



Lake Berryessa News

March 1, 2026

The weather at the lake is absolutely beautiful. The Lake Berryessa News staff, friends, and neighbors held our first petanque barbecue party yesterday at LBNews HQ above the Berryessa Highlands in 70 degree weather. The theme was, "Isn't it great to live in California!" Having been born and raised in Chicago, attended college in Winona, Minnesota, and graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin, I completely understand the feeling.

It seemed a bit strange to finally dress in shorts and t-shirts again, some people had only sandals! (but they had other summer clothes on too).

Although future rain forecasts do not look promising for a Glory Hole overflow this year, but ??? Glory Hole is so big that it is difficult to see the slow rise when the lake level gets near the top. See the comparison photos below.

Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/1/26)

Lake Berryessa has risen to 439.1 feet, .9 feet (11 inches) below Glory Hole. Rainfall at Monticello Dam reached 21.15 inches for the rain year.

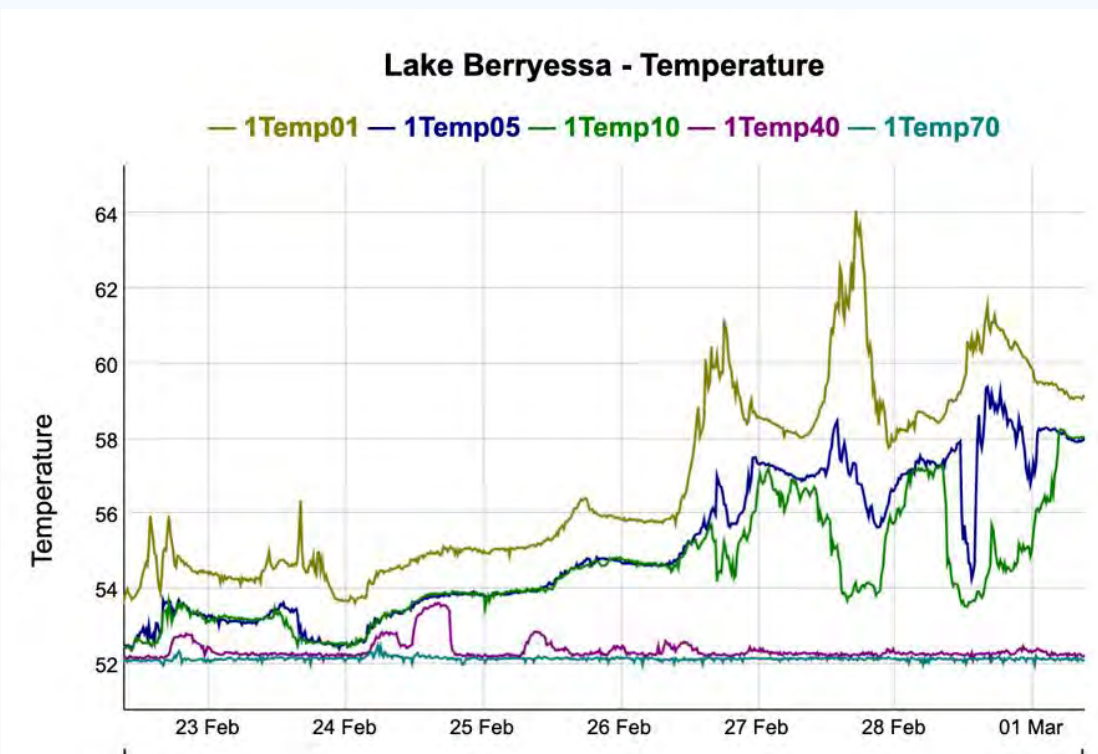
The lake output is running at 125 cfs (248 A-F/day) 90 cfs (178 A-F per day).

Runoff into the lake has dropped dramatically. Warm, sunny days will dry out the watershed, so any light rain will simply be absorbed without any affect of the lake level. The dam operators may be tuning the output to slow the lake level increase as it gets closer to the Glory hole lip.

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

Lake capacity is now at 1,532,086 Acre-Feet or 98.8%.

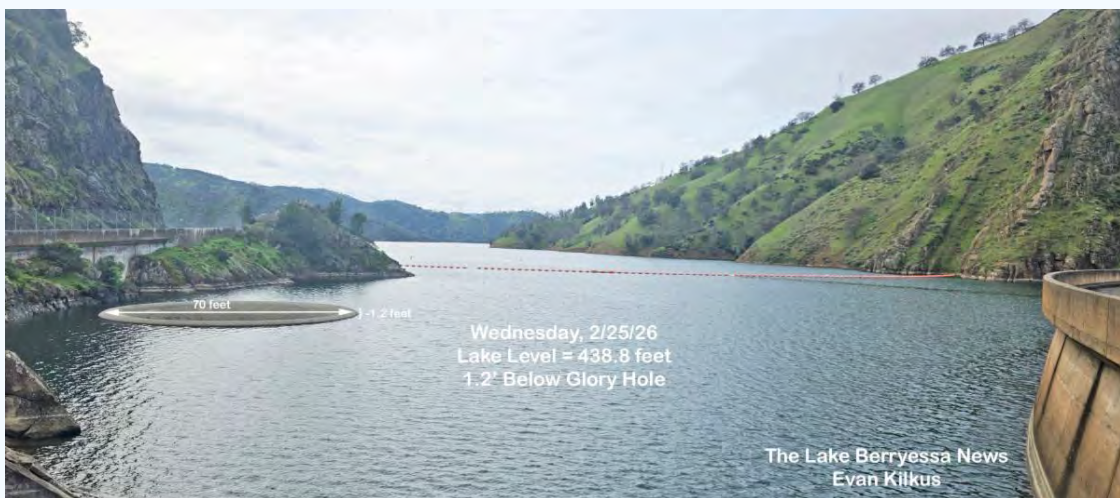
Water temperatures are rising. It's interesting to see how the upper level temperature varies with the sunny warm days, but the temperature below 40 feet remains constant at 52 degrees.



Glory Hole Watch 2026

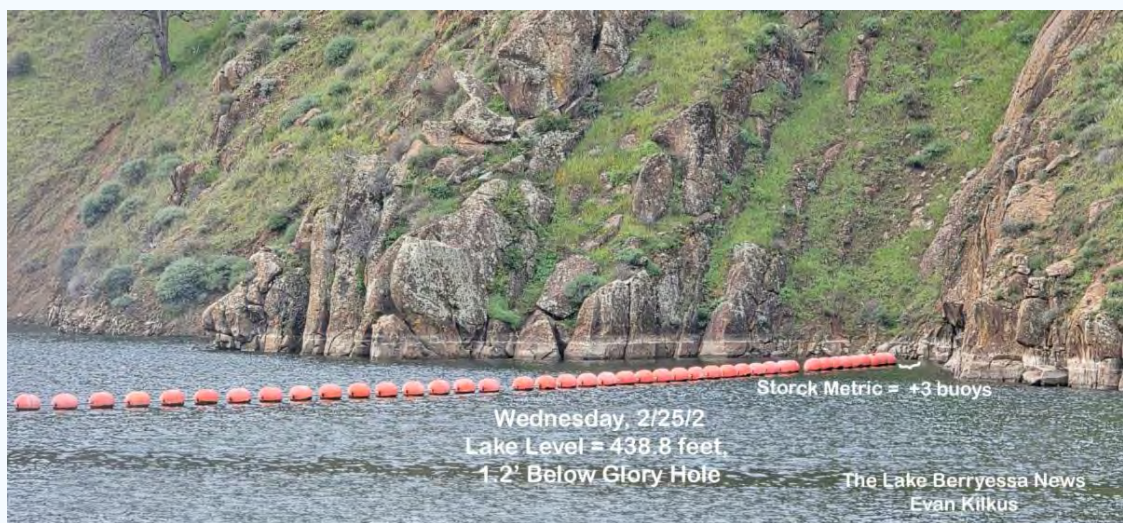
It's a Simple Matter of Perspective!

Below are several photos of Glory Hole up close taken by Lake Berryessa News Associate Editor, Evan Kilkus. They illustrate the difficulty of judging small lake level rises when compared to the large diameter of Glory Hole itself.





Here are a few other recent photos from Evan.





Snow at Lake Berryessa. When will it happen again?

Below are two of my favorite pictures of snow at the lake. The first is of Evan standing in our front yard - notice the footprints. The temperatures up here last week hit freezing but the light rain that night did not turn to snow. Maybe next year - a record snowfall with a record lake rise over Glory Hole?



Headlines, March 1, 2026

Couple weds Saturday after realizing they could not, in fact, get the venue and vendor deposits back.

Prosthetic Hand Recipient Slowly Relearning To Lick Barbecue Sauce Off Fingers

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Dog Must Make Split-Second Decision Whether To Kill Or Show Tummy To Visitor

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Doctors Are Warning People Not To Play "Take A Shot When The President Lies" Drinking Games As It May Result In Death.

Deranged, Low-IQ Man Lives In Glass House, Throws Stones

Anthropic Says It Is About Time AI Started Regulating Government

'Narcoterrorism' Joins List Of Fun Made-For-TV Words Like Edutainment, Showmance And Snowmageddon



March 1, 2026 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): The accuracy of any horoscope today will be directly related to the number of things you do today.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Hearing clicking noises in your head is not a good sign for you today.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Stripes are not really a color, but people will like the way you confuse it as such.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Hit it all you want, but the lift will take as long as it will take no matter how forcefully you press the button.

Leo (7/23-8/22): People will today begin to question your penchant for lime-green clothing. Especially hats.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Any spikes that you see in your power usage may be due to unforeseen and deadly circumstances. .

Libra (9/23-10/22): "Hunky-dory" - a beautiful phrase that will sum up the day, week and month for you.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): This week, Microsoft Word may define your grammar as "poorly constructed" and full of "run on sentences".

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your prejudices may lead you astray today and leave you requiring four or five stitches.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): All of that which you experience today will be catalogued under "things not to do in public again".

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Any joke you have to seriously think about today is not worth 'getting'.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Try to avoid reading dusty old books that call themselves 'tomes'. Especially if they contain remarkably detailed information about the coming of the anti-christ.

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Jet Skis Rock: A Video History of Jet Ski Racing

by Peter Kilkus

When does history actually become HISTORY? The Jet Skis Rock story is really HISTORY. See Jet Skis Rock on my YouTube page "Jet Skis Rock" (@jetskisrock).

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/0--The-Jet-Skis-Rock-Story-Final-121125.pdf>

Full Jet Skis Rock Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0Bt3jedg7wO7FVqZnOyzZE2x3Tb1cgLP>

