

**Appendix V-1**  
**Ruck-a-Chucky Recreation Area**  
**Inventory**

**DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM**

Name of Facility:	<b>Ruck-a-Chucky Recreation Area</b>
Type of Facility:	Campground and Day Use Area
Managing Agency:	California State Parks – Auburn State Recreation Area
Date of this Inventory:	March 12, 2009
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:**

Ruck-a-Chucky Recreation Area is a multiuse facility located along the Middle Fork of the American River. The facility includes five primitive campsites, two picnic areas, three large parking areas, and two walk-in boat ramps. Drivers Flat Road provides access to the facility from Foresthill Road. The site is primarily used as a whitewater rafting put-in and take-out for commercial and private boaters. Two vault bathrooms are available in the northwest parking area and one vault bathroom is available in the southeast parking area. No potable water is available at the facility. The site is operated by California State Parks.

**OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:**

<b>Condition of Facility:</b> Overall, the picnic areas and campsites are in fair condition. The sites are functional but the terrain is uneven and needs leveling. The parking areas are also functional but they are not paved and sometimes have obstacles such as cobbles and boulders that fall from the hill above. Drivers Flat Road provides access through the facility and in some places is in poor condition and can only be reasonably accessed by a high clearance vehicle due to the uneven and rocky substrate. The boat ramps both consist of gravel and cobble and are in good condition for walk-in boaters. The bathrooms are relatively new and also in good condition.
<b>Accessibility Conditions:</b> Neither the picnic sites nor any of the campsites meet accessibility standards because of their uneven terrain and inaccessible amenities. The surface of the boat ramps consist of gravel and cobble and the slope of both ramps are too steep to meet accessibility standards. Each of the three large parking areas have one designated handicap accessible parking stall but the turn-out areas do not. The bathrooms themselves are disabled accessible but the paths leading to them can sometimes have debris or obstacles that impede access.
<b>Health and Safety Concerns:</b> None
<b>Environmental and Cultural Concerns:</b> Unknown
<b>Comments:</b> No potable water is available at this facility.

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**SITE FEATURES**

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Type	Cond	Accessibility						Comments	
						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other		
<b>West Boat Ramp</b>	Approx. 75 feet long by 12 feet wide	Gravel and cobble walk-in car-top ramp extending from turnoff of access road before Campsite #5 to edge of water. Wide enough for foot traffic only.	Gravel and cobble	Car-top	Good	N		X			X		Ramp does not meet accessibility standards due to excessive slope and the presence of large cobble. Top of ramp contains painted steel post in center of ramp to deter motor vehicles.
<b>East Boat Ramp</b>	Approx. 120 feet long by 12 feet wide	Gravel and cobble walk-in car-top ramp extending from turnoff of access road before SE parking area to edge of water. Wide enough for foot traffic only.	Gravel and cobble	Car-top	Good	N					X		Ramp does not meet accessibility standards due to excessive slope. Top of ramp contains painted steel post in center of ramp to deter motor vehicles.
<b>Bathroom</b>	Single unit	On east side of NW parking area, adjacent to garbage containers.	Wood and cobble exterior, cement foundation	Vault	Good	Y							Includes 1 toilet, 1 toilet paper roll dispenser, and 2 support rails. Good overall condition but in need of cleaning.

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<b>Bathroom</b>	Single unit	On east side of NW parking area, adjacent to first bathroom.	Wood and cobble exterior, cement foundation	Vault	Good	Y						Includes 1 toilet, 1 toilet paper roll dispenser, and 2 support rails. Good overall condition but in need of cleaning.
<b>Bathroom</b>	Single unit	Far north side of SE parking area.	Wood and cobble exterior, cement foundation	Vault	Good	Y						Includes 1 toilet, 1 toilet paper roll dispenser, and 2 support rails. Located on a gradual slope, but still accessible. Missing coed/handicap accessible sign on outside of structure.
<b>Garbage Container</b>	2 (Two-bin)	Adjacent to first bathroom in NW parking area.	Painted steel bolted to concrete pad	Bear-proof	Good	N					X	Not accessible due to handle design.
<b>Garbage Container</b>	1 (Two-bin)	Adjacent to Campsite #5 on road to SE parking area.	Painted steel bolted to concrete pad	Bear-proof	Good	N					X	Not accessible due to handle design.

