

Celebrate the Feather River at Headwaters Festival

The Feather River Headwaters Festival, Oct. 6-9, will immerse community members in hands-on activities focused on local streams, watershed restoration, aquatic life and the surrounding landscape.

The upper section of the Feather River Watershed is commonly referred to as the headwaters. It's a valuable resource because more than 23 million Californians use water derived from the Feather River for drinking water, irrigation, recreation and hydroelectric power.

The event begins Thursday evening with a Feather River Lakes program presented by Museum Director Scott Lawson and USFS Archeologist Dan Elliott. Friday night continues with a star gazing session on Bucks Summit.

The Festival jumps into action at 8 a.m. on Saturday with a chance for people to participate in a stream restoration effort by planting willows along a small creek. Some other scheduled booths and events include a creek walk, fly tying, hatchery tours, and aquatic arts and crafts. Saturday evening features a photographic presentation "A Celebration of Raptors," by nature photographer and outdoor educator John Hendrickson.

Sunday outings led by knowledgeable guides, include a morning bird walk along the shores of Lake Almanor, kayaking on Lake Almanor, a hike along the historic Cascade Trail, a horseback ride into the forested slopes above Greenhorn Creek, a Maidu native plant walk, a tour of watershed restoration sites on the eastside, and canoeing on Gold Lake in the Lakes Basin.

All events are presented by Feather River Coordinated Resource Management, an organization working to protect, maintain and enhance ecosystems and community stability in the Feather River Watershed through collaborative landowner participation.

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