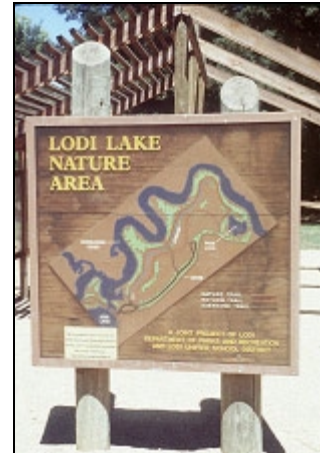


3. RECREATION



BACKGROUND

The City of Lodi General Plan Background report states: The Mokelumne River is an underutilized recreational resource with little public access. Public access is limited because the majority of land along the Mokelumne River is in private ownership and prohibits trespass.

The San Joaquin County General Plan designates the entire lower Mokelumne River from Camanche Dam to the Mokelumne-Cosumnes confluence as a significant resource area for recreation. The San Joaquin County General Plan also identifies the following recreational activities as being provided by the Mokelumne River: fishing, rafting and tubing, canoeing and nature study.



Lodi Lake

RECREATIONAL USE TRENDS

Park use was last assessed in San Joaquin County in 1981. Recreation use data has not been updated for San Joaquin County as of April, 2002. According to the San Joaquin County Department of Parks and Recreation, there are no current plans to update the 1981 study which was used in the county's general planning process. However, a comparison of the most popular (i.e., largest number of use days annually spent participating) recreational activities enjoyed in San Joaquin County in 1981 compared with those recorded in a 1997 statewide recreational survey, indicate that trends in the popularity of many recreational activities since 1981 have not changed drastically.

**Comparison of the Popularity of Recreational Activities
San Joaquin County (1981) and the State of California (1997)
Based on Participation Days Annually
(in order of popularity)**

<p style="text-align: center;">Most Popular San Joaquin County Recreational Activities - 1981 <i>San Joaquin County Park Use and Recreation Activity, November, 1981 - Prepared for the San Joaquin County Community Development Dpt.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Most Popular Statewide Recreational Activities 1997 <i>California Department of Parks and Recreation Public opinions and Attitudes on Outdoor Recreation in California</i></p>
<p>Walking Swimming Jogging/running Pleasure driving, sightseeing Team sports Horseback riding Bicycling Tennis Fishing Nature Study Golf Boating</p>	<p>Walking Driving for pleasure Use of open grass or turf areas casual and unstructured activities like games, sitting, sunning Bicycling on paved surfaces Jogging and running Swimming (outdoor pools) Beach activities including sunning and games Trail hiking Use of play equipment, tot lots Swimming (lakes, rivers, and ocean - not in pools) Picnicking in developed sites</p>

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The following recreational facilities exist within the lower Mokelumne River watershed as of April, 2002:

**Privately Owned or Operated Facilities
Within the LMR Watershed Boundaries**

Facility	Location
Cal-Skate	512 N. Cherokee, Lodi
Forest Lake Golf Course	2450 E. Woodson, Acampo
Golden Eagle Aviation, Sightseeing Tours	23987 Hwy. 99, Acampo
Lodi Airport Parachute Center	23597 Hwy. 99, Acampo
Mokelumne Beach Resort RV Park	18450 N. Hwy. 99 (Turner Rd. exit), Lodi
Mojicas Indoor Batting Cages	125 E. Elm, Lodi
Parkins Park (3.4 acres)	Victor
To Your Health Spa	920 S. Cherokee, Lodi
Tokay Bowl	620 S. Cherokee, Lodi
Tokay Players (Theatre)	972 Woodrow, Lodi
Woodbridge Golf & Country Club	Woodbridge Rd., Woodbridge



