

# Trails of the EBMUD Mokelumne Watershed Lands



## Featuring the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail



## Trail Use Permit Required

Permits available for purchase at EBMUD recreation area entrance gates for Pardee, Camanche North Shore, Camanche South Shore, and EBMUD's Mokelumne Watershed & Recreation Headquarters on Camanche Parkway S, or online at [ebmud.com/recreation](http://ebmud.com/recreation). For more information call 209-772-8204.

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**GENERAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

EMBUD Ranger station	River swimming	Fishing
Information & trail permits	Scenic viewpoint	Dam
Rafting put-in / take-out	Historic interest point	

**TRAIL-RELATED SERVICES (USE WITH TRAIL PERMIT)**

Restrooms / ADA restrooms	Horse hitching rails	Dog waste station
Drinking water / Horse trough	Picnic area	Leashed dogs OK
Parking / Horse trailer parking		

**RECREATION AREA SERVICES (USE FEES NOT INCLUDED WITH TRAIL PERMIT)**

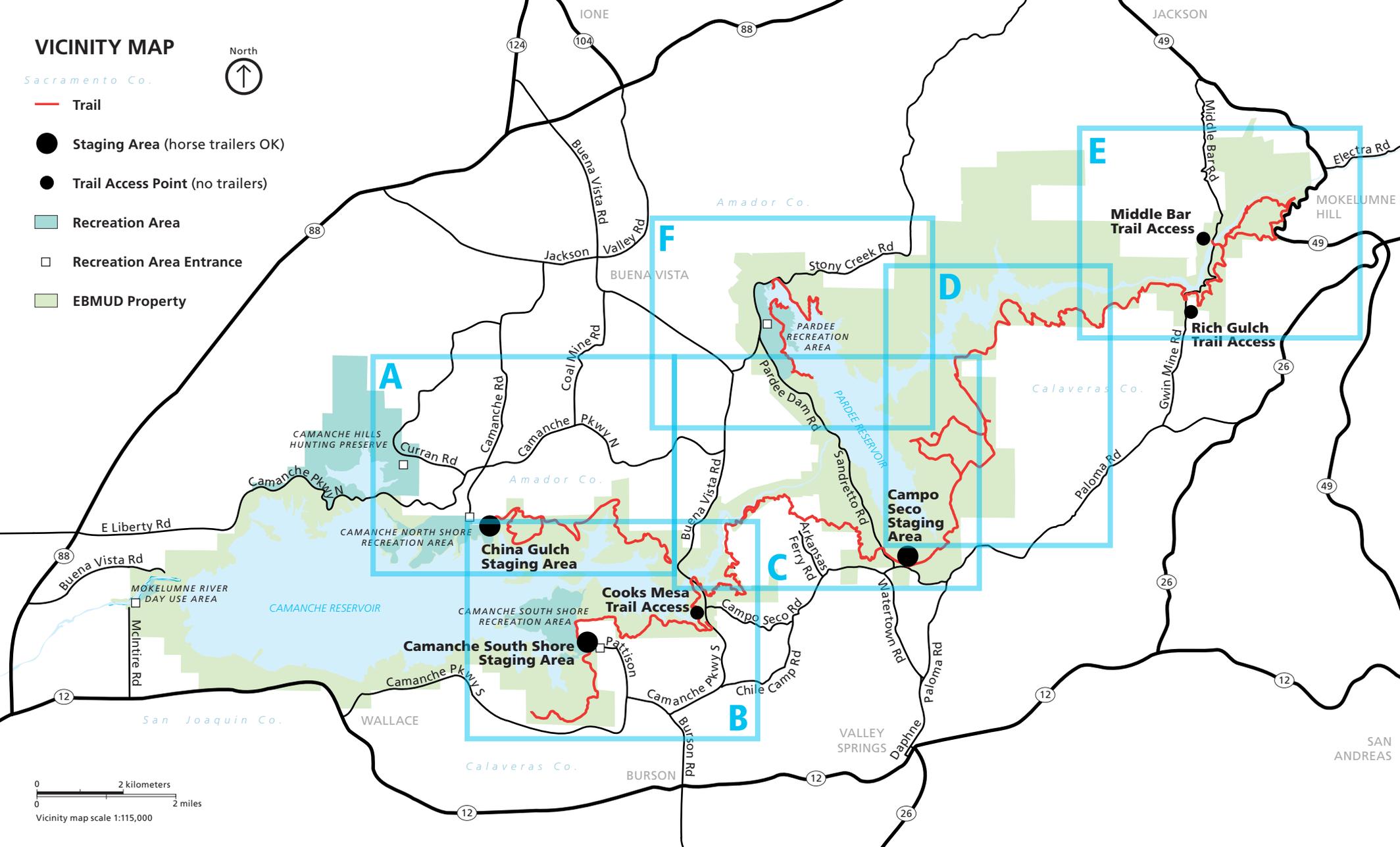
Restrooms / ADA restrooms	RV access	Fishing
Campground	Boat access	Hunting
Showers	Dog park	Picnic area
Lake or pool swimming		Food service

