permissible with 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.

Swimming

There are four designated public swim beaches in the park: Brandy Creek Beach, East Beach, Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area, and Oak Bottom Beach. Only Brandy Creek Beach has lifeguards during the summer months. Swimming is prohibited inside the buoy-enclosed area around the Glory Hole and Carr Powerhouse, within 300 feet of any boat launch or mooring facility, and within 100 feet of the Whiskey Creek Bridge on CA highway 299. Open-water swimming is dangerous— swim close to shore or have a spotter when swimming in open water. Rope swings are prohibited.

Trash

Please pack out all trash when hiking and dispose of it in a responsible manner. There are recycling receptacles 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, 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.

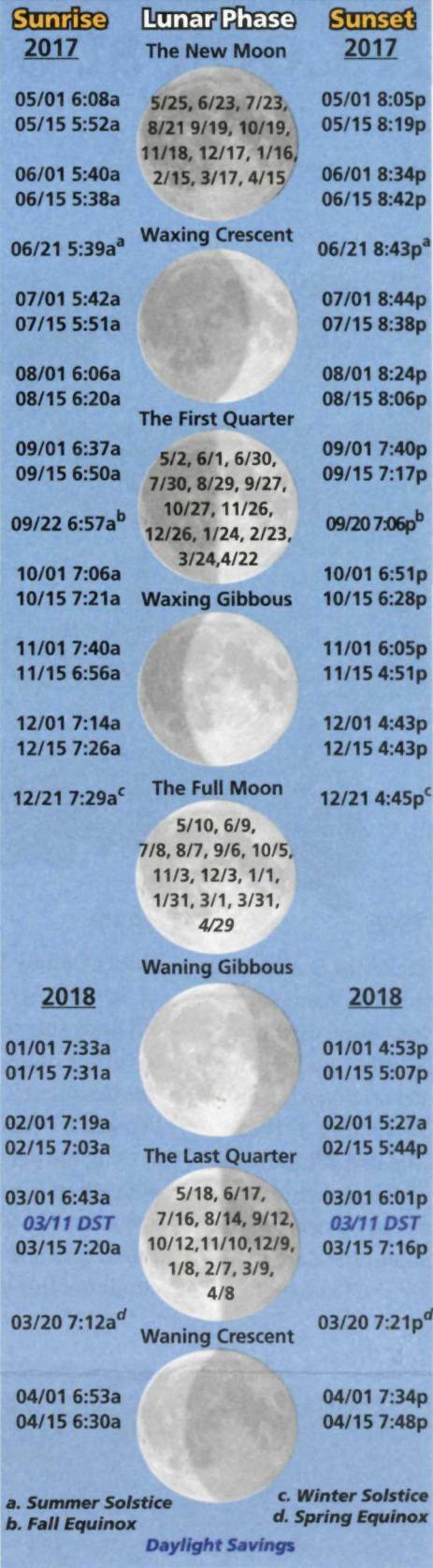
Water

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

Wildlife

Please do your part to keep the park’s wildlife wild. Do not feed or 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!

Sun and Moon



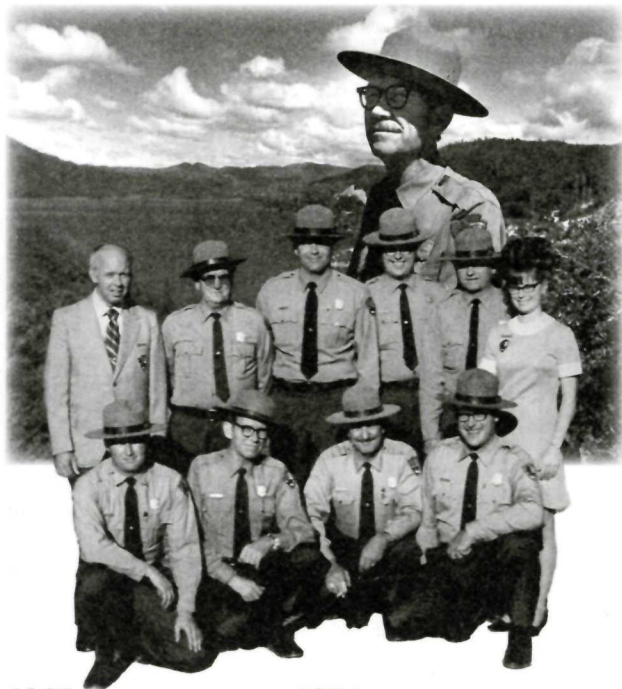
For Chart Below: A meteor shower happens when the Earth passes through the trail left by a comet or asteroid, also known as the parent. The radiant is the constellation where the meteors appear to come from in the night sky. * The most favorable viewing conditions are during the last dark hour before dawn.

Annual Meteor Showers 2017-2018. Table with 8 columns: Shower, Viewing Period, Peak, #/hr, Radiant (Direction), Parent, Best Viewing, Moon Illumination.

Average Temperature and Precipitation. Table with 13 columns: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.

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.



1978

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

1980

Superintendent Foust banned alcohol from swim beaches, reducing the instances of DUIs and improving visitor safety and experience.

