

CANYON CREEK RESORT

Back to nature
in Northern
California



LOCATION: Winters, California

RESORT TYPE: Coast Premier

SEASON: Year-round

WEBSITE: vistaresorts.net

GOOD SAM RATING: 7/7.5/8



Between Sacramento and San Francisco, at the base of Northern California's Vaca Mountains, lies Canyon Creek Resort, just 10 minutes from the small farming town of Winters and 30 minutes from the renowned Napa Valley. Open year-round, the Coast Premier Resort makes an ideal base camp for touring wine country, boating on Lake Berryessa, fly-fishing on Putah Creek and simply enjoying the resort's amenities, activities and natural beauty.

Start your vacation by dipping your toes in the pair of outdoor pools, one for families and one just for grown-ups. A bocce ball lawn, a playground and an adults-only hot tub add to the outdoor fun. There's always something festive on tap, from Friday night wine tastings to October's home-brewing contest. Staff members make sure everyone has a good time, whether you're playing pool, screening family movies or rolling the dice on casino nights.

Be sure to drop by the ice cream social and bingo game to make new friends or plan your visit to coincide with special events like the Hawaiian luau. The holidays don't go unnoticed at Canyon Creek, with an Easter egg hunt and brunch, a Father's Day rib cook-off and a Halloween haunted house, among many other diversions.

Putah Creek runs right through the property and provides some of the best trout fishing in Northern California. If you travel with a boat, you can cast off just 4 miles away on Lake Berryessa, the largest waterway in the region at 20,000 acres and 15.5 miles long. West of town, Lake Solano County Park vies for your attention with scenic hiking trails, swimming beaches and still more trout fishing.

Following a day of outdoor adventures, consider kicking back on the Canyon Creek patio with a glass of Napa Valley's finest and a gourmet pizza grilled in the wood-fired brick oven. Adjourn to your rental cabin, make yourself at home in your RV or stay in one of the new yurts coming later this year. No matter where you tuck yourself in, you can hook up to the resort's new Wi-Fi network.

Canyon Creek furnishes tidy restrooms and clean showers, and a pair of lodges and a general store take care of the rest of your needs. It's easy to relax knowing that the gated resort has round-the-clock security.