EBMUD watershed land	Area of interest
Unpaved EBMUD road (no public access)	Serpentine rock (area of naturally occurring asbestos)
EBMUD recreation area	US Bureau of Land Management & New Penn Mine properties
Paved EBMUD road	Private property (unshaded areas)
Recreation area entrance	Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail
Vicinity road	Bridge
Fire road / trail	Gate (if found open, leave open; if closed, please re-close)
Narrow gauge trail Hikers & horses	Trail segment; descriptions on reverse
Narrow gauge trail Hikers only	Trail mile marker

# VICINITY MAP

Sacramento Co.

- Trail
- Staging Area (horse trailers OK)
- Trail Access Point (no trailers)
- Recreation Area
- Recreation Area Entrance
- EBMUD Property



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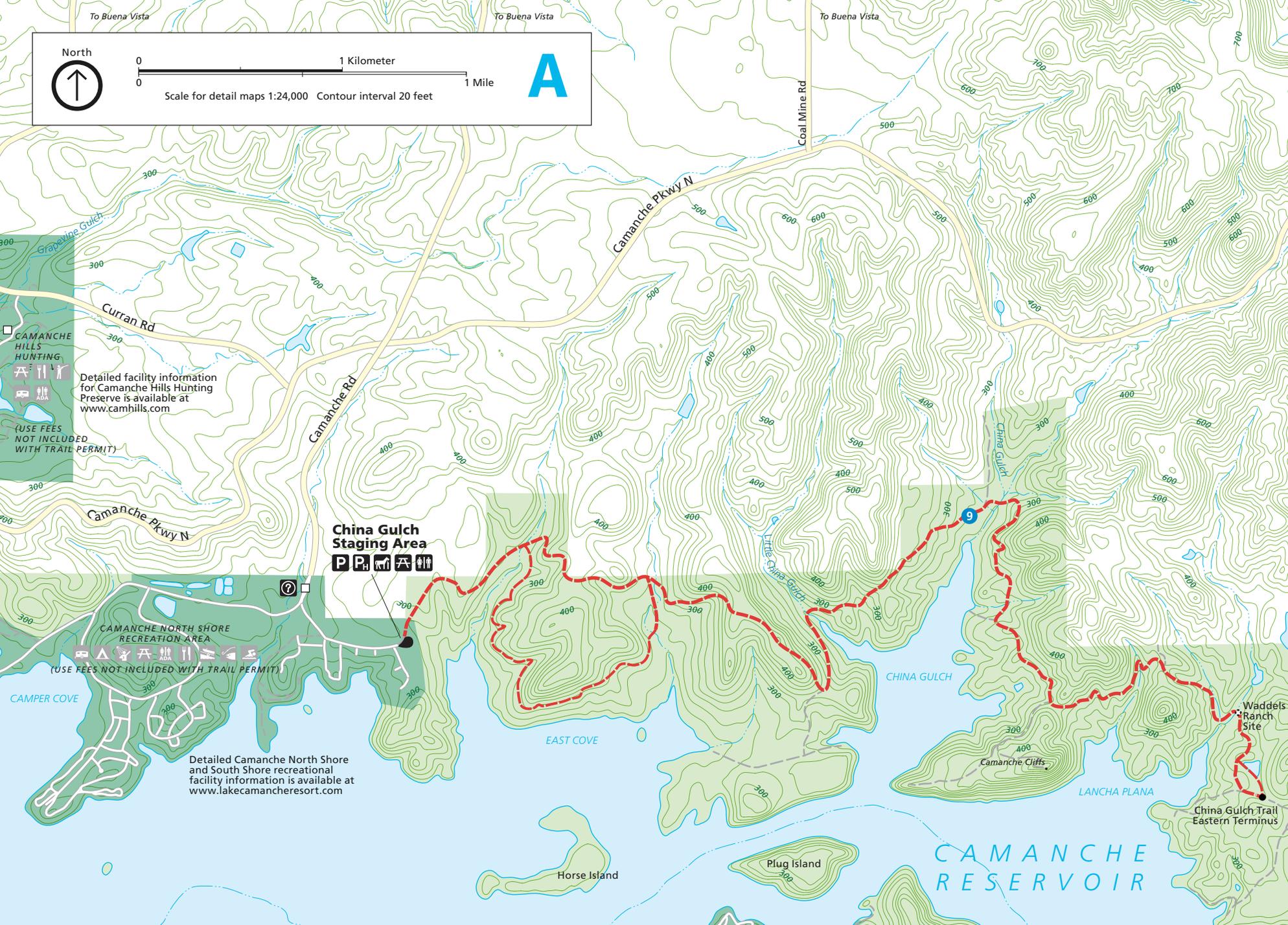
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**CAMANCHE HILLS HUNTING**  
Detailed facility information for Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve is available at [www.camhills.com](http://www.camhills.com)