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 Zoo for the captive breeding program.



1995

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

1993

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

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 fires, including several that resulted in the burning of about 20% of the park.

2013

Celebrated 50 years since President John F. Kennedy dedicated the Clair A. Hill Whiskeytown Dam on September 28, 1963.

2016

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

Artist-in-Residence Program

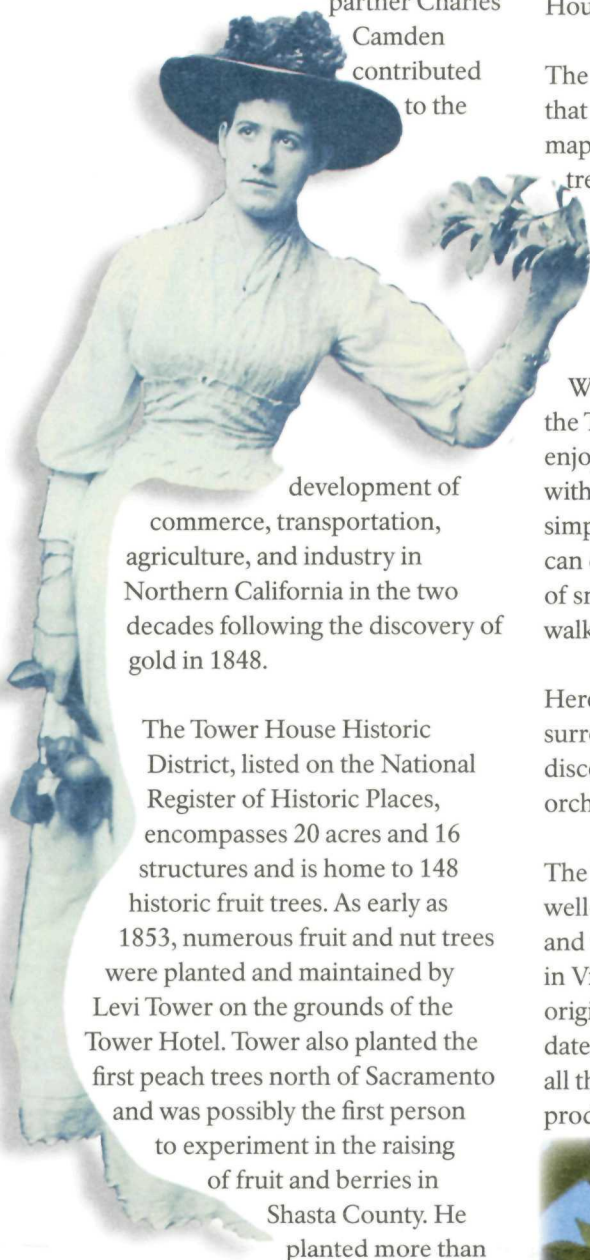


The Artist-in-Residence Program at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area offers established visual artists the opportunity to pursue their particular art form while surrounded by the inspiring landscape of the park. The park provides a rustic cabin for participants for up to a three week residency. This 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 Artists-in-Residence Program, please call the Visitor Center at (530) 246-1225.

A Bite from our History

Jennifer Gibson, Chief of Resources and Interpretation

LEVI H. TOWER AND FRIEND AND BUSINESS partner Charles Camden contributed to the



development of commerce, transportation, agriculture, and industry in Northern California in the two decades following the discovery of gold in 1848.

The Tower House Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, encompasses 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 fruit and berries in Shasta County. He planted more than

1,000 fruit trees in and around the Tower House.

The "oasis-like" landscape was so famous that it appeared on county and state maps for over a century. The orchard trees you see today represent some of the oldest surviving remnants of Whiskeytown's pioneer past and serve as an important repository of heirloom fruit tree cultivars.

We encourage you to walk around the Tower House Historic District and enjoy the apple trees. But please be gentle with the trees – they are very old and the simple act of climbing or shaking a tree can damage or kill it. Always be aware of snakes, poison oak, and ticks while walking park orchards and trails.

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 production.

The Rhode Island Greening allegedly originated around 1650 near Green's End in modern-day Middletown, RI. The first Greenings were allegedly grown by a Mr. Green who operated a tavern and developed apple trees from seed. Green gave many scions from the tree to visitors for grafting elsewhere, and the original tree died. The apples became known as 'Green's Inn' apples from Rhode Island.

The Esopus Spitzenburg, a highly respected American apple variety, is named after the settlement of Esopus, Ulster County, New York, where it was found towards the end of the 18th century. It was rumored to be Thomas Jefferson's favorite apple. It was widely planted in the U.S. in the 19th century for dessert and culinary purposes.

The Lady Apple, also known as "Christmas Apple", "Pomme d'Api", is sweet and juicy. It is believed to have been propagated since Roman times and was once the "Appian" apple of the Roman Empire. It is thought that this apple was described by Pliny the Elder. One of the



Historic photograph of fruit trees in the French Gulch field.

first European apples brought to America, it is thought to have been found in the Forest of Apis, Brittany, France, and was recorded in 1628. Ladies of the royal court stowed the snack-sized apples in the pockets of their gowns because it is thought that "they yield no unpleasant scent." Throughout the centuries, the Lady adorned countless wreaths and fruit garlands, graced innumerable holiday boards and found their way into an untold number of Christmas stockings. Yet nowhere is it commercially grown today as the apple is tiny and supermarket buyers want big showy fruit.