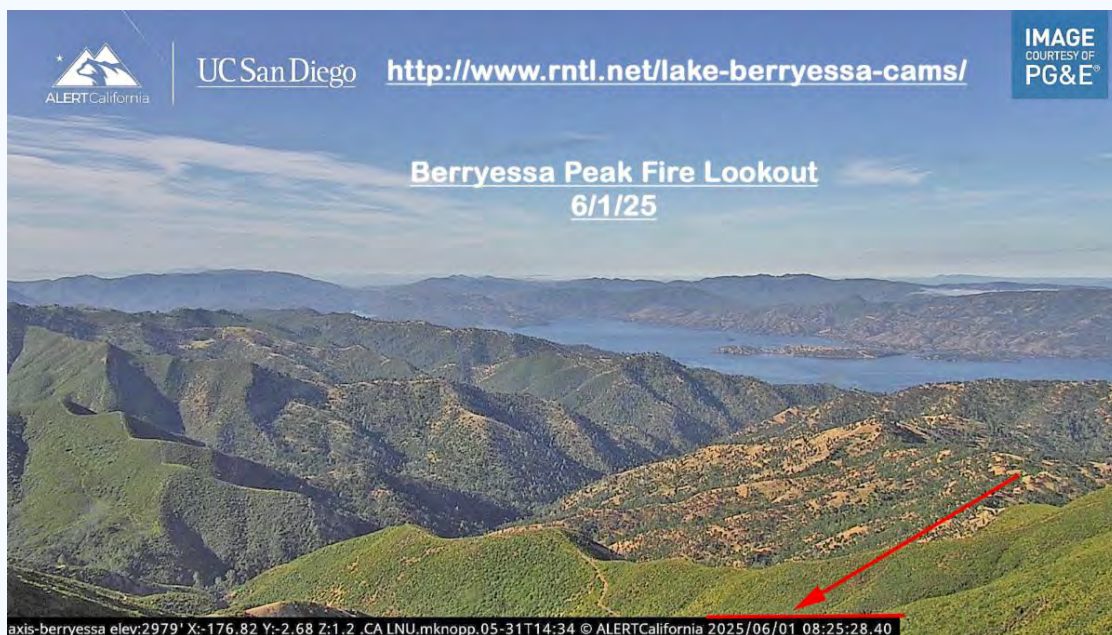
Jet Skis Rock 1, Introduction

https://youtu.be/j_nLtRI_fzc

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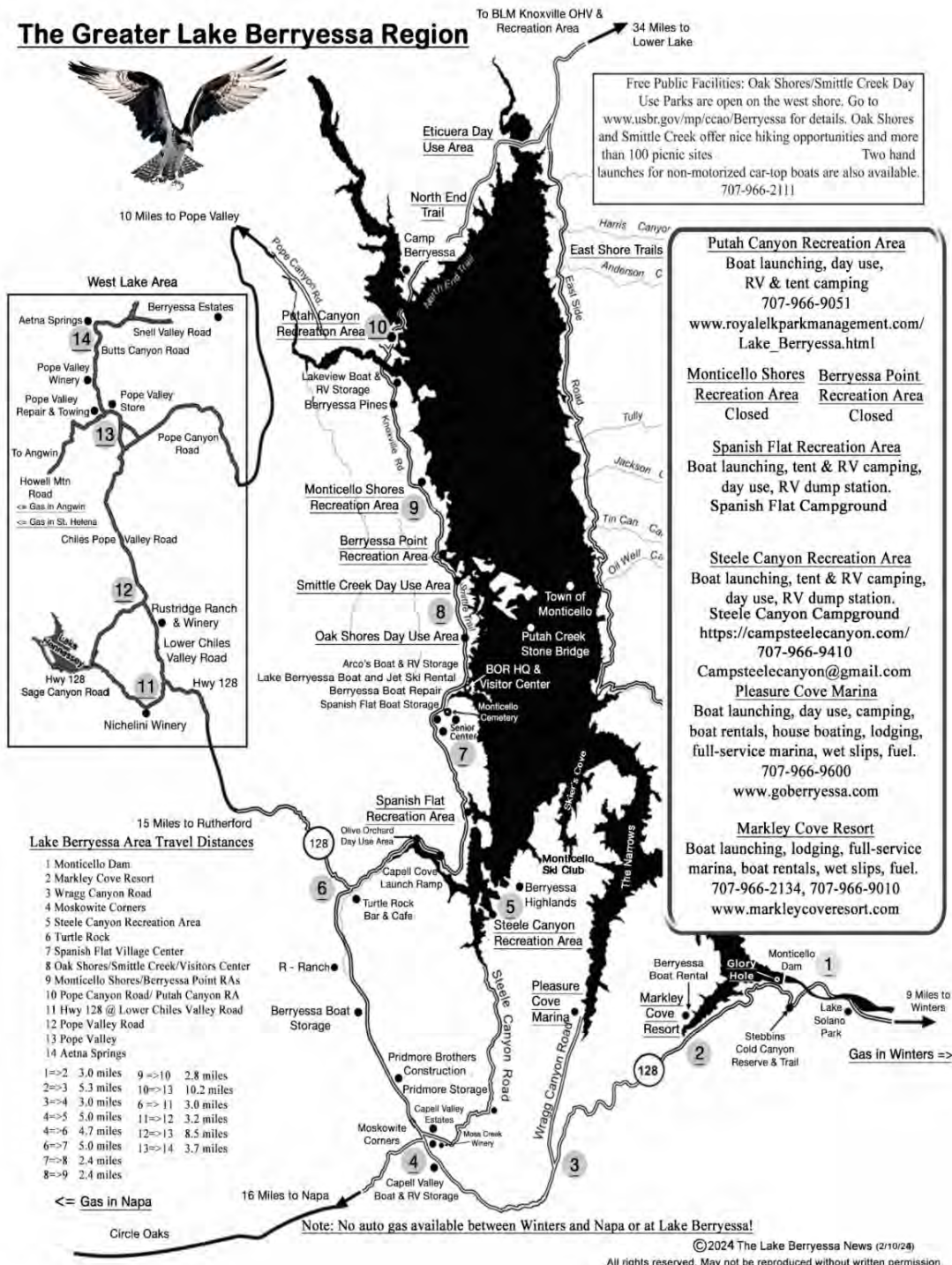
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Lake Berryessa News

Special Glory Hole Watch Edition

March 8, 2026

Daylight Saving Time Notes

I hope everyone survived the Daylight Saving Time trauma last night! We often hear the comment "Spring Ahead, Fall Back". That's usually followed by the false narrative of "gaining an hour" or "losing an hour" of sleep. But I always reset my clocks at around 8 PM. This doesn't affect how much sleep I gain or lose - it just means I gain or lose some television-watching time, most of which is irrelevant anyway.

The correct term is *daylight saving time* (singular). Although "daylight savings" (plural) is common in colloquial speech, "saving" acts as a verb modifying time, indicating the act of saving daylight. It is also known as "summer time" (duh) in some countries.

I call BS on statements like the following. On the one hand, are human beings so fragile? On the other, if DST causes so much damage to humans, isn't this a good reason to simply eliminate the problem - DST?

"Some studies show Daylight Saving Time (DST) causes disruptions to the body's circadian rhythm which can cause short-term fatigue, moodiness, reduced cognitive performance, and increased risks of heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents. The "spring forward" shift causes a loss of sleep that can take days to weeks to readjust, with symptoms including increased daytime sleepiness, irritability, and difficulty concentrating."

Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/8/26)

Lake Berryessa has remained at 439.3 feet, .7 feet (8.4 inches) below Glory Hole for the last four days. Rainfall at Monticello Dam hit 21.15 inches for the rain year on 2/25/26. There has been no rain for the last two weeks, and none is expected in the near future.

The lake output is running at 120 cfs (cubic feet per second) or 238 A-F per day.

Runoff into the lake has dropped dramatically. Warm, sunny days have dried out the watershed. Any light rain will simply be absorbed without any affect of the lake level.

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

Lake capacity is now at 1,537,725 Acre-Feet or 99.1 %.

Spring has Sprung at Lake Berryessa!

The lake is full, the hills are green, & the temperatures are warming up!

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Is Glory Hole Watch 2026 Over?

With the chance of any future rainfall very low, Glory Hole Watch 2026 may be ending soon. No rainfall combined with warm, sunny weather has significantly lowered runoff.

Continuous data

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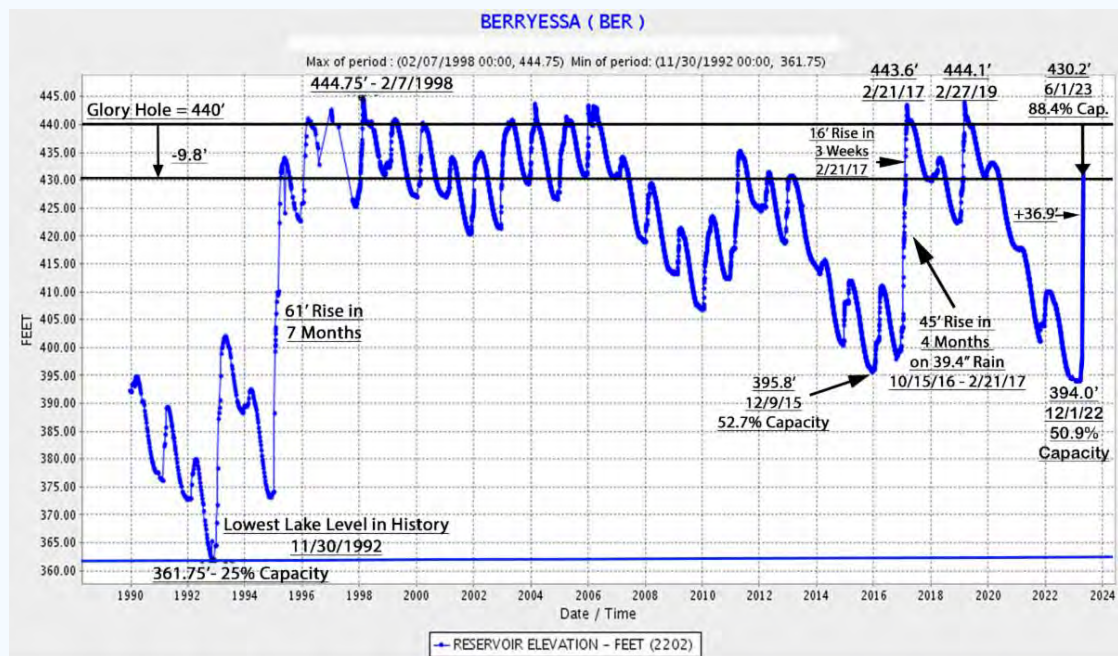
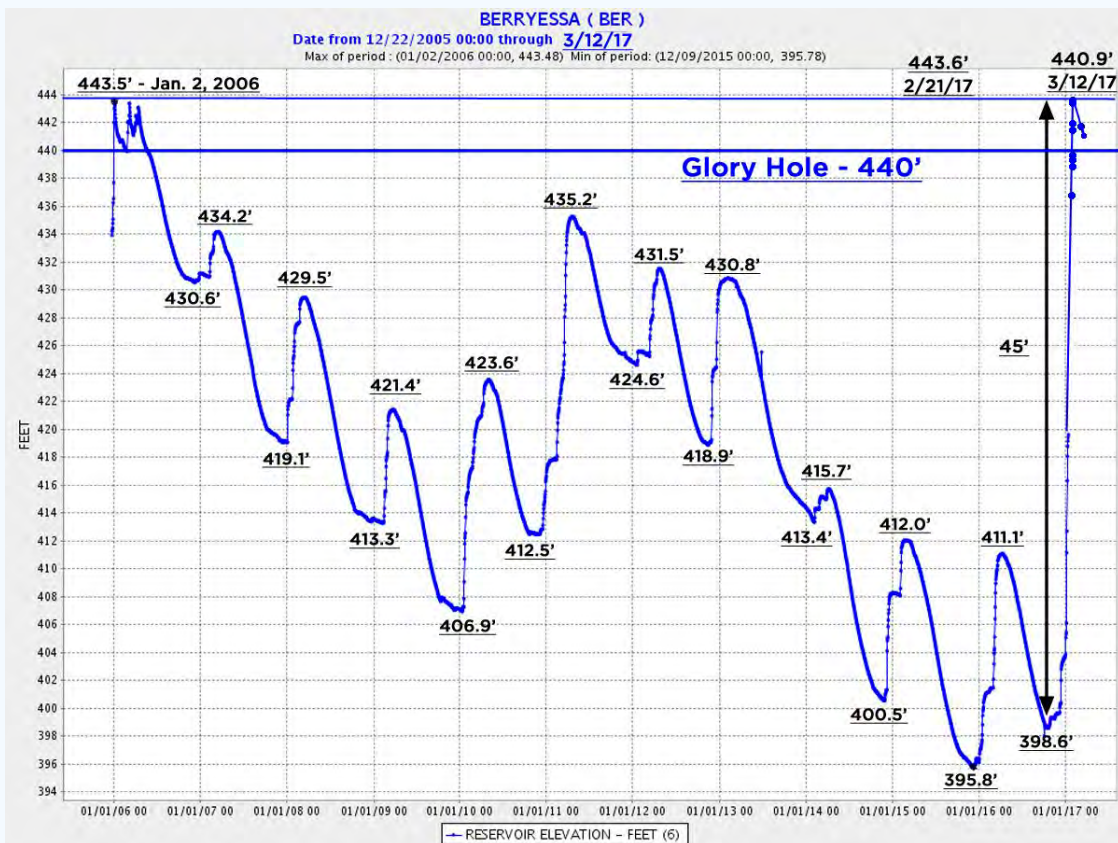
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February 15, 2026 - March 8, 2026
Discharge, cubic feet per second



This year, 2026, marks the 20th anniversary of the huge rainstorm on the first few days of 2026 which ushered in an eleven-year drought that brought the lake level to one of its lowest points in history in March 2016. The lowest level was on November 30, 1992 at 361.75' below Glory Hole (25% capacity) when the Capell Cove bridge rose up out of the water for a couple of years!







In January 2017 the lake was still down 12.5 feet.



In 2017 the level rose 45' in 4 months on 39.4" of rain to 443.6' - 16' of that rapid rise occurred in the just the last three weeks! Photos below show a 3.6' rise in 5 days. The dates on the photos are skewed in time a bit because the water was rising so fast.

2/16/17	439.93
2/17/17	440.77
2/18/17	441.62
2/19/17	441.73
2/20/17	442.97
2/21/17	443.59



Lake Level = 439.93'

*Lake Berryessa is To the Top!
Lake Berryessa News Drone Report
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Napa County, California*



2/19/17

Lake Level = 441.6 Feet
1.6 Feet above Glory Hole

Lucie Hock for
The Lake Berryessa News



February 21, 2017
Lake Level = 442.1'
2.1' above Glory Hole

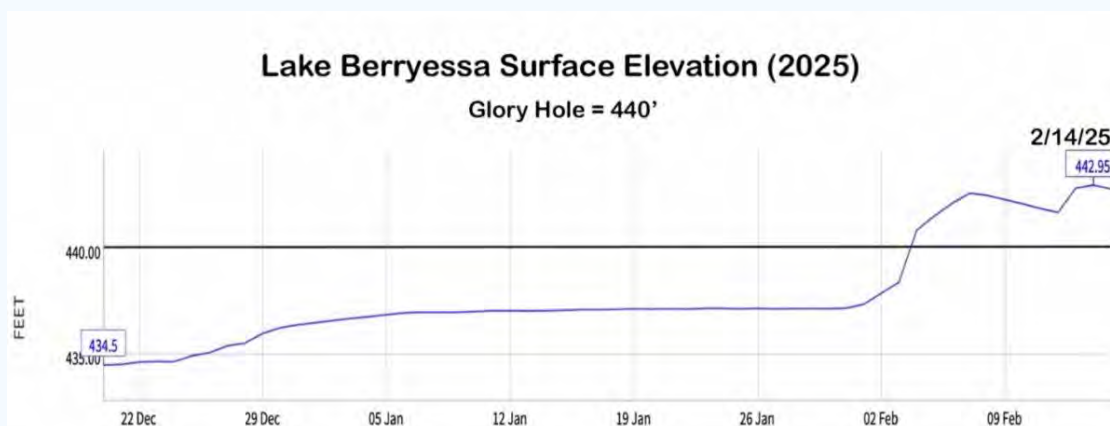
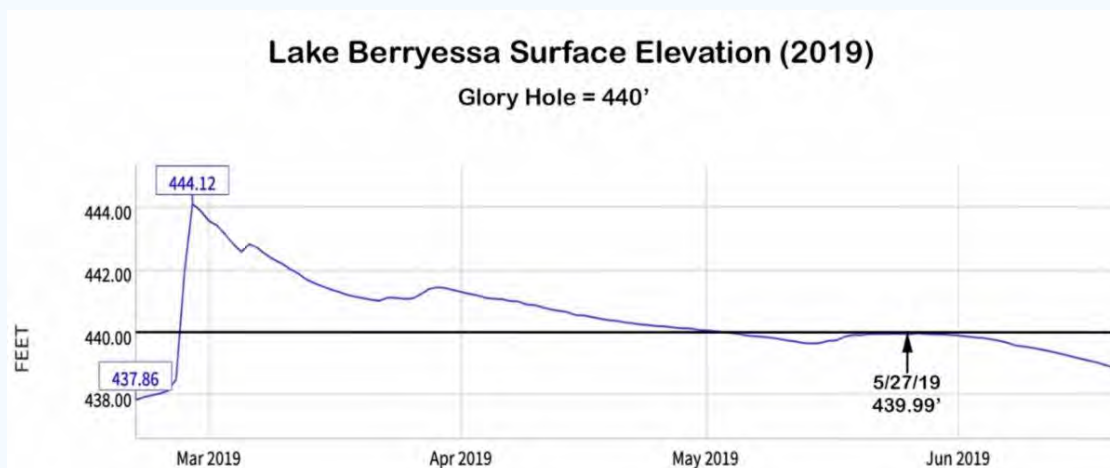
George Grossman
Napa Valley Photographic Society



2/21/17
Lake Level = 443.5 Feet
3.5 Feet Above Glory Hole

Anthony Southwood

Since 2017 the lake has overflowed Glory Hole in 2019 and 2025.



