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SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

LAKE COUNTY – As the warmth of summer approaches, families begin planning trips to their favorite vacation spot, and vacation memories are passed down through generations in Lake County: parents take their children back to Clear Lake or Cobb Mountain, where their own childhood summers were spent, to make new family memories.

Whether they come to fish, splash, hike, or just lie under the sun, summer activities abound – from music events, art shows, and community festivals to classic boat and car exhibits, holiday parades, fireworks, and even an authentic county fair and a rodeo.

MAY

Mother's Day High Tea, Lakeport

May 1, 2, 5, 8, and 9, 2010

Traditional English afternoon high tea with a "Miniature Quilts" show and prizes for best Mother's Day corsage. Enjoy scones, Devonshire cream, tiny sandwiches, tarts, and cakes. Pre-order a gift for mom, \$15.50. Served at noon and at 2:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$22.50 per person. The Lakeport English Inn, 675 North Main Street. (707) 263-4317, www.lakeportenglishinn.com

Clearlake Cruise-In and Car Show, Clearlake

May 7 – 9, 2010

Cruise the shores of beautiful Clear Lake, California's largest natural lake, at the Clearlake Cruise-In and Car Show. Includes cruising for all pre-1973 automobiles, show and shine, poker run around the lake, vendor row, pin-up girl photo contest, sock hop, and more. Set along Lakeshore Drive in the city of Clearlake, the Lake County "strip" since the 1950s. (707) 994-3600, www.clearlakecruisein.com

Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks

May 14 – 16, 2010

"The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi" and a benefit for community projects, the 27th-annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with a grand prize of a new boat, motor, and trailer, plus cash prizes; and a Kids Derby for those 16 years old and younger, with the winner receiving a four-wheel ATV. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, for \$45. No registrations will be accepted after 11:00 p.m. Friday. Registration is \$10 for kids. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 E. Highway 20. (707) 998-3795, www.clearlakeoaks.org

Lake County Passion Play, Lakeport

May 15 – 16, 2010

This annual outdoor play re-enacting the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is now in its 30th year. No entrance fee; spectators are asked to bring their own chairs. Beltramo Ranch, 7010 Westlake Road. (707) 279-0349, www.lakecountypassionplay.org

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

May 15, 2010

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers while enjoying live music in the garden. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport

May 29, 2010

Annual community celebration, featuring an arts and crafts show and Memorial Day Parade. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue, Lower Lake

May 30, 2010

Annual horse parade, pet parade, awards and prizes, live music and dancing, artists and crafters. Barbecue from noon to 3:00 p.m. Horse rides by Wiloth Equine Therapy, "Horses Helping Children." Sponsored by Lower Lake Community Action Group. Benefit for Lower Lake High School and community. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Russell Rustici Park, 16375 Second Street. (707) 995-2515.

JUNE

Wood & Glory XII, Lakeport

June 5, 2010

Annual event featuring more than 60 classic wooden boats on Clear Lake. Photography is encouraged and guests vote on their favorite boat, thereby entering a drawing for a commemorative Wood & Glory poster. Sponsored by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free; fee for barbecue. The Docks at Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

Car Roundup, Lakeport

June 5, 2010

Nineteenth-annual car show with food, entertainment, vendors, music, and awards. Sponsored by the Lake County No Name Car Club. Benefit for local charities. Registration is from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Awards ceremony is from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Third Street boat ramp, Park Street, Library Park. (707) 262-1508.

Release Party at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

June 5, 2010

Taste the new releases from Six Sigma Ranch and Winery at this party on the Six Sigma crush pad. Great wines paired with tasty food. Reservations suggested. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 297-2927, www.sixsigmaranch.com

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Wild West Day, Upper Lake

June 5, 2010

Seventeenth-annual Western-themed street festival with Old West skits, a parade, pancake breakfast, tri-tip barbecue, wagon rides, and country music. Contests for best beard, bonnet, and costume. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council for community projects and the Northshore Fire Protection District. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Main Street. (707) 275-2000, www.upperlakeca.org

Luau on the Lake, Lower Lake

June 5, 2010

Enjoy a festive celebration with friends at the beautiful Rolling Knolls Vineyard of Shannon Ridge Vineyards & Winery in Lower Lake and enjoy a Hawaiian lei, Polynesian dancers, music, and pig roast buffet dinner. At this lavish luau, dine on an array of island food and enjoy traditional Hawaiian dancers, all in a beautiful location with a spectacular view of Clear Lake. Prizes for best theme-dressed male, female, and couple. Tickets \$50, doors open at 6:00 p.m. (707) 994-3600, www.clearlakechamber.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

June 12, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Living History Day at the Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, Lower Lake

June 19, 2010

Take a step back in time and learn about local history at the Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum as staff dress in period costume and demonstrate Victorian-era household items and toys and games from the early 1900s. Guests are welcomed to participate in this event that is fun for the whole family. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Main Street. (707) 995-3565.

