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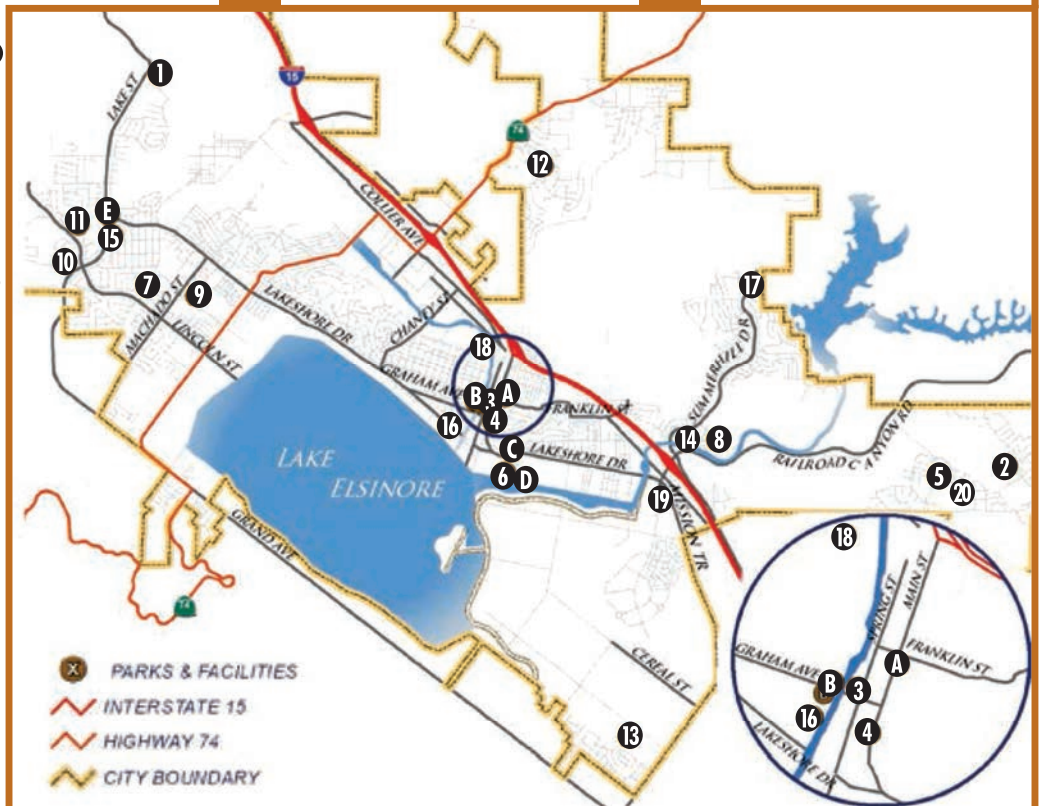


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ALBERHILL RANCH COMMUNITY PARK

28200 LAKE STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

This is an ideal location for hosting large community events; it has large open field areas and ample parking. This site is also great for sports leagues with its three (3) lighted soccer fields, two (2) additional sports fields, and a lighted basketball court.

Alberhill Ranch Community Park is conveniently located adjacent to the Alberhill Ranch Community on Lake Street, just west of the I-15 corridor.



CANYON HILLS COMMUNITY PARK

34360 CANYON HILLS RD



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Canyon Hills Community Park is one of the City's most popular parks. This expansive 18 acre community park, within the master-planned community of Canyon Hills features the City's first Water Spray/Splash pad. Elements of the park include two baseball fields, two combination soccer/football fields, lighted basketball court, two children's playgrounds with specialized play equipment, restroom facilities, concession building, shaded family and group picnic areas, and separate dog play grass areas for small and large dogs.

There are also four picnic shelters that are available for reservation at Canyon Hills Community Park. The four shelters are located in the center of the park near the restrooms. Reservations are taken at the Lake Community Center or through our online reservation software. The outlying and smaller shelters around the park are offered on a first come first serve basis (no reservations required).

