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Fourth of July Fireworks to Light Up Lake Oroville

SACRAMENTO – Oroville Dam in Butte County will be the site of a spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display presented by community organizations in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources

Fireworks will begin lighting up the sky over Lake Oroville at 9:30 p.m.

The pyrotechnics display is being billed as the “Tallest Dam Veterans Celebration in the Nation,” recognizing that Oroville Dam – the State Water Project’s principal storage reservoir – is the tallest in the United States.

The event, honoring America’s military veterans while celebrating Independence Day, is being presented by the Rotary Club of Oroville and other community organizations with assistance from DWR as well as the California Department of Parks and Recreation, CAL FIRE and California Highway Patrol. The Rotary Club spearheaded fundraising for the fireworks, collecting donations from many local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

More information may be found under the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce’s “Calendar” tab at orovillechamber.net.

Spectators will be able to view the fireworks from atop Oroville Dam and nearby vantage points. Food vendors will be located near the prime viewing area on top of the dam. Limited, no-fee parking will be available at the Upper Overlook Day Use Area just above the south end of the dam and also at the Lower Overlook about a mile west on Oroville Dam Boulevard. Parking and viewing will also be available in the Spillway Boat Ramp parking lot at a cost of \$8 per vehicle. The road crossing the top of the dam to the Spillway area will be closed to traffic at 5 p.m.

Visitors are cautioned that no fireworks, including “Safe and Sane,” are allowed in any area of Oroville Dam, campgrounds, parking lots, boat ramps or surrounding areas. The only fireworks allowed will be the authorized display over Lake Oroville.

No barbeque, grilling, cooking or open flame of any kind will be allowed in any of the parking areas. These activities are allowed only by registered campers in designated camp sites.

Oroville Dam Location/Directions

DWR's Oroville Dam is located on the Feather River in the Sierra Nevada foothills nine miles east of Oroville, 75 miles north of Sacramento, and 60 miles south of Redding. The coordinates of the dam are 38° 35.3' North Latitude and 122° 27.8' West Longitude.

From Sacramento: Travel north on Interstate 5 and take Highway 99 north toward Yuba City. After 13 miles, take Highway 70 north toward Marysville. Travel approximately 48 miles north on Highway 70 to Oroville. Take Oroville Dam Boulevard exit (also Highway 162). Turn right onto Oroville Dam Boulevard and head due east. Follow Oroville Dam Boulevard through town. In approximately nine miles the spillway and dam will be visible on the left side of the road.

From Redding: travel south on Interstate 5. In Red Bluff, turn onto Highway 99 south toward Chico. Travel approximately 11 miles past Chico and take Highway 149, which joins Highway 70 into Oroville. Take the Oroville Dam Boulevard exit. Turn left onto Oroville Dam Boulevard and head due east. Follow Oroville Dam Boulevard to the dam and use the directions above to get to parking areas.



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