Please plan to attend the Annual Harvest Festival event on September 6, 2017. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to experience heritage games and crafts and to taste a sampling of heirloom apple varieties.



Between Two Worlds

Laura Cristman



NATIVE AMERICAN KATE CAMDEN WAS likely 10 years old when brought into the home of prominent Shasta County pioneer Charles Camden to be the family nursemaid. The Camden House from Gold Rush days remains in Whiskeytown's Tower House Historic District.

Kate's story is an invitation to empathy — to imagine what it would be like for a young girl to lose her family and end up in a place and among a race so different from her own people, language and customs.

Little is left to tell her story. But the arc of history set in motion by the 1848 discovery of gold in California and the impact on indigenous people are well documented. Native people were killed in

campaigns of extermination, died from disease and starvation and were enslaved. California joined the United States as a free state but the Act for Government and Protection of Indians of 1850 resulted in native people forced to work under the euphemisms of apprenticeship, indenture and guardianship.

A violent trade in children developed. The Daily Alta California in 1855 reported it was commonplace for some people, "to steal away young Indian boys and girls, and carry them off and sell them to white folks for whatever they could get. In order to do this, they are obliged in many cases to kill the parents..." It's not known how Kate came to be with the Camdens. Whiskeytown is Wintu territory and the history of indigenous people goes back thousands of years. But Kate could have come from another place.

Charles Camden was drawn to Northern California by gold. He settled on the banks of Clear Creek in 1850 and had success with mining, a sawmill, toll road and other ventures. He married Philena

Tower, sister of friend Levi Tower. In 1854, first daughter Ada was born and Kate joined the household. In a letter to a niece, Camden wrote:

"We have a little Indian girl whom we have had with us four months and who takes a great deal of care of the baby, we call her Kate, she is about 10 years old as near as we can judge. She was

perfectly wild or at least had never seen any civilized life before we got her, but she very quickly learns to work and is a great deal of help to me. I am learning her to read... she is very much pleased with her clothes and a good warm dry house. She already speaks the English language so that I can understand..."

Camden's autobiography mentions Kate once: "... we made a trip east to England, taking Ada and Grace (our two children), and the Indian girl Kate with us... On arriving in England we left the children and Kate with friends, which enabled us to go around with more freedom, even into France. We returned Nov. 1, 1859, having been gone six months."



Philena Camden refers to Kate in an 1855 journal entry, noting an acquaintance bought "Kate and Ada a doll apiece."

There are two photos of Kate: A picture of the Camden family with Kate holding toddler Grace (born in 1856) (Left) and a portrait of her as a young woman (center).

The 1870 Census records Kate as able to read and write and living with Adoram and Donna Coleman and their 1-year-old son. Donna Coleman later became the first woman elected as a county schools superintendent in California. Kate died in 1871 and is buried at an undisclosed location. Her gravestone says:

In Memory of Kate Camden (Indian), Died Dec. 1st, 1871, Aged 27 Years, Poor Katie Rest



