



SUMMER TRAVEL GUIDE

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WELCOME TO SUMMER AT LAKE MENDOCINO.

Slow down. Breathe in the scent of fresh air and warm grass. Hear the paddle strike calm water. This is summer in Ukiah, California, and at the heart of it all is Lake Mendocino.

Whether you're here for a weekend or a day, we invite you to experience this season as it was meant to be: outdoors, unplugged and in rhythm with nature. This guide will help you savor the best of the lake. From quiet coves to childrens' splashes, sunrise trails to sunset paddles, you'll find freedom, play, connection and memories made in every moment.

#WE ARE LAKE MENDOCINO

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ART, MOVIES, LIVE MUSIC + MORE!



LAKE MENDOCINO

ON LAND

PEDAL



STROLL



MOUNTAIN BIKING

HIKING + WALKING

LAKE MENDO LOOP:

This 17-mile loop is a popular option, traversing a variety of landscapes around the lake, with intermediate to challenging sections.

MANZANITA TRAIL:

A fun, rolling 3-mile single-track overlooking the south end of Lake Mendocino.

EAST-SIDE TRAIL:

This 4-mile trail follows the eastern shore of the lake, with a mix of single-track and fire road sections.

[Trail maps and info](#)

HIKE OR BIKE SHAKOTA TRAIL:

This trail is a local favorite. A 6-mile round trip on a moderate trail takes you past oak woodlands, open lake views and seasonal wildflowers. You will also come across the old winery with ever-changing artful graffiti. Trailhead at Overlook area.

COYOTE DAM WALK:

Accessible and paved, this 2-mile out-and-back walk across the dam provides panoramic views of both the lake and the Ukiah valley. Park in the nearby lot or down at the south boat ramp.

[Learn about the dam](#)

LAKE MENDOCINO

ON LAND

PICNIC



DAY USE AREAS

POMO (INCLUDES A,B+C):

A + B areas have the only designated swim beach and feature flush toilets, picnic tables, shelters, grills, a playground and beautiful lake views. The C area includes picnic shelters, flush toilets and grills.

[Learn more + reserve picnic table](#)

KYEN + OAK GROVE:

Located between the campground and north boat ramp. Includes picnic areas and vault toilets.

[Learn more + reserve picnic table](#)

OVERLOOK AREA:

Next to the upper overlook parking area and head of the Shakota trail. Includes playground, flush toilets, grassy area, picnic tables, shelters, and grills.

PLAY



DISC GOLF

JOE RILEY:

Located just past the south boat ramp, this quiet, more private day use area features picnic tables, shelters, a large grill, flush toilets, and a grassy area.

[Learn more about all day use areas](#)

LAKE MENDO DISC GOLF:

Tucked into the oak woodlands at the south end of the lake, this 18-hole disc golf course offers both casual play and technical challenge. Locals call it one of the best-kept disc golf secrets in Northern California.

Park in the Overlook parking lot and start hole 1 on the right.

[More info + map of disc golf course](#)

LAKE MENDOCINO

ON WATER

SWIM



SWIMMING AREA

POMO A+B DAY USE:

The designated swim beach is on the northwest shore of Lake Mendocino in the Pomo A+B Day Use Area.

This area is marked with red and white buoys to keep it separate from other water activities. Swimming is also permitted in other parts of the lake, except near or on boat ramps, docks and any other areas marked with a sign.

Please be aware that no lifeguards are on duty, and swimming at Lake Mendocino is at your own risk.

[Learn more](#)

PADDLE



RENT KAYAKS + SUP'S

KAYAK + SUP RENTALS:

In partnership with the Greater Ukiah Business and Tourism Alliance and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, you can now rent self-serve, single-seat kayaks and SUPs next to the north boat ramp. To rent, you'll need to download the [Rent.Fun app](#), scan a QR code at the station, and follow the app instructions to unlock your chosen equipment. All rentals are for two hours or four hours and come complete with paddles and life jackets, which are required to be worn by each paddler.

If you have your own equipment, you can launch at the north boat ramp or the south.

[Learn more and reserve](#)

LAKE MENDOCINO

ON WATER

CATCH



FISHING

Lake Mendocino is known for both casual casting and serious angling. It's a great spot for kids, kayak fishing, or seasoned bass hunters. You will find largemouth and smallmouth bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie and seasonal trout all stocked in the lake.

NORTH BOAT RAMP:

Provides shoreline, boat and kayak launches.

SOUTH BOAT RAMP:

Best for boat and kayak launches and some shoreline access near the dam.

You are required to have a valid fishing license if you are 16+.