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<b>Garbage Container</b>	1 (Two-bin)	N. end of west boat ramp parking area.	Painted steel bolted to concrete pad	Bear-proof	Good	N						X	Not accessible due to handle design.
<b>Garbage Container</b>	1 (Two-bin)	North side of SE parking area.	Painted steel bolted to concrete pad	Bear-proof	Good	N	X	X				X	Not accessible due to handle design, rocky terrain with uneven slope.
<b>Garbage Container</b>	1 (Two-bin)	Located on south side of access road across from turnout on the east side of Ruck-a-Chucky	Painted steel bolted to concrete pad	Bear-proof	Good	N						X	Not accessible due to handle design, and back is covered in graffiti.
<b>Picnic Table</b>	1	On S. end of access road across from SE parking area.	Concrete	Heavy	Good	N	X	X					Not accessible, rocks present and set on uneven terrain.
<b>Picnic Table</b>	1	Located on south side of access road on the far east side of Ruck-a-Chucky close to the gate	Concrete	Heavy	Good	N	X				X	X	Picnic table is not accessible design. In good condition due to lack of use but difficult to access and use due to steep slope and uneven terrain.

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**PARKING, ROADWAYS, TRAVEL PATHS, and GATES**

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					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Drivers Flat Road</b>	Approx. 3.1 miles long (10–24 feet-wide)	As measured from Foresthill Road to locked gate.	Mostly native surface, small portion paved or gravel	Good to Poor	Y	X	X				Accessible by high clearance vehicles, subject to erosion. See detailed road survey for additional information.
<b>Northwest Parking Area</b>	Approx. 2,500 square feet, roughly rectangular in shape	Northwest side of facility across road from Campsite #4	Soil, gravel, sand	Fair	N	X	X				Soil erosion has uncovered large cobble and other obstacles. Not striped, can accommodate about 5 vehicles. One designated handicap parking space.
<b>Southeast Parking Area</b>	Approx. 6,000 square feet, roughly triangular in shape	Southeast side of facility across road from river access stairs	Aggregate	Fair	Y						Not striped, can accommodate about 6 vehicles. One designated handicap parking space.
<b>Boat Ramp Parking Area</b>	Approx. 10,000 square feet, roughly oval in shape	Southwest side of facility, access road between Campsites #4 and #5, leads to west boat ramp	Aggregate	Fair	Y						Not striped, can accommodate about 12 vehicles. One designated handicap parking space.

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Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Boat Ramp Access Road</b>	Approx. 180 feet long by 12-foot wide (single lane)	As measured from Drivers Flat Road to beginning of beginning of Boat Ramp Parking Area.	Aggregate	Good	Y						Connects main access road and west boat ramp.
<b>River Access Stairway</b>	Approx. 90 feet long by 8 feet wide, consists of 24 stairs	South side of main access road, just below the southeast parking area.	Boulders with sand and gravel	Poor	N		X		X	X	Connects the southeast parking area to the river. Some stairs unstable, needs updating.
<b>Boat Ramp River Access Path</b>	Approx. 55 feet long by 6 feet wide	West side of boat ramp parking area, just below boat ramp access road	Sand	Good	N					X	Unstable footing due to sand, connects boat ramp parking area to river
<b>River Access Paths</b>	2 pathways; (1) approx. 140 feet long, (2) approx. 160 feet long	Leading from Campsite #4 down to river	Sand, gravel	Fair	N	X			X		User made access paths, unstable footing due to sand, steep slope, only accessible through Campsite #4


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Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Turnout</b>	Approx. 1,000 square feet, roughly triangular in shape	North side of access road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek, adjacent to garbage container	Sand, gravel, cobble	Poor	N		X				Not striped, can accommodate approx. 2 vehicles.
<b>Gate</b>	1 gate extending across access road, approx. 14 feet long	Located along access road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek directly after picnic table	Painted steel	Good	N					N	Locked gate accessible by ASRA staff only



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**SIGNAGE**

Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Self-registration	Adjacent to first bathroom in NW parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	SELF REGISTRATION PAY INSTRUCTONS (Further instructions regarding camping and parking regulations)	Bullet hole	Good contrast.
Iron ranger/fee registration	Directly in front of self-registration sign	1	Painted steel box attached to hollow steel post.	Good	None (contains slots for depositing fees)		
Sign board	Adjacent to first bathroom in NW parking area	1	Redwood boards with built in shingled roof on redwood posts	Good	None	Nothing posted, new board	
Regulatory	NW parking area	1	Painted aluminum on PTFD post.	Fair	DAY USE PARKING ONLY	Two bullet holes, slightly bent	Good contrast.
Regulatory	NW parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Good	 PARKING ONLY		Good contrast.
Directional	Across road from Campsite #1	2	Both painted aluminum, one on painted steel post and one on unpainted steel post.	Fair	WESTERN STATES TRAIL (TEVIS TRAIL) DRIVERS FLAT RD. CROSSING (Gives further directions), TRAIL (with arrow and CA State Parks seal)	Aluminum is slightly bent and worn with a few bullet holes	Signs are placed off trail; print too small for vision impaired.
Regulatory	Across road from Campsite #1	2	Painted aluminum on painted steel posts.	Poor	NO FIRES NO CAMPING No bicycles	Paint chipped and faded	Graphics are visible but print is too small for vision impaired.