Trails of Whiskeytown			
Easy Hikes	Distance One-way	Elevation Change	Trail Highlights and Notes
Buck Hollow	1.0	130 ft.	Wildflowers, seasonal streams, lots of shade, views of Shasta Bally.
Camden Water Ditch	1.1 Loop	Mostly level	Camden House, historic orchards, El Dorado Mine, Willow Creek
Crystal Creek Water Ditch (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	0.75	30 ft.	Shaded, historic water ditch, remnants of old dams, elevated water flume.
Crystal Creek Falls	0.3	Mostly level	50 ft. falls and picnic area, ADA accessible and paved from the trailhead
Princess Ditch (from Salt Creek Loop to Stoney Gulch Trailhead)	1.8	Mostly level	Historic water ditch, scenic views, cross over four bridges that span drainages where historic flumes once existed.
Oak Bottom Ditch	2.75	20 ft.	Scenic views, swimming opportunities, lake access.
Moderate Hikes			
Boulder Creek Falls (Mill Creek Road route)	1.0	80 ft.	138 ft. falls, one creek crossing, shaded.
Brandy Creek (Brandy Creek Beach to the 2nd intersection with Brandy Creek Rd., located southeast of Sheep Camp)	1.6	400 ft.	Follows the spectacular Brandy Creek, swimming holes, ample shade. There are four small creek crossings, and you hike twice on the road (signs guide you).
Brandy Creek Falls	1.5	500 ft.	Beautiful series of cascades, views of Brandy Creek, shade
Clear Creek Canal	4.5	30 ft.	Views of Whiskeytown Dam, Shasta Bally, Kanaka Peak, crosses Orofino Creek.
Clear Creek Vista	2.4	400 ft.	Historic District and scenic views of Clear Creek, east end comes out near Carr Powerhouse.
Davis Gulch (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	3.3	170 ft.	Lots of shade, lake views, scenic and quiet coves, swimming, resting benches.
Guardian Rock	1.0 0.25 for ADA accessible section	200 ft. Negligible for accessible section	ADA accessible section from Horse Camp to the Clear Creek Canyon Vista. Views of Clear and Orofino creeks, Remnants of historic mining.
Logging Camp	1.0	415 ft.	Restored logging road and watershed.
Mt. Shasta Mine Loop	3.5	540 ft.	Historic mines, Orofino Creek, and beautiful views of Shasta Bally and South Fork Mountain.
Mule Mountain Pass (Salt Creek Loop to Swasey Drive)	4.4	700 ft.	Creeks, scenic views of Mt. Lassen, great for hikers, bikers, and horses.
Peltier	1.75	380 ft.	Paige Boulder Creek, small waterfall, wildflowers.
Salt Creek Loop	1.8	300 ft.	6 creek crossings, mountain views, shade.
Shasta Divide Nature Trail (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	0.4 Loop	190 ft.	Lots of shade, access to Whiskeytown Lake, swimming, views of mountains, benches along the trail.
Difficult Hikes			
Boulder Creek Falls (via South Shore Drive)	2.75	950 ft.	138 ft. falls, Boulder Creek views, 3 creek crossings with no bridges.
James K. Carr Trail (Whiskeytown Falls Trail) (Closed to bikes and pack animals)	1.7	520 ft.	At 220 feet, park's tallest falls, beautiful views of Crystal Creek, some shade.
Kanaka Peak	3.6	1,430 ft.	Panoramic views of the Trinity Alps, Mt. Lassen, Igo and Ono, Yolla Bolly Mtns., Clear Creek Canyon, beautiful Whiskeytown Lake.
Mill Creek	6.1	350 ft.	16 creek crossings, lots of shade, north end of the trail connects with the Tower House Historic District.
Papoose Pass	5.5	900 ft.	Spectacular views, sections follow the East Fork of Boulder Creek.
Rich Gulch	1.8	500 ft.	Shaded and views of Shasta Bally.
Salt Gulch	1.6	800 ft.	Views of Mt. Lassen, Whiskeytown Lake, Southern Cascade Range, Trinity Alps.



Note: The purpose of this map is to provide visitors with a general reference for the location of roads, trails, facilities, and other features in the park. For a more detailed map, please pick up a park map/brochure from the visitor center or the Oak Bottom Campground Store.

Camping									
Developed Camp Sites	Number of sites	Price per night	Season	Maximum	Reservable	Potable Water	Shower	Toilet Type	Notes
Oak Bottom Tent Campground	94	\$24 regular^ \$26 for shoreline^	year-round	6 people 2 tents	•	•	•	Flush	^ Summer rates from 4/15–10/15. During the rest of the year, tent sites are \$14. There are two ADA accessible sites. For reservations call (530) 359-2269.
Oak Bottom RV	22	\$21 †	year-round	10 people no tents	•	•	•	Flush	† Summer rates from 4/15–10/15. During the rest of the year, RV sites are \$14. No hookups, no shade. For reservations call (530) 359-2269.
Brandy Creek RV	37	\$15 ‡	year-round	10 people no tents		•		no toilet	Water, dump station may be shut off periodically during winter to prevent freezing.
Dry Creek Group Camp	2	\$80	4/1 to 10/31	50 people (20 minimum)	Reservations are required	•		Vault	Call 1-877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov for reservations up to one year in advance. Closed from 11/1–3/30. Large groups can reserve both sites.
Primitive Camp Sites	Obtain campground permits at the visitor center. Dispersed camping is prohibited in the park with the exception of Backpacking Permits that must be obtained at the visitor center.								
Brandy Creek	2	\$15	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served			Vault	Steep downhill road to reach the lower campsite #2.
Sheep Camp	4	\$15	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served			Vault	Caution: Sites are near a steep drop-off to the creek.
Peltier Bridge	9	\$15	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served			Vault	All of the sites are near Clear Creek.
Horse Camp	2	\$15	year-round	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served	•		Vault	Only campground where camping with horses is allowed. Call (530) 242-3412 for more information.
Crystal Creek	2	\$15	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served			Vault	Both sites are very close to Crystal Creek.
Coggins Park	1	\$15	closed in winter	6 people 2 tents	First-come first-served			no toilet	4WD or high-clearance vehicles are highly recommended for the unpaved road to the remote campsite.

Crystal Creek Water Ditch Restoration



An Unplanned Change

Constructed between 1852 and 1868, the Crystal Creek Water Ditch served to supply water for the various mining operations along Willow Creek and Mill Creek during the Gold Rush. After the Gold Rush the ditch was used to supply irrigation water to the Tower House Historic District orchards and fields until the mid-1940's.

In 2013, the ditch suffered a catastrophic high water event causing significant damage to the historic ditch and levee. Since that time, the ditch has been undergoing significant repairs in an effort to re-open the trail and restore its historic function of the ditch. Extensive work was completed in 2016 to repair a damaged levee wall, widen the trail surface, plug holes in the ditch, and rehabilitate the clean out shed, located near the trailhead.

Backcountry Safety Matters!



