

Seasonal Closure of Rattlesnake Bar horse assembly area

The Folsom Lake State Recreation Area has seasonally closed Rattlesnake Bar. This adversely affects equestrians, boaters, and hikers. The gate is locked, and there is *no* turn-around space on the narrow steep road for horse-trailers and boat-trailers.





If equestrians wish to ride to Avery Pond, then please go to Sterling Pointe and ride north along the Pioneer Express Trail.

Folsom Lake SRA Superintendent Richard Preston has reluctantly closed Rattlesnake Bar because of low water-levels (due to the drought) in Folsom Lake. There were problems for boat-launching with low water levels. With reduced staffing due to state budget predicaments, this means that lower priority sectors within Folsom Lake SRA had to be closed.

Boaters can still launch at Beals Point, and equestrians can still saddle-up at Granite Bay Equestrian Assembly Area or Sterling Pointe Equestrian Assembly Area. LBHA was the driving force behind the creation of Sterling Pointe Equestrian Assembly Area, and we are grateful to our LBHA leaders for this sustained vision for accessibility.

We LBHA members are presciently hopeful for abundant winter rains (December 2012 to March 2013) so that next Spring 2013 the Rattlesnake Bar assembly area can be reopened for the 2013 season.