For details on the Splash Pad Operation and Rules visit www.lake-elsinore.org/splashpads



CHRISTENSEN COMMUNITY PARK

36300 PIEDMONT DR



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Christensen Community Park is located at Canyon Hills Road and Piedmont Dr. This nearly six (6) acre site offers a number of amenities for families to enjoy, including large open field for baseball and soccer, play equipment, full court basketball, on site parking, restroom facilities and a picnic area.

The Christensen family can trace their roots in Lake Elsinore back to 1882, when Danish brick-maker and immigrant Hans Christensen, SR. arrived in the Menifee Valley lured by the prospect of cheap and plentiful land. One of the first families to settle in the area and community members for over 100 years, the Christensen family and their legacy is synonymous with Lake Elsinore and the surrounding region. At one point holding a wheat, barley, and cattle farm with over 5000 acres of land between Menifee and Lake Elsinore, of which 2,000 acres were sold to Pardee to develop Canyon Hills. The Christensen family sold their remaining land and farm equipment in 1998. Their family's story and impact on the city and region will not be forgotten and will be forever memorialized with this new park.



CITY PARK

243 S. MAIN STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

One of the City's oldest parks, it recently received a renovation in 2017 to include new renovated Gazebo and picnic area, playground equipment, a 1/2 court basketball hoop, concrete benches and trashcans.

The location is being used year round for daily play as well as weddings and family get togethers.

The park and various amenities can be rented by visiting www.lake-elsinore.org or call the City at 951-674-3124.



CREEKSIDE PARK

3200 LOST ROAD



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Creekside Park is located at Baywood Street and Lost Road. This seven (7) acre site offers a number of amenities for families to enjoy, including large open fields, ideal for large group gatherings and picnics.

Creekside also has two (2) tennis and (4) pickleball lighted courts, play equipment, restroom facilities and a number of barbeques areas throughout the park.



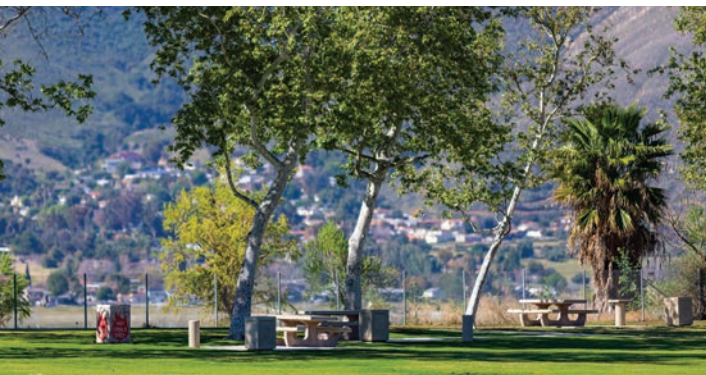
LAKEPOINT PARK

420 E. LAKESHORE DRIVE



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Lakepoint Park is a picturesque park, that offers an expansive multi-sport field, tot lot, walking paths(0.36 mile), concession stands and restrooms. In addition, the park offers shaded picnic facilities, barbeque areas and a wonderful views of Lake Elsinore, and the Ortega mountain range. There is also ample off-street parking for visitors to park.





LINCOLN STREET PARK

14986 LINCOLN STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Lincoln Street Park is a local community park (2.2 acres) located on the corner of Lincoln Street and Terra Cotta Street. Amenities found at Lincoln Street Park include a tot lot and shade structure. In addition, there are a number of benches and picnic tables.



LINEAR PARK

31717 CANYON ESTATES DR.



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

This pocket park consists of a short walking path, with a park bench. Great for experiencing nature in a neighborhood setting.



MACHADO PARK

15150 JOY STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Machado Park is located at the intersection of Machado and Joy Street and is actually a portion of the Machado Elementary School. The City and School District, through joint use agreement, have developed a five acre portion of the site into a park offering tennis courts, play equipment, shaded shelters, barbecues, restrooms, picnic facilities and parking. In addition, there is ample open turf area for games and other organized types of activities.



