The State Water Project (SWP) is an engineering marvel and the nation’s largest state owned and operated water and power delivery system – providing clean, affordable and reliable water for two-thirds of all Californians from the Bay Area all the way down to San Diego. But did you know that the SWP also offers outstanding recreational opportunities? As California works to make good on its commitment to increase equitable access to outdoor recreation throughout the state, recreation at SWP reservoirs helps to meet that goal. Whether it’s biking, boating, camping, fishing, hiking or swimming, SWP lakes and reservoirs are an often-overlooked local destination for a little fun in the sun.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The SWP has 16 lakes and reservoirs that offer recreational activities.

**VISITING SWP RESERVOIRS**

SWP reservoirs and lakes offer year-round recreational opportunities for visitors, generating around 12 million visitor days annually. The SWP’s three Visitor Centers in Northern, Central and Southern California are staffed by knowledgeable guides and provide exhibits and videos that highlight California’s world-renowned water delivery system and the importance of water throughout the state.

**WATER SAFETY**

DWR hosts Aquatic Adventure Camps – teaching water safety to children and youth who live near SWP reservoirs. Safety is DWR’s top priority for everyone recreating along the SWP. DWR offers water safety materials, including workbooks, posters and videos along with water safety programs for communities located within a 50-mile radius of one of the three Visitor Centers.

**RECREATION AT STATE WATER PROJECT RESERVOIRS**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) manages the SWP. Through partnerships with state, local and federal agencies, DWR ensures the public can enjoy extensive water-based activities at SWP lakes and reservoirs, including:

- Biking
- Fishing
- Scenic Vista
- Boating
- Marina
- Swimming
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Wind Surfing
- Equestrian Trails
- RV Parks
- Visitor Centers

**CATCH A SPECIAL THRILL PROGRAM (C.A.S.T.)**

DWR works with the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, bringing together local, state and federal agencies, community groups, schools and other volunteers to provide children with disabilities ages 7-17 the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience fishing at SWP reservoir sites. With the help of local boaters, C.A.S.T. participants are able to fish and learn about natural resources.
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AT SWP RESERVOIRS:

LAKE OROVILLE
Butte County
Biking, Boating, Camping, C.A.S.T., Equestrian Trails, Fishing, Marina, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista, Swimming, Visitor Center

ANTELOPE LAKE
Plumas County
Boating, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista

LAKE DAVIS
Plumas County
Boating, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista

FRENCHMAN LAKE
Plumas County
Boating, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista

LAKE OREDA
Plumas County
Boating, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista

THERMALITO FOREBAY & AFTERBAY
Butte County
Biking, Boating, Camping, Equestrian Trails, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Swimming

BETHANY RESERVOIR
Alameda County
Biking, Boating, Equestrian Trails, Fishing, Picnicking, Swimming, Windsurfing

LAKE DEL VALLE
Alameda County
Biking, Boating, Camping, Equestrian Trails, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista, Swimming

CLIFTON COURT FOREBAY
Alameda County
Fishing

SAN LUIS RESERVOIR
Merced County
Biking, Boating, Camping, Equestrian Trails, Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista, Swimming, Visitor Center

OS NELL FOREBAY
Merced County
Boating, Camping, C.A.S.T., Fishing, Picnicking, RV Park, Swimming

PYRAMID LAKE
Los Angeles County
Boating, Camping, C.A.S.T., Fishing, Marina, Picnicking, RV Park, Scenic Vista, Swimming, Visitor Center

QUAIL LAKE
Los Angeles County
Fishing

LAKE PERRIS
Riverside County
Biking, Boating, Camping, C.A.S.T., Fishing, Picnicking, Equestrian Trails, RV Park, Scenic Vista

SILVERWOOD LAKE
San Bernardino County
Biking, Boating, Camping, C.A.S.T., Fishing, Picnicking, Marina, Scenic Vista