Glory Hole Watch 2024: No Spill, No Flow, But A New Record

2024 was a special controversial, but a bit controvesial. That year the lake reached the highest level it has ever reached without officially going over the Glory Hole spillway! The lake level has started to go down.

Lake Berryessa's Morning Glory Spillway, famously known as the Glory Hole, had been on the brink of spilling for more than two weeks, hanging a few inches away from a full spill for what's been the longest time on record.

Practically, Lake Berryessa is considered "full" when the level hits 440' MSL (Above Mean Sea Level). That is the level of the top of the lip of the Glory Hole spillway. Before 2017 Glory Hole had overflowed only 25 times in the 59 years since the dam was finished in 1958. By 2024 Glory Hole had overflowed only 27 times in the 67 years since the dam was finished in 1958.

2024 marked the longest period of time the lake has ever been so close to the edge without officially spilling. Some of the other years that had low level spills was 2000 with a spill level of 440.33 ft, 1966 with a spill level of 440.47, and 1963 with a spill level of 440.57 ft. This appears to have been a once-in-a-lifetime year.

The data from this season's Morning Glory Spillway levels were averaged to hourly and daily values so we could determine if we officially spilled this season.

The maximum hourly averaged value was on 4/5/2024 at 8:00pm and was 439.945 ft. This level only lasted for the one hour, all other datapoints were at lower elevations.

The highest daily averaged value was also on the same day 4/5/2024 and was 439.93 ft. In order for an official spill notification there needs to be enough flow into the spillway to calculate acre-ft/day so as you can see there has been no measurable flow into the spillway. Therefore, we have not "officially" spilled.

There has been some confusion on social media due to 'spikes' in the data that have gone as high as 440 ft, but these were all 15 minute instantaneous values. The instantaneous values have never been an issue until this year due to how close the lake has been to spilling for almost two weeks. Much of that time the level has been a half inch away from the crest. We will be changing our web pages to hourly averages for next season so that we don't have these issues again.

As it sits right now this season will be the closest the lake has ever been to spilling without officially going over. Some of the other years that had low level spills was 2000 with a spill level of 440.33 ft, 1966 with a spill level of 440.47, and 1963 with a spill level of 440.57 ft.

Unless we get some wet storms soon the Lake Berryessa will slowly start to recede as the warm weather starts and the agricultural season gets going. Hopefully we get another wet winter next year to fill the lake again, and if we get lucky see the spillway going like we did in 2019! Until then we can all have a great summer enjoying our full lake!

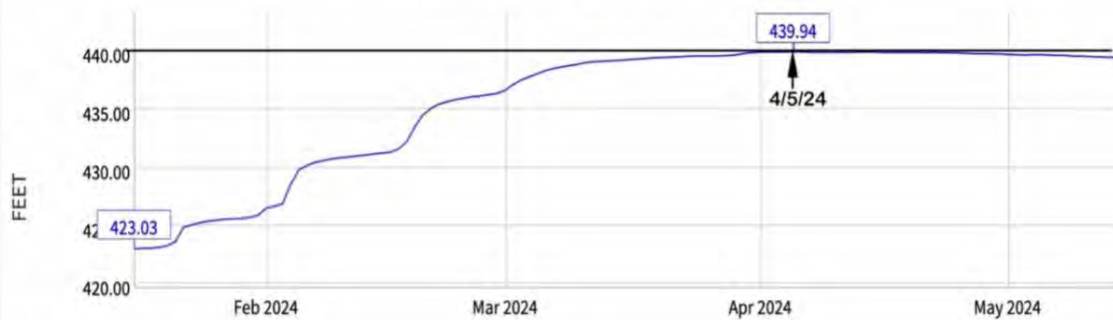
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Lake Berryessa Surface Elevation (2024)

Glory Hole = 440'



Daylight Saving Time is here and official Spring is coming soon!

Here's a beautiful drone video tour around Lake Berryessa by Evan Kilkus, from 2017... the year the lake filled up after 11 years of drought. It received **124,614 views** on YouTube.

"Lake Berryessa is full for the first time in 10 years, so enjoy this beautiful aerial drone footage of all the resorts and landmarks and happy people at all corners of the lake. For those who have been here many times before, these shots are sure to remind you why Lake Berryessa is Loved So Much! And for those that have never been here before, come on up and enjoy some amazing spring camping or a stay in the cabins. Spring can be the most beautiful time of the year!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EH0LQW7iduY>

For historical perspective, also watch Evan's drone videos of the dramatic rise of Lake Berryessa as it finally spilled over Glory Hole on 2/16/17 after an 11-year drought. These videos, especially the one that garnered **1,438,170 views**, are the reasons that Lake Berryessa's Morning Glory Spillway is the most famous Glory Hole in the world!

<https://youtu.be/bGJvoflyTwQ> 1/11/17: 10"+ of Rain Takes Its Toll, But Lake Berryessa is Rising, **30,645 views**

<https://youtu.be/PRWAFVw9DBU> 2/10/17: Lake Berryessa Is Almost Full, **49,00 views.**

<https://youtu.be/8pIPsgLFggk> 2/12/17: Lake Berryessa Splashes Over Glory Hole -With a Little Help, **21,000 views**

<https://youtu.be/cB0BKIm1EzM> 2/16/17: Lake Berryessa Is Full & Splashing Over the Spillway, **1,438,170 views (featured on the National Geographic website)**: As of Thursday morning, Feb 16, 2017, the lake is now "full", "almost full", or "officially 2 inches below the top of the Glory Hole spillway", depending on how you want to look at it. Either way, check out this mix of informative and mesmerizing drone footage from this morning that will have you singing "I Can't Stop the Feeling, I wanna go to Ber-ry-es-sa!"

<https://youtu.be/uQp0QQConILY> 2/18/17: Lake Berryessa Is Spilling 1 Foot Over Glory Hole, 141,886 views: See the World Famous Glory Hole Spillway at Lake Berryessa overflowing for the first time ever from the perspective of a drone. The Lake Berryessa News, with authorization from dam operators, shows you what you want to see! This video is all about the spillway!

Recent rains not only brought the lake up, but they also brought lots of rocks and mud down onto Hwy 128. The Hwy will remain closed until the end of the day today so crews can clean up.

Original ACDC version of: 2/18/17: Lake Berryessa Is Spilling 1 Foot Over Glory Hole This video is one of my favorites because of the music. Unfortunately, ACDC blocks the use of their music on YouTube videos which is why the previous same version above has a quieter tone.

<https://youtu.be/-iHAjOrrU4k> 2/21/17: Lake Berryessa is 3.5' OVER Glory Hole

62,019,478 views : The latest rains in California are topping the lake off at over 3.5' above the World Famous Glory Hole Spillway at Lake Berryessa, so check out Lake Berryessa, Putah Creek, and the Monticello Dam from the perspective of a drone, this time with MORE WATER. Also, high water at the dam means minor flooding in the resorts, happy geese, and lots of water for fishing! Check it out!

FEB 21, 2017 LAKE LEVEL FACTS:

- Lake level is still rising, and as of 1:00 pm, at 443.5 feet, or 3.5 feet over the Glory Hole spillway! This is equal to the highest the lake level in 11 years on January 2, 2006.
- It is only 3.2 feet lower than the highest level in lake history - 446.7 feet in 1983 - 6.7 feet above Glory Hole.
- The lake level has only reached Glory Hole 26 times in its 58 year history.
- From the chart we can see that 1996 to 2006 was a wet period with the lake hitting Glory Hole 9 out of 11 years. Also, the lake has just seen the second fastest rise in its history. The fastest rise was 61 feet in 1995 - and the lake never even got to Glory Hole level.
- Are we entering another 11 year wet period? How much higher will it go?
- The lake level at this time last year was 401.4 feet, 42.1 feet lower than today.
- The level has risen 44.9 feet since its low of 398.6 feet on 10/23/16 and 39.8 feet since January 1, 2017.

<https://youtu.be/qhPzR2Gqzs0> 2/24/17: Another Breathtaking Drone Tour of a Full Lake Berryessa: It has been spectacular up at Lake Berryessa the last few days, and while all the excitement has been about the spillway spilling over, let's not forget what that means... It's Back!!! Beautiful - Breathtaking - Lake Berryessa!

Too keep the videos new, The Lake Berryessa News Drone took an ATV ride out to "Houseboat Cove" and the mouth of the narrows, which none of us have seen since the last time we went boating... Enjoy this simple video, a long tease, full of memories, and full of anticipation for your first boating days of 2017!



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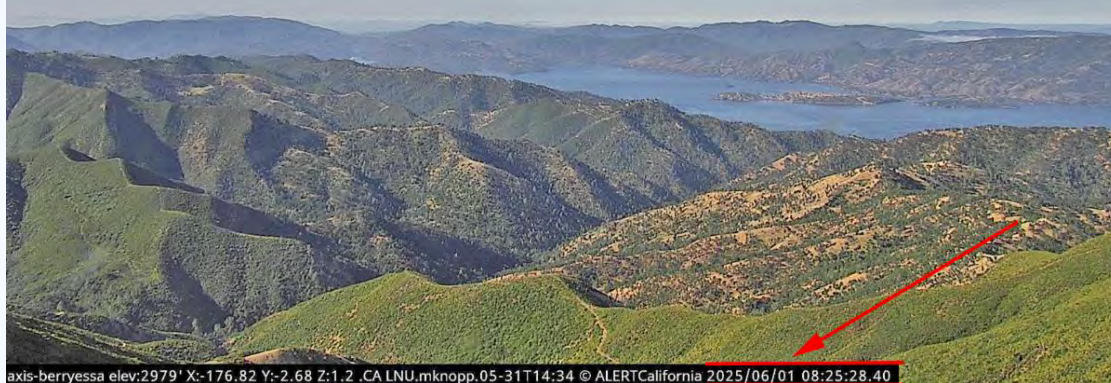
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Berryessa Peak Fire Lookout 6/1/25



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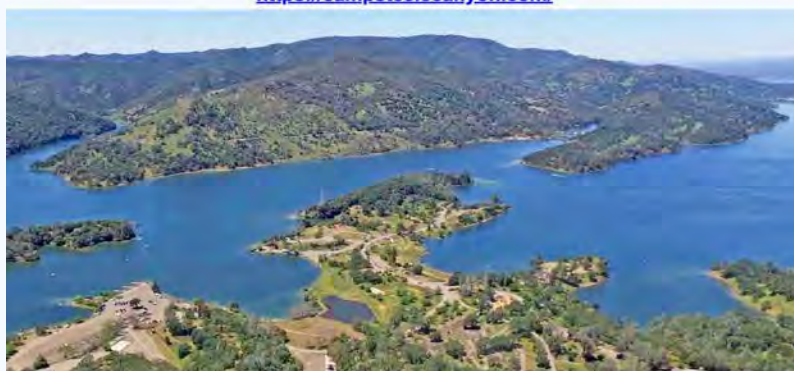
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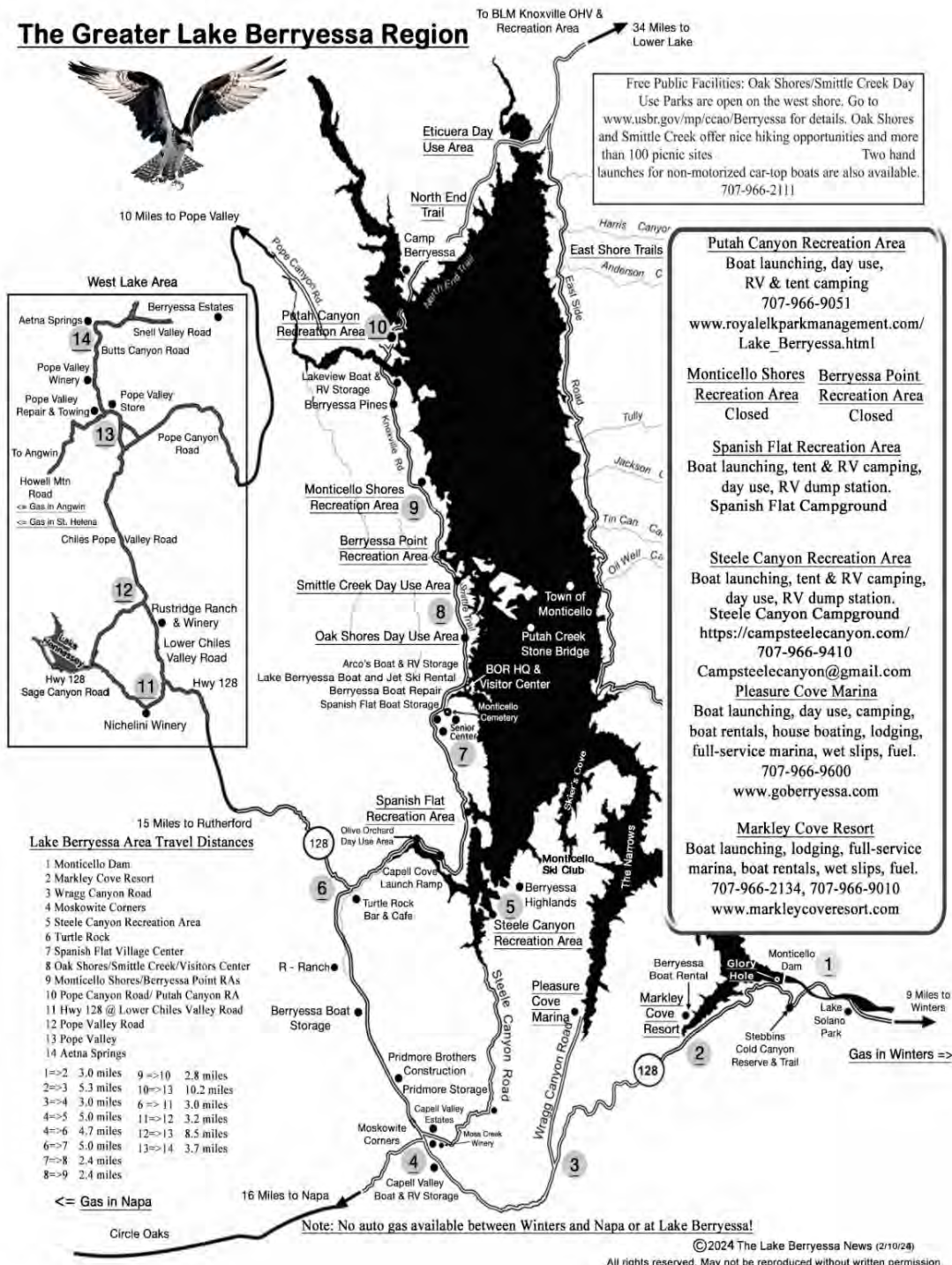
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March 15, 2026

Heat Wave!