MCVICKER PARK

29355 GRAND AVENUE



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

The 26-acre McVicker Canyon Park is located at McVicker Canyon Park Road and Grand Avenue. In addition to the skate park and two (2) large soft-ball/baseball fields, the park provides ample parking for visitors. Additional amenities include concession area, open play areas, tot lot area, dog play area, restrooms and shade structures.



OAK TREE PARK

15340 LINCOLN STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Oak Tree Park is located north of Grand Avenue. Oak Tree Park is a two (2) acre passive use facility consisting of turf areas, picnic tables, equestrian trail, oak trees, and native vegetation.



ROSETTA CANYON SPORTS PARK

39423 ARDENWOOD WAY



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

- 5 Tournament caliber color coded ball fields with synthetic turf, one being the championship field
- 1 Full-sized, CIF football/ soccer field with synthetic turf and cushioned drainage system
- Two-story concession stand with 360 degree observation deck
- Professional grade LED sports field lighting
- 320 new onsite parking stalls
- Jogging Pathways
- Relocated and improved dog play areas
- Community Garden relocation and upgrade
- For Tournament Information contact:
(951) 465-5294 or info@tcsportsmanagement.org



SERENITY PARK

19685 PALOMAR DR



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Serenity Park is located on Palomar Road. This park features a skate park, multi use pump-track, 1/4 mile fitness trail, dog park, two (2) 1/2 court basketball courts, a tennis court, and an informal field. Other amenities include play equipment, picnic tables, bicycle rack, restrooms, and a parking lot.

All Skate Park and Pump Track participants should familiarize themselves with the Rules and Regulations.



SUMMERLY COMMUNITY PARK

18505 MALAGA ROAD



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Summerly Community Park is the newest park to open in Lake Elsinore. A world class 10,000 square foot skate park, four lit ball fields, two picnic shelters, one basketball court, a mini multi purpose field, restroom facilities, and hundreds of designated parking spaces.



SUMMERHILL PARK

31613 CANYON ESTATES DR



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Summerhill Park is a five (5) acre park, located on the corner of Canyon Estates Drive and Summerhill Drive. A large multi-use sports field dominates this site. Summerhill Park also features ample parking for visitors and guests. Additional amenities include a tot play area with creative play equipment and restroom facilities.





SUMMERLAKE PARK

900 W. BROADWAY



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Summerlake Park is located on Broadway Street, between Outrigger Street and Grand Avenue. The park includes a tot lot, restrooms, picnic areas, barbeques and parking. In addition to the park, the City and local School District have partnered to provide an additional 11.5 acre portion of the adjacent school site for use by permitted sports league(s). The joint field use includes five (5) soccer fields, two (2) basketball courts, and areas for future facilities.

The park was renovated in 2015 to include a completely new play structure with interactive music features, some of which were donated by the Lake Elsinore Storm Baseball Team.



SWICK & MATCH PARK

402 LIMITED STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Located on Poe Street at the intersection of Poe and Lakeshore Drive, Swick-Match Park is a seven (7) acre park, offering four (4) Little League baseball fields, with complete facilities. Included in this complex are bleachers, lighted fields, concessions stand, restrooms and a large parking lot.



TUSCANY HILLS PARK

30 SUMMERHILL DRIVE



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

Located at the intersection of La Strada and Summerhill Drive, within the Tuscany Hills development. This park provides two (2) baseball/softball fields, tot lot area, picnic facilities, shade structure and parking lot.



YARBOROUGH PARK

419 N. POE STREET



Hours - Daily: 6am - 10pm

This park features 3 acres of passive play areas, picnic facilities, restroom, barbeques, naturally shaded areas and a playground. This is a perfect location for a children's birthday party or family picnic. Organized use by leagues or sport teams is not allowed.

