

# Bureau of Reclamation Lake Berryessa

**Organization type:** Federal Government

**Location:** 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa CA 94558

**Web site:** [www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa/facts.html](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa/facts.html)

**Schools served:** Primarily Napa and Yolo Counties

**Grades served:** K-12

**Other youth groups served:** Yes

**Hours and days available:** M-F: 8:00am-5:00pm  
Evenings and weekends by arrangement

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- Program themes:**
- Water cycle and watersheds
  - Water quality and water quantity and the effects both have on the ecosystem
  - Water use in the community
  - Water delivery
  - Water conservation

- Curriculum standards supported:**
- (Content Standards for California Public Schools)*
- **Grade 4:**  
SCIENCE: Life Science and Investigation & Experimentation  
MATH and ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS
  - **Grade 5:**  
SCIENCE: Earth Science and Investigation & Experimentation  
MATH and ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS
  - **Grade 6:**  
SCIENCE: Ecology and Investigation & Experimentation  
MATH and ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS

- Types of educational activities offered:**
- Onsite visits to Lake Berryessa include aquatic invertebrate studies, nature walk, creative writing exercise, and interactive games relating to water use, conservation and the water cycle.
  - School classroom visits include water quality experiments, watershed awareness lessons, water cycle games, and discussions (*debate*) on water conservation and use.

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**Activity location:** Lake Berryessa, schools or other sites to be arranged.

**Frequency:** Single or multiple visits. To complete the lessons within the Lake Berryessa curriculum packet at least one onsite and one classroom visit is necessary.

**Length of activity:** Onsite visits three to five hours. Classroom visits 45 minutes to three hours.

**Materials provided or needed:**

- A skilled interpretive park ranger and all materials for lessons are provided.
- Student handout and teacher packet provided.
- Students bring their own lunch and sturdy clothes for hiking and activities.
- Some funding for bus transportation possibly available.

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**Service learning options:** Water quality monitoring, lake shoreline cleanup, community event education programs, and habitat restoration. Other opportunities available upon request.

**Field trips available:** Lake Berryessa

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**Scheduling recommendations:** Several weeks advanced notice for either an onsite or school visit is necessary. Please call to make arrangements.

**Primary Contact Information**

**Alternative Contact Information**

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**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The intent of the Lake Berryessa water education program is to provide students with hands-on, curriculum-based activities that leave them with an appreciation of water resources; excitement and inspiration to practice conservation at home; and an enthusiasm to re-visit Lake Berryessa and experience the outstanding natural resources with their family and friends. Activities in the program are designed to meet one or more of the California Curriculum Standards.