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HUNTINGTON LAKE RECREATION AREA

High Sierra Ranger District

Huntington Lake Recreation Area, located at 7,000 feet elevation, is a two hour drive east of Fresno via State Highway 168. Huntington Lake is one of the reservoirs in the Big Creek Hydroelectric system developed by Southern California Edison Company. The lake is 4 miles long by one-half mile wide and has 14 miles of shoreline. In addition to providing power to Southern California, Huntington Lake also serves as a popular recreation area for a number of activities. Some of those attractions include camping, hiking, picnicking, sailing, windsurfing, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, and scenic driving. The main summer season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend, after which many of the resorts and businesses close. Some facilities do remain open year round.

RESORTS AND SERVICES:

There are a number of privately owned businesses and resorts at Huntington Lake, which provide valuable services to visitors. They operate under a Special Use Permit issued by the Sierra National Forest and include:

- Rancheria Enterprises
- China Peak Mountain Resort
- Lakeshore Resort
- D&F Pack Station
- Cedar Crest Resort
- Huntington Lake Resort and Marina
- Lakeview Cottages

VISITOR INFORMATION

Visitor information and assistance is available at the Eastwood Visitor Center throughout the summer season. This station is located at the junction of Highway 168 and Kaiser Pass Road at the east

end of Huntington Lake. Personnel are available to answer questions, provide help in emergencies, issue permits, and distribute maps and information.

CAMPGROUNDS AND PICNIC AREAS:

There are seven campgrounds and four picnic areas in the Huntington Lake Basin. They are operated by California Land Management under a Special Use Permit with the USDA Forest Service. All the campgrounds have picnic tables, fire pits, drinking water, vault and/or flush toilets. RV hookups are not available. The picnic area is for day use only and there is a fee charged at Deer Creek and Bear Cove. The area also has two campgrounds for large groups or organizations. To make reservations for the campgrounds at Huntington Lake, contact the National Reservation System at 1-877-444-6777 or ReserveUSA.com.

ACTIVITIES:

Boating: For boating enthusiasts, Huntington Lake is the place! Canoeing, waterskiing, fishing, sailing, and windsurfing are just a few of the water activities available. Huntington Lake is particularly popular for sailing. Several regattas are held each summer for different classes of sailing craft. The regattas are regulated by permit to allow adequate opportunity for individual boaters to use the lake. A public boat launch ramp is located between College and Deer Creek Campgrounds, near Lakeshore Resort. A fee will be charged for vehicle and trailer parking.

Hiking: There are numerous hiking and riding trails in the Huntington Lake area. The Kaiser and Dinkey Lakes Wilderness Areas are within close proximity for day or overnight trips. A Wilderness Permit is required for overnight stays in the Wilderness. A



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Wilderness Permit can be obtained at the Eastwood Visitor Center. Other trails well suited for day hikes in the Huntington Lake area include:

- **Rancheria Falls:** The trailhead is located 1 mile south of Eastwood and 1 mile up the Bear Butte Road.
- **Indian Pools:** Trail starts at the east end of the parking lot at China Peak Mountain Resort and goes along the shore of Big Creek.
- **Black Point and Mushroom Rock:** Trailhead is located 6 miles west of Huntington Lake.

FOR INFORMATION:

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SCENIC DRIVES:

There are many roads- paved, gravel, or dirt- that provide access to remote parts of the Sierra National Forest. Check with the information Stations for further details. Two popular all day trips are:

- **Kaiser Pass Road:** This road starts at the Eastwood Visitor Center and continues on to Edison and Florence Lakes. The road is a single lane and is not recommended for large recreation vehicles or trailers. There are outstanding views of the Sierra Crest in several locations along the road.
- **Stump Springs Road:** This trip offers the visitor a chance to see the working part of the forest. Starting from the town of Big Creek, the road follows the San Joaquin River drainage around to the Kaiser Pass Road. Views include Mammoth Pool Reservoir, the Minarets and Ritter Ranges.

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