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## **New Brochure Lists Recreational Opportunities at State Water Project Reservoirs**

If you enjoy outdoor recreation in California, a new brochure available free from the Department of Water Resources may interest you.

The brochure lists fishing, boating, camping, swimming, picnicking and other recreational opportunities at State Water Project reservoirs at many points throughout California.

Attractions include fishing for trout in the upper Feather River lakes of Antelope, Davis and Frenchman; water sports at Lake Oroville; and angling for trophy-size striped bass at O'Neill Forebay at San Luis Reservoir.

Fishing, boating and other recreational options are available also at Lake Del Valle in the Bay Area, Pyramid and Castaic lakes in Los Angeles County, Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino County and at Lake Perris, southernmost lake in the system, southeast of Riverside.

In all, the brochure lists recreation opportunities at 12 lakes or reservoirs, as well as fishing opportunities along the California Aqueduct.

From the Sierra to Southern California, the State Water Project (SWP) includes facilities for anglers, boaters, campers, hikers, cyclists, RVers, picnickers and sight-seers.

The State Water Project is a water conservation and conveyance system that includes 29 storage facilities (including lakes and reservoirs), 18 pumping plants, four pumping-generating plants, five hydroelectric plants and more than 600 miles of canals and pipelines.

### **Brochure Is Free**

DWR's new brochure lists phone numbers to call for more information, and shows where the SWP recreational facilities are located on a map of California.

This publication is available free of charge by contacting DWR's Office of Water Education at (916) 653-6192. To request the brochure by mail, write to: Office of Water Education, Department of Water Resources, PO Box 942836, (Room 1104-1), Sacramento, CA 94236-0001.

### **Visit Lake Oroville**

Lake Oroville is the key SWP storage reservoir in Northern California. Located on the Feather River in Butte County about 70 miles north of Sacramento, Lake Oroville offers 15,000 acres of lake surface, and 167 miles of shoreline. The lake's recreation benefits include fishing, boating, camping, RV facilities, swimming, picnicking, a scenic vista (from atop a 46-foot tower overlooking the lake) and a visitors center. The second largest reservoir in California, Lake Oroville is exceeded in size only by Lake Shasta. It offers both warmwater and coldwater fisheries. The State Recreation Area at Lake Oroville is operated by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

### **Hike To Feather Falls**

Feather Falls, the sixth highest waterfall in the United States, is visible from the middle fork arm of Lake Oroville.

Feather Falls is a spectacular sight when runoff is abundant. However, for safety's sake, it is recommended that hikers do not access the falls from the lake.

The U.S. Forest Service operates two well-maintained trails to the falls. The shorter trail (3.5 miles) is more physically demanding with more uphill walking. The longer trail (4.7 miles) is easier hiking. Both trails begin at the same trailhead in the community of Feather Falls, just a short drive from Oroville.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs. The State Water Project provides water to two-thirds of California's population.

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