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90 DAY CALENDAR

DATE

EVENT

TIME

OCT	11th	BOD	5:00pm
	14th	Bullards Bar Day Paddle	See Website
	27th	Member Meeting - Dom Lindars - "The Ditches of NC"	6:00
	31st	LWW Halloween Paddle	See Website
NOV	8th	BOD	5:00pm
	18th	Lake Natoma Thanksgiving Potluck Paddle	See Website
	23rd	No Member Meeting	~~~~~
DEC	13th	BOD	5:00pm
	15th	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY	TBD

DAY PADDLE TRIP INFO

CAMPING TRIP INFO

To see Paddling Event details click the links on either side of the calendar

CAMPING PADDLE TRIPS - POSTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024

EVENT

ANNOUNCEMENT LINK

Twin Lakes/Mono Basin
August 15-19 (4 Nights)
Trip Leader - TBD

This is an early Heads up to mark your
 Calendars for one of our best camping
 Paddles at a terrific group campsite

2023



DAY PADDLE TRIPS



Halloween at Lake Wildwood

October 28th at 10:30am

Trip Leaders - Keith Schoendoerfer and Peter Johnson

Vista Park on Sat., 10/28 at 10:30am.

Contact Keith at keith@zwrvr.net to join

Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer



For the most up-to-date information on any listed Paddle, see the website - [HERE](#)

NEED TRIP IDEAS FOR 2024

Hey All,



Winter is coming and we are nearing the end of our 2023 paddle season. This is a good time to be thinking about paddle trips for the next year, particularly for camping paddles. Camping paddles need to be on our books and defined early so that folks have enough notice to reserve a camp site. Already a Twin Lakes Camping Paddle Trip is posted for 2024. The earlier we get trips posted the sooner folks can book their calendar and make arrangements.

SO,...



If you have a Paddle Trip idea, whether it's an old favorite or a new venue, contact

Rachel Finson

at

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Kayak Safety Device of the Month



The Safety Whistle

If you've ever gone overboard while kayaking and lost your breath, maybe panicked, you already know why you might want to have a safety whistle while kayaking. If not, trust me, a whistle just might save your life one day.

No matter how experienced a kayaker you are, whenever you go out on the water, there's a chance you might run into trouble and need help. And if you do, a strong and resonant safety whistle could mean the difference between life and death.

So besides a lanyard and conspicuous color, what should you look for in a safety whistle?

1. That it is "pealess". With no pea (the small, round ball inside most consumer whistles) to get stuck, or to be rendered useless by water or debris, a "pealess" whistle sound will be loud and clear, in hot, cold or wet weather.
2. Can be heard at least 1/2 mile away. It should generate at least 90 decibels of sound (same as a train whistle)
3. Durable. Can't be crushed or cracked due to a fall or climbing all over your boat when you are in trouble.
4. Self clearing air chambers so that it clears after being submerged.
5. Mouth grip so that it is easy to keep in you mouth while blowing hands free

Recommendations:

The [Fox 40 Sonic Blast CMG](#) and the [LuxoGear Emergency Whistles](#)



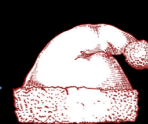
Quote of the Month



One day
your life will
flash before
your eyes.

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Make sure
it's worth
watching.



SNCKC Christmas Party

Is December 15th

Save the Date

The Party is being planned and managed by The Board of Directors this year. They are, however, asking for volunteers to decorate tables.

More to come next month.



CLUB MEETINGS and EVENTS

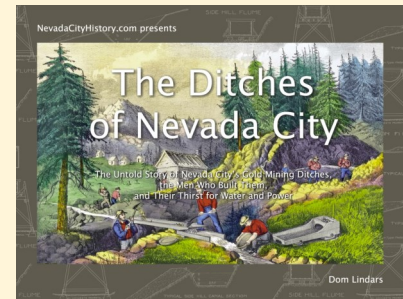
Monthly club meetings are typically held at 6:00 pm the fourth Thursday at *Seaman's Lodge in Pioneer Park, 427 Nimrod Street, Nevada City.*

Upcoming Meeting

Thursday, October 26th:

Dom Lindars— "The Ditches of Nevada City"
The Untold Story of Nevada City's Gold Mining Ditches, the Men Who Built Them, and Their Thirst for Water and Power.