Weather service issues Bay Area's first-ever heat advisory for March. The Bay Area and Central Coast are under their first-ever March heat advisory, with temperatures forecast to reach the 80s along the coast and 90s inland from Monday through Friday. The agency has never before issued a heat advisory in the Bay Area in March, and only one April heat advisory has been recorded over the past two decades.

Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/15/26)

Lake Berryessa water level has officially remained at 439.37 feet, (7.6 inches) below Glory Hole for the last few days.

03/12/2026 - 439.37'

03/13/2026 - 439.37'

03/14/2026 - 439.37

Rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 21.15 inches for the rain year. There has been no rain for the last two weeks, and none is expected in the near future. The present heat wave will dry out the watershed significantly.

Future rain forecasts are basically zero and do not look promising for a Glory Hole overflow this year. Historically, few of the last 20 years have had significant rainfall in March or April. In addition, evaporation is rising and soon may hit a quarter inch per day nearing 2 inches per week.

The lake output has risen to 210 cfs, 416 A-F per day, and will continue to increase because the main agricultural season is beginning.

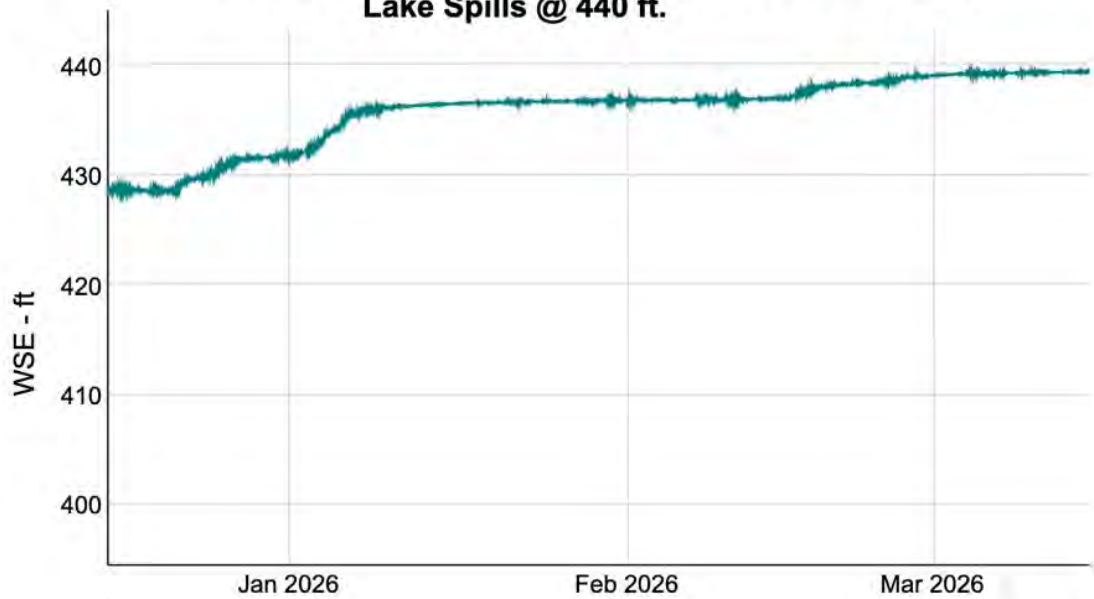
Creeks are basically dry. The Guenoc Upper Putah Creek creek flow monitoring station shows an input to the north end of the lake of 99 cfs. The Soalno County Water Agency doubles that to 198 cfs as an estimate of the total flow into the lake from the whole watershed. That total estimated amount of input is less than the present outflow from the dam (210 cfs).

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

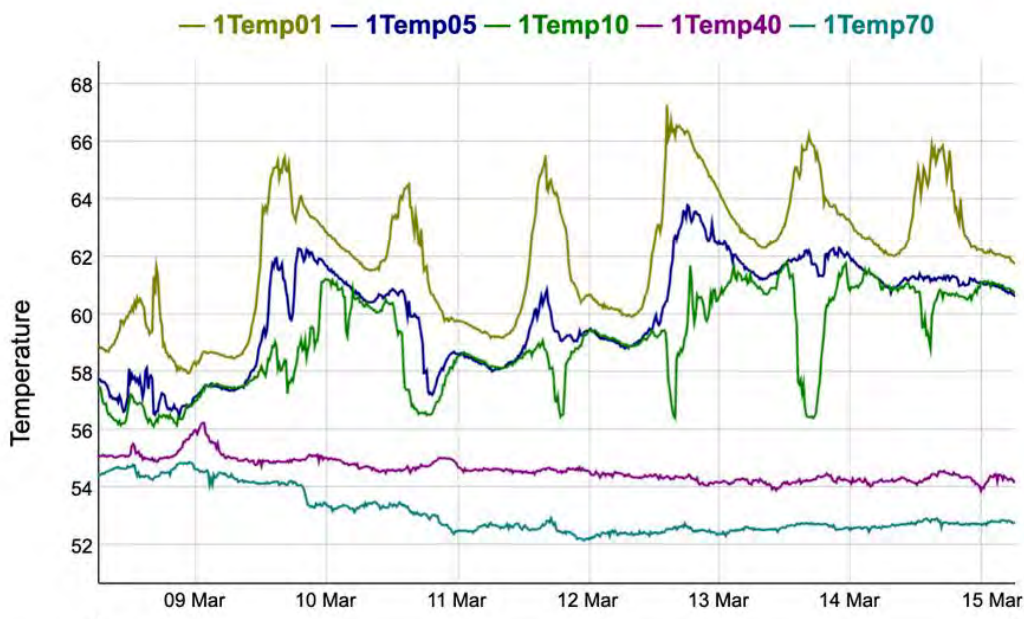
Lake capacity is now at 1,539,418 Acre-Feet or 99.2%.

Water temperatures are mixing and rising due to the warm, sunny weather.

**Lake Berryessa - Water Surface Elevation - 90 Day
Lake Spills @ 440 ft.**



Lake Berryessa - Temperature





Is Glory Hole Watch 2026 Over?

Or Creating Controversy Again!

With the chance of any future rainfall very low, Glory Hole Watch 2026 may be ending soon. But a photo below of Glory Hole on March 10, 2026 by Associate Editor, photographer, and drone pilot, Evan Kilkus, may call that into question. Evan was driving our friend, Scott Finnerman, to the Sacramento Airport and stopped at the dam to take some photos around 8:30 A.M. As usual, the wind was blowing through the gap causing ripples on the lake. He also took photos a few hours later on his way back to the Berryessa Highlands when the air was calm. Once again, the visual impact of the 72 foot wide Glory Hole makes it a bit difficult to comparatively judge small distances such as 7 inches. But you can definitely see the small plumes of water overflowing the Glory Hole lip in the early photo. Let the debate begin.





Budweiser plant shuts operation in Fairfield

The closure of the plant, which has been operating in Fairfield for almost 50 years, means the loss of 238 jobs and an estimated loss of about \$10.7 million annually to the city.

The Budweiser brewery primarily used water from Lake Berryessa for brewing over 4 million barrels of beer annually. It focused on high-efficiency water usage, recycling wastewater on-site, and reducing consumption by nearly 50% through advanced cooling, cleaning, and brewing processes. Water is the primary ingredient in beer production, and

the Fairfield plant used over 1,500 acre-feet (488,777,148 gallons) of Lake Berryessa water per year.

When Lake Berryessa is full at 440 feet above mean sea level Glory Hole level, it contains at 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water. As of today, March 15, 2026 it is 99.23% capacity at 1,539,418 Acre-Feet of water.

In normal years, Lake Berryessa level will drop about 10 feet each year before the next rainy season fills it back up. Since each drop of one foot of the 20,700 acre lake is equivalent to 20,700 acre-feet of water usage, a 10 foot annual drop amounts to 207,000 acre-feet. The annual 1,500 acre-feet used by Budweiser was a very small percentage - 0.097%. Unfortunately for Fairfield, it's a substantial financial and lost jobs hit.

Budweiser's claim to fame regarding Lake Berryessa is that it had a contract to use ONLY Lake Berryessa water in its brewing process because of its purity and chemical profile. See my original story:

This Bud's for you (and from you), Lake Berryessa!

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/resources/Past-Stories-&-Reports/This-Bud's-For-You-story.pdf>

Reliable water is rare in California and one of the most important elements in many manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology companies. Thirty years ago, when Anheuser-Busch was looking for a West Coast home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water.



Napa County Baseline Data Report - 2026 Update

Napa County has released the [Draft Baseline Data Report \(BDR\)](https://arcg.is/1Gzfb40) - (<https://arcg.is/1Gzfb40>) - for public review and comment as part of the County's

upcoming General Plan Update. Community members are invited to review the report and submit feedback through April 10, 2026.

“The Baseline Data Report provides a clear, data-driven snapshot of conditions across Napa County’s unincorporated areas,” said Brian Bordona, Director of Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services. “Community input is essential as we move forward with the General Plan Update, and we encourage residents to review the report and share feedback.”

Get Involved: Community Workshops

Both sessions will cover the same content, including an overview of the Draft Baseline Data Report followed by an open house. This is your opportunity to discuss findings and share feedback directly with County staff and the report’s authors.

In-Person Workshop

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Schmitt Hall at Yountville Commons

Yountville Community Center

6554 Yount Street, Yountville

Virtual Workshop

Monday, March 23, 2026 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

[Register in advance](#) to receive your personalized Zoom link.

About the Baseline Data Report:

The Baseline Data Report (BDR) provides a comprehensive assessment of Napa County’s existing land uses and environmental, cultural, economic, and social conditions, as well as the current regulatory framework. It serves as the technical foundation for the upcoming General Plan Update (GPU) and its associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The updated BDR incorporates new scientific data, community insights, and best practices to ensure it remains a valuable resource for decision-making, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

Launched in summer 2025, the draft reflects a year-long collaboration between the County’s Planning, Building and Environmental Services team, internal and external subject-matter experts, and community members. Feedback gathered during community workshops in July and November 2025 has been instrumental in shaping the report.

Share Your Feedback

Residents are encouraged to review the report and submit comments through the [online feedback form](#). The deadline for submitting comments on the Draft Baseline Data Report is April 10, 2026.

To review the report, submit feedback, or learn more, visit napacounty.gov/bdr.

Questions may also be submitted by email to bdr@countyofnapa.org.