The park was reopened in 2015 with a brand new play structure with a tree house theme and in the summer of 2016 the City unveiled its second Splash Pad spray park as well as the first multi-sport artificial turf mini field.



LAKE ELSINORE SKATE PARKS

SERVING SKATEBOARDING,
SCOOTER AND BMX ENTHUSIASTS

Summerly Community Park- Open Daily 6:00am - Sunset
18505 Malaga Road • Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Check out the newest skate park in Lake Elsinore, a 10,000 square feet concrete park perfect for all riders and skill levels. Please be sure to follow all posted rules and regulations. Thank you for respecting our new park.

Skate Zone & Pump Track at Serenity Park- Open Daily 6:00am - Sunset
19685 Palomar Rd. • Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

The west end of the skate park is anchored by a fun bowl complete with 4' mini-ramp section, rounded hips and a 6' circular deep end for carving. Flowing eastward, the skatepark features street-inspired terrain addressing the full spectrum of skill levels.

Also at Serenity is our Pump Track, ideal for BMX enthusiasts. the Municipal code regarding full pads is also required with utilizing the Pump Track.

McVicker Canyon Skate Park- Open Daily 6:00am - Sunset
29355 Grand Avenue • Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

The original skate park of Lake Elsinore has reopened after an extensive and complete overhaul with new materials, design, and construction. The Park features a moderate sized street section with elements for beginners and advanced riders. There is also a large "pool" bowl with concrete coping as well as a half pipe snake run to another deep bowl. Unique to this park is a stadium seating snake run to enter the park. This unique skate park has something for everyone!



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FITNESS TRAILS LANDING IN FOUR MORE PARKS

FIT-TRAIL SYSTEMS ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO GET ACTIVE, STAY MOTIVATED AND BE HEALTHY.

Steps and reps: Both exercise activities will get a boost along trails at four Lake Elsinore parks as City crews work to install new workout stations that will encourage our community to get active.

Serenity Park in the city's southeast corner was the first to receive a Fit-Trail exercise system. The system enables people running or walking the trails to intensify their activity with exercises facilitated by workout stations.

"We're an outdoors enthusiast type of city, and this is another way to get our community outdoors," City Councilman Brian Tisdale said of the new equipment. "It gives citizens more options."

As Mayor in 2016, Tisdale launched and spearheaded the City's Healthy LE campaign, in which the City hosted monthly runs, walks and other activities that showcased various features of the City while encouraging participants to get active, stay motivated and be healthy.

Healthy LE echoes the city's emphasis on outdoor opportunities in harmony with the City's slogan "Dream Extreme," which promotes the municipality as a mecca for adventurous recreation.

"If you look at what we've done in the last five or six years, everything has changed to encourage people to be more fitness conscious," said Tisdale, enumerating facilities such as ball fields, soccer pitches, skate parks, pump tracks and playgrounds that have been added.

The placement of nearly 26 work stations in the four locations is being funded by \$82,000 in grants from the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

Fit-Trail systems are a series of workout stations composed of durable, treated wood and metal structures. They encourage and enable users to do stretches, sit-ups, leg raises, pull-ups and numerous other movements strengthening the body. Sign panels accompanying the equipment explain how it can be used for specific exercises.

"These trails allow us to maximize the use of the space in our parks and encourages folks to get active and to take additional steps toward better health," said Community Services Assistant Director Beau Davis. "It's an opportunity to expand your workout and build on strength training for FREE without having to go to a gym."

"We're trying to make the trails as interactive as possible for use by all people and their level of physicality," said Community Services Director Johnathan O. Skinner, who oversees the project.

Serenity park fitness trail updates in 2023, funded in part by CA State Parks and Prop 68.