Dom's Website - [Nevada City History](https://NevadaCityHistory.com)



Thursday, November 18th:

Lake Natoma Potluck Paddle
(November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day—No Meeting)



Friday, December 15th:

SNCKC Christmas Party
(December 28th—No Meeting)



Peter's log of the Bullard's Bar paddle.

New Bullard's Bar Reservoir Day Paddle October 14, 2023

Saturday October 14, at 7:30am the weather was a nice 62 degrees with some hope of partial sun as there are breaks in overcast. Left home at 8:30 to drive to the Bullard's Bar SNCKC paddle. As I turned onto Hwy 49, I became the 3rd car in a kayak caravan. We all arrived at the Dark Day boat ramp around 9:30 and prepped our kayaks. The reservoir was down about 80 ft so, there was a red, orange, gray, and white "Bathtub" ring all around the lake. We dropped off the kayaks at bottom of boat ramp and parked the cars which made for a long walk from the parking lot to the bottom of the boat ramp



At launch, the sun was peeking through breaks in the high clouds with little wind and reflections. Gwen was the leader and organizer of the trip but, Chris led the paddle. We paddled NW on the E side of lake checking out fun inlets. At the top of the paddle was a small waterfall and the rapids of Willow Creek. The next inlet was into the larger and very nice Bridger Falls. So nice that Gwen beached her boat and tried to walk to the falls but, she only made it halfway due to the steepness of the slope.

The group then paddled along the west side, exploring inlets as we went, and then stopped for lunch on a sand-layered 3 ft wide beach that was tiered in a way that made for a nice sitting platform. Paddling after lunch offered several opportunities to view a number of eagles, one in a very tall tree.

We paddled up one more inlet and Chris asked if the group wanted to paddle further on to Garden Pt. We were over 7 miles out at this point so, Gwen decided that it's time to return to the ramp. Looking at the GPS, Garden Pt would have added 3 more miles to the

The paddle back was 8 miles and we lucked out with no wind, reflections, and only a few motor-boats. We had the ramp to ourselves, loaded our kayaks hassle-free, said our good-byes and left the lake area about 2:30pm.

One of the best SNCKC paddles this year for me.

Peter

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New Bullard's Bar Paddle - Continued



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And on the website - Click [HERE](#)