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

WHISKEYTOWN IS A WONDERFUL 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



A black-tailed deer feeding on an unattended picnic. Animals can become aggressive and dangerous if fed and habituated to people.

the photo above (left) to identify the plant and stay on the trails to avoid it. The plant drops its oily 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.*

FOREVER RESORTS 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-dry-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) 359-2671 for the marina store and boat rental reservations. For the Brandy Creek Beach Store and Kayak Rentals, call (530) 246-1056 and the Oak Bottom Beach store can be reached at (530) 359-2675 or www.whiskeytownmarinas.com

Plants That Bite Back

PARK STAFF CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES WITH HELP FROM VISITORS LIKE YOU! Non-native species are those that occur outside their natural range and spread rapidly; often as a consequence to 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 different 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.



Do Not Feed The Wildlife!

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

Preserve Whiskeytown's Waters

- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- "Clean, drain, and dry to stop the spread!"
- Prevent the spread of Quagga Mussels.

Lifejackets Save Lives

IN 2015, THE U.S. RECORDED 76 PERCENT OF FATAL BOATING ACCIDENT VICTIMS DROWNED. Of those drowning victims, it was reported that 85% 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.



All vessels require a PFD on board for each person. Children under 13 must wear it!

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 picturesque 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!

The Science of Slippery Stream Creatures

Sonya Daw, I&M Scientist

WHILE EXPLORING WHISKEYTOWN'S WATERFALLS, DO YOU EVER WONDER WHO LIVES IN AND AROUND THE STREAMS? THE COLORFUL RAINBOW TROUT IS JUST ONE OF MANY SLIPPERY CHARACTERS. Darting among the cobbles of the streambed, the reclusive, 4-5 inch sculpin fish searches for insect larvae to eat. Its wing-shaped pectoral fins are webbed with sharp rays that help it grip the streambed. Camouflaged amongst the rocks of most of the park's streambeds, you might find a Pacific giant salamander, which can grow up to 13 inches from nose to tail! You might also glimpse the peculiar tailed frog. Unlike most frogs, the tailed frog is adapted to life in fast-flowing streams, thanks to the suction cup mouths of the tadpoles and the flattened bodies of the adults of this species. The male's "tail" is actually an extension of its reproductive organ, enabling it to accomplish something no other North American frog can do: internal fertilization. Tailed frogs need cold water, and Whiskeytown's streams mark the southern edge of their inland range. Similar to the tailed frog, the park's riparian ecosystems also support a healthy population of foothill yellow-legged frogs.

The Pacific giant salamander, tailed frog and foothill yellow legged frog all have specific survival requirements:

- Cold and stable water temperature.
- Optimal pH levels (a measure of acidity).
- Enough oxygen dissolved in the water to allow them to "breathe" through their gills or skin.
- Enough water in the stream to keep it flowing during crucial life stages.
- Food.
- Nesting and hiding cover.

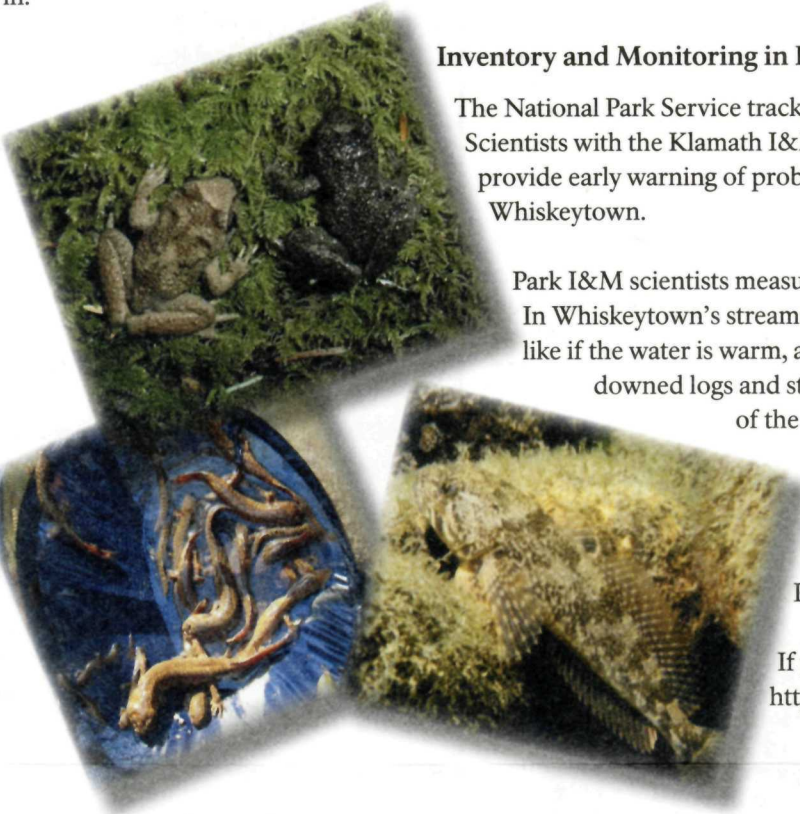
If these conditions change, we risk losing members of the stream community. But how do we know what's happening in streams before it's too late? That's where science comes in.



