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Whiskeytown Lake near Redding, California, is a National Recreation Area, which means that it falls under the governance of the National Park Service. Whiskeytown is home to a variety of plant and animal life, and it is a destination for outdoor lovers of all kinds. In addition to a variety of water sports on the lake itself, the area has plenty of hiking, horseback riding and biking opportunities.



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Oak Bottom Campground offers simple amenities to campers. There are showers located in the Oak Bottom beach restrooms, which can be used for a fee. Other amenities include fire grates, which can be used for cooking and/or heat, and some restrooms. There are 100 tent sites within the Oak Bottom Campground, most located approximately 10 to 500 feet from the parking area. Some firewood is available, but campers should plan to bring extra. Prices to stay in the campground vary depending on whether you are staying near the lake or farther away. There is also a pet fee.

Oak Bottom Campground
 P.O. Box 188
 Whiskeytown, CA 96095
 530-359-2269

Primitive Campsites

There are six primitive campgrounds and a total of 18 sites within Whiskeytown National Recreation area. The sites are first come, first served; they are located within a mile of the lake and are near creeks within the park. Permits to camp at these sites can be bought at the park's visitor center. These sites are generally closed in the winter, but are accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles during the summer. All sites come with a fire pit, picnic table and a bear-proof area. The largest vehicle that can be brought to these campsites is a pop-up trailer.

Primitive Campsites
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Brandy Creek RV Campground
Fee Program Office
P.O. Box 188
Whiskeytown, CA 96095
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