(USE FEES NOT INCLUDED WITH TRAIL PERMIT)

**China Gulch Staging Area**



**CAMANCHE NORTH SHORE RECREATION AREA**

(USE FEES NOT INCLUDED WITH TRAIL PERMIT)

Detailed Camanche North Shore and South Shore recreational facility information is available at [www.lakecamancheresort.com](http://www.lakecamancheresort.com)

**CAMANCHE RESERVOIR**

China Gulch Trail Eastern Terminus

Waddels Ranch Site

Camanche Cliffs

LANCHA PLANA

CHINA GULCH

EAST COVE

Horse Island

Plug Island

CAMPER COVE

Curran Rd

Camanche Pkwy N

Coal Mine Rd

Camanche Pkwy N

Camanache Rd

China Gulch

China Gulch

China Gulch Trail Eastern Terminus

Waddels Ranch Site

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LANCHA PLANA

CHINA GULCH

EAST COVE

Horse Island

Plug Island

CAMPER COVE

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# CAMANCHE RESERVOIR

## Camanche South Shore Staging Area

CAMANCHE SOUTH SHORE RECREATION AREA  
(USE FEES NOT INCLUDED WITH TRAIL PERMIT)

CATFISH POND  
TROUT POND

Some roads subject to flooding when water levels in reservoir are higher.

Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail Western Terminus

NO PUBLIC ACCESS



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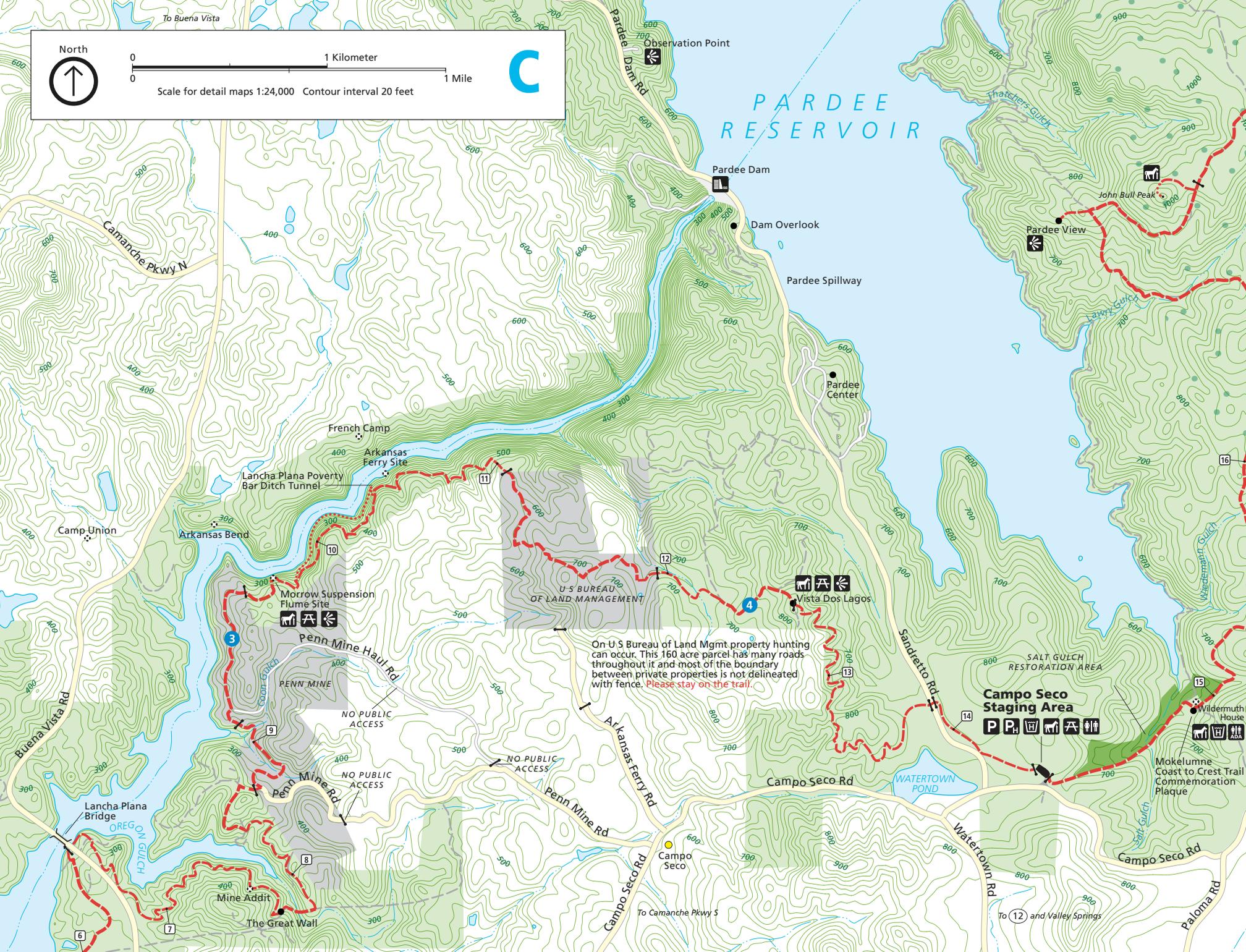


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**Asbestos Alert**  
Naturally occurring asbestos is common in serpentine rock and soil in California. These soils occur within the McAfee Gulch and John Bull areas. Visitors should take measures to reduce exposure to dust while in the area. Children are most at risk from exposure.