Inventory and Monitoring in Parks

The National Park Service tracks the condition of park ecosystems over time through Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) Networks. Scientists with the Klamath I&M Network measure "vital signs" at seven parks in the region, including Whiskeytown. Vital signs provide early warning of problems. A vital sign can be a single endangered species or an entire community—like stream ecosystems at Whiskeytown.

Park I&M scientists measure multiple items for any given vital sign, because ecosystems are complex. All the parts are connected. In Whiskeytown's streams, they count fish, frogs, and salamanders. But they also check for indicators of environmental impact, like if the water is warm, acidic, or polluted. They check oxygen levels in the water. They search for evidence of good habitat, like downed logs and streamside vegetation. They count the tiny aquatic insects that feed fish and amphibians. Each piece of the puzzle offers clues to how well the system is working. For example, it is critical to know how water temperature, food, habitat, and other factors might interact to affect the survival of tailed frogs at Whiskeytown as the climate changes over time and streams potentially warm up.



Ultimately, the goal is to understand more and speculate less about how park ecosystems work. Park managers can rely on I&M science to do this.

If you'd like to learn more about I&M science at Whiskeytown, visit the Klamath Network website, at <http://science.nature.nps.gov/IM/units/klmn/index.cfm>.

Changing Times

Matt Switzer, Park Ranger, Interpretation

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE PROMOTED THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR NATIONAL PARKS AND CONSERVED THESE NATIONAL TREASURES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. As the National Park System enters its second century, climate change will challenge these special places in unprecedented ways. The changing climate will have consequences for many of the species, ecosystems, forces, and structures that have long defined our treasured places.

With the rapidly changing climate, the future is uncertain. What we do know is data collected in Glacier National Park has demonstrated the melting of glaciers. Sea levels are rising at Golden Gate National Recreation Area, trees are dying in Sequoia National Park, vegetation shifting upslope in Yosemite National Park, corals bleaching in Virgin Islands National Park, and more. At Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, we can expect hotter and longer summers, with warmer, wetter winters with more intense and severe storms. The lack of a snowpack on Shasta Bally will impact the unique plant populations on the mountain and allow for non-native and invasive plants to march upwards in elevation. An increase in intense rain storms can cause debris flows, which results in sedimentation that is detrimental to aquatic species, like tailed frogs and Chinook salmon.

Climate change affects every person in some way and these changes will affect future generations. While some along the coast may see greater tidal flooding, others may experience stronger heat waves, persistent droughts, or an increased frequency in wildfires.

But if history is our guide, we can expect the American people to once again act with resolve and resourcefulness to ensure that "America's Best Idea" endures. There is much we can do to address climate change *right now*.

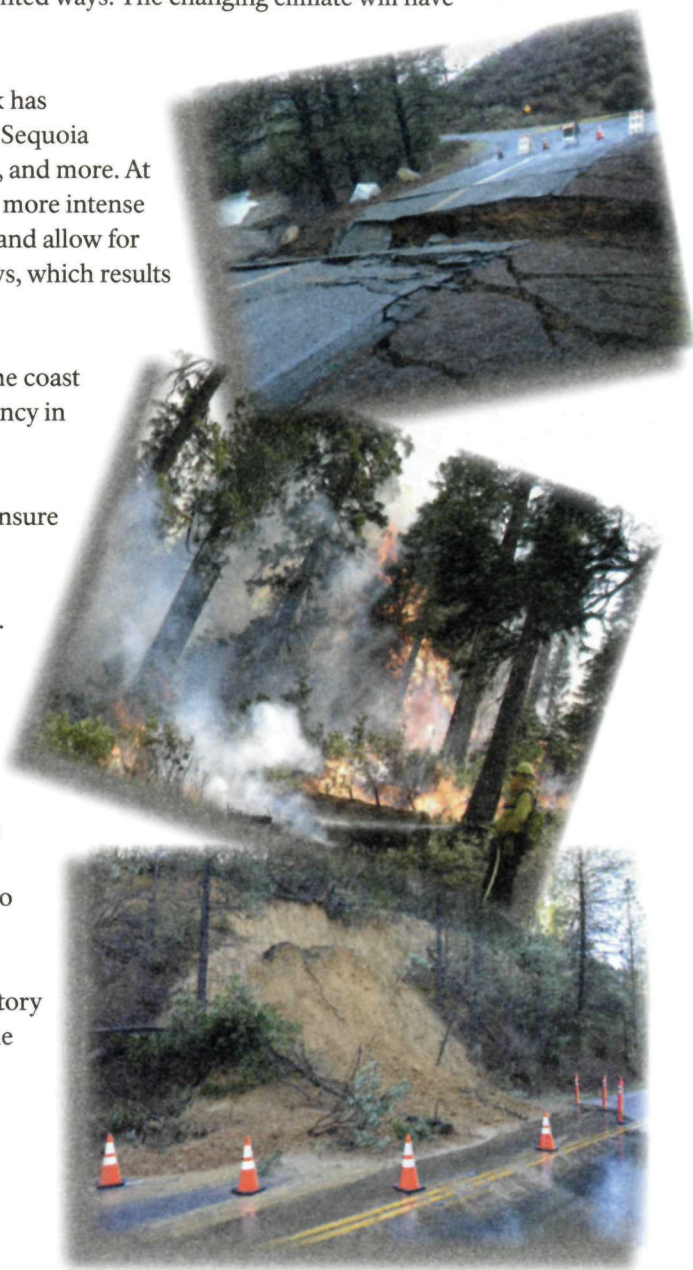
The NPS recognizes that human activities – especially fossil fuel use and transportation – are changing Earth's climate. Together with our communities, we are taking action to reduce our own greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and model climate-friendly behaviors through sustainable operations and adaptation efforts. Recognizing that some change is already underway, the NPS is adapting its planning and management strategies so that park resources are protected in the face of a changing climate change.