[Get your license](#)

CRUISE



BOATING

RECREATIONAL BOATING:

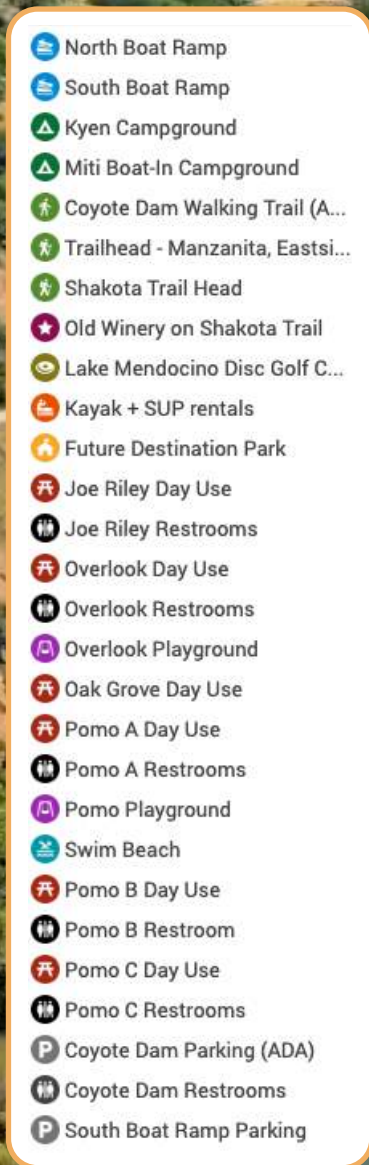
Lake Mendocino is open to all types of recreational boating, from motorboats, jet skis and sailboats to kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards. With both the north and south boat ramp and ample parking, it's easy to spend the day exploring quiet coves or cruising wide water.

Early mornings and evenings are the quietest times on the lake. Keep in mind that life jackets are required for all users (loaner life jackets are available for free near each of the boat ramps) and motorized boats should be mindful of posted speed zones and wake-free zones.

All boaters must carry a California Boaters Card - [Learn more](#)

LAKE MENDOCINO MAP

DOWNLOADABLE MAP INCLUDES PINS + LINKS
FOR EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN THIS GUIDE + MORE!



[DOWNLOAD THE LAKE MENDOCINO MAP HERE!](#)

*to open on mobile, user needs to be signed into Google account.



WHERE TO STAY

CAMPING, HOTELS + RESORTS

CAMPING:

KYEN CAMPGROUND

Located at 1275 Marina Drive at the North Shore of Lake Mendocino, this campground has 93 family sites within walking distance of the lake. Amenities include flush and vault toilets, showers, drinking water, a dump station and boat ramp. Make use of Oak Grove Day Use Area for picnic shelters and lake access.

[Learn more + reserve](#)

[Download PDF Map](#)

MITI BOAT-IN CAMPGROUND

Rustic and accessible only by boat. 16 non-electric sites. Vault toilets available, campers must bring their own water and pack out trash.

[Learn more](#)

[Download PDF Map](#)

HOTELS + RESORTS:

For a directory of our hotels and resort stays in Ukiah and the surrounding valley, visit www.visitukiah.com/stay

SUMMER EATS + TREATS

IN THE DOWNTOWN UKIAH DISTRICT



VISIT THE DOWNTOWN UKIAH DISTRICT

Need picnic supplies or ingredients for your camp meal? You'll find fresh local produce and handmade goods at the [Saturday Farmers Market](#) from 9am - noon every Saturday at Alex Thomas Plaza at School & Clay Streets.

Craving fresh seafood or an iced coffee or ice cream? Shop the many local businesses downtown and in the greater Ukiah valley. For a full directory and to find out more about our great shops, restaurants and businesses, visit www.visitukiah.com.

SHOP LOCAL

MERCH, WINES AND SCENT



CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER:

Before (or after) you hit the lake, be sure to stop by our California Welcome Center located at 200 S School Street, right in the heart of downtown Ukiah. Browse our collection of Lake Mendo merchandise. We recommend a hat to protect you from the hot summer sun! If you're looking for a local wine to taste with your picnic or to accompany the sunset views at the lake, shop a large selection of local award-winning Mendocino County wines. And, for something truly unique, shop the first ever [Ukiah destination scent](#) - available in perfume, candles or room spray.

SUMMER EVENTS

ART, MOVIES, LIVE MUSIC, MARKETS + MORE!

SUNDAYS IN THE PARK

Free concert series in Todd Grove Park, Ukiah.
All concerts start at 6 pm. Food trucks and beer
+ wine available.

June 22 | Po' Ramblin Boys
July 13 | Big Mountain
July 27 | Big Bad VooDoo Daddy
August 10 | Los Silverbacks
August 17 | Tainted Love

[More info](#)

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

Join artists and their hosts in downtown Ukiah every first Friday of the month from 5-8pm for an evening of art, music and refreshments as you stroll from one venue to the next.

[More info](#)

SUMMER FRIDAYS

Free family-friendly events presented by the City of Ukiah Recreation Department.

June 27 | Moana 2 @ Ukiah Municipal Pool - 7 pm
July 18 | The Wild Robot @ Ukiah Municipal Pool - 7 pm
July 25 | Touch a Truck @ Pear Tree Center - 5 pm
Aug 8 | A Minecraft Movie @ Ukiah Municipal Pool - 7 pm
Aug 15 | Bounce to the Starts @ Observatory Park - 5 pm

[More info](#)

ALL OTHER LOCAL SUMMER EVENTS

Free Pool, Live Music, Bingo, Winery Events, Kids' Farmers Markets, Trivia Nights, Concerts, Workshops and more!

[Check out Visit Ukiah's Summer Weekly Calendar](#)





You are **Nature.**
You are **Beauty.**
You are **Community.**
You are **Freedom.**
You are **Play.**
You are **Wild.**
You are **Authentic.**
You are **Adventure.**
You are **Inspiration.**
You are **Relaxation.**
You are **Connection.**
You are **Memories in the Making.**

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