Woodbridge Golf & Country Club

City of Lodi Parks Located Within Watershed

Park Name	Park Acres	Park Features
Armory Park (Chapman Field)	3.2	Softball diamond, restrooms, concession stand
Candy Cane Park (aka Kandy Kane Park)	.2	Playground Area, picnic facilities
Grape Bowl	15.0	Football field, soccer field, 2 softball diamonds, field house, concession stand, restrooms,
Hale Park	3.1	Basketball courts, horseshoe pits, meeting room, restrooms, play equipment, group picnic facilities, par course
Henry Glaves, Jr. Park	14.0	Soccer field, playground, restrooms, par course, picnic tables
Katzakian Park	5.0	Basketball court, tee ball field, restrooms, picnic shelter, play equipment
Lawrence Park	2.8	Group picnic area, play equipment, restrooms, dog exercise area
Lodi Lake Central Park Area (43 ac) Lodi Lake Nature Area (58 Ac)	101.0	25-acre lake, beach, Discovery Center, group picnic area, amphitheater, accommodations for recreational vehicles and trailers, playgrounds, concession stand, restrooms; Nature Area with trails, dog exercise area
Lodi Park West (1101 W. Turner)	13.0	Undeveloped
Peterson (aka Westgate) Park	22.0	Tennis courts, basketball court, in-line hockey court, two playground areas, practice diamonds, soccer fields, restrooms
Pixley Park	27.0	Landing strip for remote control planes and handline area. Park mostly undeveloped.
Softball Complex (Stockton and Lawrence Streets)	7.6	2 Softball diamonds, concession stand, restrooms
Van Buskirk Park	1.0	Horseshoe pit; basketball half-court, play equipment, picnic tables
Zupo Hardball Park	3.2	Baseball diamond, batting cage, concession stand, restrooms, press box.
Total Acres	218.1	

Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Schools with Recreational Facilities
Clements School
Heritage School (formerly Garfield)
Houston School (Acampo)
Lakewood School
Lawrence School See Grape Bowl
Lodi Academy High School
Lodi Adult School (formerly Lincoln)
Lodi 7th Day Adventist School
Mokelumne River School (s. of Woodbridge/99)
Oak View School (Collier & Dustin)
St. Peter School (Adj. to Graves Park)
Woodbridge Middle School

County and Quasi-Public Parks

Park Name	Park Acres	Facilities
Mokelumne River Day Use Area	259.0	picnicking, trails, fishing, rafting
Mokelumne River Day Use Area (aka John Van Assen Park)	47.0	Ave. visitorship 20-25,000 annually has reached 60,000 in some years; picnicking, trails, fishing, rafting, swimming, camping
Stillman Magee Park	20.0	Picnicking, fishing, rafting
Woodbridge Regional Park	15.0	natural area
Harmony Grove	1.0	Meeting room, historical church
Woodbridge Tot Lot	1.3	Neighborhood park, provides tot lot
Total Acres	343.3	

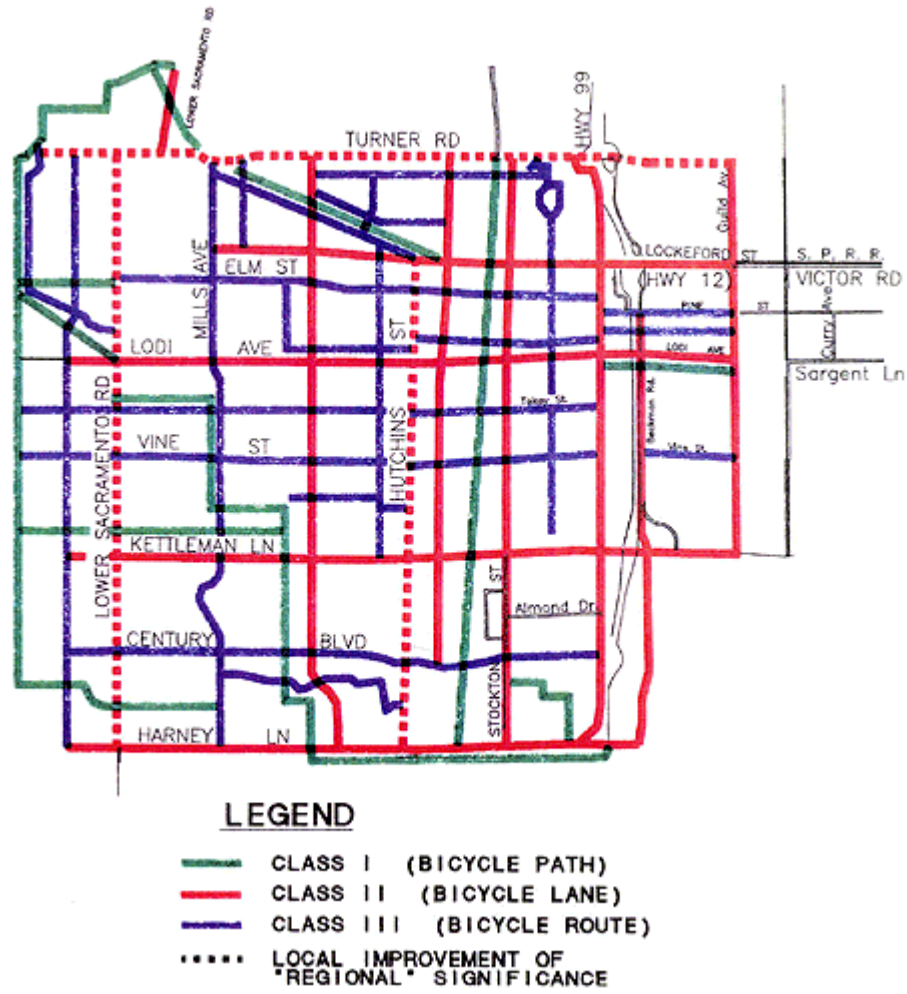
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population for local parks. Policy 15 of the element states that the recreational values of ...the Mokelumne River..shall be protected. Policy 13 states that recreational use of the County's waterways will be supported and the County shall ensure adequate public access to waterways at selected locations. Implementation Program 1(f) states that the County shall pursue the acquisition of conservation easement for preservation of riparian vegetation along the Mokelumne River, and study the feasibility of additional public recreational areas on the river.

