



Department of Parks and Recreation **Reservoirs**



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MODESTO RESERVOIR

Modesto Reservoir is located at 18143 Reservoir Road a few miles east of the town of Waterford off Hwy 132. This regional park offers 3,240 acres of land and 2,800 acres of reservoir for recreation and camping. Facilities include approximately 150 full hook-up campsites, undeveloped camping areas, restrooms, picnic shelter, barbeque pits, picnic tables, archery range, and radio control glider airplane field.



Campsites are available on a “first-come first-serve basis”; no reservations are available at this time. Recreation opportunities include swimming, fishing, boating, water/jet skiing, bird watching, waterfowl hunting (with permit during specific times of year), archery, and radio control airplane flying.

The MODESTO RADIO CONTROL CLUB has recently agreed to help develop and construct an improved radio control glider airplane field near the west boat ramp. The MODESTO RADIO CONTROL CLUB holds competitions, including “demolition derbies on wings” and thermal duration contests, in

which the goal is to keep a glider in the air for a designated period of time and land in a target area. The MODESTO RADIO CONTROL CLUB offers monthly gatherings and special events throughout the year. The facility and the opportunity to fly are open to the public.



The YAH! BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB has recently taken on the operations and maintenance of the reservoir’s archery range. YAH! BOWMEN hold monthly, and during the summer – weekly, shoots that are open to the public. All are always welcome as the club members look forward to guests and some friendly competition. YAH! BOWMEN promotes family and youth participation with open arms of encouragement and will be hosting a variety of specialty shoots throughout the year.



The MID-VALLEY WATER SKI CLUB holds numerous events at the reservoir throughout the year, such as Disabled Ski Clinics, “Ski-Fun Day for Kids” partnered with the Police Activities League, Polar Bear Day, and tournament competitions.

Keeping Modesto Reservoir Clean

To keep Modesto’s drinking water as pure as possible, the State of California has set forth guidelines by which the County and MID staff must abide. For instance, there are no pets allowed at this lake. There is no camping within 50 feet of the high water mark. To prevent gas and oil spills, you cannot put gas in your boat and jet ski’s while they are on the water. Cleaning the fish you catch is also not allowed. It is up to all of us who use the reservoir to take care and not pollute it. All of these restrictions help the treatment plant to provide us with the safest and cleanest drinking water possible.

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WOODWARD RESERVOIR

Woodward Reservoir is located at 14528 26-Mile Road a few miles north of Oakdale off Hwy 120. This regional park offers 3,767 acres of land and 2,900 acres of reservoir for recreation and camping. Facilities include 115 developed campsites, 40 full hook-up campsites, undeveloped camping areas, marina, concessions, restrooms, picnic shelter, barbecues, picnic tables, and radio control airplane field.



Campsites are available on a “first-come first-serve basis”; no reservations are available at this time.

Campsites are located at:

- 32 Developed sites at Fischer Point
- 19 Developed sites at Charlie’s Point
- 40 Full hook-ups at Hackberry Flat
- 42 Developed sites at T Island
- 21 Developed sites at Muir Point
- Undeveloped camping is also available in designated areas.

Recreation opportunities include swimming, fishing, boating, water/jet skiing, waterfowl

hunting (with permit), and radio control airplane flying.



In the near future, you can expect to see exciting changes when you visit Woodward Reservoir. Stanislaus County and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District are spending over \$1 million to improve existing campsites, picnic areas, and restrooms. More trees will be added to the landscape and additional developed campgrounds and day-use facilities will be built. Since water from Woodward Reservoir is now a source of drinking water for cities in our region, state and federal laws no longer allow camping in undeveloped campsites along the water line. As of November 1, 2004, camping in undeveloped campsites is prohibited within 30 feet of the high water mark.



The RADIO CONTROL FLYERS UNLIMITED, INC. operates and maintains the radio control airplane landing field on the north side of the reservoir. The FLYERS strive to have the best flying field anywhere, including a paved landing strip and large shade shelter. As you visit the field you will see that there is a relaxed atmosphere with all types of pilots and flying machines. You will find that nobody cares what you fly as long as it is airworthy and safe. The FLYERS offer several events throughout the year in giant/mid-size aerobatics and float flying.



On the Fourth of July, the festivities include our annual fireworks display. This is a busy day at the reservoir – come early and stay late for ‘fun in the sun and the stars’.

In the winter of 2005, the *Stanislaus County Fish and Wildlife Committee* and local hatcheries restocked the fish population at the reservoir. In addition to the traditional rainbow trout, red-ear sunfish, large mouth bass, channel catfish, and blue gill have been planted.



We have a great variety of wildlife here at the reservoir. You may see a number of different birds and mammals. You are very likely to come across the ground squirrels, jackrabbits, cottontails, red-tail hawks, coyotes, raccoons, seagulls, burrowing owls, geese, ducks, blue herons, great white egrets, and much, much more.

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