Lake Elsinore Levee 3.5 miles out and back

- Placed at each quarter-mile marker
- 7 Workout Stations
- Hamstring Stretch/Quad Stretch
- Sit Up/Leg Raise
- Leg Stretch/Push Up
- Pull Ups
- Hand Walk/Body Dips]
- Body Raise/Reverse Pull Ups
- Body Tuck/Sit and Reach

Alberhill Park <1 mile

- 0.70 Mile Fitness Trail
- 7 Workout Stations
- Hamstring Stretch/Quad Stretch
- Overhead Ladder
- Sit Up/Leg Raise
- Leg Stretch/Push Up
- Pull Ups
- Hand Walk/Body Dips]
- Body Raise/Reverse Pull Ups

Lakepoint Park <1 mile

- 5 Workout Stations
- Overhead Ladder
- Leg Stretch/Push Up
- Pull Ups
- Hand Walk/Body Dips]
- Body Raise/Reverse Pull Ups

Canyon Hills Park -1 mile

- 7 Workout Stations
- Hamstring Stretch/Quad Stretch
- Overhead Ladder
- Sit Up/Leg Raise
- Leg Stretch/Push Up
- Pull Ups
- Hand Walk/Body Dips]
- Body Raise/Reverse Pull Ups



DIAMOND STADIUM

500 DIAMOND DR

Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium is a state-of-the-art minor league 6,000 seat baseball stadium. It is the home of the Lake Elsinore Storm a class A California League affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

The Diamond is currently managed by the Storm Entertainment, a newly developed entity of Storm Baseball. This venue can accommodate 8,000 fans with fixed seating, luxury suites, and a grass section located along the right field line. The stadium can easily be transformed to host concerts, race cars, motocross races, and boxing and martial arts competitions for a seating capacity of 14,000.

The Diamond Club features a full service kitchen, upgraded bar, and banquet facility to accommodate a variety of special functions for holiday parties, wedding receptions, family reunions, and other special occasions.

To obtain additional information on games dates, tickets, reservations, and special programs visit the Storm Stadium website at www.stormbaseball.com.



CULTURAL CENTER

183 N. MAIN STREET



This facility is home to the Lake Elsinore City Council and can accommodate public meetings and community gatherings. This facility has recently undergone an earthquake retrofit. The Cultural Center is available for reservations to host public meetings only. At this time no private party requests are being accepted.



DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

LOCATED ALONG THE CHANNEL IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LAKE ELSINORE

Walking Path and Nature Trail

The Riverwalk provides a 2.75 mile stroll along Temescal Wash from the Lake's shoreline to Riverside Drive. This passive 5.8 acre site is located between Spring Street and Langstaff Street. This linear park and walking path focuses on creating a relaxed walking corridor that provides visitors with a connection to the surrounding riparian setting. Amenities include a paved walking path, benches, and lighting. The Riverwalk also provides opportunities for wildlife viewing.





DREAM EXTREME NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

117 SOUTH LANGSTAFF ST.

The Dream Extreme Neighborhood Center is open daily for a variety of recreation classes including dance, tiny tots, early education, and fitness. This Center homes the City's first ever Teen Room equipped with big screens and games for all to socialize and enjoy. This approximately 5,000 square foot facility is available for rentals is the perfect location for receptions, birthday parties, and meetings.

Our dedicated staff and class instructors provide safe, healthy and fun experiences for residents and visitors of all ages. Visit our Activity Guide page for updated information on the programs offered.

This facility provides public services in obtaining park shelter permits, Use of Facilities Applications for rentals, and the facilitation of field use by sports leagues.



ELM GROVE BEACH

500 LAKESHORE DR



The park amenities include shade structures, picnic tables, barbeques, fire rings (during the summer season), and sand volleyball courts. There is also free parking. The park regulations prohibit the use of glass bottles and alcohol, but dogs are allowed as long as they are kept on a leash. Overall, the park provides various amenities for visitors to enjoy, but it is important to adhere to the regulations to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.



LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

310 W. GRAHAM AVENUE



Originally built in the 1950s as a movie theater, the Lake Community Center was renovated in 1990 and 2022 to become the city's first Senior & Community Center offering senior programs, after school programs, drop in sports and recreational classes.