To reduce exposure you may avoid the area or limit time during dry or dusty conditions and space vehicles/horses widely when travelling.

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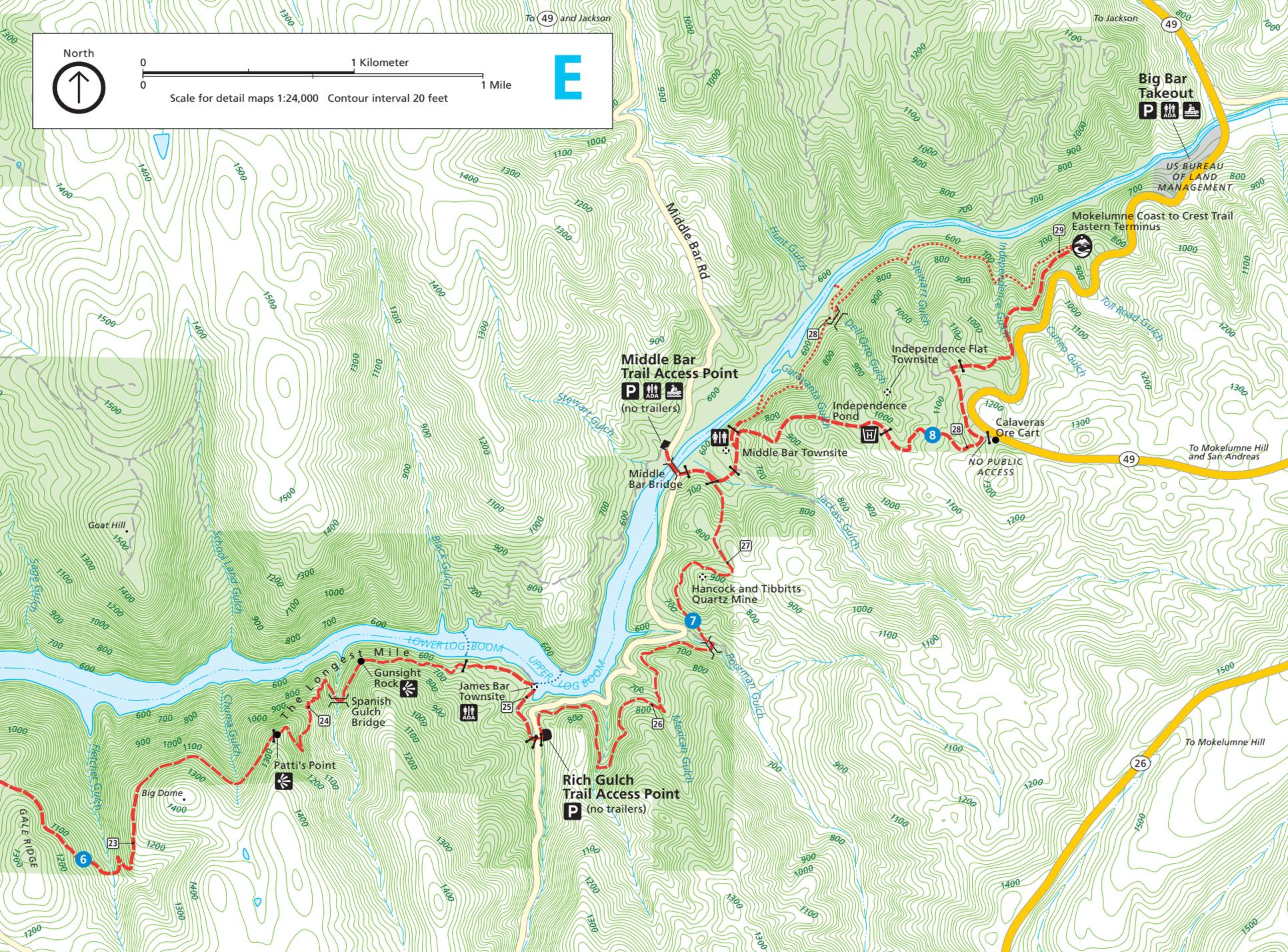
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**Big Bar Takeout**  
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US BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail Eastern Terminus