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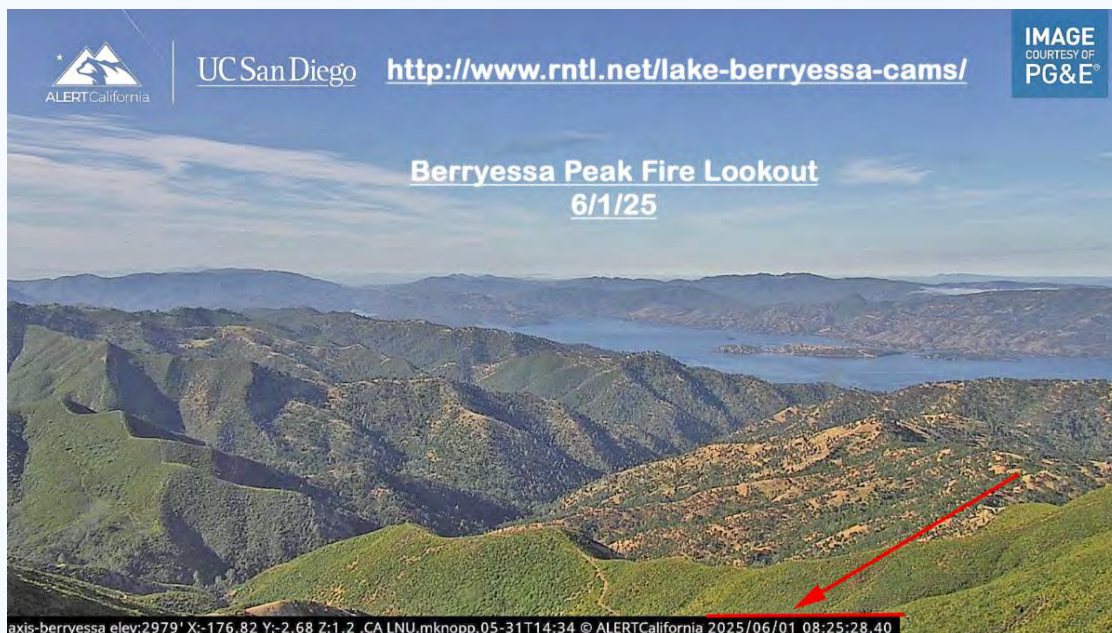
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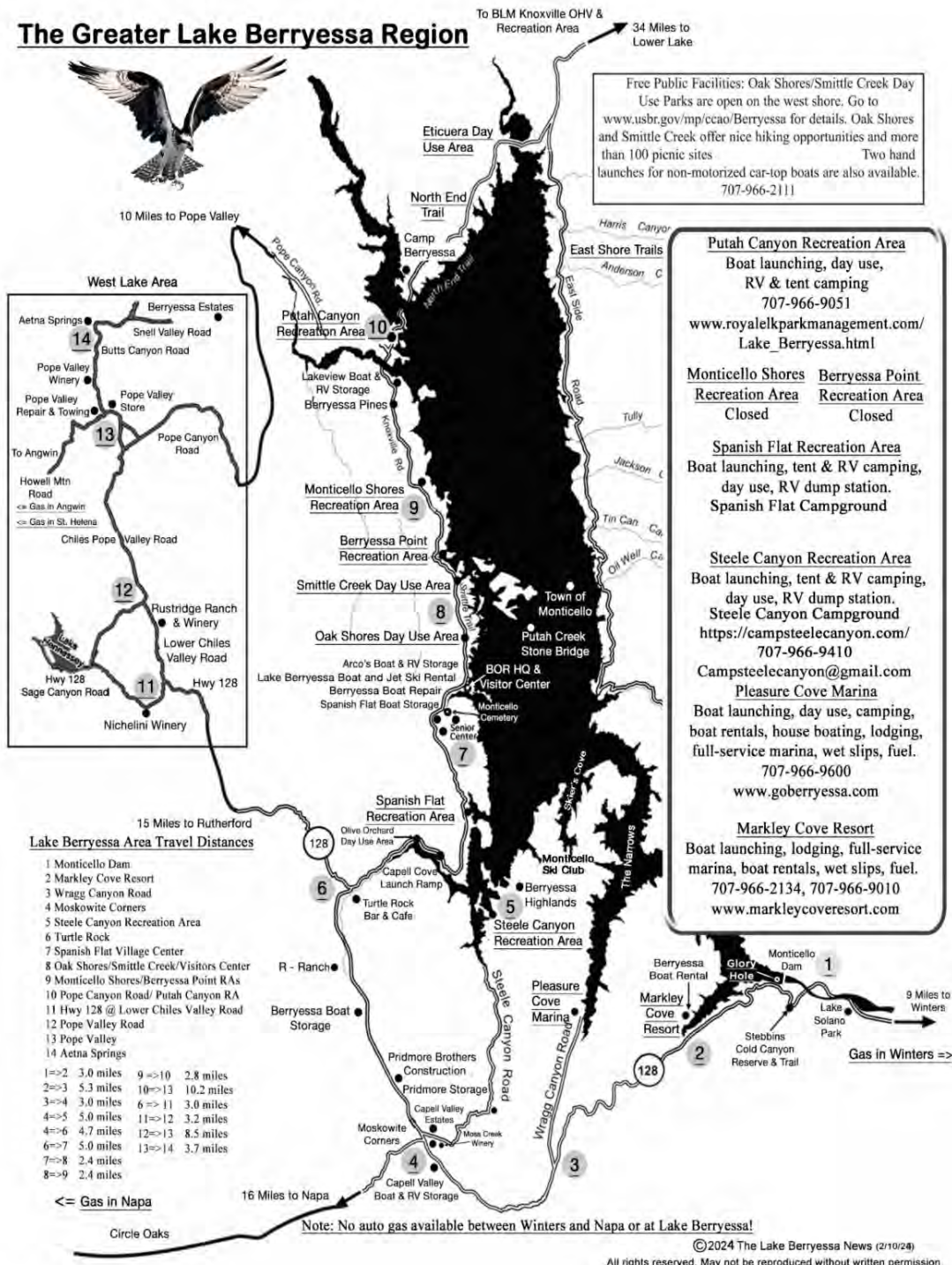
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Is Glory Hole Watch 2026 Over?

Some folks still hope for a March or April miracle rainstorm to put Lake Berryessa over the top of Glory Hole. Future rain forecasts are basically zero, and it does not look promising for a Glory Hole overflow this year. Historically, few of the last 20 years have had significant rainfall in March or April. In addition, evaporation is rising and soon may hit a quarter inch per day, nearing 2 inches per week.

Hope springs eternal, as some say. But hope may just be a statistical anomaly, like winning the lottery. Most people buy lottery tickets to enjoy the fantasy of what we might do with all that money. Statistically, the odds of winning the lottery are basically the same whether you buy a ticket or not.

Small, state-run draw games typically offer the best lottery odds, with jackpot probabilities often in the 1 in 100,000 to 1 in 1,000,000 range, far better than the 1 in 292+ million for Powerball. Examples include California's Fantasy 5 (1 in 575,757).

And remember that money can't buy you happiness. Real Happiness is your current situation minus expectations.

Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/22/26)

Lake Berryessa water level has officially dropped to 339.33 feet, (4 inches) below Glory Hole.

Rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 21.15 inches for the rain year. There has been no rain for the last month, and none is expected in the near future. The present heat wave will dry out the watershed significantly.

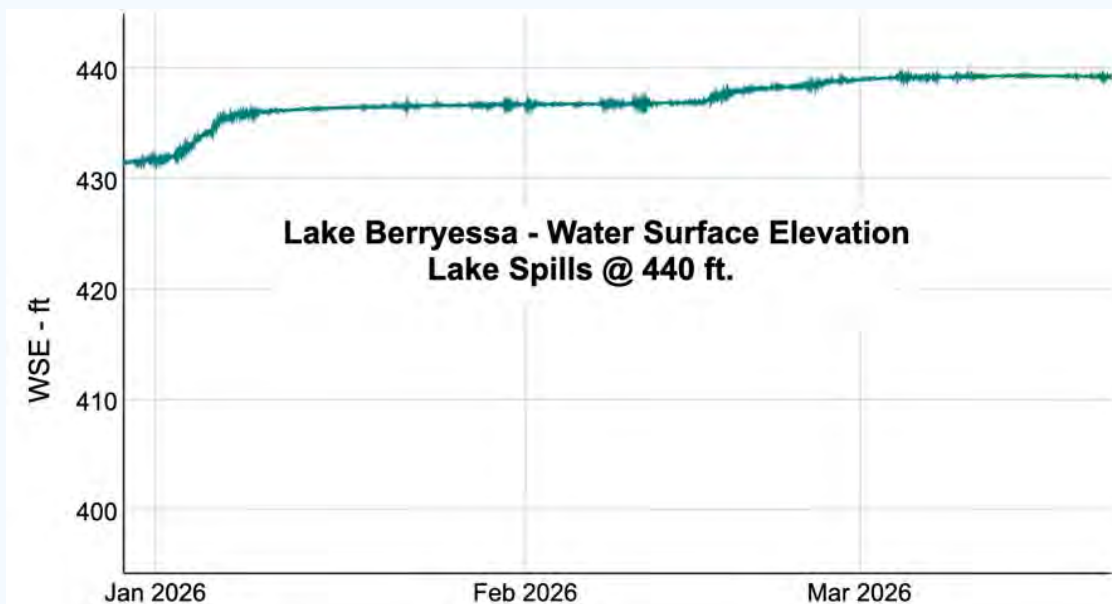
The lake output has risen to 340 cfs, 674 A-F per day, and will continue to increase because the main agricultural season is beginning.

Creeks are basically dry. The Guenoc Upper Putah Creek creek flow monitoring station shows an input to the north end of the lake of just 74 cfs. The Solano County Water Agency doubles that to 148 cfs as an estimate of the total flow into the lake from the whole watershed. That total estimated amount of input is now less than half of the present outflow from the dam (340 cfs).

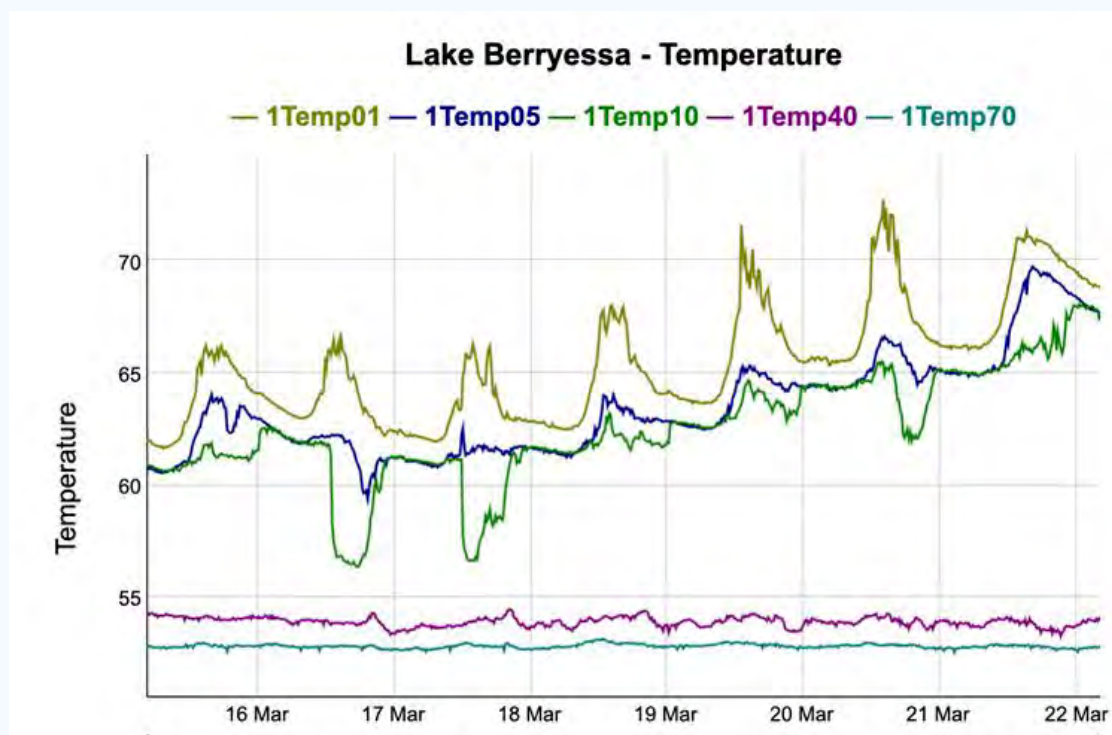
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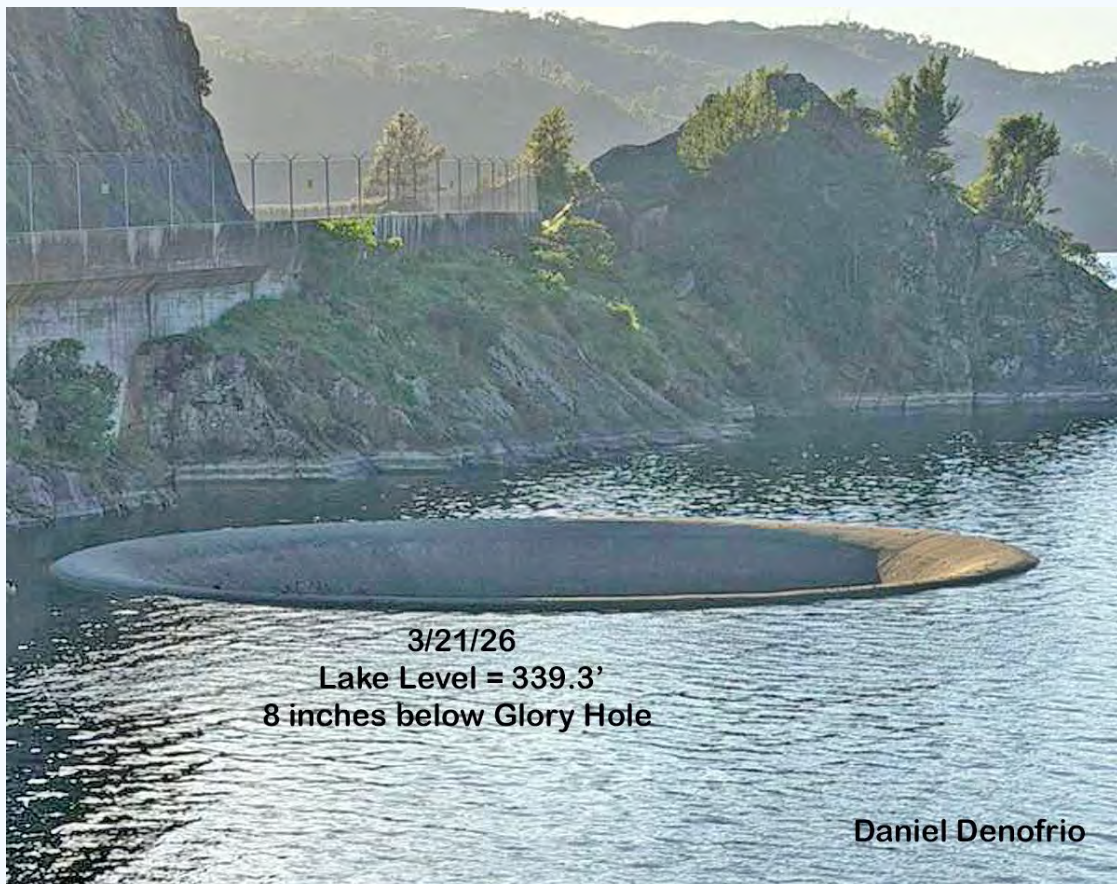
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03/16/2026	439.39	1,540,111
03/17/2026	439.36	1,539,547
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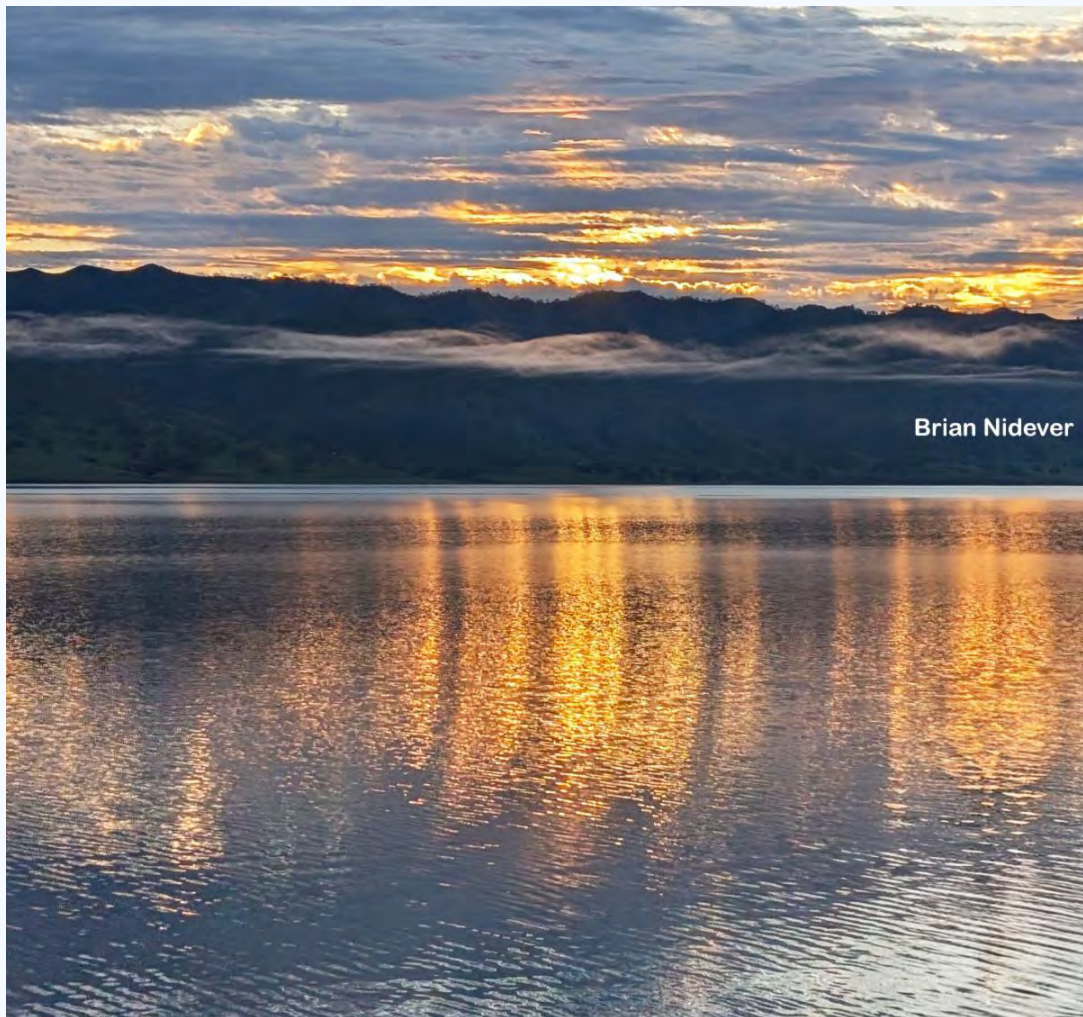


