

Look What's New At Loch Lomond

Recreation Season Almost Here



Out in the boondocks and over a hill lies a polished, furbished, brand-new Loch Lomond. With the aid of a \$149,000 state grant, the city has built picnic areas, rest rooms, a boat-launching area and a concession stand at the city reservoir. The mountain playground doesn't open until April 23, but the Sentinel cameraman caught a family sneaking in early . . . just to show what's there. (Fishing won't be allowed until May 1, when the state fishing season opens.)

Five parking and picnic areas have been built, with a total of 80 picnic tables and 20 fireplaces. There's plenty of free firewood. Work crews have felled burned-over timber in the vicinity of the picnic areas and cut it into fireplace lengths.

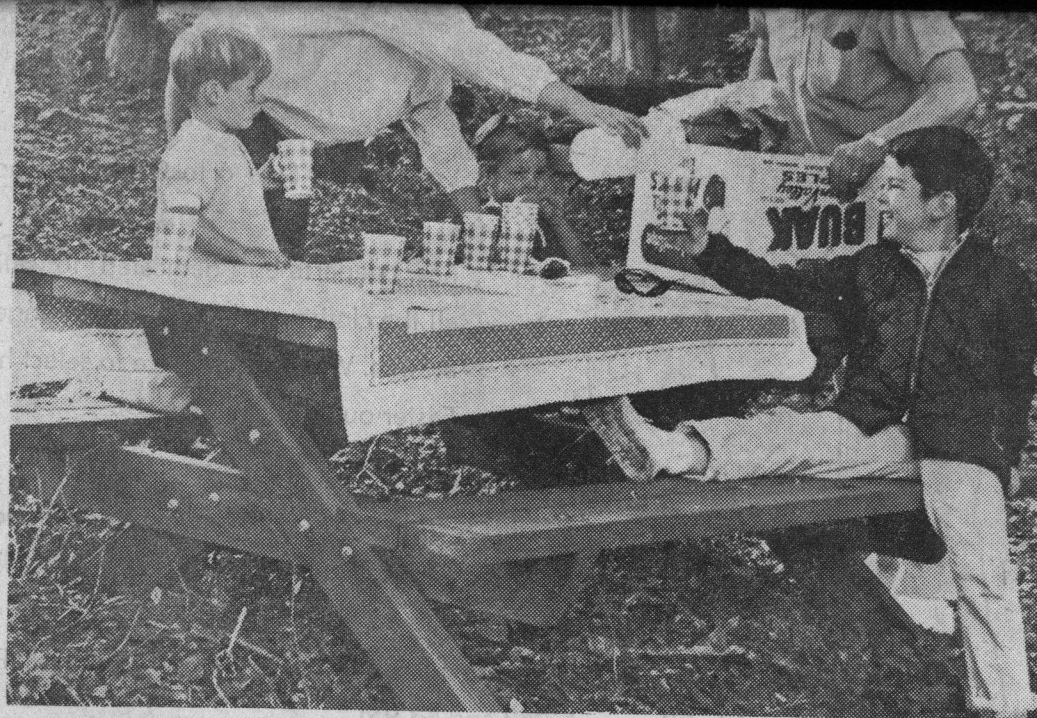
Most vital improvement of all is the all-weather paved road into the area, running down to lakeside from the Lompico area. Access is by way of Zayante road, Lompico road, and West road.

This season, a boat, bait and fishing equipment rental and snack bar concession will be run out of a trailer at the launching site. Next year, the concessionaire will move into the permanent building at the Loch. Fees will be 50 cents per car to enter the area and 50 cents per boat launching. Only rowboats and electric boats will be rented or allowed. Gas-Powered boats and sail boats are barred because the Loch is primarily a reservoir.

Fishing hours will be 6 a.m. to sundown throughout the season. The area will be open Friday through Tuesday each weekend, plus holidays. The season will end approximately November 15.



Trees behind this picnic area frame the lake below. The boat launching area is almost directly below this site.



The Charles Bem family of Santa Cruz starts a picnic on the slopes of Eagle Dell peak above Loch Lomond. Mrs. Bem pours a drink for Chip while Robbie, at left, watches and Jonathan meditates the taste of his fingers. One of the buff-colored rest room buildings is in the background.



With modern lightweight materials, unloading a cartop boat is a cinch. Well, almost a cinch, even when only one of the boys is giving more than moral support. The flotation vests on the car fender are required equipment for boaters at the lake.

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The thinned-out appearance of the timber on the slopes results from a forest fire in the area when work on Newell Creek dam started. The forest is recovering, but plenty of fire-killed timber is still standing to provide firewood for the picnic areas.



Judging by the bend of the poles, the boys aren't catching anything. Nonetheless, the lake has been stocked with rainbow trout—fingerlings and 20,000 catchable fish. An additional 100,000 catchables will be stocked during the season. Stocking started two years ago.