The Lake Community Center is open for a variety of recreation classes and on a reservation basis. This 8,000 square foot facility is available for weekend rentals and offers a spacious gymnasium with an updated kitchen.





LAKE ELSINORE LEVEE

DIAMOND CIRCLE

Did you know Lake Elsinore plays host to over 250 species of birds, some of which are extremely rare. In fact, birding records in Lake Elsinore date back to 1896 and are regularly updated. The most popular location to birdwatch is at our “Back Basin” along the Lake Elsinore Levee.



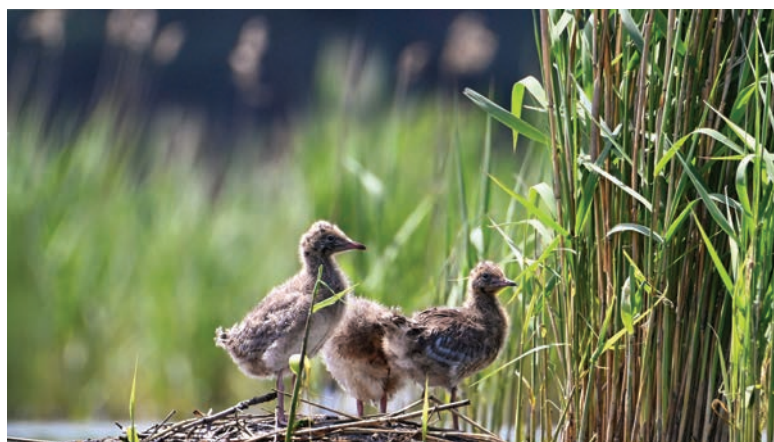
**BIRD
WATCHING**



BY A WING AND A SONG

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT AT LAKE ELSINORE DRAWS "BIRDERS" OF A FEATHER

BY SANDRA SHRADER/ VALLEY NEWS



There probably won't be any turtle doves, French hens or partridges in pear trees at the Christmas Bird Count at Lake Elsinore. But that won't dampen the spirits of the dedicated volunteer bird watchers who will be participating in the important annual bird conservation event scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 26, 2015.

And also enjoying some of the local good cheer, albeit unwittingly, will be thousands of birds themselves because the Christmas Bird Count is a program which was begun by the National Audubon Society more than a century ago to help protect and preserve the feathered set.

Prior to 1900, estimating fowl populations was done in quite a different way, according to Wildomar resident and avid birder Julie Szabo who will oversee the avian census event in Lake Elsinore.

"The only way that birds were counted before the Christmas Bird Count program was created was when they were killed for Christmas holiday hunts," said Szabo, referring to the previous turn-of-the-century's era of traditional Christmas "side hunts" in which hunters competed to both kill as many birds as possible and to show off the biggest piles of feathered quarries they could amass.

"This year will be the 115th Christmas Bird Count," she continued. "Of course, it is a wonderful tradition, but actually it is so much more than that. It has proven to be an invaluable

way of keeping track of bird populations, especially endangered species, and how and when they migrate."

In 1900, Frank Chapman, an ornithologist and author of several books about North and South American birds, became concerned about the declining bird populations. An early officer of the fledgling Audubon Society at the time, Chapman proposed that a "Christmas Bird Census" become a new tradition to replace the Christmas Day hunting activity, and that year twenty-seven dedicated birders staged the first bird count event. Within a few years after that first count, wildlife refuges in several states were established to protect waterbird breeding areas, and in 1918 President Woodrow Wilson signed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to protect wild North American birds.

Lake Elsinore, considered to be the largest natural freshwater lake in Southern California, is a vital way station along the all-important Pacific Flyway for migratory birds which travel from Alaska to South America, said Szabo.

