

Delta Camping & RVing

Relaxed Ambiance & Captivating Beauty

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The promise of lazy summer days on the California Delta beckons campers, anglers and RV'ers to the small towns and resorts dotting the sloughs. The charm of the Delta is the decidedly laid back-Huck Finn kind of existence that is enjoyed for a weekend, a vacation, or for the lucky ones, a lifetime. With over 1,000 miles of waterways, the Delta offers an abundance of outdoor activities.

This article offers a sampling of camping, RV'ing, and boating opportunities in and near Rio Vista.

Delta Marina Yacht Harbor & RV Park

Delta Marina Yacht Harbor and RV Park is a gem tucked away in the corner of Rio Vista. Park staff often hear visitors say, "We never knew you were here! This is a great place!" The RV Park has 25 sites with 13 right on the Sacramento River, the rest tucked under mature shade trees with a view of the marina. The marina has nearly 800 feet of docking space, making it one of the largest guest docks in the Delta. The Point restaurant shares the property and offers some great food and a river view. For directions and information, call (707) 374-2315 or toll free, (866) 774-2315, or go to <http://deltamarina.com>.



Delta Marina Yacht Harbor & RV Park

Sandy Beach County Park

Sandy Beach County Park at the south end of Rio Vista is open year-round. The park offers a 24-hour boat launch, campsites, picnic grounds, and a sand beach. Be safe and heed the no swimming allowed sign at the beach. Campers can enjoy an early morning walk to watch the sunrise over the Sacramento River or, maybe, breakfast in downtown Rio Vista. The campground includes picnic tables, barbeque pits, hot showers, flush toilets and an RV dump station. Each of the 42 individual campsites has hook-ups for electricity and water. For directions and information call park staff at (707) 374-2097, or for reservations go to <http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/rm/countypark/sandybeach.asp>.



Sandy Beach County Park

Brannan Island State Recreation Area

Brannan Island State Recreation Area has something to offer every type of camper. RVs have access to 12 sites with water and electric hookups and a nearby sanitation station. Walk-in campers find 13 sites with drinking water and restrooms close by. There is even a small hike-in cabin. Boaters appreciate the 32 boat-in camping slips that can take boats up to 35 feet long and 10 feet wide. The six group sites accommodate RVs up to 36 feet long. Picnic areas stretch along Seven and Three Mile Sloughs.

For directions and information go to the California Department of Parks and Recreation website at www.parks.ca.gov, or for reservations call (800) 444-7275 or go to www.reserveamerica.com.



Brannan Island State Recreation Area

Duck Island RV Park and Fishing Resort

Duck Island RV Park and Fishing Resort is an adult-only park on the Sacramento River across from Rio Vista. The troubles of life melt away as you sit under a shade tree and look west across the Sacramento River watching a Delta sunset. The resort offers six lighted fishing docks so you can fish day or night. Or if you prefer, you can fish off the manicured grassy bank, which is two football fields long. There are 51 sites, each having hookups for water, sewer, and 30/50 AMP electrical service. Facilities include a clubhouse with a kitchen and meeting room, RV supplies, fish bait and free ice available on site! For directions and information call (916) 777-6663 or toll free (800) 825-3898, or go to www.duckislandrv.com.

Snug Harbor

Snug Harbor covers 10+ acres of the Snug Harbor peninsula off Ryer Island on Steamboat Slough about 10 minutes from Rio Vista, via the Real McCoy II Ferry. You may need to take an alternative route if you have a large RV. The family-oriented resort offers RV'ers waterfront and water-view RV sites with 30/50 AMP electrical service. Picnic table and barbeques are provided at each site. Most of the waterfront sites have sewer hookups and accommodate any size RV with any number of slide-outs. Tent campers might enjoy a view at Snug Cove, as six of the ten sites are facing the cove. Snug Harbor offers boaters protection from the sometimes-harsh wind and currents, thanks to the high levees of Ryer and Grand Islands. Overnight guests can dock at the marina and enjoy a clean bathroom and a hot shower. For directions and information call (916) 775-1455 or go to <http://www.snugharbor.net>.



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Delta Loop

One last outdoor treasure to mention is The Delta Loop, known locally as "The Loop." An area about 10 minutes east of Rio Vista on state Route 12, many families enjoy their summer holidays there. The Delta Loop area boasts several wonderful RV resorts, marinas, hidden restaurants and great fishing.

For additional information, including a detailed map of the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Recreational Area, go to the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways website at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/pdf/cleangreen/deltamap-boating.pdf>. Information on fishing in the Delta, including a list of fish species and local bait shops, is available at <http://www.sacdelta.com/fishing/>.

Enjoy the Delta this summer and make some memories!