

About Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area

Location: 13601 Ironbark Road, Taft, CA 93268

Buena Vista is a manmade site, completed in April, 1973, when it took 43 days to fill both Lake Evans and the much larger Lake Webb with over 2,300,000,000 gallons (or 6,800 acre feet) of water.

Lake Webb is an elongated shape of 873 acres available for boating, jet-skiing and fishing, as well as an additional 125 acres for jet-skiing (maximum speed 45 mph). Projecting midway into the lake, a horseshoe-shaped spit of land contains 112 campsites in a double row. To maintain the landscaping through the dry season, a sprinkler system operates, requiring campers to place their things in designated spots.

Lake Evans, at 86 acres, is the place for the more serene pursuits of sailing, fishing, and boating at no more than 5 mph.

Activities and other amenities include

- fishing
- boating (maximum of 300 boats)
- jet-skiing (maximum of 125 jet-skis)
- camping (for families and large groups)
- picnicking
- bicycling
- several attractive installations of children's play equipment, one in the shape of a giant toy soldier
- two concession buildings
- three covered picnic areas reserved for large groups (400 capacity) or small groups (100 capacity)
- numerous other picnic spots throughout the park
- three boat launching sites and
- an RV dump station