



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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### SPOTLIGHT ON SPRING EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA MARCH 1, 2012 – MAY 30, 2012

#### MARCH

##### **Pruning and Pastries at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake**

*March 3, 2012*

Six Sigma Ranch and Winery hosts the 5th-annual "Pruning 101" from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Six Sigma vineyard crew leads a hands-on winter pruning demonstration. Price includes the event and pastries, coffee, and juice. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, [www.sixsigmaranch.com](http://www.sixsigmaranch.com)

##### **Irish Feast, Kelseyville**

*March 10, 2012*

Enjoy a night of fun where guests will dine on a traditional Irish feast complete with corned beef and cabbage and Guinness chocolate mousse paired with Moore Family wines. Come dance a jig with the live Irish band. \$40 per person. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Must be 21 years old to attend. 11990 Bottle Rock Rd, (707) 279-9279, [www.moorefamilywinery.com](http://www.moorefamilywinery.com)

##### **Kelseyville Olive Festival, Kelseyville**

*March 18, 2012*

This celebration of locally grown olives will introduce guests to the olive oil and olive products produced from Lake County olives. Hosted by Rosa d'Oro and the Kelseyville Olive Mill, which is located on a 10-acre olive orchard (formerly the St. Gregory Olive Farm) with 3,000 olive trees. A benefit for the programs of the Lake Family Resource Center. Admission is free, \$10 for wine tasting. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kelseyville Wine Company, 5625 Gaddy Lane. (707) 279-0483, [www.kelseyvilleolivefestival.com](http://www.kelseyvilleolivefestival.com)

#### APRIL

##### **Historic Family Ranch Day Trip: The Wildflower Tour, Clearlake Oaks**

*April 2012, by reservation only*

Wildflowers are the highlight of April's daytrips as guests experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a historic family ranch rich with history, wildlife, wildflowers, and other flora and ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. \$60 adult/\$50 seniors 55+. Eleven Roses Ranch. (707) 998-4471, [www.elevenrosesranch.com](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com)

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**Blue Lakes Trout Derby, Blue Lakes**

*April 2012 (Dates TBD)*

This derby is sponsored by the Blue Lakes Association and local merchants and businesses donate prizes. Now in its 23rd year, proceeds from the event go to support volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other Blue Lakes community projects. Held Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with weigh-ins each day at the Narrows Resort. The derby is open to the public and hosted by the Narrows Lodge Resort, 5690 Blue Lakes Road. (707) 275-2718, [www.thenarrowsresort.com](http://www.thenarrowsresort.com)

**Wildflower Brunch, Kelseyville**

*April 28, 2012*

Fundraising event for the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association features a create-your-own omelet. 9:00 a.m. to noon. Reservations requested. Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 279-4293, [www.clearlakestatepark.org](http://www.clearlakestatepark.org)

**MAY****Heron Festival, Redbud Park, Clearlake**

*May 5, 2012*

This fun, family-oriented weekend features pontoon boat tours, birding and naturalist-led nature walks, nature talks and exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, and children's activities that will inspire the whole family. Ninety-minute pontoon boat bird-watching excursions are held between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Bird sightings usually include American white pelicans, grebes, yellow-headed blackbirds, and the festival's namesake, the great blue heron. A naturalist will be aboard the boats to point out some of the areas 300+ bird species and features of Clear Lake. Presented by the Redbud Audubon Society. Free admission to the festival. Redbud Park, 14655 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 263-8030, [www.heronfestival.org](http://www.heronfestival.org)

**Stars of Lake County**

*May 5, 2012*

Fifteenth-annual Stars of Lake County honoring Lake County Businesses, organizations, and individuals who make a difference in the lives of people in Lake County. Presale tickets only. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakecochamber.com](http://www.lakecochamber.com)

**Mother's Day High Tea, Lakeport**

*May 12 and 13, 2012*

Traditional English afternoon high tea served inside or in the garden. Enjoy scones, Devonshire cream, tiny sandwiches, tarts, and cakes. Reservations required. Special spring gifts will be for sale, including a signed California Bed & Breakfast Cook Book for \$10. The Lakeport English Inn, 675 North Main Street. (707) 263-4317, [www.lakeportenglishinn.com](http://www.lakeportenglishinn.com)

