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DWR Welcomes the Public to the Independence Day Celebration at Lake Oroville

The skies over Lake Oroville in Northern California will sparkle with red, white and blue as DWR proudly supports Oroville's 2016 Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

The Tallest Dam Independence Day Celebration, organized by the Rotary Club of Oroville, will occur on Monday, July 4th. Food and drink vendors will be set up on the dam and in the Spillway parking lot by late-afternoon. Free parking is available at the Oroville Dam Overlook parking lots and Visitors Center beginning at 9 a.m. Traffic on top of Oroville Dam will become one way (going in) at 3 p.m. Oroville Dam will close to all vehicular traffic at 5 p.m., or earlier if the Spillway parking lot is full.

Revelers can set their sights on the sky to witness the spectacle celebrating the nation's 240th birthday from the top of Oroville Dam, by boat on Lake Oroville and from many other spots in the hills around the lake.

Drought conditions continue and the area surrounding Lake Oroville remains dry, making fire danger extremely high. Visitors are asked to take precaution during their holiday activities around the lake. No glass containers, charcoal BBQs, grilling, cooking or open flames are allowed in the parking areas, except that propane and white gas BBQs and stoves will be allowed in the Spillway parking lot. For safety reasons, the Foreman Creek Recreation Area will be closed on the Fourth of July.

All fireworks, including 'Safe & Sane' are illegal outside the Oroville city limits. No fireworks are allowed in any area of the Oroville Dam, campgrounds, parking lots and boat ramps. The only fireworks allowed will be the professional display of fireworks exploding 600 feet above the lake during the evening celebration.

Additional information on the day's events, including a map of holiday traffic restrictions and parking options around the lake may be found [here](#).

About 75 miles north of Sacramento and 100 miles south of Redding, Lake Oroville can be reached by Highway 70.

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