



DON PEDRO LAKE “DISPERSED, WILDERNESS AREA / LAKESHORE”

Partial and Abridged Rules, Regulations and Fees

**(Complete copies of all of the Don Pedro Recreation Area Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules are available at Recreation Area Entrance Stations)*

Don Pedro Lake, with over two million acre-feet of water storage is the fifth largest reservoir in the state of California. With 160 miles of shoreline, there is plenty of room for a variety of water based recreational activities. Don Pedro is surrounded by a federally licensed project boundary. This boundary lies above the (830 foot above sea level) high water mark all the way around the lake. All lands and water within this boundary constitute the Don Pedro Recreation Area (also known as the Don Pedro Project). Don Pedro is one of the few lakes in the state where lakeshore camping along undeveloped lakeshore is still permitted. Abiding by all Rules and Regulations and adhering to safe, courteous and sanitary boating and camping practices not only protects the surrounding environment, it enhances everyone's lake experience and will help to ensure that this privilege of Lakeshore camping is continued.

DISPERSED / WILDERNESS AREA Undeveloped Recreation Area lands and water outside the developed Recreation Areas are considered the “Dispersed Area”. Vehicle access within the project boundary of the Dispersed Area is not permitted. Undeveloped Recreation Area east of the developed Fleming Meadows Recreation Area is considered the “Wilderness Area”.

LAKESHORE CAMPING Any camping on Recreation Area lands where developed campsites are not provided is “Lakeshore Camping”. Lakeshore camping is only permitted in the Dispersed Area. Areas where lakeshore camping is prohibited are indicated on the reverse side map. In general, Dispersed Area, Wilderness Area / Lakeshore camping is not permitted adjacent to developed areas, areas that are accessible from public roadways or any area that is posted “No Camping”. Wilderness Area camping is permitted only in the Wilderness Area as defined on the Wilderness Area map.

LAKESHORE / WILDERNESS CAMPING FEES This fee is separate from and is not covered by vessel or vehicle annual permit fees, day use fees or developed campsite fees that have been paid, refer to Schedule of Fees.

DAY USE Portable furnishings and structures utilized just for “day use” are not to be left unattended overnight and are not permitted in the Wilderness Area.

FIRES Absolutely no ground fires or wood fires are permitted in the Dispersed or Wilderness Area. 10 foot mineral earth clearance must be maintained around all portable camp stoves, candles, lanterns etc. at all times.

TRASH Please carry out all trash when you leave the Dispersed or Wilderness Area.

RESTROOMS Floating restrooms and land-based Dispersed Area restrooms are available for your convenience. See reverse side map for locations. Do not tie vessels to floating restrooms for more than 15 minutes at a time. Use restrooms for their intended purpose only. Do not jump, dive, swim or fish from them. Please do not throw trash, diapers or porta-potty contents in the toilets of these restrooms.

SANITATION Help keep the lake clean. The lake level fluctuates. Where you camp today may be under water tomorrow! Restrooms or self-contained portable toilets must be used. Porta-potty and other waste-water contents may be disposed of at Marina sanitary pump-out facilities or campground dump stations.

TRESPASS Stay off adjacent private property and any areas posted “closed” or “no trespassing”.

REGULATORY BUOYS Regulatory buoys are similar to traffic signs along a roadway. “Slow 5 mph-No Wake”, “No Ski”, “Ski Area” and “Hazard Area” buoys can all be found on the lake. Vessels must be operated in compliance with all posted regulatory buoy messages and warnings. Mooring a vessel to, or willfully moving or damaging any regulatory buoy is a violation of the law.

BOATING HAZARDS Don Pedro Lake is a reservoir. The lake level fluctuates. Potential boating hazards are always changing. As a courtesy, Recreation Agency staff attempt to maintain hazard buoy markers over the hazards that would probably not be anticipated by the average boater. These hazard buoys often suffer damage from passing boats when submerged. They are vandalized, stolen and at times moved by careless visitors. The Recreation Agency cannot possibly guarantee that all potential boating hazards are marked at all times. Boaters should exercise common sense. When underway, stay a safe distance from the shoreline and all marked hazards. Always reduce vessel speed when operating in an unfamiliar area of the lake or when operating at night.

USE OF THIS ENTIRE PROJECT AND ALL FACILITIES IS AT YOUR OWN RISK!

**Violation of Recreation Area Rules and Regulations May Result in Citation!*

Don Pedro Recreation Area Dispersed & Wilderness Area Camping and Navigation Map

For laws, rules, regulations and other information pertaining to
the use of the Recreation Area please contact
the Don Pedro Recreation Agency at
209-852-2396 or www.donpedrolake.com



Please pack all your trash out!
Dumpsters are available at
each launch ramp.

Portable toilets required
where restroom facilities are
not provided.

Dispersed Area Camping Is Prohibited:

- In Developed Areas
- Below Private Homes
- Below Developed Campsites
- Near Roadways (and)
- Where posted or indicated
on this map

WARNING!

**Low Overhead Power Line
Clearance
38 Feet At Full Reservoir
At Red Mountain Bar**

Legend:

- Information
- Tent Camping
- RV Camping
- Dispersed Area Restrooms
- Launch Ramp
- Marina
- Dispersed Area Camping Prohibited
- Slow 5 mph No Wake
- No Ski No Aquaplane
- Slalom Course
- SS Relief Number

North

Scale = Approximately 3 Miles



EXTREME FIRE DANGER!
**ABSOLUTELY NO GROUND FIRES
OR WOOD FIRES ALLOWED**

10 ft. clearance required around all
portable stoves

CAUTION! – Fluctuating Water Levels
**Watch For: Submerged Objects, Rocks,
Islands and Floating Debris**

Many Hazards Are Not Marked!

**Use of the Entire Don Pedro Recreation Area
and All Facilities is at Your Own Risk!**