"There are hundreds of bird species that migrate here every year. The lake is a stopover for birds like the Canada Goose species, American White Pelicans, cormorants, mallards, ducks, warblers," she said. "Two years ago, we were thrilled to see Snow Geese at the Christmas count because it was rare for them to be there at that time."

The lake has also been home to nesting birds that include great blue herons, great egrets, osprey, terns, gulls, plovers, grebes, terns, and numerous other species. Raptors including hawks and owls can be found there, and, on very rare occasion in past years, a bald eagle was counted at the site.

At last year's Christmas Bird Count, the group of fifteen "die-hard birders" counted 132 species and nearly 9,500 birds, said Szabo, adding that volunteers, beginning first before daybreak with a search for owls, are stationed in various areas throughout the 15-mile area which spans Lake Elsinore and parts of Wildomar, Canyon Lake and the Ortega Mountains.

But organizers of the daylong event welcome volunteers who may not know an American Avocet from a Zebra Finch.

"Of course, only the people who know what kind of bird it is that they are looking at or what kind of bird sounds they are hearing are the ones who call out the count," said Szabo. "But there are all kinds of things that other volunteers can do, like writing down the count as it's called out and sometimes the counts will run into hundreds at a time-or carrying tripods or other equipment."

Although earliest records for the Christmas Bird Count in Lake Elsinore go back to 1902, the annual program lapsed during the mid-1940s. Szabo, who has been a passionate birder for more than fifteen years, got the program unofficially going again in 2009 with a "practice count," she said. The next year, with the cooperation of Lake Elsinore city officials, the bird count event was officially re-established.

"In 2009, I had gone out on a birdwatching walk on the lake's levee which was dry at the time," Szabo recalled, "and I happened to meet Pat Kilroy, the city's former Lake, Parks and Recreation director, while I was out there. He knew right away that I was 'birding' because I had my binoculars and my hat and bird watching gear on. It was that obvious, I guess!"

Kilroy who retired from the city in 2014, became an enthusiastic fan of the Christmas Bird Count, she said, adding that the bird population information that the group gathers continues to be useful for the city's plans for parks and recreational activities as well as for governmental fish and wildlife agencies and educational and conservation research.

"The City of Lake Elsinore does give me driving privileges to go out on the dry areas around the lake, but I know and respect the rules too. No driving on the levee when it's wet, and no leaving tire ruts," said Szabo.

"The city workers around the lake all know me now, and wave to me when I am out there," she added, with a laugh. "And they also tell me about the birds they have sighted so



they are all starting to know what kinds of birds are in the area." In fact, sightings of certain species, particularly endangered or threatened species can impact public recreational activities, said Szabo, explaining another benefit of the Christmas Bird Count.

"Discovering birds like the burrowing owl, which has experienced a devastating decline in population, or the Least Bell's Vireo [a small California songbird which was listed as critically endangered in 1986 when just 300 pairs were known to be in existence, but whose population has increased by tenfold at present] can affect what kind of recreational activities are going to be allowed to do," she said. "I don't think anyone would want people to be able parachute into habitats of threatened bird species."

The 2014 bird count was fairly close to the previous year's count of 9,388 in 2013, but those numbers were drastically smaller than 2012's Christmas Bird Count of 24,725 and 2011 's count of 20,206 birds. Szabo is not certain why the recent counts were so low, but she suspects that drought conditions may be to blame.

"It's hard to know for sure why the numbers have been lower, but the weather has been weird and the the drought is probably a factor," she said. "The lake is lower and the adjacent pond areas are dry. That may be affecting the number of fish in the lake which impacts the bird population here."

If weather predictions hold true for more than the normal amount of rain for this winter and spring, Szabo hopes that will increase the water levels at the lake, and possibly increase bird populations for the next few years. But don't expect foul weather to keep the Lake Elsinore Christmas Bird Count crew from taking its fowl census. For them, it's much, much more than just a lark.

For information about Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, visit www.audubon.org/content/history-christmas-birdcount.

