

# Press Release



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **PYRAMID LAKE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ADVISORY**

NIXON, NV, 5/20/10: As the Memorial Day Weekend approaches the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe would like to remind visitors who are planning to spend the holiday weekend at Pyramid Lake that all laws and regulations will be in effect. Due to the extended holiday weekend and a favorable weather forecast the Tribe is expecting a large crowd for this Memorial Day weekend. Pyramid Lake is the property of and managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The Tribe would like to remind all visitors to the lake that day use, camping and other permits are required for all non-tribal members to access the lake. Proceeds from permits help support programs that protect public safety and the unique eco-system of Pyramid Lake year round.

### **Drought Conditions Advisory**

The Tribe would like to remind all watercraft users to use caution while on Pyramid Lake this Memorial Day Weekend. With the drought conditions experienced throughout the region over the past several years the lake level at Pyramid Lake has dropped below normal. All watercraft users are to be mindful of obstacles and exposed rock along the shore lines of the lake. Water safety equipment is critical, Don't Leave Home Without It.

### **Trout Fishing Season**

Pyramid Lake is widely regarded as a world class fishery and one of finest places to catch a Lohanton Cutthroat Trout. The Tribe would like to remind all fisherman and visitors to Pyramid Lake that trout fishing season runs until June 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information about fishing and Tribal regulations please log onto <http://pyramidlakefisheries.org>.

**Online Permits Now Available**

Visitors to Pyramid Lake can now save time and print their own day use, camping, boating, fishing and other permits online at home. Unlike at area stores, online permit sales do not charge a convenience fee and area available for purchase 24 hours a day. To obtain an online permit just log onto [www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers](http://www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers).

**Tribal Permits Required**

*Due to the current economic conditions of the area, Tribal permit fees have not increased from last year.* In an effort to further prevent lines at permit stations on the reservation, the Tribe will be setting up 2 additional permit stations at the; one at the Rangers Station (2500 Lakeview Drive) in Sutcliffe and another permit station at Wino Beach off SR 446. Permits can also be purchased at other authorized permit vendors on the reservation and in the Reno/Sparks. For a complete listing of authorized permit vendors please visit [www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers](http://www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers).

Below is a listing of the permit pricing for Pyramid Lake this season.

- Day Use.....\$ 6.00
- Overnight Camping\*\* .....\$ 9.00
- Daily Boating.....\$ 9.00
- Daily Jet Ski.....\$ 19.00
- 3 Day Overnight Camping\*\* ....\$ 24.00
- 10 Day Camping..... \$ 74.00

For additional information or questions about permits for Pyramid Lake, please log onto [www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers](http://www.plpt.nsn.us/rangers) or call the Ranger Station at 775-476-1155.

**Laws and Regulations**

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe invites the public and their families to come out and enjoy this Memorial Day weekend at Pyramid Lake. In an effort to protect the environment of Pyramid Lake and ensure that all visitors have a safe and enjoyable time, the following are reminders of some of the regulations that will be in effect.

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- Campfires of up to 3 feet in height are permitted but the burning of wood pallets and trash is strictly prohibited.
- Dogs are welcome on the beach as long as they are secure and on leashes at all times.
- The use of ATV's and off highway vehicles is prohibited.
- NO glass bottles or containers are allowed on beaches.
- NO dumping of trash, RV waste or gray water.
- NO fireworks.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Alcohol is not allowed on North Nets (Long Beach) or Marina Beach in Sutcliffe
- Observe the "CLOSED AREAS" in Needles and Marble Bluff areas.
- Secure your campsites and coolers from wildlife.
- Be considerate of others in campsites and in the water.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe would like to remind visitors that day use and overnight permits are required for each vehicle. Additionally the Tribe reminds visitors to place their permits on the dashboard so that they are visible through the windshield of their vehicles.

### **"Pack In Pack Out"**

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has instituted a new "Pack In Pack Out" policy for visitors to the Pyramid Lake this summer. The Tribe wishes that people who visit the lake to know that it is the intention of the Tribe to continue with the attraction of our lake and world renowned fishery. The Tribe believes that it is a privilege to use the resources at Pyramid Lake and that it is not a right. Please be respectful of the lake and the resources and all visitors are urged to "pack out what you pack in."

### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

All Emergencies: 911

Washoe County Dispatch: 775-574-0444

Pyramid Lake Ranger Station: 775-476-1155

Marine Distress: Channel 16

### **About Pyramid Lake and its People**

Pyramid Lake is located about 35 miles Northeast of Reno, Nevada and is the property of and managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Pyramid Lake is known as being North America's most beautiful desert lake. The lake occupies 112,000 surface acres inside the reservation boundary and has a shoreline of approximately 125 miles. The lake has no outlet and is a residual body remaining from the prehistoric Great Lake Lahontan water body. The lake is fed primarily by the Truckee River and is famous as a fishery for the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Cui-ui, which are on the endangered species list. The Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation is comprised of 476,728 acres. The Tribal memberships are direct descendants of the Northern Paiute people who have occupied the vast areas of the Great Basin for thousands of years. Pyramid Lake was designated as one of the first National Scenic Byways in the country and was the first scenic byway entirely on an Indian reservation. For more information about Pyramid Lake or its people please visit the Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center in Nixon or log on to [www.pyramidlake.us](http://www.pyramidlake.us).



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