**Middle Bar Trail Access Point**  
P (no trailers)

Middle Bar Bridge

Middle Bar Townsite

Hancock and Tibbitts Quartz Mine

**Rich Gulch Trail Access Point**  
P (no trailers)

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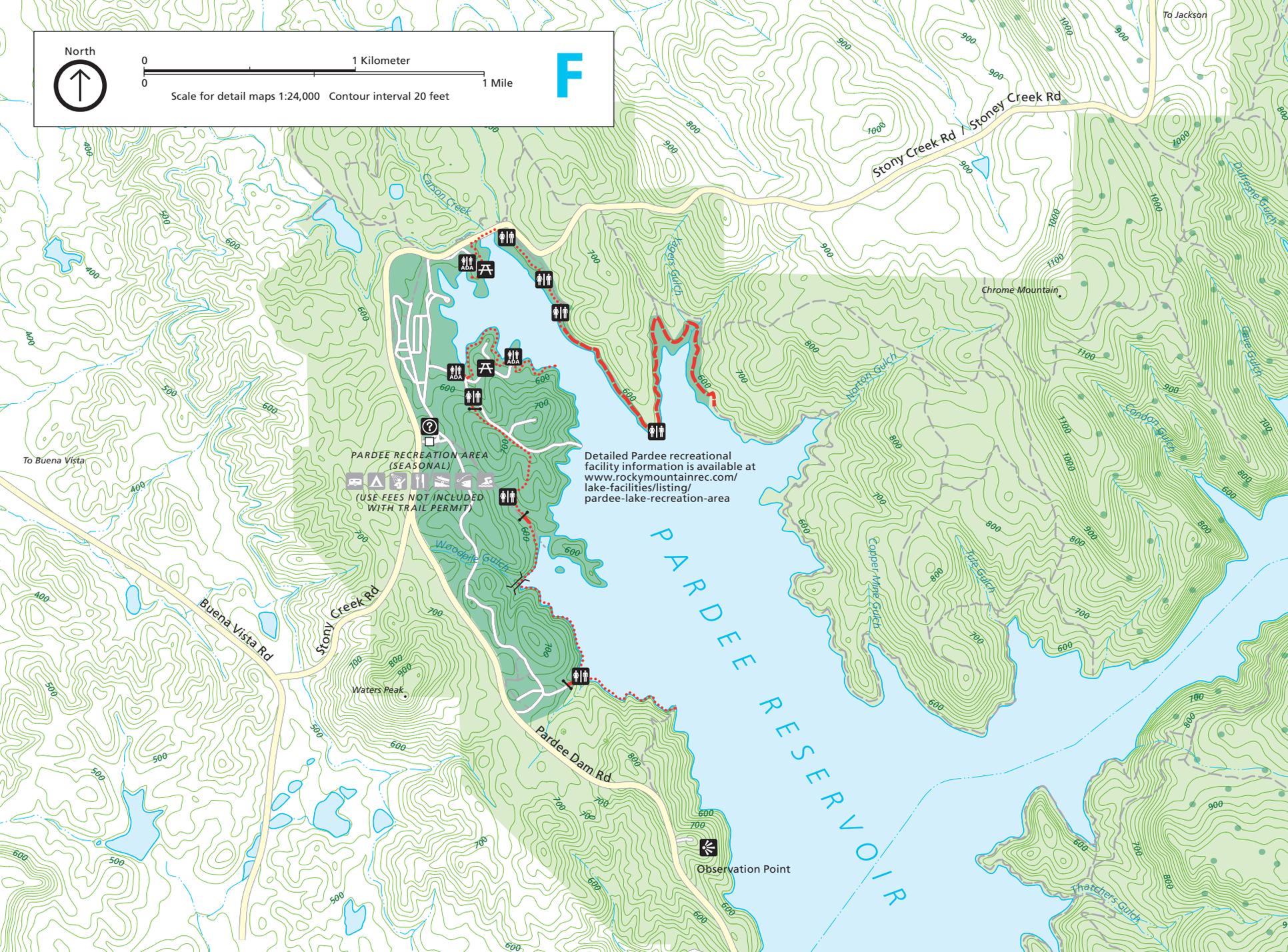
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PARDEE RECREATION AREA  
(SEASONAL)  
(USE FEES NOT INCLUDED WITH TRAIL PERMIT)