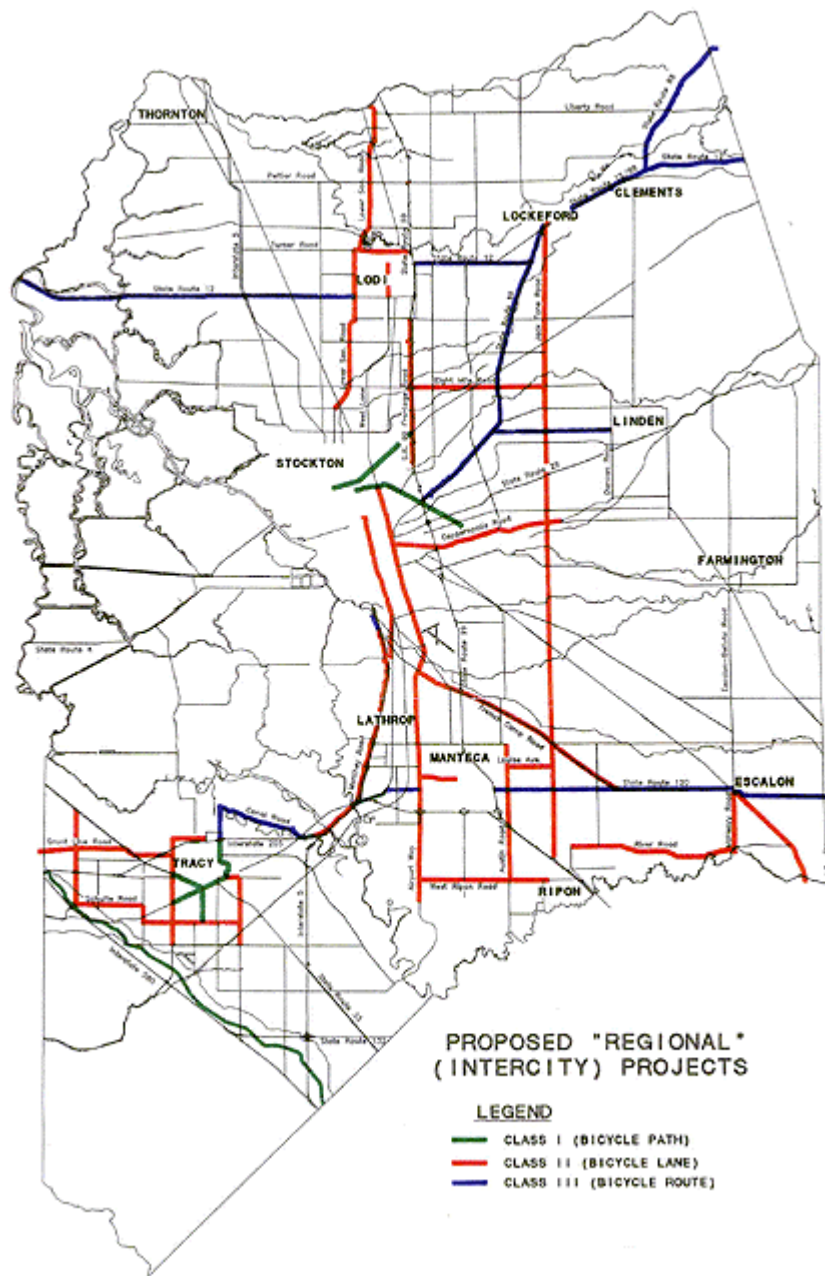
Hiking Trails - Planned: Numerous hiking trails are planned within the watershed. The San Joaquin County General Plan Technical Appendices state that a major deficiency in the county's recreation system is the lack of trails for hikers, cyclists and horseback riders.@ The plan cites Mokelumne River Canoe Trail as one of seven county trail systems planned in the county.