Kulture Shock Car Show, Lakeport

June 19, 2010

Fifth-annual "no billet" show for 1964 and older traditional 50s and 60s-style hot rods, customs, gassers, and classics. Motorcycles include original, traditional 50s and 60s chopper and bobber styles. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trophies for Best Hot Rods, Best Customs, and Best of Show will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. Live rock-a-billy and classic rock 'n' roll bands all day, beer, food, vendors, pin-stripers, raffle, trophy award presentations. Admission \$5 for spectators. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-3283, www.kultureshockcarshow.com

Middletown Days, Middletown

June 18 – 20, 2010

This 49th annual Western-themed event the third weekend of June features a ranch rodeo, live music, craft and food booths, children's activities, and more. Saturday begins with a parade and ends with a dance. Sunday features the gymkhana. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road. (707) 994-1954.

Lavender Festival at Ceago Vinegarden, Nice

June 26, 2010

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Jim Fetzer's organic and biodynamic farm, Ceago Vinegarden, are harvested and the plants distilled. Join the festivities and watch the demonstrations that show how the lavender is used to produce essential oils, soaps, and other delightful products, all of which are for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. Ceago Vinegarden, 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Lakeport

June 26, 2010

Seventh-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 40 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. This year's venue will be in Library Park, on the shores of Clear Lake. Live music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tasting is \$15 per person in advance, \$20 day of event and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

JUNE – JULY

Independence Day Fireworks Displays, Countywide

June 26 – July 5, 2010

Lake County is home to numerous fireworks shows during the Fourth of July holiday, many of which dazzle the skies over Clear Lake, illuminating the water's surface. The city of Lakeport hosts its Independence Day fireworks show following a lighted boat parade. Other fireworks shows include the city of Clearlake fireworks display and the Maxine Sherman Annual Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks. (800) LAKESIDE, www.lakecounty.com

Tulip Hill Winery Red, White & Blush Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

July 3, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Clearlake International Worm Races, Clearlake

July 3, 2010

Internationally recognized worm race competition that has summoned competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. Over the years, this 40th-annual event has attracted the attention of Animal Planet, NBC, and Bay Area Backroads. Held in conjunction with the City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities. Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600.

JULY

Lake County Rodeo, Lakeport

July 9 – 10, 2010

This year marks the 81st-annual Lake County Rodeo, featuring CCPRA-sanctioned professional rodeo, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, barrel racing, mutton bustin', cow chip bingo, and more, plus barbecue, vendors, horse parade, and a dance Saturday night. Sponsored by the Lake County Rodeo Association. Admission fee. 7:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-1845, www.lakecountyrodeo.com

All Horse Parade, Lakeport

July 10, 2010

As part of the Lake County Rodeo, this parade begins and ends at the fairgrounds, but clip-clops through downtown Lakeport. A parade of horses, burros, goats, and other four-legged animals begins at 4:30 p.m., some pulling carriages. Parade viewing in Lakeport is free. (707) 995-2515.

Music Festival at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

July 10, 2010

Set high in the mountains of the Red Hills AVA, the Moore Family Winery hosts a music festival surrounded by stunning natural scenery. Enjoy a variety of live music including blues, rock, and soul along with foods, arts and craft vendors, and wine tasting. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure, Countywide

July 24 – 25, 2010

Sixth-annual Wine Adventure offers guests a chance to explore the "new" wine country in California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample distinct "high-elevation" award-winning wines from participating wineries and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. During this two-day, passport-style event, many locations feature barrel tastings, entertainment, winery tours, wine and food pairings, and other fun and sustainable wine activities. At the end of the Lake County Wine Adventure route, participants are eligible to enter a raffle drawing. The purchase of a two-day Wine Adventure ticket, \$35, includes a logo wine glass. Designated drivers encouraged. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. (800) 595-WINE (9463), www.lakecountywineries.org

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, Upper Lake

August 6 – 8, 2010

Fourth-annual four-day blues festival in which acclaimed musicians take turns each night on the hotel veranda, performing for a full crowd in a garden setting. A delicious barbecue dinner is served and each night of the festival is sponsored by a different Lake County winery with tasting available. Tickets \$50 per person. 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Quilt and Textile Exhibition, Lower Lake

August 6 – 28, 2010

Seventeenth-annual show features work by the members of the Clear Lake Quilters Guild, renowned weaver Sheila O'Hara and her students, and members of the Sheep Thrills Spinning and Weaving Guild. Public viewing during regular museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Lower Lake Historic School Preservation Committee. Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 995-3565.

