

# Bucks Lake Recreation Area

## Mt. Hough Ranger District

One of the more popular destinations for visitors to the Plumas National Forest is the Bucks Lake Recreation Area.

### About the Area

Bucks Lake is located 17 miles southwest of Quincy. The area offers year-round recreation opportunities making it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

### Getting there

From downtown Quincy, take the Oro-Quincy Hwy for 17 miles. From Oroville, there are two alternate routes. Take Hwy 70 east through the Feather River Canyon to Quincy, then follow Oro-Quincy Hwy to the lake, or from Oroville, take Oroville Dam Blvd., turn right on Olive/Hwy 162 and follow it to the lake. This route is only open during the summer months after the road is plowed. Call ahead for road status.

### Supplies

Many private businesses are located at Bucks Lake. There are lodges, cabin rentals, grocery stores, a marina, restaurants, boat rentals and gasoline. Because Bucks Lake offers year-round recreation, many amenities are available throughout the year.

Bucks Lake Recreation Area provides a variety of recreational opportunities for visitors. As one of the more popular recreation destinations on the Plumas National Forest, Bucks Lake boasts boat launching



ramps and provides water access for fishing, water-skiing, sailing, kayaking, or simply getting your feet wet. Sandy Point day use area is a favorite for both water play and boating. Wildlife is prevalent and visitors may spot Bald Eagles, Osprey, and Canadian Geese.

In the campgrounds, trailer sites are available as well as walk-in tent campsites. Trailers of up to 40 feet can be accommodated in some of the campgrounds; there are no hookups provided. Facilities are usually open from Memorial Day to October.

The area also offers hiking and backpacking along with mountain biking, and horseback riding opportunities on its various trails. No bicycles are allowed in the Bucks Lake Wilderness.

Bucks Lake Wilderness boundary is adjacent to the northeast side of Bucks Lake and allows access to the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mill Creek Trail, Three Lakes trail, and the Bucks Summit at the Oro-Quincy Hwy crossing.



**Summer** - During the warmer months, visitors enjoy an array of water sports and other activities. There is something for everyone including skiing, fishing, swimming, camping and picnicking.

**Winter** - Cold weather brings snow and lots of opportunities for winter recreation. With over 100 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, Bucks Lake is one of the most popular destinations in the west. Snow play, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding are also enjoyed by visitors

# Bucks Lake Recreation Area Campgrounds

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## Campgrounds at Bucks Lake

### Sundew Campground

Located on the shore of Bucks Lake, 22 units are available in one of the more popular campgrounds on the forest. A favorite with campers on the Plumas, Sundew offers great swimming and fishing opportunities close to campsites and allows for mooring boats near campsites. Showers are available nearby at Sandy Point day use and boat launch area.

- 22 units
- Some sites are reservable
- Water, vault toilets, tent/trailer

### Mill Creek Campground

A smaller, quiet campground on the shores of Bucks Lake where you can enjoy fishing, kayaking, boating and access to nearby hiking trails. Site has water, vault toilets, and is suitable for tent / trailer.

- 10 units
- Some sites are reservable
- Water, vault toilets, tent/trailer

### Lower Bucks Campground/Day Use Area

One of the more secluded campgrounds located on Bucks Lake, these shoreline sites offer swimming and fishing with nearby trails for hiking and biking. Showers are located nearby at Sandy Point day use and boat launch area.

- 7 units - first come-first serve
- No water, vault toilet, bear boxes

### Grizzly Creek Campground

There are 8 sites that accommodate both tents and trailers with a few being creekside. There is no water on site and the campground is located approximately 2 miles from the Bucks Lake Marina.

- 11 units
- Some sites are reservable
- Water, vault toilets, tent/trailer

### Whitehorse Campground

Located near Bucks Lake, these campsites offer quiet, shady campsites with nearby access to fishing and boating. Access to hiking trails is nearby.

- 20 units
- Some sites are reservable
- Water, vault toilets, tent/trailer
- Equestrian sites
- Bear box on site

### Hutchins Group Campground

Situated among the trees, Hutchins Group Campground has three sites which each hold up to 25 people. Located near Sandy Point day use area, visitors have access to swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, and other recreation amenities. Reservations are required.

- 3 units
- Reservations Only
- (25 people per site)
- Water, vault toilets, tent/trailer

Reservations can be made at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)  
(877) 444-6777 TDD (877) 833-6777

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