**Lake County Symphony Concert Series-Mother's Day Pops Concert, Lakeport**

*May 13, 2012*

Mother's Day Pops Concert performed by the Lake County Symphony. 3:00 p.m. \$27 general seating, \$32 premium seating, and \$5 discount for CLPA members. Soper-Reese Theatre, 275 South Main Street. (707) 245-0577, [www.soperreese theatre.com](http://www.soperreese theatre.com)

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**Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks**

May 18 - 20, 2012

"The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi" and a benefit for community projects, the 28th-annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with cash prizes; and a Kids Derby for those 15 years old and younger, with the winner receiving a special prize. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 E. Highway 20. (707) 998-3795, [www.clearlakeoaks.org](http://www.clearlakeoaks.org)

**Lake County Passion Play, Lakeport**

May 19 - 20, 2012

This annual outdoor play re-enacting the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. No entrance fee; spectators are asked to bring their own chairs. 4:00 p.m. daily. Beltramo Ranch, 7010 Westlake Road. (707) 279-0349, [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)

**Oysters and Sauvignon Blanc, Kelseyville**

May 2012 (Date TBD)

Oysters and Sauvignon Blanc are an undisputed culinary delight. Moore Family Winery will host a feast of oysters both barbecued and raw, along with Sauvignon Blancs from the winery. Admission: free, Oysters: \$1 each and wine \$5 per glass. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, [www.moorefamilywinery.com](http://www.moorefamilywinery.com)

**Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport**

May 26, 2012

Annual community celebration, featuring a barbecue, live music, and arts and crafts show and Memorial Day Parade. 11:00 a.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakecochamber.com](http://www.lakecochamber.com)

**Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue, Lower Lake**

May 27, 2012

Annual horse parade, pet parade, awards and prizes, live music and dancing, artists and crafters. Barbecue from noon to 3:00 p.m. 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.

**ONGOING****Mount Konocti Hiking**

Hiking enthusiasts can now hike to the top of Lake County's iconic Mount Konocti and enjoy stunning panoramic views high above Clear Lake and the area's beautiful vineyards and orchards. With the cleanest air in the state, views are breathtaking and include Mount Saint Helena and the Mayacamas to the south, Pinnacle Rock and the remote Snow Mountain region to the north, and the Sutter Buttes and, on particularly clear days even as far as Mount Lassen to the east. For more information and to download a trail map, visit:

[www.konoctitrails.com/trails-information/mt-konocti-regional-park](http://www.konoctitrails.com/trails-information/mt-konocti-regional-park)

**Water Trails, Countywide**

Community volunteers in collaboration with the County of Lake have developed a series of water trails on Clear Lake, Rodman Slough, and Cache Creek. To view the trails and download the brochures, please visit the Konocti Trails website at [www.konoctitrails.com](http://www.konoctitrails.com)

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**Concerts with Conversations, Upper Lake**

*Select Saturdays each month, January through May*

Monthly concert series January - May that features live music in an intimate setting. A benefit for the Soper-Reese Community Theatre Fund. An informal concert and dialogue with the artist follows coffee with dessert. \$25 per person plus tax. Reservations are suggested as seating is limited. March 17<sup>th</sup> – Alex Degrassi & Michael Manring; April 14<sup>th</sup> – Gordy Ohlinger; May 12<sup>th</sup> – Elena Casanova & Elizabeth MacDougall. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com)

**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. No cover charge. Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.bluewingsaloon.com](http://www.bluewingsaloon.com)

**Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville**

*First Tuesday of each month, February through October*

Each month, the Saw Shop Gallery Bistro features a special menu paired with a local or regional wine on the first Tuesday of each month. Dine al fresco on the wraparound porch or inside where walls of the circa-1902 building are festooned with local art. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 3825 Main Street. (707) 278-0129, [www.sawshopbistro.com](http://www.sawshopbistro.com)

**Soper-Reese Movies, Lakeport**

*Select Tuesdays of each month*

Your favorite classics on the big screen. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; movie starts at 6:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$5. March 13<sup>th</sup> – High Noon, April 10<sup>th</sup> – North By Northwest, and May 8<sup>th</sup> – A Man For All Seasons. Soper-Reese Theatre, 275 South Main Street. (707) 263-0577, [www.soperreesetheatre.com](http://www.soperreesetheatre.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. Main Street. (707) 252-8444, [www.terrillcellars.com](http://www.terrillcellars.com)