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Here's another beautiful shot from Lake Berryessa News reader, Brian Nidever.





What did you do as a child that would be considered dangerous today?

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<https://www.facebook.com/MumCentralAU/posts/what-did-you-do-as-a-child-that-would-be-considered-dangerous-today/1358115272346627/>

The Facebook sites listed above give some amazing stories. They are fun to read and definitely bring back memories. Below is just a sample of some of the posts. (Editor's Note: I did many of these things myself while growing up in Chicago. My parents encouraged my sense of adventure. The one thing that surprised me about this list was how many people mentioned simple things like drinking out of a garden hose, riding in the back of pickup truck, or bicycling without a helmet! I left most of those repetitions out.)

Water skiing at Lake Berryessa with a small inner tube as a life vest! Bahaha...true story.

My friend and I would race our cars (a Fiat and a Triumph Spitfire) as fast as we could up to Spanish Flat or Turtle Rock to buy a fruit pie and a soda.

Jumped off Putah Creek bridge when the water was quite low. Only lost my bathing suit top. The 80's.

Sat on the hood of the car while my mom drove slowly down the block, also held onto the back of the car while wearing skates as she drove...sometimes I wonder about my mom.

Climbed over the fence then onto the rock at the Glory Hole!

Age nine, skateboarded from Angwin to bottom of Deer Park with a friend

Rode my bike from Calistoga to Santa Rosa without a helmet.

You would not believe me if I told you!!!

Everything really. Drink from the water hose, climb up on the school roof to collect all the balls kids lost up there, jumping off the garage roof with sheets of fiberglass trying to glide, warming up tortillas on the stove top, lists go on and on.....

Drank from the hose; rode bikes, roller skated, and skateboarded without helmets; trick or treated without my parents; climbed trees; didn't wear seat belts; rode in the bed of pickup trucks; played outside after dark; walked up to the store without a parent...so many wonderful things.

Rode in the back of dad's pick-up truck from SF to Lake Berryessa to spend the weekends or sometimes longer... my sisters and I and our dog at the time.... we all survived lol

Apparently riding the bus! That's why there is a line of 200 cars at the school every afternoon.

Walked and played on my own around my neighborhood (inner Sunset) and took streetcars in SF when I was in elementary school.

Have BB gun battles (shots below the waist only).

For those bb gun experts: when I was about 10 I found that the match heads of wooden matches were about the same diameter as a bb. I'd slide a match down the bore of the gun with the match head facing up. Shot them at walls to see them explode. A couple of times I shot them up in the air like rockets and watched them come down on a neighbors roof, light, and roll into their gutter. I was smart enough to figure out that wasn't a good idea.

Made me think of the time I took my Crosman pellet rifle, got some of those caps that come on a ring for a cap gun revolver. So I cut one of the caps out and loaded it in the pellet gun. Then pushed it up the barrel with about 4 or 5 bb's. Took all the bb's out except one. Then took a .22lr and popped the slug off and poured the powder down the barrel and then put a bb down the barrel. Pumped it one time. Barrel blew up. Wonder how many fps that bb was going.... I think I was 7 years old.

My brothers and I would use a vine attached to a tree to swing out and back over ravines that were 50 to 75 foot deep. I shudder now just revealing this. My parents never suspected we did this in our woods in Michigan.

Just about everything we did when we were kids would be considered dangerous now. But we were able to have fun, learned how to survive and had a freaking life. I feel so sorry for kids nowadays.

Stood on top of a barrel while my friend ran the horse past me and I jumped on behind her! Bareback no saddle. I was 8-9 years old - no parents in sight.

Play on the railroad tracks, smashing pennies with my brother.

My Dad would tie my sled to the back of his Studebaker with a long rope. He would then pull me through all the neighboring streets! It was awesome. I look back at how dangerous it really was!

Sometimes my classmates would get a hold of a thermometer and break it in half and pour the mercury into our hands and roll it around thinking it looked really cool! Now, they call out a hazmat team to disinfect everyone and properly dispose of the mercury.

Hopped a freight train in the first grade with my brother and cousin. Of course got busted as we passed a crossing, and Dad was in the car as we went by.

I know something kids do today that would have been dangerous in the 70's, backtalk your parents.

Laid pennies on the railroad tracks and waited for them to be flattened!

Put scissors in an electrical outlet. Still have a little wave in my hair.

Freedom to ride my bike all over town and go to the swimming pool all by myself. The only rule was to be home for lunch, supper, and when it got dark. Such a wonderful, independent childhood.

Went outside and played all day, rode a bike without a helmet, drank water from a hose, shared my soft drinks with my friends

Played on the railroad tracks looking for lizards and snakes with my cousins

Going to buy cigarettes for my mom with a note, walked around town. Riding in the back of a pickup truck

Hitchhiking!

Riding in the back of my Dad's pickup and walking around in it while he was driving.

Sneaking out of the house (at 14) and going for a car ride with boys I didn't know, to a pool hall. Barefoot. Yikes!

Drive with my knee.

I think pretty much every I did as a kid would be considered dangerous these days...

Rode on top of camping gear in back of 1953 Ford pickup with my brother and dogs to campground up Hwy 50 along the American River.

Along with a group of friends, entering a complex maze of sewer tunnels. We got lost. Fortunately, some of us found our way out; others, not so, and the cops and sewer authorities had to be called to find them!

Climbed electrical towers.

Sliding down hillsides on cardboard.

Walking many blocks alone to and from Elementary school!

Took a ride on the train tracks in a car. Great fun.

Swam across the Sacramento river, no flotation device

Got dragged through the swamp on an inner tube behind a four wheel drive pick-up. Still have the scar to prove it.

Swam across the Russian River at a wide point--was not a good idea!

Went paragliding over a rural road (parachute tied to a pick-up) and ended up in a muddy ditch when wind turned and slammed the parachute down!

Every summer the kids in the neighborhood would ride our bikes behind the truck spraying DDT to kill the mosquitos. We felt like we were riding in fog. Hey, we're all still here and kicking.

We disappeared for 4-5 hours and no one worried unless it was dark, or we didn't show up to eat

Had friends of different races.

Spent a lot of time hanging out at the creek until dark with friends. My parents just said to be home for dinner.

Built tree forts up 40 feet.

I thought for myself.

I didn't care what others thought of me.

I tried to be cool with everyone.

I wasn't afraid of trying.

I had a sense of humor.

Climb to a top of a tree where your swaying back and forth on the weakest branch at 30 feet in the air at 12 years old

Lawn Darts!

We had lawn darts and things like that. You talk about dangerous, who remembers those??

Hitchhiking

Jump from the bridge to the water

Rode a horse by myself on the streets.

Walking downtown to shop at the grocery store for my mom at 7 years of age.

Jumping off the bridge at Berryessa

Bought cigarettes for mom with a note at 10 years old

Jumping off Lake Berryessa bridge and rocks

Playing outside without adult supervision.

Riding miles on country roads. On a bicycle, it was fun.

Paint ball guns in the yard lol and a homemade zip line

Went to the show by myself at 5 years old. Walk to school by myself when I was 6 & 7. Went to the bus stop by myself and got on and rode to and from the plunge when I was 8 years old. I spent most of my young life doing whatever I wanted to do by myself.

Jump out of barns from the roof after kindergarten.

I was allowed to think for myself, make my own decisions, and if that decision was wrong get my ass whooped, without blaming it on someone or something else.

Crossed over from one side to the other on a moving train.

You can pick BB gun wars, real rock fights, jumping our bikes over anything we could, not to mention some of the jumps we built.

Ride our bikes down to the car wash and put our quarters into the machine. While that wand was on high rinse flying around like an air hose with no end, we would ride through trying not to get killed, mangled, cut or bruised.

We would also jump off the roof holding the four corners of a sheet.... none of us could ever get that parachute thing to work.

1. Climbed a tree. 2. From the tree, jumped on to a roof. 3. Jumped from the roof to said tree. 4. Climbed back down. 5. All done at night, just for fun.

Picked up food off the floor and ate (it was more like a 30 second rule), road in cars without seatbelts, rode in the back of pickups, shot BB guns and pellet guns, - just about everything.

Riding on the back tail gate of a station wagon...so much fun!

We had rock fights between kids in yards on opposite sides of alleys in Chicago until I stuck my head up from behind a fence and got hit smack in the middle of my forehead. Needed one big staple to close it. No more rock fights or my mother would have killed us. Almost forgot the pea shooter fights without eye protectors.

Rode dirt bikes in neighboring fields at age of 7 with my older brothers not older then 14 at the time. Would ride down railroad paths to next town to go to the store or arcade.

Roaming miles around the neighborhood by ourselves after dark until my Mom whistled for us to come home. Also, a huge group of cousins took a road trip to Disneyland when my brother (the oldest of the group at 16) first got his driver's license. The youngest was 7. We rented a cheap motel room and went to Disneyland. Then drove home. How my parents trusted us and the world.

Everything was pretty much considered "dangerous". Playing on construction sites was fun. I would crawl in the concrete pipes buried underneath the ground it was so much fun. I was warned how dangerous it was by grown-ups but never listened though. I would like to say it was just different times, but let's face it was total neglect on my mom's side.

Rowed out into the middle of the Bay at age 10 in a fiberglass boat liner/insert.

We rollerbladed with the dog pulling us while holding the leash. Lol. That's some speed.

I stood on the seat right next to my mom while she was driving and kicked the column shifter into neutral once.

Ride in the back of a pickup truck with our backs against the cab " for safety"

Lighting and enjoying fireworks

Breastfeeding in public.

We would ride in the bed of the pickup truck from south of San Francisco to Berryessa and then back in the truck after our fun weekend or vacation. Sometimes we would sit in patio chairs or on the coolers, but most of the time in or on top of our sleeping bags. Side windows open in the camper shell to get rid of the smell of exhaust.

Sat on one of my roller skates and rode it down in the middle of a hill.

Hitch hiked in San Francisco

I was six years old jumping out of the hay loft trying to land on my horse~~never did~~

Swimming out to the Glory Hole. Oh wait, It was dangerous then too.

Riding my bike on Hwy 29 from Napa to St Helena.

Made darts out of pencils and sewing needles. Had dart fights. Stuck one in my brother's back.

Played in a slaughterhouse, jump and swing in the second floor of an old barn that had holes throughout the floor. Played on Propane tank.

Going outside to play without supervision and staying out all day, parents not knowing where we were, or what we were up to.

Riding our bikes all over Chicago. My mother simply said to be back for dinner.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on the freeway while standing up

Trick or treating as a twelve year old, alone.

Running with Sharp Objects in Hands Fearless of Eye Loss !

Sailing on Berryessa at age 11 with my pal.

Rope swinging over cow patties in our dairy cows pens.

Not having a cell phone

Homemade go carts down steep hill, rope swing, catching scorpions and tarantulas with brothers

Taking Red Flyer wagon down steep streets through intersections with no brakes.