Detailed Pardee recreational facility information is available at [www.rockymountainrec.com/lake-facilities/listing/pardee-lake-recreation-area](http://www.rockymountainrec.com/lake-facilities/listing/pardee-lake-recreation-area)

Observation Point

TRAIL ACCESS / SEGMENTS		ROUND TRIP (Dist / Avg time)	DESCRIPTION	For hiking tips and information on trail conditions, visit <a href="http://www.EBMUD.com/recreation">www.EBMUD.com/recreation</a>	
<b>Camanche South Shore Staging Area</b>			<b>Parking for cars and horse trailers. Potable and non-potable water. Restrooms. Access to the parking area is through the Camanche South Shore Recreation Area main gate. Leashed dogs are allowed on the narrow gauge trail, in and south of the Camanche South Shore Recreation Area.</b>		
1	Camanche South Shore Staging Area W to Western Terminus	4.8 mi / 2.5 hrs	<b>EASY to MODERATE</b> - Going west from the Camanche South Shore Staging Area, hikers can enjoy a wonderful oak savanna	experience as the trail meanders through open grassland dotted with blue and live oaks and majestic gray pines. Prolific stands of	spring wildflowers can be seen as the plant community transitions into grassland.
2	Camanche South Shore Staging Area E to Cooks Mesa Trail Access Point	5.8 mi / 3 hrs	<b>EASY to MODERATE</b> - Going east from the Camanche South Shore Staging area to Cooks Mesa, this part of the trail traverses the	hills along Camanche Reservoir, with shaded stretches, beautiful lake views, and potable water at each end. A great choice for	year-round hiking.
<b>Cooks Mesa Trail Access Point</b>			<b>Parking for cars. No trailers. Potable and non-potable water. Restrooms.</b>		
3	Cooks Mesa Trail Access Point E to west boundary of US Bureau of Land Management property	11.4 mi / 5.5 hrs	<b>EASY to MODERATE</b> - Head east along this shady trail for beautiful views and abundant history, including 49er mining camps, old ferry and bridge crossings and Native American sites. The trail crosses Penn Mine, where EBMUD restored environmentally damaged areas.	Stream flows may be colorful because of minerals in the water. Notice remnants of stone buildings and contemporary stream flow monitoring stations. Further east, the trail winds through heavy stands of oak and pine to Morrow Suspension Flume Site, with picnic	tables, hitching posts, and spectacular views of the river canyon. See stone abutments from an old water flume across the canyon and bridge remnants downstream. The north fork of the trail offers great views and follows the Lancha Plana and Poverty Bar ditch.
<b>Campo Seco Staging Area</b>			<b>Parking for cars and horse trailers. Non-potable water. Restrooms.</b>		
4	Campo Seco Staging Area W through US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property	6.6 mi / 3.5 hrs	<b>MODERATE</b> - Enjoy excellent views on this trail, which begins in grasslands and passes Watertown Pond – a good birding site – before heading up to a forested ridge. On a clear day you’ll see	Mt. Diablo to the West. Picnic tables, benches and a hitching post are available at Vista Dos Lagos. Heading west, the trail meanders through a mix of grasses, oaks and chaparral. Two ephemeral pools	bloom with unique flowers in spring. You’ll find many informal trails and roads on the BLM section; please note BLM land use regulations.
5	Campo Seco Staging Area E to the Kiln	10.0 mi / 5 hrs	<b>MODERATE</b> - Heading east, look for the habitat restoration at Salt Gulch and the historic Wildermuth homestead site. After crossing open oak woodland, the trail turns north and climbs to Lawry Flat, a wide bowl of open grassland. Here, the 2.4 mile John Bull	Loop Trail joins the MCCT offering an alternate route with some beautiful vistas of Pardee Reservoir, and returning to the MCCT 1 mile northeast. The nearby OK Corral remains a working livestock corral. Take a short detour to the Olive Orchard where 100-year-old	trees still bear fruit. Next, descend toward Pardee Reservoir and cross a short belt of serpentine soil (naturally occurring asbestos) and a brushy landscape. A good turnaround point is the kiln, likely used by local homesteaders to manufacture cement.
<b>Rich Gulch Trail Access Point</b>			<b>Parking for cars. No trailers. Accessible restrooms are nearby at James Bar Townsite.</b>		
6	Rich Gulch Trail Access Point W to the Kiln	11.6 mi / 6 hrs	<b>EASY</b> - Going west, the first 0.25 miles is gentle, offering a near-level walk and opportunities for most anyone to enjoy nature. There is a bench and accessible restroom are at the overlook.	<b>STRENUOUS</b> - James Bar to Patti’s Point is a rugged and beautiful section which required intensive stone work to build. Though steep, this beautiful trail is perched along the river canyon and boasts	exceptional views. You’ll also see spectacular springtime wildflower displays. <b>MODERATE to STRENUOUS</b> - Continuing along the upper shoulder of the canyon, the trail feels remote and wild.
7	Rich Gulch Trail Access Point E to Middle Bar Trail Access Point	4.2 mi / 2.5 hrs	<b>MODERATE</b> - Heading east, the trail meanders through a beautiful and rich historic area as it snakes through oak woodland. Poor Man’s Gulch Bridge is a steel bridge installed in 2009. Shaded	slopes east of the bridge make summer hikes more enjoyable. The current Middle Bar Bridge (1912) is the latest incarnation of the	river crossing; between 1851 and 1911, three other bridges were constructed and lost.
<b>Middle Bar Trail Access Point</b>			<b>Parking for cars. No trailers. Accessible restrooms. In addition to trail access, there is a takeout to provide a safe removal point for rafts, kayaks or canoes from the Mokelumne River.</b>		
8	Middle Bar Trail Access Point E to Eastern Terminus	4 mi / 2 hrs	<b>EASY to MODERATE</b> - This section offers a 3.8-mile loop. The area is full of 49er history, offers lovely scenery, and provides a more	intimate experience with the Mokelumne River, especially on the narrow portion of the loop. The narrow section of trail is	pedestrian only.
<b>China Gulch Staging Area</b>			<b>Parking for cars and horse trailers. Non-potable water. Restrooms. Parking and potable water available at the Camanche North Shore Recreation Area.</b>		
9	China Gulch Staging Area E to Eastern Terminus	9.8 mi / 5 hrs	<b>EASY to MODERATE</b> - This trail has lake views from high points and ends with a pleasant amble through oak savannah and open, rolling country. A 3-mile loop is available along East Cove.	A portion of this narrow trail follows an old water canal. As the trail heads south near the shoreline, there are views of Horse Island. Beyond the loop, the trail passes Little China Gulch and China	Gulch, once home to Miwok Indians. Further east, piles of earth are the last remnants of the gold rush town of Lancha Plana, once home to nearly 1,000 residents.