

Bucks Lake

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Location: Bucks Lake, 17 miles southwest of Quincy, past the small community of Meadow Valley is beautiful area year round, and has plenty of recreation opportunities. People from all around come to visit this area. Bucks Lake is one of the main attractions Plumas County has to offer. The area deserves at least 3 stars.

History: Bucks Lake is a man made lake. The lake is part of the “ladder of power” referring to the series of dams run by PG&E on the North Fork of the Feather River. Bucks Lake is owned by PG&E along with some of the land around it. The water from Buck Lake runs to the Buck’s Creek Power House and is used to produce power.

Attractions: With 17 miles of shoreline, sandy beaches, and tall pines, Bucks Lake attracts fishermen, campers, and water sports enthusiasts. Some activities include fishing for trophy rainbow trout, Kokone salmon and Mackinaw. Water-skiing, jet-skiing, swimming, and boating are also some attractions. The lake has nine campgrounds and a marina. There are hiking trails nearby in the Bucks Lake Wilderness, with access to the

Pacific Crest Trail. A good hike near Bucks Lake is, the Bucks Creek Trail. From the trail head you can hike all the way to Silver Lake. Silver lake is not the only lake in the area; Gold Lake, Rock Lake, and Mud Lake are all near by. You can also hike to Spanish peek on the Bucks Creek Trail. This is a fairly long hike and will take you the majority of the day. Bring sun screen and a wind layer because the sun may be intense and the wind can be cold on the mountain.

Directions: Turn right off highway 70 in Quincy onto Bucks Lake road. Follow Bucks Lake Road 17 miles. Just before you reach the lake on your right will be Bucks Creek Trail head. The lake will be located on your right side just one mile more down the road.

Good things to have: Sunscreen, water, snacks, hat, sunglasses, wind layer, hiking shoes, small first aid kit, and a lighter