Here at Whiskeytown, we've reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 20% since 2007, energy-efficient lighting has been installed in high-traffic areas, and solar panels have been installed at the visitor center. Thanks to a Dignity Health grant obtained by the Friends of Whiskeytown, the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) "Beach Bus" will make runs to Whiskeytown six days a week during the summer, eliminating excess GHG from personal automobiles.

Today, climate change is as much a part of the national park story as grasslands, glaciers, and grizzly bears. And it is a story we increasingly share in common with all our visitors. Sharing your story is an important first step in bringing about the changes necessary to address climate change.

What can you do? Get involved!

To learn more, go to <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/atapark.htm>.



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.

0:10

..... 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.

0:15

0:20



Artist-in-Resident, Joellyn Duesberry

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).

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.

0:45

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).

1:15

1:30

1:45

..... 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.



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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.

Two hours

2:00

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

2:30

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

3:00

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

3:30



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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.

Half a day

4:00

5:00

6:00

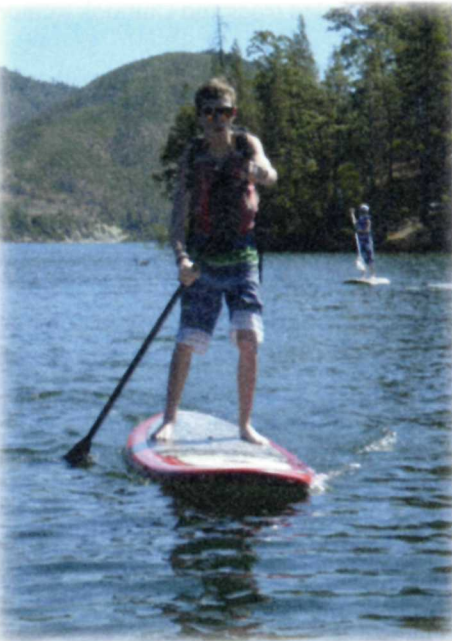
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..... Hike the Papoose Pass Trail from Sheep Camp to Boulder Creek Falls and back.

..... 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.

Whole day



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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 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. (1889 M) summit of Shasta Baldy 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 16th for Whiskeytown's 7th 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 2, 2017. Hike along the Brandy Creek, Mill Creek, or Boulder Creek trails to witness the massive gatherings of lady bugs 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!

2017 Events



Symphony on the Beach

Located at Brandy Creek Beach, Date and Time TBD

Join us under the stars for a symphony on the beach. The Shasta Symphony Orchestra will perform and there will be a twilight luminary lighting on the lake. For more information, please visit the park website nps.gov/whis or call (530) 242-3460.



Perseid Meteor Shower Event

Saturday evening August 12, 2017

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.



Solar Eclipse Event

Monday August 21, 2017 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Brandy Creek Beach parking lot B

Whiskeytown, in partnership with the Shasta Astronomy Club, will be holding a special solar eclipse event. Powerful telescopes will be on hand to view the solar eclipse. In addition, Solar viewing glasses will be handed out on a first come first serve basis. Visitors are encouraged to bring lounge chairs, food and drinks.



Brandy Creek Beach Luau

Saturday September 9, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Located at Brandy Creek Beach

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.



Harvest Festival

Saturday September 16, 2017 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 6th 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 2, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tower House Historic District

The National Park Service and California State Parks invite visitors for the annual "Old Time Holiday." Follow in the footsteps of miners who in 1849, after preparing a holiday meal in Shasta, traveled to Whiskeytown to share their food and cheer! The events will take place at Shasta State Historic Park and the Tower House Historic District. Featured events will include wreath making, music, crafting ornaments and costumed interpretation.

A Park for Everyone

THE FRIENDS OF WHISKEYTOWN

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 has been instrumental in supporting many popular park projects and programs, including: the free ranger-led kayak and paddle board programs, trail maintenance, construction of new foot bridges, implementation of the Beach Bus in partnership with Dignity Health (providing convenient, affordable transportation from downtown Redding to Brandy Creek Beach), student scholarships enabling children to attend the Whiskeytown Environmental School, Whiskeytown's Artist-in-Residence Program, the annual volunteer recognition dinner, and the annual Old Time Holiday and Harvest Festival events at the Camden House.

If you would like to support FOW, mark your calendar for the 10th annual Brandy Creek Beach Luau, Saturday, September 9th at 5:30 PM. This fundraising event features a Luau dinner, Hawaiian entertainment, and silent and live auctions. For more information, please call (530) 242-3460 or visit www.friendsofwhiskeytown.org

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.