**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. Brunch served 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.bluewingsaloon.com](http://www.bluewingsaloon.com)

**Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake**

*Select Thursdays 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 Friday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. \$75 per person plus tax. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.bluewingsaloon.com](http://www.bluewingsaloon.com)

**Art & Wine Reception, Upper Lake**

*First Friday of each month (except January)*

On the first Friday 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 – will also be featured. \$10 per person. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

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**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. 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Live-Soper-Reese Concert Series, Lakeport**

*Third Friday of each month*

Concerts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Local musicians and open dance floor. \$10 per person. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Soper-Reese Theatre, 275 South Main Street. (707) 263-0577, [www.soperreese theatre.com](http://www.soperreese theatre.com)

**Local Cuisine Scene at Lake County Wine Studio, Upper Lake**

*Second Friday of each month, October to April*

Features local food and wines of Lake County. Presented by Cache Creek Catering and Lake County Wine Studio. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$15 per person. (707) 275-8030.

**Eyes of the Wild, Clear Lake**

*Year round by reservation*

Customized boat tours are fun for the whole family and a great way to view Clear Lake's scenery and diverse wildlife. Tours are perfect for bird watching and photography. \$40 per person. (707) 262-2401, (707) 349-0026, [www.eyesofthewild.ca](http://www.eyesofthewild.ca)

**Windows to the Universe, Kelseyville**

*Third Saturday of each month*

Lecture, telescope observing and planetarium show. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$3 per person suggested donation. Taylor Observatory, 5725 Oak Hill Lane. (707) 262-3499, [www.taylorobservatory.org](http://www.taylorobservatory.org)

**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](http://www.focusedonwine.com)

**Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville**

*Saturdays, 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. (707) 263-6076, [www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org](http://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. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, [www.moorefamilywinery.com](http://www.moorefamilywinery.com)

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**Coyote Film Festival, Middletown**

*April through October 2012*

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers April through October at the Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center. One Saturday matinee and evening screening each month highlights the best in independent film with guest filmmakers participating in audience Q&A's. For full details visit [www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org](http://www.EcoArtsofLakeCounty.org) or [www.CoyoteFilmFestival.org](http://www.CoyoteFilmFestival.org)

**TOURS****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. 21000 Butts Canyon Road. (707) 987-2385, [www.langtryestate.com](http://www.langtryestate.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 ascent 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 8 people or \$25 per person. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, [www.sixsigmaranch.com](http://www.sixsigmaranch.com)

**Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake**

*Year-round by reservation*

Join owner and winemaker Gregory Graham on a one-hour informational tour of his vineyards then head back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. \$25 per person. Advance reservations required. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995 3500, [www.ggwines.com](http://www.ggwines.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. 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.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) 279-0923, (707) 995-1398, [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org)

**Wildflower Tours, Cache Creek Natural Area**

*April*

Bureau of Land Management natural resource specialists lead tours to discover the native wildflowers in the Cache Creek Natural Area. All participants should wear sturdy hiking boots. Reservations required, call for times and dates. (707) 468-4000, [www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ukiah/cacheecreek.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ukiah/cacheecreek.html)

**Bird and Nature Walks, Kelseyville**

*First Saturday of the month, year-round*

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. 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 279-2267, [www.clearlakestatepark.org](http://www.clearlakestatepark.org)

**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](http://www.theindianbeachresort.com)

## GAMING & LIVE 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 website for upcoming events. 1545 E. Highway 20. (800) 809-3636, [www.rrrc.com](http://www.rrrc.com)

**Konocti Vista Casino, Resort & Marina, Lakeport**

The only casino resort on beautiful Clear Lake. A haven for water sports enthusiasts year round. The gaming resort also features an expanded casino with slot machines, table games, the Vista Steakhouse, full bar, and banquet facility. Next door to the casino is a 74-space RV park, 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](http://www.kvcasino.com)

**Twin Pine Casino, Middletown**

California's newest casino features slot machines and table games, wine tasting of Lake County and regional wines at Off the Vine tasting room/gift shop, and a smoke-free Grapevine Bar & Lounge. Restaurant serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Lake County's newest hotel offers 60 smoke-free rooms with three luxury suites. (800) 564-4872, [www.twinpine.com](http://www.twinpine.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](http://www.lakecounty.com)