

Recreation on the "Loop"

Boating, RVing, Dining and More!

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The Delta Loop is a winding levee road along the Mokelumne and San Joaquin Rivers between the towns of Rio Vista and Lodi. When you drive this 10-mile stretch of Brannon Island Road you'll enjoy scenic views of the waterways and farmland on Andrus Island. Along the way you'll also find almost every kind of fun the Delta can provide including fishing, hiking, kayaking/canoeing, boating/



"Loop" sign on Highway 12.

watersports, dining and nightlife or just relaxing in the sun.

Resorts and marinas on the Loop offer a wide range of accommodations for vacationers, everything from cabins to camp grounds for your RV or tent. Or you can choose from a number of marina resorts that have guest slips for your private boat. When you stay in one of the cottages at B&W Resort, you'll find recreation features that include a boat ramp and gas dock, snack bar and store. Down the road, Park Delta Bay also has cabins plus an RV Park and tent camping with resort facilities that include tennis and volleyball courts, a swimming pool, and recreation hall. Boaters looking for a day outing or a vacation stay will find guest slips at Korth's Pirates Lair, Spindrift Marina, Willow Berm or the Sacramento Delta Bay Marina.

Korth's Pirates Lair calls itself "the garden spot of the Delta" and has been family owned since 1937. Their facility includes a restaurant open for café dining (breakfast and lunch), a gift shop and picnic area plus a boat launch and fuel dock (gas only).



Korth's Pirates Lair, garden spot of the Delta.



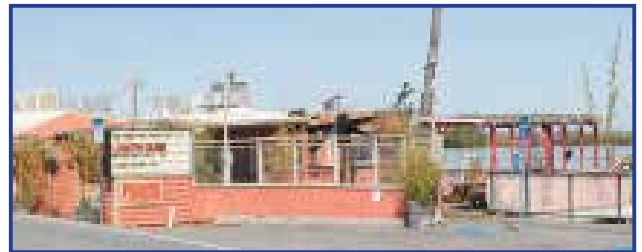
Great dining at Moore's Riverboat.

Sacramento Delta Bay Marina has a mini-mart that sells snacks and drinks plus bait and tackle. Facilities include a guest dock (for day trippers or

overnight) and a fishing dock. This marina is located across the street from Park Delta Bay making a combination land/water (cabin or RV and boat) vacation a good option.

Willow Berm Marina and Yacht Harbor has a guest dock (nightly, weekly and monthly rates) with full use of the resort amenities (clubhouse with extensive recreation facilities, fitness/business center, mini-parks with barbecues) plus fuel dock.

Dining on the Loop tends to be casual and delicious and the restaurants all have docks where boaters can pull up for lunch or dinner. Entertainment is offered at all three of the area restaurants. Spindrift Marina is home to Spindrift Restaurant, Bar and General Store with pizza as one of their offerings. The bar offers karaoke and music and dancing on Friday nights and Sundays. Moore's Riverboat Restaurant is a local



Great view at Lighthouse Restaurant.

favorite for American fare, water views and live music nights. Lighthouse Bar and Grill bills itself as a Tiki-Rock & Roll bar offering casual dining and a wide range of entertainment including bingo, dancing, karaoke, and live music. Overnight boat parking is offered on Thursday and Saturday nights to encourage safety for those who party into the night.

Kokopelli Kayak Rentals is located on the Loop. During the season (which starts in May), you can rent kayaks, paddle boats and fishing canoes. There is a "3-hour blackberry special" kayak rental (comes with gloves and buckets to make it easy to reach the delicious berries on the vines that line the water's edge).

Another exciting recreation opportunity on the Loop is the Delta Sailing School. They offer sailing lessons and a sailing club that allows you to rent sailboats from their fleet. It's a great way to learn and enjoy a new sport.

The Loop is accessed from Highway 12 at Jackson Slough Road, a few miles east of Rio Vista or via Brannon Island Road near the Mokelumne River Bridge. Below is a list of the businesses mentioned above with their phone numbers. Hours vary, particularly off-season, so it is good to give them a call when making your plans to visit.

B&W Resort	(916-777-6161)
Park Delta Bay	(916-777-5588)
Korth's Pirates Lair	(916-777-6464)
Spindrift Marina	(916-777-6041)
Spindrift Restaurant	(916-777-4944)
Sacramento Delta Bay Marina	(916-777-4153)
Willow Berm Marina & Yacht Harbor	(916-777-6313)
Moore's Riverboat Restaurant	(916-292-8940)
Lighthouse Bar & Grill	(916-777-5702)
Kokopelli Kayak Rentals	(925-788-2103)
Delta Sailing School	(916-966-1855)