Hey Junior Rangers!

Whiskeytown has an all new, self-guided Junior Ranger book. Designed for children ages 4+, this full-color activity book introduces children—and those young at heart—to the natural and cultural wonders of the park and their own role in preserving them for the future. Booklets are available at the visitor center at no cost, and a Junior Ranger badge is awarded to those who complete the requirements.



Volunteer in the Park

Is Whiskeytown Lake 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 information, please contact Ranger Breanna Corp at (530) 242-3451.



Fee Free Days 2017

January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	August 25 National Park Service Birthday
February 20 Presidents' Day	September 30 National Public Lands Day
April 15-16 and 22-23 Weekends of National Park Week	November 11-12 Veterans Day Weekend

The Beach Bus is Returning!

After a successful pilot run in 2016, the Beach Bus is back, with extended service! The Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) in partnership with the Friends of Whiskeytown, through a generous grant from Dignity Health, has extended Beach Bus service linking downtown Redding to Brandy Creek Beach from Memorial Day weekend (excluding Monday, May 29) through August 21st, Monday through Saturday. After August 21, the Bus will continue to run on weekends only through Sunday, September 3.

Service will run three times a day: 9:20 am, 11:20 am, and 5:20 pm (pick up only). These times are coordinated to allow transfers to other routes in the RABA system. This service provides alternate access to the park to anyone who cannot, or prefers not to drive their own car. The route begins at the RABA Downtown Transit Center, with stops at the town of Shasta and the Whiskeytown Visitor Center before arriving at Brandy Creek Beach. Riders will be charged a nominal fee of \$1.50 each way. Visit the RABA website for additional information: <http://www.cityofredding.org/departments/redding-area-bus-authority>.

Join us for a Free Ranger-led Program!



You Asked, We Delivered: Kayak and Paddleboard Reservation System Improvements!

Each summer, Whiskeytown rangers provide immersive Whiskeytown Lake experiences to over 3,000 visitors through guided, lake-based programs including morning, evening, full moon and junior ranger kayak programs. The park added a paddleboard program in 2016. All programs are offered at **no cost**; however, advance reservations are required. Reservations can be made no more than two weeks ahead of the desired trip, and can now be made on-line by visiting the park website (www.nps.gov/whis). All on-line requests will automatically be date and time stamped. Rangers will fill program rosters on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who have made the list will be contacted to confirm the reservation. If you do not have internet access, you can still request a reservation by phone Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00pm by calling (530)-242-3462. These free 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 that 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.

Junior Ranger Kayak



Thursdays at 9:30 am (1 ½ hours)

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. This program is geared towards children three to six years old. Please call (530) 242-3462 to make a reservation.

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.

Morning & Afternoon Kayak

Tours at 9:30 am: Friday through Monday and Wednesday. Evenings, 5:30 pm: Saturday through Tuesday (2 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

July 4-8 8:00- 10:00 pm, August 2-6 and September 1-5 7:30- 9:30 pm (2 hours)



Experience dramatic changes in the landscape as you explore Whiskeytown Lake under the light of the moon. Reservation slots fill up fast for this program, call (530) 242-3462, no more than two weeks in advance for the best opportunity of securing a slot.

Stand Up Paddle Board

Friday through Monday and Wednesday 2- 3:30 pm (1 ½ hours)



Ready for a new challenge? Thanks to generous support from Friends of Whiskeytown, and Dignity Health, paddle boards have been added to our fleet. Designed for those with little or no previous experience on a paddle board, a ranger will teach the basics and help you gain confidence with this new skill.

Participants should be capable of kneeling on a hard surface, and should be able to rise to a standing position from a kneeling position without assistance. It is very likely you will fall in (repeatedly!) As with all water-based tours, life jackets are required, and provided. These are small tours of just ten boarders, so register early. Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance. Call (530) 242-3462 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, or visit the park website (www.nps.gov/whis).

Evening Astronomy

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 celestial gazing. Meet at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater for the first half of the program. For the second half, meet at the Oak Bottom Beach parking lot.

Star Party

Saturdays 8:30 pm to 12:00 pm on, 6/17, 6/24, 7/15, 7/22, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, 9/23 (weather permitting).



For up to date information call the visitor center (530) 246-1225, visit the park website, or visit www.shastaastronomyclub.org

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. Meet at the Oak Bottom Beach parking lot.

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) 359-2675.

Ranger-led Program Offerings

Program	ADA Accessible	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Kayak Program		9:30 am 5:30 pm	5:30 pm	9:30 am		9:30 am	9:30 am 5:30 pm	9:30 am 5:30 pm
Paddle Board Program		2:00 pm		2:00 pm		2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Junior Ranger							10 am	
Junior Firefighter							11 am	
Junior Ranger Kayak Program					9:30 am			
Walk In Time								10 am
Evening Astronomy Program						9 pm†		
Free Movie Night Under the Starlight							8:30 pm	
Star Party							8 pm*	

† During August and September, start time will be 8:30 pm
* See Star Party description for event dates

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.

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