

# Lake Davis Recreation Area Plumas National Forest

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Lake Davis is located seven miles north of Portola, California. This lake was created in 1967 for recreational opportunities. The Lake Davis Recreation Area offers a wide variety of summer outdoor experiences including: camping, picnicking, fishing, hunting, boating, mountain biking and wildlife viewing. Water skiing is not permitted. Frequent strong winds can cause the lake to become very hazardous for small craft. In the winter, ice fishing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are favored activities.

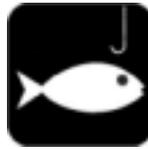


Camping is permitted only in the three developed campgrounds, which are normally open from late April through late October. Grizzly and Grasshopper Campgrounds, together, have 125 single family units with 2 universally accessible sites at each. Both campgrounds provide grills, fire rings, water, flush toilets, and garbage service. Lightning Tree Campground has 19 single family units and 21 double units with vault toilets, tables, fire rings, garbage service June through August, and no water. Lightning Tree Campground is open year-round, except when closed by snow. A service fee is charged at the trailer dump station located near Grizzly Campground. Drinking water is also available at the station. Fees are required at the campgrounds and the maximum stay is 14 days. Reservations can be made in advance by call 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com).



## Area Interests

Smith Peak Lookout, located about seven miles southwest of the dam, provides a good view of the lake and an opportunity to learn about the job of a fire lookout. It is operated full time during fire season and visitors are welcome. Lake Davis is also home to several interesting species of birds. Eagles and osprey can be seen at different times of the year, as well as hawks and owls.



## Fishing

Native and stocked trout occur in the lake. Varieties include Rainbow, German Brown and Eagle Lake Trout. Largemouth Bass and Brown Bullhead also inhabit the lake. Bullheads are caught quite regularly and are very flavorful because of the cold water habitat. Fishing is regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game, with a five trout limit and tributary restrictions. If any of the invasive species Northern Pike are caught immediately cut off its head. Below Lake Davis, almost three miles of Big Grizzly Creek is open to fishing for day use on a public access strip.



## Boat Launching

Camp Five, Honker Cove, Mallard Cove, and Lightning Tree Boat Ramps all have paved launching ramps, floating boat docks, and paved parking lots. Camp Five Boat Ramp also has a universally accessible Fishing Levee 100 feet long for deeper water fishing.



## Hunting

Mule deer, Black-tailed deer, waterfowl, quail, and some small game may be hunted in-season in the Lake Davis Recreation Area. The California Department of Fish and Game regulates hunting seasons and permits.

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