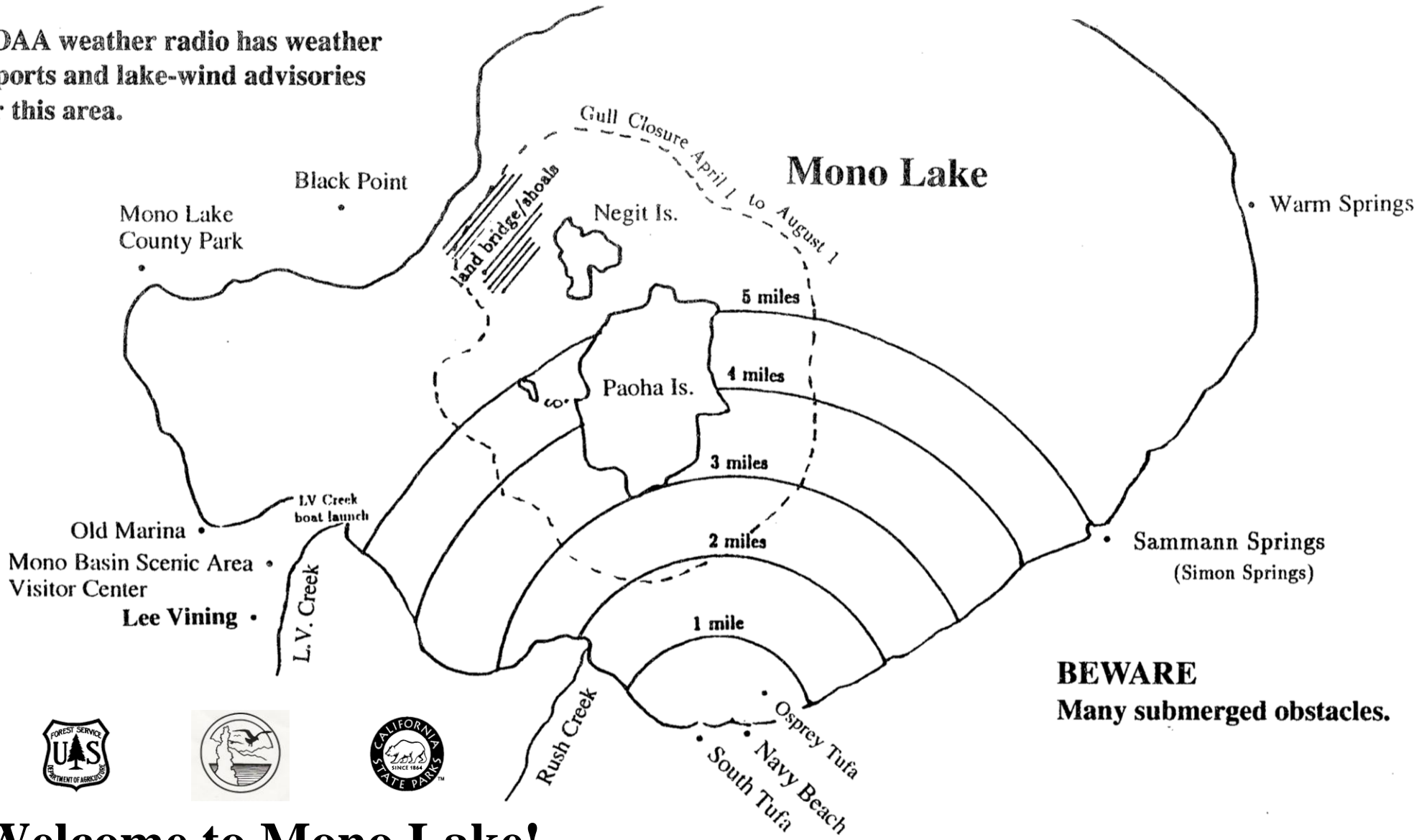


CAUTION:

Mono Lake is subject to sudden High Winds that can make travel by water Extremely Dangerous. Rescues may not be possible!!!

Lands and waters within ONE MILE of Mono Lake's islands are **CLOSED FROM APRIL 1 TO AUGUST 1** each year to protect the nesting gulls. Also, please observe 200-yard restrictions around Nesting Osprey Tufa formations when posted, April-September.

NOAA weather radio has weather reports and lake-wind advisories for this area.



BEWARE
Many submerged obstacles.



Welcome to Mono Lake!

Boating & Camping Regulations

Camping on the islands and recessional lands is permitted **ONLY** with a **CAMPING AGREEMENT**, available from the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitors Center.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve would like to welcome you to Mono Lake. We Hope that your boating experience will be a pleasant one. Please note the following precautions and regulations before your trip, both for your Protection and for protection of the lands and wildlife here in the Mono Basin Area.

ATTENTION BOATERS!

Mono Lake is subject to sudden, high winds that can make travel by water extremely dangerous. We urge you to follow these precautions:

- Never begin a trip on the lake when the wind is blowing.
- During the summer, plan your travel so that you are off the lake by noon. High afternoon winds are common and dangerous.
- Plan for the possibility that you may not be able to return on schedule by carrying overnight gear, food and water to last several days.
- Leave your itinerary with someone who will notify the authorities if you are overdue.
- Beware of submerged obstacles, including underwater tufa formations.
- There are no certified drinking water sources around Mono Lake.
Carry sufficient water!!

LANDS AND WATER ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

- Lands and waters within ONE MILE of Mono Lake's islands are closed to entry from April 1 to August 1 each year to protect nesting California gulls.
- Waters within 200-yards of the nesting Osprey tufa formations are closed to entry when posted April to September each year.
- Certain lands within and around Mono Lake are closed to camping, with or without a camping agreement. (See "Camping" information section)

RESPECTING WILDLIFE

Please be sensitive to wildlife while at the lake. To protect wetlands and Creek deltas (which are especially important to wildlife) we ask that you:

- Do not approach feeding or nesting birds.
- Remain a minimum of 200 yards from the creek deltas and approach no closer than 200 yards to any congregation of birds in these areas.
- Land watercraft a minimum of 200 yards from creek deltas or from any congregations of birds.

CAMPING

Camping is permitted on the recessional lands (lands below elevation 6417', Mono Lake's 1941 pre-diversion shoreline) **only with a camping agreement**. (Please note that the map on the reverse side of the camping agreement shows that some areas of the recessional lands are closed to all camping.)

- Camping is Only allowed to Boaters & Backpackers with agreement.
- Remember to **LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

MONO LAKE VITAL STATISTICS

- 1998 lake elevation: approximately 6383 feet above sea level (up nearly 9' from the SWRCB decision protecting Mono Lake in 1994)
- Length (measured east to west): approximately 14 miles
- Breadth (measured north to south): approximately 9 miles
- Average depth: 60 feet
- Deepest point: 160 feet (just east of Poaha Island)
- Circumference: approximately 40 miles
- Area: approximately 77 square miles
- Volume: approximately 2.6 million acre-feet (0.9 cubic miles)
- Surface temperature varies from 2-21 degrees C. (37-70 degrees F.)
- Water Chemistry: nearly 3 times as salty as the Pacific Ocean and 1000 times more alkaline than fresh water (pH10)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, located just north of Lee Vining on Hwy 395.
Call: 760-647-3044 By Mail: PO Box 429, Lee Vining, CA. 93541