For information about the Lake Elsinore Christmas Bird Count contact Julie Szabo at jsszabo1@gmail.com

TOP 10 REASONS TO EXPERIENCE LAUNCH POINTE

32040 RIVERSIDE DR, LAKE ELSINORE, CA 92530

1 VINTAGE VILLAGE

Launch Pointe's secluded and charming Vintage Village has 9 permanently placed vintage trailers and Airstreams available for rent. Each trailer is unique and fitted with luxury furnishings that will transport guests back in time. Each includes a private patio to sit and relax under the drop lights while enjoying the breathtaking lake views. **Trailers accommodate 2 to 3 people**



2 LAKEFRONT DINING & SHOPPING

Launch Pointe has two exciting lakefront dining and shopping options. The Bobber and The Bait & Tackle Shop offer guests an all-inclusive feel and added convenience during their adventure including boat rentals by calling 951-642-0640. Residents and guests can come and enjoy both venues any time with a parking pass and receive \$5 off their purchase. **Hours: Mon - Th 10am - 8pm • Fri - Sat 8am - 10pm • Sun 8am - 9pm**



3 UNIQUE WATER FEATURES

Launch Pointe is not just a lakefront campground, it is an adventure destination offering many ways to stay cool. Launch Pointe has three unique water features available to guests - a 4,500 gallon Splash Pad, a swimming pool and spa, and of course beautiful Lake Elsinore.



4 DISTINCT, FIRST CLASS YURTS

Launch Pointe's spacious and zen-like Yurt Village has 6 uniquely themed and sized yurts available for rent. Each yurt is thoughtfully designed and distinctly decorated to offer guests a completely different camping experience, all with a stunning view of the lake.

Yurts accommodate 2 to 10 people



5 SPECIAL EVENT VENUE

The Community Hall at Launch Pointe features a stunning 2,400 sq. ft. indoor area with 40 ft. ceilings, exquisite wood details, and fireplace, and a spacious 1,700 sq. ft. mezzanine and deck overlooking Lake Elsinore making it perfect for special events.



6

TECHNOLOGY & CONVENIENCE

When camping at Launch Pointe, every guest will be given a waterproof RFID fab for secure access to every location in the resort including bathroom and shower facilities, campsite areas, laundry facilities, resort amenities, and more.



7

OVER 200 CAMPING OPTIONS

All 204 RV/Trailer spaces at Launch Pointe are equipped with full hook ups offering up to 50 amps of power, concrete patio areas, and a WiFi connection. Depending on location, campsites can accommodate up to 60 ft. trailers and campers are allowed to have one tent on site with their RV/Trailer.



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PLAYGROUND & ACTIVITIES

Launch Pointe's Canopy Court offers a unique interactive playground that kids won't forget. This towering playground has three different slides, a serpent rope swing, and so much more to climb and play on. Plus, it's all on top of a cushioned surface.



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THE LAKE

There are so many ways to enjoy Launch Pointe for every type of outdoor enthusiast, and water recreation is no exception. At the heart of Launch Pointe is Lake Elsinore. It is approximately 3,000 acres making it the largest natural, freshwater lake in Southern California.



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THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION

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SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

420 E. LAKESHORE DRIVE



The Lake Elsinore Senior Activity Center provides a wide variety of recreational, self-enrichment and education programs for participants 55 and older. The facility includes a state of the art computer lab, billiard room, television lounge, a reading room, dining hall, patio areas, and a service kitchen. The Thelma Ball Memorial Hall located adjacent to the Senior Center is a multi-purpose room and restroom facility.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CENTER

400 W. GRAHAM AVENUE

Youth Opportunity Center is a proud member of the Youth Opportunity Consortium. The consortium is led by the Riverside County Workforce Development Board. Planet Youth is funded by the County of Riverside with support from the Riverside County Youth Council. The council's mission is to: "Provide all youth with opportunities to participate in their community and provide access to information, education, jobs and career opportunities".



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