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**BOATING SAFETY**

**Shasta Lake** is the second largest lake in California and is the largest lake located entirely within the state of California. It is a popular destination for boating, fishing, and other water activities. The lake is situated in the Western Sierra Nevada region, approximately 25 miles northeast of Redding, California. The lake is a popular destination for both local residents and visitors, offering a wide range of recreational opportunities.

**Shasta Lake** is a significant water source for the region, providing water for irrigation, drinking, and hydroelectric power generation. The lake is also a vital habitat for wildlife, supporting a diverse range of fish and bird species.

**Lake Regulations and Safety Tips**

- **Boating Safety**: Always wear a properly fitted life jacket, and ensure all passengers are wearing life jackets. Be aware of your surroundings and boat at a safe speed. Maintain a safe distance from other boats, particularly in areas with submerged hazards such as rocks and trees. Follow local boating regulations and respect other boaters and wildlife.

- **Fishing Regulations**: Check the current fishing regulations and obtain a valid fishing license before fishing. Be aware of the size limits and catch limits for different species. Adhere to any closures or restrictions that may be in place.

- **Water Quality**: Water quality can vary throughout the year, and it is important to monitor water clarity and transparency to ensure it is safe for swimming and water-related activities. Be aware of any advisory notices, such as algae blooms or harmful algal blooms (HABs), which can pose health risks.

- **Wildlife Conservation**: Respect wildlife in their natural habitats. Do not feed wild animals and avoid disturbing them. Keep a safe distance from wildlife to minimize disturbance and protect their natural behaviors.

**Lake Access Points**

- **Boating**
  - **Lakehead**: The main access point for boats, offering easy launch ramps and facilities.
  - **Shasta Lock and Dam**: Access point for boats, providing launch facilities and amenities.
  - **Other Access Points**: Various access points are available throughout the lake, offering different launch options and facilities.

**Emergency Services**

- **Shasta County Sheriff's Office**: For incidents requiring law enforcement assistance.
- **Shasta County Fire District**: For incidents requiring fire services.
- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)**: For incidents involving wildlife or fishing regulations.

**Contact Information**

- **Shasta County Sheriff’s Office**: 530-245-6600
- **Shasta County Fire District**: 530-364-3171
- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**: 530-245-6900

For more information, visit the Shasta County website or contact local emergency services.

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**Disclaimer**

The information provided in this brochure is intended for educational purposes and is not meant to replace professional advice. Always consult with local authorities and follow all posted regulations and guidelines. Water activities can be dangerous and it is essential to stay informed about the latest safety guidelines and recommendations. Stay safe and enjoy your time on Shasta Lake!