Bike Trails: The San Joaquin County Council of Governments is currently updating the county's planned regional bike trail system. Planned bike routes within the watershed follow:

Proposed City of Lodi Bicycle Master Plan Improvements



Source: San Joaquin County Regional Bicycle Master Plan. San Joaquin County Council of Government: Volume 1. August 1994



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GOALS

- ✓ **Improve management of existing public access points along the Mokelumne River;**
- ✓ **Increase the number of managed public access points to recreational facilities along the Mokelumne River to reduce trespassing through private property;**
- ✓ **Manage access points to decrease erosion along banks and to encourage other beneficial uses of waterways for county residents and visitors;**
- ✓ **Promote existing and establish new recreational opportunities within the watershed for county residents and visitors to promote economic development of the watershed region;**
- ✓ **Encourage the development of educational recreation programs throughout the watershed to promote appreciation for the watershed and to encourage ongoing watershed stewardship; and**
- ✓ **Promote existing and establish new recreational opportunities within the watershed for county residents and visitors to encourage ongoing watershed stewardship by recreational users within the watershed.**

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS:

1. Support Efforts to Maximize the Use of Existing Public Access Points

Support efforts to maximize the use of existing public access points along the Lower Mokelumne River that conserve river resources and protect private property rights. Support activities may include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Preparing and distributing public access point maps for rafters including approximate mileage and estimated time intervals between access points,
- ✓ Expanding the availability of maps at all public access points along the river,
- ✓ Increasing directional signage directing the public to public access points along the river from Highway 12 and other major public roadways,
- ✓ Installing interpretive signs at all public access points along the river illustrating public access points along the river including mileage and anticipated time between access points,
- ✓ Including public access maps on www.sjcrd.org.
- ✓ Supporting funding proposals to increase patrols and clean-up and expansion of visitor-serving facilities at existing access points (e.g., picnic

facilities, bathrooms, parking) and similar activities.

Time Frame for Implementation:

- Post access point map on website within one year of plan adoption.
- Support installation of at least five new access directional signs or interpretive signs within five years of plan adoption.
- Facilitate publication of a public handout map indicating public access points within five years of plan adoption.
- Other activities: Ongoing.

2. **Promote Shuttle Bus Linkages Between River Access Sites**

Expand existing public transportation facilities to include transportation shuttles between river access points to shuttle river users (especially those using kayaks, canoes and even bike trails) between input and output/start finish sites.

Time Frame for Implementation: Ongoing.

3. **Support Studies Aimed at Determining the Level of Recreational River Use and Assessing Recreational Needs**

Support efforts to study the existing level of recreational use along the Lower Mokelumne River including recreational needs assessments which address the sufficiency of public access and trails along the Lower Mokelumne River.

Assistance activities may include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Assisting with grant preparation,
- ✓ Identifying funding sources for studies;
- ✓ Assisting with preparing scope of work for studies,
- ✓ Identifying interested stakeholders including landowners, community organizations and similar activities.

Time Frame for Implementation: Facilitate the start of a recreational needs assessment of the Lower Mokelumne within five years of plan adoption.

4. **Increase Recreational Opportunities for Residents- Public Swimming Pools**

Pursue and support the development of widely accessible public swimming pools.

Time Frame for Implementation: Within 7-10 years of LMSP adoption.

5. **Promote Economic Development through Recreation**

Promote (through advertising, Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Centers, Travel magazine, and similar activities) the recreational opportunities for tourists to San Joaquin County and the linkages between recreation and businesses in the area (e.g., Bed and Breakfast Establishments and wineries/kayak river trips/antique stores/birders' trails, bicycle trails and sports supply stores, hiking trails and local restaurants, aerial tours and related activities)

Time Frame for Implementation: Promote and advocate advertising campaigns within two years of LMSP adoption

6. **Support and Provide Leadership to Establish Community and Regional Parks within the Watershed and to Ensure Implementation of the County and City of Lodi General Plan Recreation Elements**

Support city and county planners and other civic organizations in their attempts to establish regional parks and other recreational facilities within the watershed (e.g., through letter-writing campaigns, assistance with grant applications, negotiations with landowners or public agencies etc.). Opportunities currently cited in local plans include establishment of the Mokelumne River Canoe Trail, establishment of a shuttle bus system for kayak/canoe users on the Mokelumne (between Stillman Magee and Mokelumne River Day Use Area), and similar facilities.

Time Frame for Implementation: Ongoing.

7. **Promote Recreational Education Opportunities**

Encourage the development of educational/recreation opportunities, such as the Discovery Center at Lodi Lake, by providing grant writing assistance, assisting in forming grant partnerships, advertising the availability of the programs through the LMSP website to local schools, and similar activities.

Time Frame for Implementation: Ongoing.