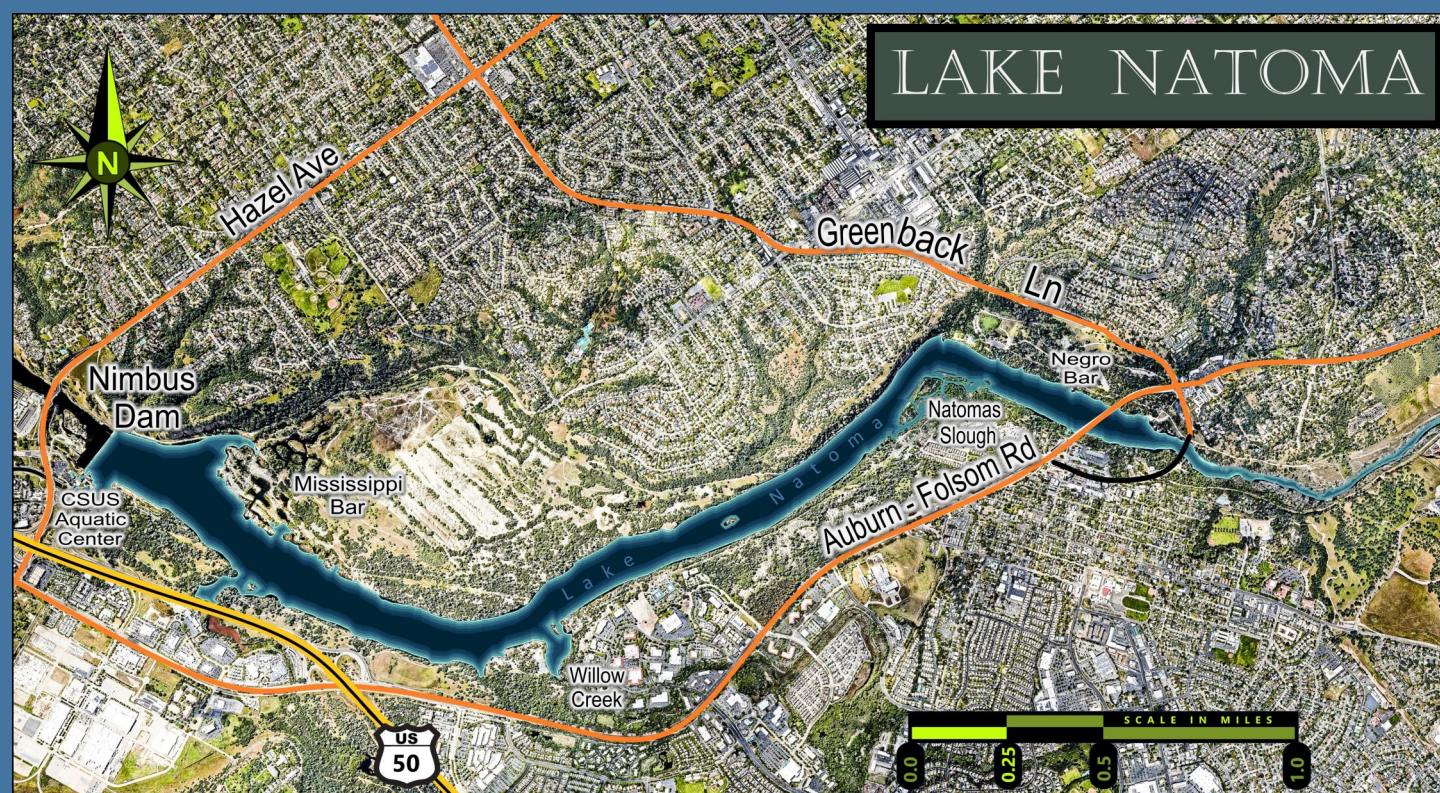
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Venue of the Month

Lake Natoma



Location	Sacramento County, California
Coordinates	 38.654°N 121.192°W
Type	Reservoir
Primary inflows	American River
Primary outflows	American River
Catchment area	1,898 sq mi (4,920 km ²)
Basin countries	United States
Average depth	46 ft (14 m)
Water volume	8,760 acre-feet (10,810 dam³)
Shore length¹	~10 mi (16 km)
Surface elevation	128 ft (39 m)
Settlements	Folsom, California

¹ Shore length is [not a well-defined measure](#).

