Welcome to Lake Isabella, one of the largest reservoirs in Southern California with over 11,000 surface acres. From fishing to boating, camping to picnicking, the lake offers one of the best fresh-water recreation experiences in close proximity to Los Angeles and Bakersfield year-round. Elevation ranges from 2,500 to 2,600 feet and fishing is open year round. Most developed campgrounds and group camping areas operate under a concessionaire program with California Land Management (CLM).

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

Nestled around the Lake are 8 developed campgrounds offering more than 800 family units and 6 group areas. Reservations can be made for the developed fee campsites by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) at 877-444-6777 (TDD 877-833-6777), or check their website at: www.recreation.gov at least 5 days prior to your arrival. A certain percentage of campsites also operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Group sites require reservations through NRRS. Senior and Access Passes are accepted at these U.S. Forest Service campgrounds, and entitle the card holder to a 50% discount on federal use fees. Group areas are excluded from this discount. An additional $2 will be charged for campsites on Holiday weekends.

AUXILIARY DAM RECREATION AREA - located on the southern end of Lake Isabella off Highway 178. Dirt road; Open camping; No limit on trailer length; Restrooms - 3 flush type, and chemical toilets; NO SHOWERS; RV dump station with a $10 fee. Open year round. Supplies at the town of Lake Isabella. $10 fee per vehicle per day or annual pass for $50. These Southern Sierra Passes can be purchased at local Forest Service offices, Golden State Surplus in Lake Isabella, and Riverside One Stop Shell station in Kernville, James Sierra Gateway Market in Southlake, and Kern Valley Marina in South Fork Recreation Area. No charge with Interagency Annual/ Senior/Access pass.

OLD ISABELLA/SOUTH FORK RECREATION AREA - located on the southern end of the lake off Highway 178. Dirt road; open camping; no limit on trailer length; restrooms; Open year round. Southern Sierra Pass required. No charge with Interagency Annual/ Senior/Access pass.

PIONEER POINT CAMPGROUND - located off Highway 155 on west side of Lake Isabella. Paved road; 78 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Restrooms - 4 flush type; Water; NO showers; Fire rings, tables and grills; Marina access; Playground; Fish cleaning station. Open year round. Supplies at the town of Lake Isabella. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. (CLM)

FRENCH GULCH GROUP AREA - located off Highway 155 on west side of Lake Isabella. Paved road; A group use area for 100 people maximum. Suitable for RVs; Portable restrooms; NO showers; Large fire ring, tables and grills; Sheltered area. Open year round. Supplies at the town of Lake Isabella. $350 per night. (CLM)

HUNGRY GULCH CAMPGROUND - located off Highway 155 on west side of Lake Isabella. Paved road; 78 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Restrooms- 3 flush type; NO showers; Water, Fire rings, tables and grills; Playground. Open Apr. to Sept. Supplies at Lake Isabella or Wofford Heights. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. (CLM)

BOULDER GULCH CAMPGROUND - located off Highway 155 on west side of Lake Isabella. Paved road; 78 family units; Trailers up to 45'; Restrooms-3 flush type; NO showers; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills; Playground; Fish cleaning station. Open Apr. to Sept. Supplies at Lake Isabella or Wofford Heights. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. (CLM)

TILLIE CREEK CAMPGROUND AND GROUP AREAS - located off Highway 155, south of Wofford Heights. Paved road; 159 family units, 4 for individuals with disabilities; Trailers up to 45'; Restrooms-7 flush type; NO showers, and chemical toilets; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills; Playground; Fish cleaning station; RV dumping station, $10; and Amphitheater. Open April to September. Supplies at Wofford Heights. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. There are 4 group use areas, #1 is an accessible site:

#1-60 people maximum; $210.00 per night; Open Apr. to Sept.
#2-150 people maximum; $525.00 per night; Open year round.
#3-80 people maximum; $280.00 per night; Open Apr. to Sept.
#4-60 people maximum; $210.00 per night; Open Apr. to Sept.

Water, tables, grills and shelters in areas. No limit on trailer length. (CLM)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
LIVE OAK NORTH CAMPGROUND – located on the west side of highway 155, south of Wofford Heights. Paved road; 60 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Restrooms-2 flush type; NO showers; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills. Supplies at Wofford Heights. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. (CLM) Open as overflow on holiday weekends only.

LIVE OAK SOUTH CAMPGROUND – located on the west side of Highway 155, south of Wofford Heights. Paved road; 90 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Restrooms-3 flush type; NO showers; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills, Supplies at Wofford Heights. $24 per night, $7 for each additional vehicle. (CLM) Open as overflow on holiday weekends only

LIVE OAK GROUP AREA – 100 people maximum; Trailers up to 30'; Restroom-1 flush type; NO showers; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills. Supplies at Wofford Heights. $350 per night. (CLM) Open as overflow on holiday weekends only.

PARADISE COVE CAMPGROUND - located on the south shore of Lake Isabella off Highway 178. Paved road; 58 family units and 80 RV sites; Restrooms-2 flush type, NO showers, and chemical toilets; Water; Fire rings, tables and grills at family sites; RV dump station, $10; Fish cleaning station. No limit on trailer length. Open year round. Supplies at Mtn. Mesa. Sites 1-58 $24 per night, sites 59-138 $20 per night, $7 each additional vehicle. (CLM)

CAMP 9 CAMPGROUND - located on the east side of Lake Isabella off Sierra Way. Paved road; 109 family units; Restrooms-1 flush type, no showers; Chemical toilets; RV dump station, $10; Fish cleaning station. Group area pads #1 & 2 at $160 per night, have shelters, tables, grills and water; #2 is an accessible site. Additional Group sites starting at $90 per night. No limit on trailer length. Open year round. Supplies at Kernville. Individual sites are $17 per night, $5 for each additional vehicle, for overnight camping. This campground is operated by the U.S. Forest Service and is first come first serve.

STINE COVE RECREATION AREA - located on the east side of Lake Isabella off of Sierra Way; Open camping; Free use area; Chemical toilets. No limit on trailer length. Open year round. Supplies at Kernville.

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Kern River Ranger District
11380 Kernville Rd.
Kernville, CA 93238
760-376-3781

Forest Supervisor’s Office
1839 S. Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257
559-784-1500