

**It Is Cheaper To Go Family Camping At Lake Berryessa's Steele Canyon Recreation Area
(With The Family Dog) Than It Is To Take The Family To A Movie In Napa or Fairfield
(Without The Family Dog!)**

As a reality check on recreation costs, the Lake Berryessa News did a price comparison in July 2022 between taking a family of four to a movie in Napa or Fairfield and camping at Lake Berryessa. Even the most expensive camping or day use trip to the lake is cheaper the taking a family to the movies (and you can't take your dog to the movies).

Movie Theater Cost

Adult \$12, Child \$8.50, Senior \$8.50

Small popcorn \$6, Medium Popcorn \$7, Large popcorn \$8, Candy \$4

Small drink \$5, Medium drink \$5.50, Large drink \$6

2 adults & 2 children - tickets: $\$12 + \$12 + \$8.50 + \$8.50 = \$41$

2 sm popcorn (\$12) + 2 med popcorn (\$14) + 4 med drinks (\$22) + 2 candy (\$8) = \$56

2- 3 hour family movie trip (4 people) = \$96!

No pets

Lake Berryessa (Steele Canyon) Camping Cost

Fee per Day

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| RV Campsite (Max 2 vehicles) (2 guests) | \$55 |
| (each add'l guest – max 8 guests) | \$5 |
| Total – 4 people | \$65 |
| Total – 6 people | \$75 |
| Total - with boat launch | \$85 |
| Standard Campsite (Max 2 vehicles) (2 guests) | \$50 |
| (each add'l guest – max 8 guests) | \$5 |
| Total – 4 people | \$60 |
| Total – 6 people | \$70 |
| Total - with boat launch | \$80 |
| Tent Only Campsite (Max 1 vehicle) (2 guests) | \$45 |
| (each add'l guest – max 4 guests) | \$5 |

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| Total - 1 vehicle – 4 people total | \$55 |
| Total - 1 vehicle – 6 people total | \$65 |
| Total - with boat launch | \$75 |

Day Use

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| Per vehicle up to 4 guests | \$20 |
| (each add'l guest) | \$5 |
| Pet | \$5 |
| Total - 1 vehicle – 6 people, one pet | \$35 |
| Total - with boat launch | \$60 |

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| Boat launch - registered camper | \$10 |
| Boat launch - general public | \$30 |
| Pet Fee per pet, per day or night of camping | \$5 |

Final Comparison

Family Movie Trip

Tickets: Adult - \$12, Child - \$8.50

Small popcorn - \$6, Medium popcorn - \$7, Large popcorn - \$8, Candy - \$4

Small drink - \$5, Medium drink - \$5.50, Large drink - \$6

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Two to three hour family movie trip (4 people) = \$97! (and no pets allowed)

Family Camping Trip (Steele Canyon)

RV Campsite (2 vehicles, 2 guests): \$55

(each add'l guest – max 8 guests): \$5

Total – 4 people: \$65

Total - with boat launch: \$75

Tent Campsite (1 vehicle, 2 guests): \$45

(each add'l guest – max 4 guests): \$5

Total - 1 vehicle – 4 people total: \$55

Total - with boat launch: \$65

Day Use

Per vehicle up to 4 guests: \$20

(each add'l guest): \$5

Pet: \$5

Total - 1 vehicle – 4 people, one pet: \$25

Total - with boat launch: \$55

Boat launch - registered camper: \$10

Boat launch - general public \$30