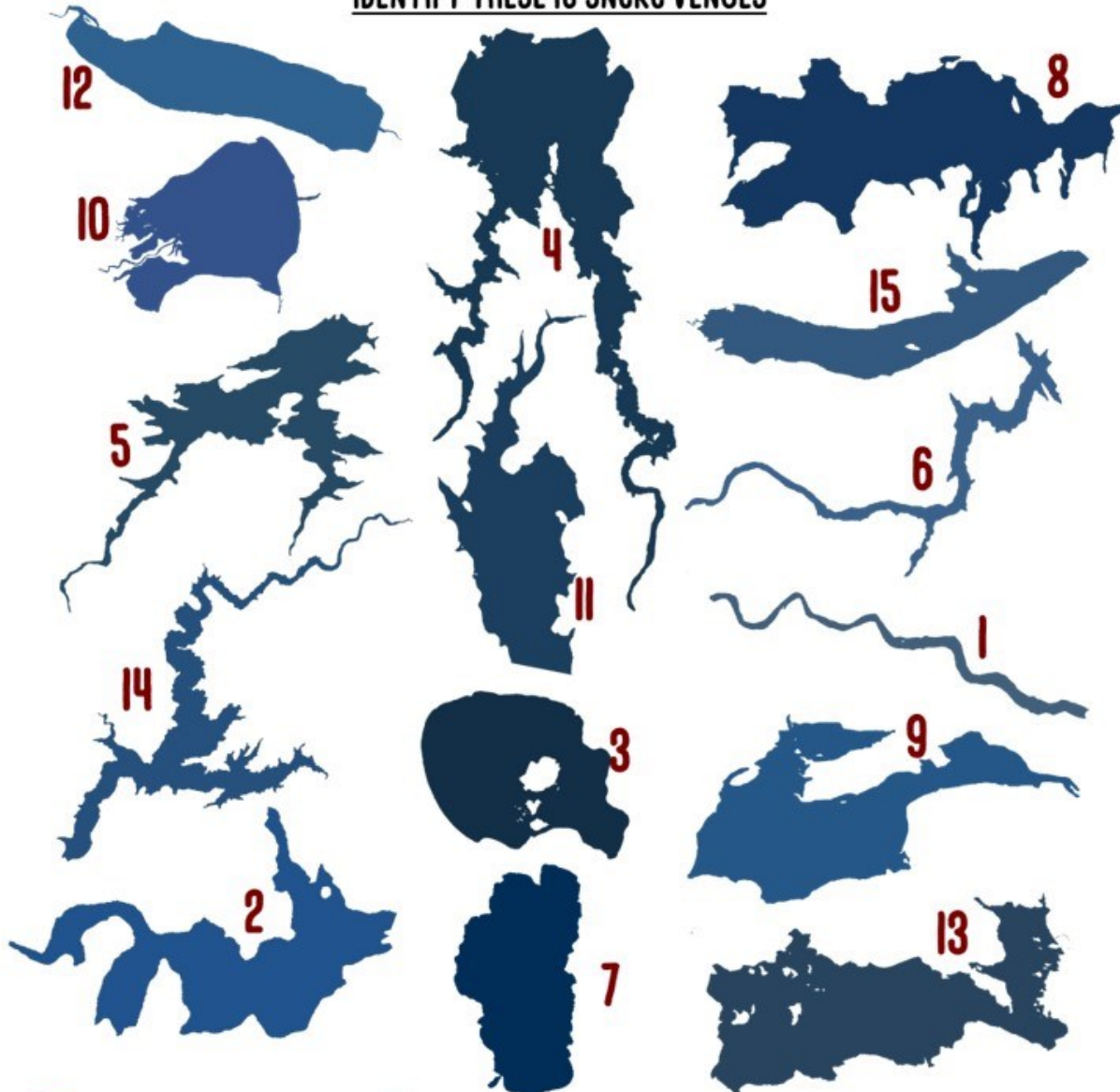
Lake Natoma is a small lake in the Western United States, along the lower American River, between Folsom and Nimbus Dams in Sacramento County, California. The lake is located within the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area which maintains the facilities and bike trails surrounding the lake. Lake Natoma is located 15 miles (24 km) east of Sacramento, and has 500 surface acres of water. The total length of lake Natoma is 4 miles (6.4 km).

Lake Natoma is a recreational lake for rowing, kayaking, and swimming; powerboats are permitted with a 5 mph (8 km/h) "no wake" restriction. It is home to the Sacramento State Aquatic Center, and regularly hosts West Coast College Rowing Championships, the Pac-12 Conference rowing championships.

You Can Find More Information on Lake Natoma at [Lake Natoma - Wikipedia](#)

In case you missed quiz night at the members meeting last month, here's one of the quizzes (below) for your amusement.

IDENTIFY THESE 15 SNCKC VENUES



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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP FAR WEST | <input type="checkbox"/> FOLSOM LAKE | <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE WILDWOOD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLEMENTINE RES. | <input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON MEADOWS RES. | <input type="checkbox"/> LOON LAKE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLLINS LAKE | <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE SPAULDING | <input type="checkbox"/> MONO LAKE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DONNER LAKE | <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE TAHOE | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW BULLARDS BAR RES. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLEBRIGHT RES. | <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE VALLEY RES. | <input type="checkbox"/> WEBBER LAKE |

Answers will be published next month



WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

Joe Abrell correctly identified last month's picture as being from Collins Lake.

First member to send the correct name of the venue below receives a newly minted, 3-inch in diameter, SNCKC sticker (shown below on the lower left).

Send your answers to keith@zwrvr.net



Current SNCKC Officers



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|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
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| • Trips/VP: | Rachel Finson | • Membership: | Susan Rossman |
| • Programs: | Debi Savoy | • Communications: | Gwen Huff |
| • Secretary: | Marna Duncan | • Newsletter: | Keith Schoendoerfer |
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mysnckc.org