It probably would be easier to list what I did as a child that WOULDN'T be considered dangerous today.

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From the "Good Ole Days" to the "Good New Days"

I'm sure many of you have wondered when you gazed around Lake Berryessa, about who lives in the many houses looking down at the lake. After the last Lake Berryessa News email, I received a note from a long-time Lake Berryessa supporter, Steve Troy. He, as have I and many hundreds of Lake Berryessa lovers, lost our places at Lake Berryessa due to the bungled Bureau of Reclamation's misguided Visitors Services Plan of 2000. He, as have I and many others, bought places around the lake to be able to stay here. His family's story reflects those of many of us - but the unique part is his winery development and his new Cowboy Cabernet.

From Steve:

"Back in the 80's we had one of the trailers at the Putah Creek Resort. We would invite friends up to waterski on the lake and BBQ at night. That's before kids. When our kids were born, and knowing the resort would close, we bought the old house on the hill just south of the bridge.

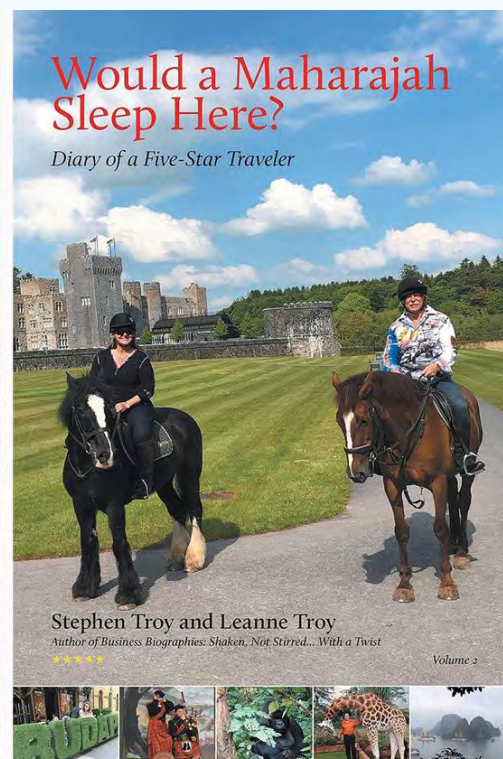
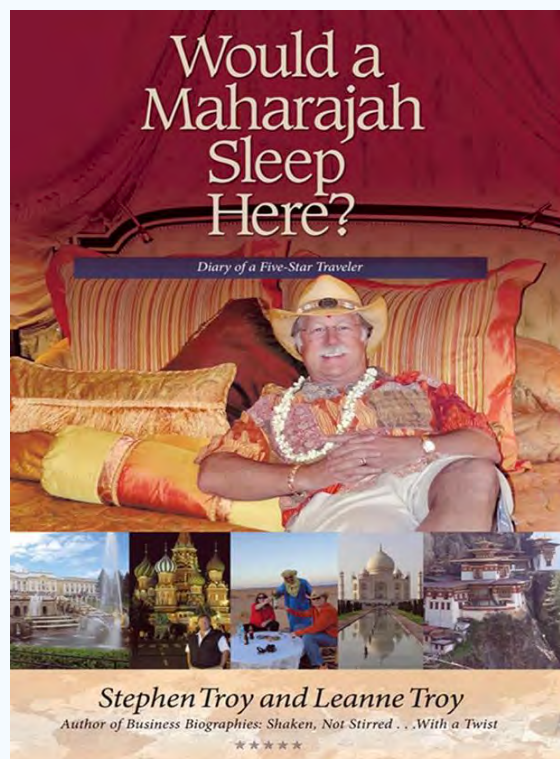
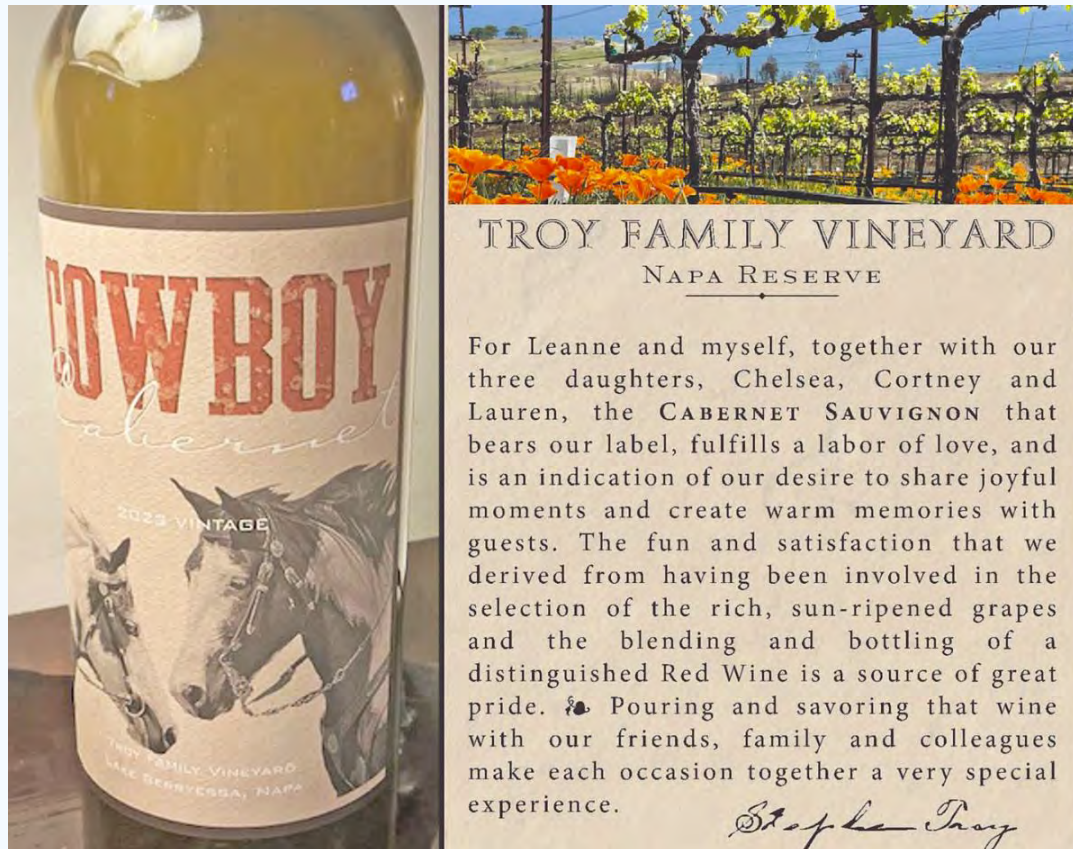
The Putah Creek Resort got a bit too rowdy for little kids. The house came with 4 acres with 180 degree view and water rights. Looking from the patio we had all this land and thought it would look better with some vines. We planted in 2009, with our first vintage 2012.

The next several years were spent most of our time fighting the birds for the grapes. Finally got a good net. The house burned down in the 2020 fire, and we credit the vineyard for stopping the fire's progress to the Berryessa Pines. The vineyard survived, and the nitrogen from the fire made the next grapes crop look so good that I decided to get a license to sell what we bottled.

Getting a license is easy, finding people to buy it is the hard part. This of course is a hobby, not a career. My career is in finance down in San Jose. I have an idea how your readers can buy my wine. I spoke with Pete at Turtle Rock. He is willing to carry it, if I get the word out. He doesn't sell much wine. I am talking with the Sunshine Market in St Helena as well."

Steve has also written three books, available on Amazon. Two are adventure travel books:
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As Steve writes in his email messages, "Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die"



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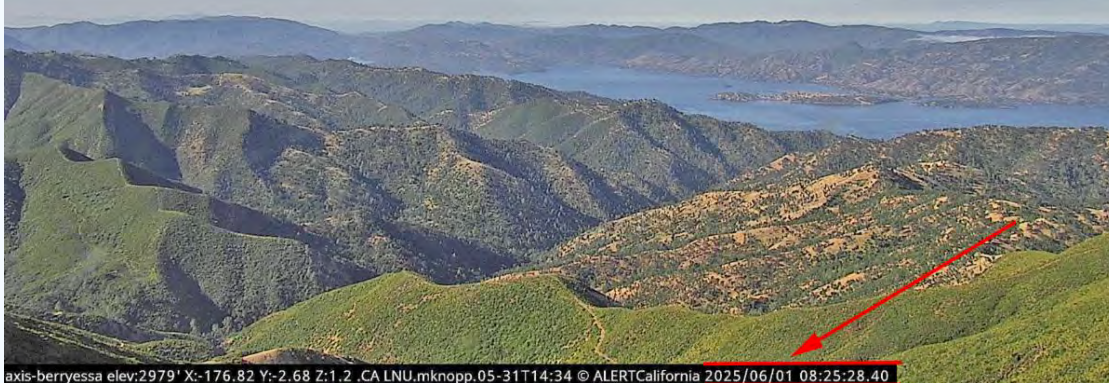
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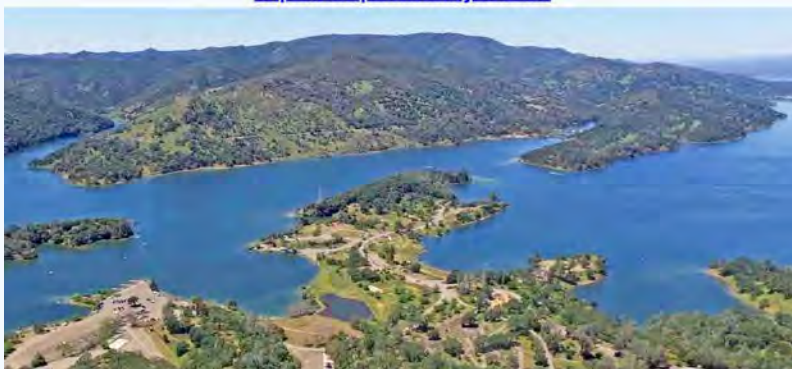
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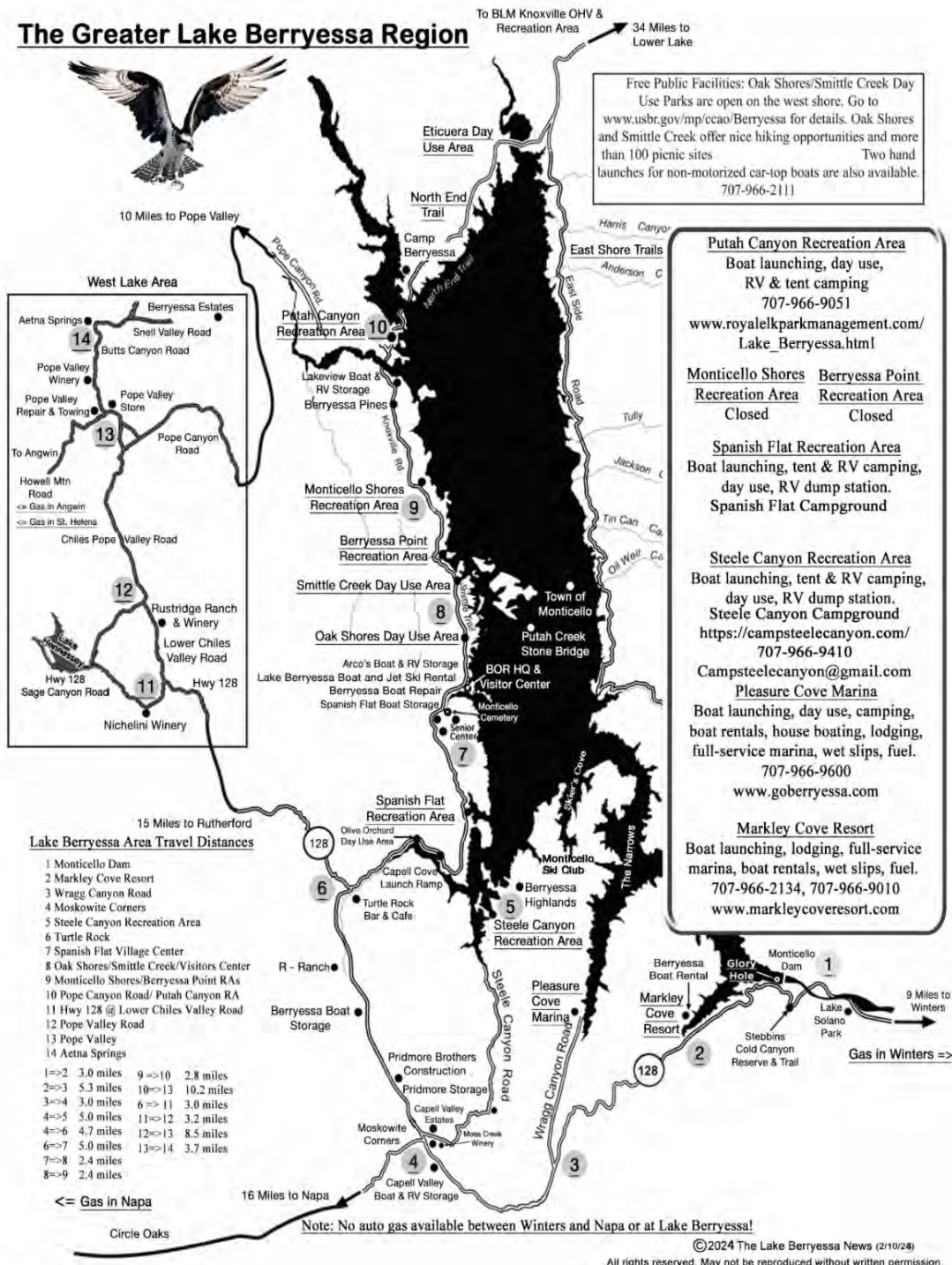


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Glory Hole Watch 2026 is over, but April Fools Month is coming!

Well, it was fun while it lasted. But it would take at least 3 inches of rain to get runoff from the watershed, and about another 1.5 inches to fill the lake that pesky 11 inches needed now.