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**SIGNAGE (continued)**

Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Informational	Along road between Campsites # 3 and 4	1	Painted aluminum on a plywood board attached to PTFD painted posts.	Good	Rattlesnakes, Poison Oak, Mountain Lion, and "Dogs on leash" graphic. (Educational information given on wildlife and plant life)	Four separate aluminum signs attached to one sign board	Print too small for vision impaired.
Regulatory	Along road between Campsites # 3 and 4	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	NO DAY USE PARKING IN CAMPSITES Only registered campers allowed to park in campsites Violators will be cited CVC 21113 (a) Camping only	Three aluminum signs attached to one steel post, two bullet holes	
Regulatory	Along road to west boat ramp	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	10 MINUTE PARKING LOADING ZONE Beyond this point	Paint faded, two aluminum signs attached to one steel post	Weak contrast due to fading paint.
Regulatory	End of road to west boat ramp	2	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Good	10 MINUTE PARKING LOADING ZONE	Paint slightly chipped but still clearly visible	
Regulatory	West boat ramp parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	 PARKING ONLY	Aluminum is bent	
Regulatory	West boat ramp parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Good	NO PARKING 10PM – 6AM		Good contrast.
Regulatory	SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	 PARKING ONLY	Bullet holes	

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Regulatory	Along edge of SE parking area	2	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	15 MINUTE PARKING	Bullet holes, one post is rusted	
Regulatory	On edge of SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	15 MINUTE PARKING Between signs	Bullet holes present and sign is bent	
Regulatory	Across road from SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	NO PARKING ANYTIME	Steel post is bent to one side	Good contrast.
Regulatory	Across road from SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Good	NO PARKING ANYTIME THIS SIDE	Two aluminum signs attached to one steel post, post is rusted	Good contrast.
Regulatory	On edge of SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Good	DAY USE PARKING ONLY (with directional arrow)	Two aluminum signs attached to one steel post	Good contrast.
Directional	On side of road east of SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on PTDF post.	Fair	WESTERN STATES TRAIL (TEVIS TRAIL) RUCK-A-CHUCKY (Gives further directions)	Aluminum badly bent	


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Informational	Across road from SE parking area	1	Paper poster attached to plywood covered by plastic on steel poles.	Fair	THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER (Gives extensive educational information, maps, and pictures) CAUTION (Describes water level changes)	Steel poles badly rusted	Print too small for vision impaired.
Regulatory	Across road from SE parking area	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	PARK HOURS 6AM – 7PM (With “no camping” graphic)	Aluminum sign bent, two signs attached to one post	
Iron ranger/fee registration	West boat ramp parking area	1	Painted steel box attached to hollow steel post.	Good	None (contains slots for depositing fees)	Inactive	
Iron ranger/fee registration	Along edge of SE parking area	1	Painted steel box attached to painted steel post	Fair	None (contains slots for depositing fees)	Inactive, rusted	
Identification	On gate along access road between Ruck-a-Chucky and Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum attached to steel gate.	Good	101 RUCK-A-CHUCKY		Good contrast.
Identification	On gate along access road between Ruck-a-Chucky and Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum attached to steel gate.	Good	101 RUCK-A-CHUCKY FALLS GATE	On inaccessible side of gate	

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Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Regulatory	On gate along access road between Ruck-a-Chucky and Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum attached to steel gate.	Fair		Paint slightly scratched	Good contrast.
Regulatory	Adjacent to picnic table along road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	NO PARKING BEYOND THIS POINT	Paint slightly scratched and smudged	
Regulatory	Adjacent to garbage container along road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Fair	NO FIRES, CAMPING OR VEHICLE (with graphics for each prohibited activity)	One bullet hole, some covered graffiti	
Regulatory	Adjacent to garbage container along road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Poor	NO FIRES, NO CAMPING (with graphics showing prohibited activities)	Multiple bullet holes, rusted, faded paint	Poor contrast due to faded paint.
Directional	Adjacent to garbage container along road from Ruck-a-Chucky to Canyon Creek	1	Painted aluminum on steel post.	Poor	CANYON CREEK 1.5 MI FORDS BAR 4.0 MI (with arrow showing direction)	Aluminum is slightly bent and worn with a few bullet holes, steel pole is rusted	Poor contrast due to condition of sign