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

August 14, 2010

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Taste of Lakeport, Lakeport

August 20, 2010

Thirteenth-annual winetasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event and feature hors d'oeuvres and wine at the many tasting stations. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-8843, www.lakeportmainstreet.com

SEPTEMBER

Lake County Fair, Lakeport

September 2 – 5, 2010

The Lake County Fair traditionally occurs Labor Day weekend each year at the fairgrounds in Lakeport. The fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events enjoyed by nearly 40,000 people each year. Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, www.lakecountyfair.com

ONGOING

Monday Night Blues, Upper Lake

Mondays, year-round

Great musicians play the blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests are welcomed to have dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or appreciate the stars outside on the heated veranda. Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluwingsaloon.com

Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake

Fridays, year-round

Live music every Friday evening by great performers. Great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during nice weather; inside during other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. \$5 suggested donation. Tuscan Village, Main Street. (707) 994-3354, www.terrillcellars.com

Guided Bird & Nature Walks, Lakeport

Saturdays, year-round

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird and nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The walks, which last 90 minutes, begin at 8:00 a.m. June – August, and 9:00 September – May. Free admission. Rodman Slough Preserve, 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Cutoff. (707) 262-0707, www.lakecountylandtrust.org

Bird and Nature Walks, Kelseyville

Check web site for schedule

Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association offers guided bird and nature walks at Clear Lake State Park. Meet at the Visitor Center. For schedule, visit web site. Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 279-2267, www.clearlakestatepark.org

Sunday Champagne Brunch in the Garden, Upper Lake

Sundays, year-round

A Champagne brunch is held every Sunday at the Blue Wing Saloon & Café and held outdoors in the garden from May to early November. Different local musicians play 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When the weather gets cold, the music moves inside to the intimate Saloon setting. Blue Wing Saloon and Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluwingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

First Saturday of each month

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café hosts the owner and/or winemaker of one of the great Lake County wineries whose vintages are featured on the wine list on the first Saturday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluwingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake

First Friday and Saturday of each month

On the first Friday and Saturday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winery as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also will be featured. Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

First Friday Fling, Lakeport

First Friday of each month

A reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. Free. (707) 263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

Fondue Friday, Upper Lake

Second, third, fourth, and fifth Friday of each month

On the second, third, fourth, and fifth Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) will offer a selection of fondue pots by 24-hour advance reservation, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from more than two dozen Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines each week, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

Windows to the Universe, Kelseyville

Third Saturday of each month

Telescope observing and planetarium show. Third Saturday of each month. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$3 suggested donation. Taylor Observatory, 5725 Oak Hill Lane. (707) 262-3499, www.taylorobservatory.org

Art Classes and Demonstrations at Harbor Village Artist Complex, Lucerne

Second Saturday of each month, April - September

Join the Harbor Village Artists on the second Saturday of each month April through September for classes and demonstrations. Lakeside Art will provide classes/demonstration in creating one-of-a-kind couture hats, hand-painted silk scarves, beautiful painted furniture, paintings, and creative jewelry. Pomo Fine Art Gallery will conduct classes in Native American art and basket weaving. Serendipity Art & Boutique will give demonstrations in watercolors and watercolors on silk. The Gourd Gallery will provide classes in decorative gourd art. Harbor Village Artist Complex, 6193-6199 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-2346.