Rain Forecast For This Week

Tuesday daytime: 55% chance at .04 inches

Tuesday night: 24% chance at 0 inches.

Wednesday daytime: 25% chance at 0 inches

Wednesday night: 55% chance at .02 inches

2024 was not "officially" an "overflow" year, but it was a new record since it was the closest the lake ever got to overflowing Glory Hole without actually going over.

04/3/24	439.93
04/4/24	439.92
04/5/24	439.94
04/6/24	439.93

2026 was not an overflow year either, but appears to be another minor "record" since it seems to be the second closest the lake ever got to overflowing Glory Hole without actually going over.

03/13/26	439.37
03/18/26	439.35
03/22/26	439.30
03/28/26	439.11

Lake Berryessa Statistics (3/29/26)

Lake Berryessa water level has officially dropped to 439.1 feet - 11 inches below Glory Hole.

Rainfall at Monticello Dam remains at 21.15 inches for the rain year. There has been no rain since February 25th, although very light showers are predicted for this coming week.

The lake output has risen to 380 cfs, 753 A-F per day.

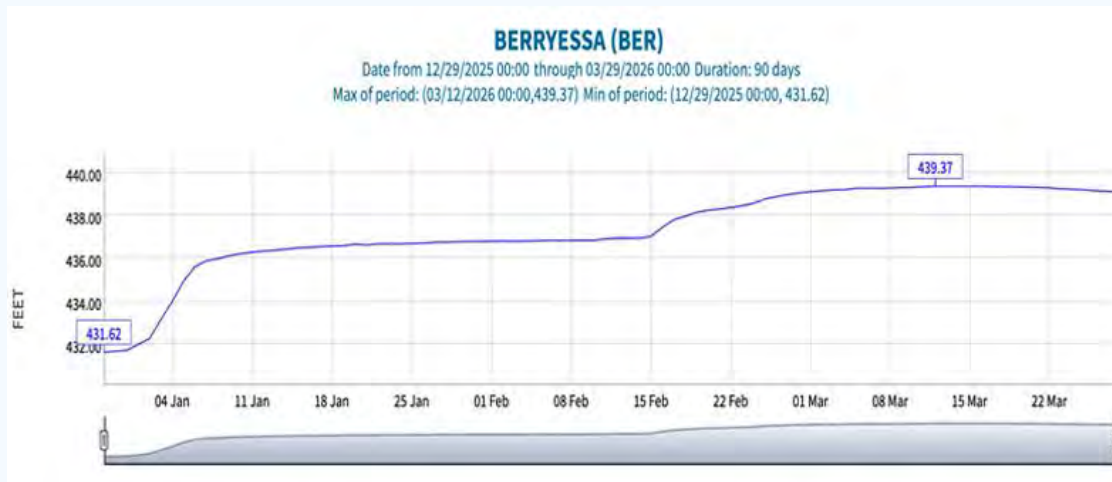
Creeks are dry. The Guenoc Upper Putah Creek creek flow monitoring station shows an input to the north end of the lake of just 57 cfs. The Solano County Water Agency doubles

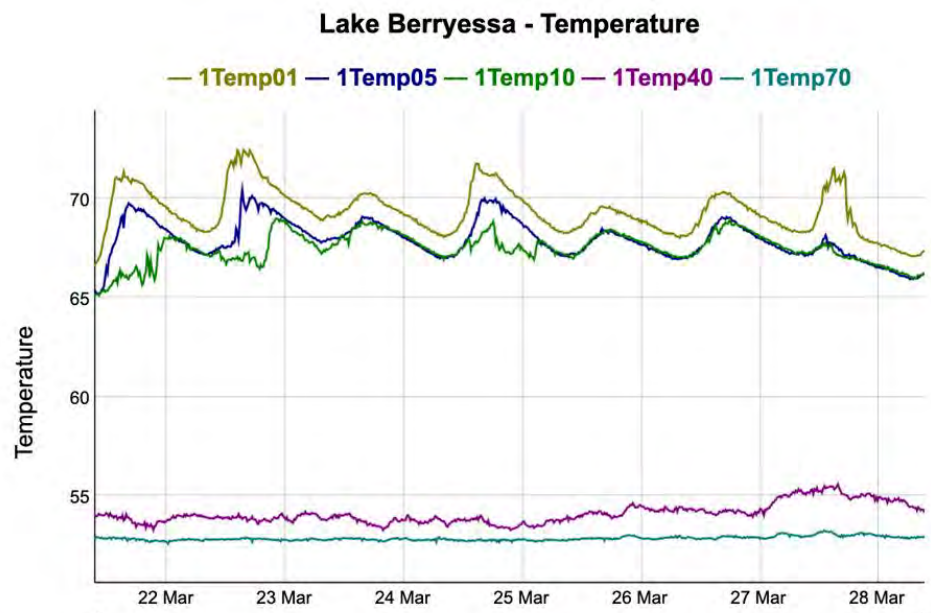
that to 114 cfs as an estimate of the total flow into the lake from the whole watershed. That total estimated amount of input is now less than 30% of the present outflow from the dam (380 cfs).

When full (Glory Hole level) the lake contains 1,551,292 Acre-Feet of water.

Lake capacity is now at 1,534,928 Acre-Feet or 98.9%.

Water temperatures have risen to an average of 68 degrees at the surface, remaining locked at about 54 degrees from 40 feet to the bottom.





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A Pope Valley Memory

California Historical Landmark No. 939: "Litto's Hubcap Ranch."



After retiring, stone mason Emanuele "Litto" Damonte moved from San Francisco to Napa County's Pope Valley. Living down a country road (dirt at the time), Litto had been finding a steady stream of hubcaps in front of his house, so he began collecting and hanging them around the property. Damonte began his collection in 1942, and with the help of friends, neighbors, and occasional trips to the nearby junkyard, the number eventually swelled to more than 2,000—so many that Litto proclaimed himself the "Pope Valley Hubcap King."



The ranch became a home for other collectibles besides the shiny wheel covers, including a wide variety of license plates, road signs, and pull tabs. He added old bottles, buoys, bells, and even deer antlers, all thoughtfully integrated around the rural spread.





Teaching Cursive in Schools.

A friend of mine is a Notary Public. She told me a story about a young couple who came to her to notarize some official documents to buy a house. When the lady tried to sign an official paperwork, she simply scrawled a curved line on the paper. When my friend said that the scrawl was not sufficient verification, the signer admitted that she could not write a recognizable facsimile of her name. She valiantly, finally, slowly, drew a slow cursive facsimile of her name.

The primary responsibilities of Notaries are to 1) Verify a document signer is who they claim to be; 2) Confirm the document signer's mental competence and willingness to sign; 3) Administer oaths and affirmations; and 4) Oversee or witness the signing of documents. Cursive writing is experiencing a comeback in U.S. schools, with over 25 states now requiring or recommending its instruction in elementary grades (typically 1st - 6th) to improve cognitive development, fine motor skills, and reading proficiency. Following a decline due to Common Core standards, states like California, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania have reinstated it.

Reinstatement: More than half of U.S. states have moved to require or recommend teaching cursive, rising from only 14 states in 2016.

Mandates: Recent legislation has been passed in California, New Hampshire, Kentucky, and Iowa, with Kentucky requiring proficiency by 5th grade.

Cognitive and Motor Benefits: Proponents argue that cursive aids in brain development, improves fine motor skills, and helps with memory retention and neural connections.

Debate: While many applaud the return, critics point to the lack of evidence for significant cognitive advantages over printing and suggest that time is better spent on other subjects. Implementation: Teaching often begins in lower elementary, with strategies including categorization by style (e.g., "clock climbers," "loop group").

Cultural Connection: Supporters emphasize the importance of reading historical documents and signing signatures.

Revival: The push for cursive is a reaction against the 2010 Common Core standards that focused heavily on keyboarding, causing many schools to drop handwriting.

Brain Benefits: Research suggests the fluid, connected movements of cursive can enhance brain connectivity.

Practicality: While digital communication is dominant, skills like signing a signature or reading older documents are considered valuable by advocates.

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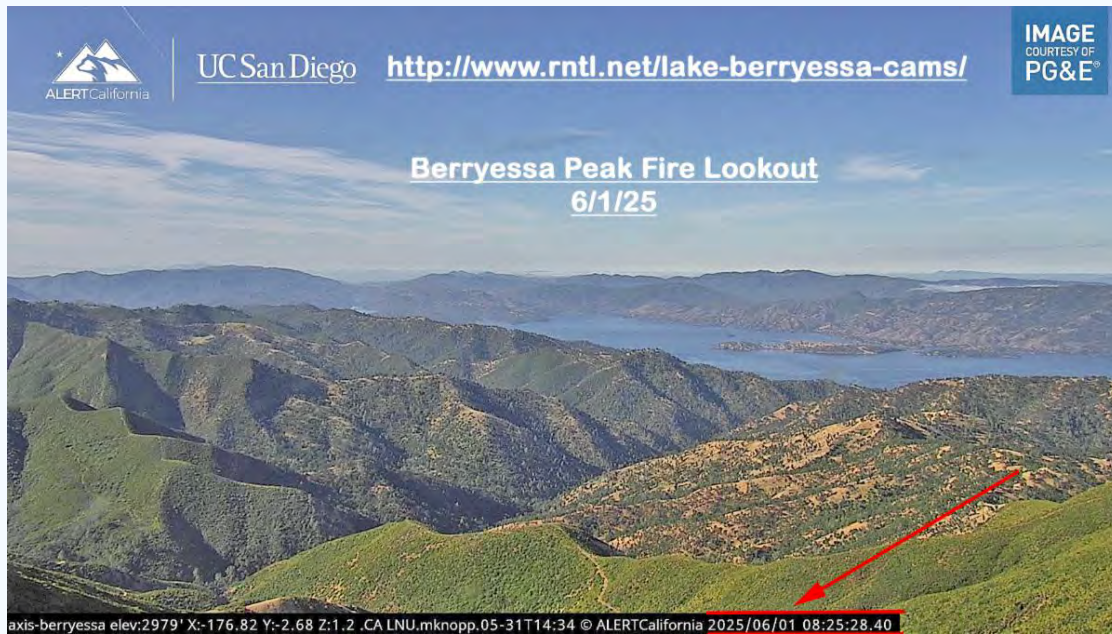
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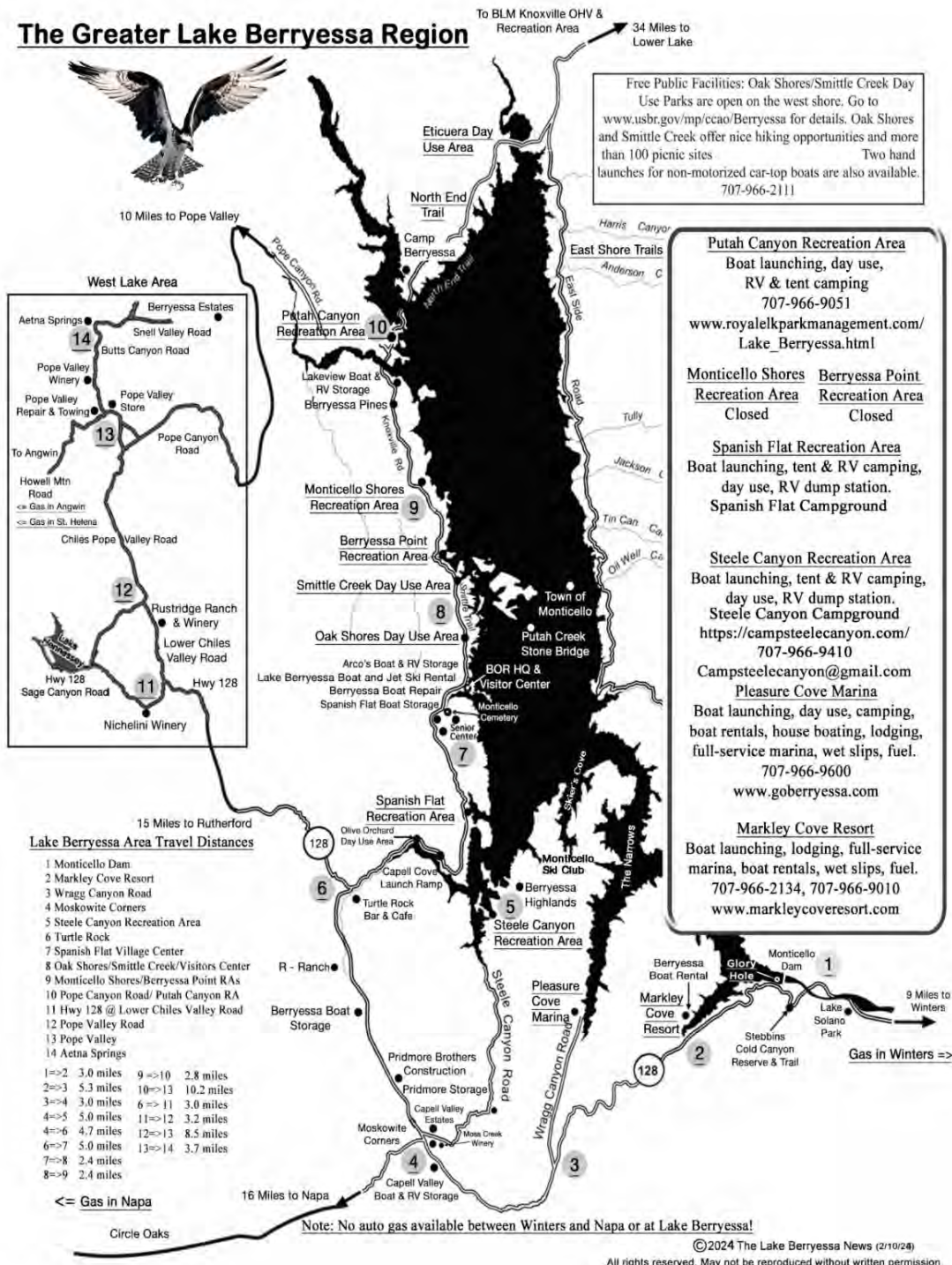
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