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, Kelseyville

First Thursday of the month, May through August

On the first Thursday of each month, Stephanie Cruz-Green, sommelier and owner of Focused on Wine, will offer a specialty wine tasting served with tasty tidbits and wine education pointers. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112, www.focusedonwine.com

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

Saturday and Tuesday, May through October

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, olive oils, cheese, arts and crafts, and handmade soaps. Live music. Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Kelseyville Lumber, 3555 N. Main Street. (707) 263-4211, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Select Saturdays, May through September

The Moore Family Winery hosts a family-friendly concert in the vineyard series on Saturdays in the summer. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine, food, and soft drinks available for purchase. \$10 per person. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Friday Night Farmers' Market, Clearlake

Friday evenings, June through September

Live music sets the scene weekly at Redbud Park where local and regional farmers, restaurants, and bakeries offer freshly grown, prepared and baked goods, and artisans and crafters sell their wares. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. June – August, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in September. Redbud Park, 14655 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600, www.clearlakechamber.com

Coyote Film Festival, Countywide

Select weekends, June through November

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers June through November presented by EcoArts of Lake County as a fundraiser for the Lake County Sculpture Walk. Admission fee. Screening locations vary. (707) 928-0323, www.coyotefilmfestival.org

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

Daily, June – October

The installation of sculptures “in dialogue with nature” will be available for viewing June through October. Stroll along the center trail of the 107-acre county park to view the sculptural expressions of award-winning artists, as well as local schools and community groups. Sensible shoes and water are recommended. Park open dawn until dusk. Middletown Trailside Nature Preserve County Park, 21435 Dry Creek Cutoff off of State Route 175. Free. (707) 928-0323, www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org

Summer Concerts in Library Park, Lakeport

Mid-June through Mid-August

Pack your picnic supper and head to the park to hear top-notch musical acts perform in the gazebo. Every Friday evening from June through August. Sponsored by KXBX 98.3 FM and other local businesses. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Free admission. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-6113.

TOURS

Lake County Wine Tours, Countywide

Year-round by reservation

Guests taste award-winning wines at a variety of tasting rooms, as well as out in the vineyards amid spectacular views of Clear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Tours include comfortable seating in a 16-passenger motor coach, a knowledgeable guide, all tasting fees, and a gourmet lunch to further stimulate the palate. Reservations required. (707) 350-0700, www.lakecountywinetours.com

Langtry Estate & Vineyards Tour, Middletown

Tuesday – Saturday, year-round

Guided tours of the historic vineyard travel to the higher elevation of Tephra Ridge for spectacular views of Guenoc Valley. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Includes picnic-style lunch in the vineyard and wine tasting. \$45 per person. 48-hours advance reservations required. Langtry Estate & Vineyards, 21000 Butts Canyon Road. (707) 987-2385, www.langtryestate.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice

Saturdays year-round

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Vines, Mines, and Wines at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Hop into the Six Sigma Ranch Pinzgauer for the rugged accent to the high-altitude Diamond Mine Vineyard (Lake County “diamonds” are often found glittering in the volcanic soil). Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma Winery releases. Advance reservations required, weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 12 people. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Join winemaker Gregory Graham on a one-hour tour of his vineyards and gain first-hand knowledge of the area and what makes his particular vineyards so special. Then it’s back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. Weather permitting; advanced reservations required. Free. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995 3500, www.ggwines.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year-round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the lake. Tours include deluxe seating for eight in a 21-foot pontoon boat with canopy and a knowledgeable guide. Tours are customized to guest specification. Wildlife and nature, wine tasting, fishing, or sightseeing. Indian Beach Resort, 9945 E. Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-3760, www.theindianbeachresort.com

Tallman Hotel Wine Touring Package, Countywide

Year-round by reservation

Guests of the hotel can enjoy this five-hour limousine tour with a personable and knowledgeable driver. Guests can choose a guaranteed private tour or a shared tour with others, up to eight guests total. Book the tour and a room by contacting the hotel. Gratuity to driver not included. Add picnic lunch box for \$20 per person. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

GAMING & ENTERTAINMENT

Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino, Nice

Lake County’s largest casino features 600 video slots and several table games, an 800-seat bingo hall with a non-smoking area, 48-room hotel, state-of-the-art conference center and banquet facility, a full-service restaurant and 24-hour snack shack, a sports bar featuring a video wall with high-definition TV screens, and more. Features an 800-seat showroom where well-known artists frequent the stage; check web site for upcoming events. 1545 E. Highway 20. (800) 809-3636, www.rrrc.com

Konocti Vista Casino, Resort & Marina, Lakeport

The only casino resort on beautiful Clear Lake. A haven for watersports enthusiasts year-round. The gaming resort also features an expanded casino with new slot machines, table games, the new Vista Steakhouse, full bar, and banquet facility. Next door to the casino is a 74-space RV park and an 80-room hotel overlooking the 90-slip marina and scenic Clear Lake. Just off Soda Bay Road in Lakeport. 2755 Mission Rancheria Road. (707) 262-1900, (800) FUN-1950, www.kvcasino.com

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state’s cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com