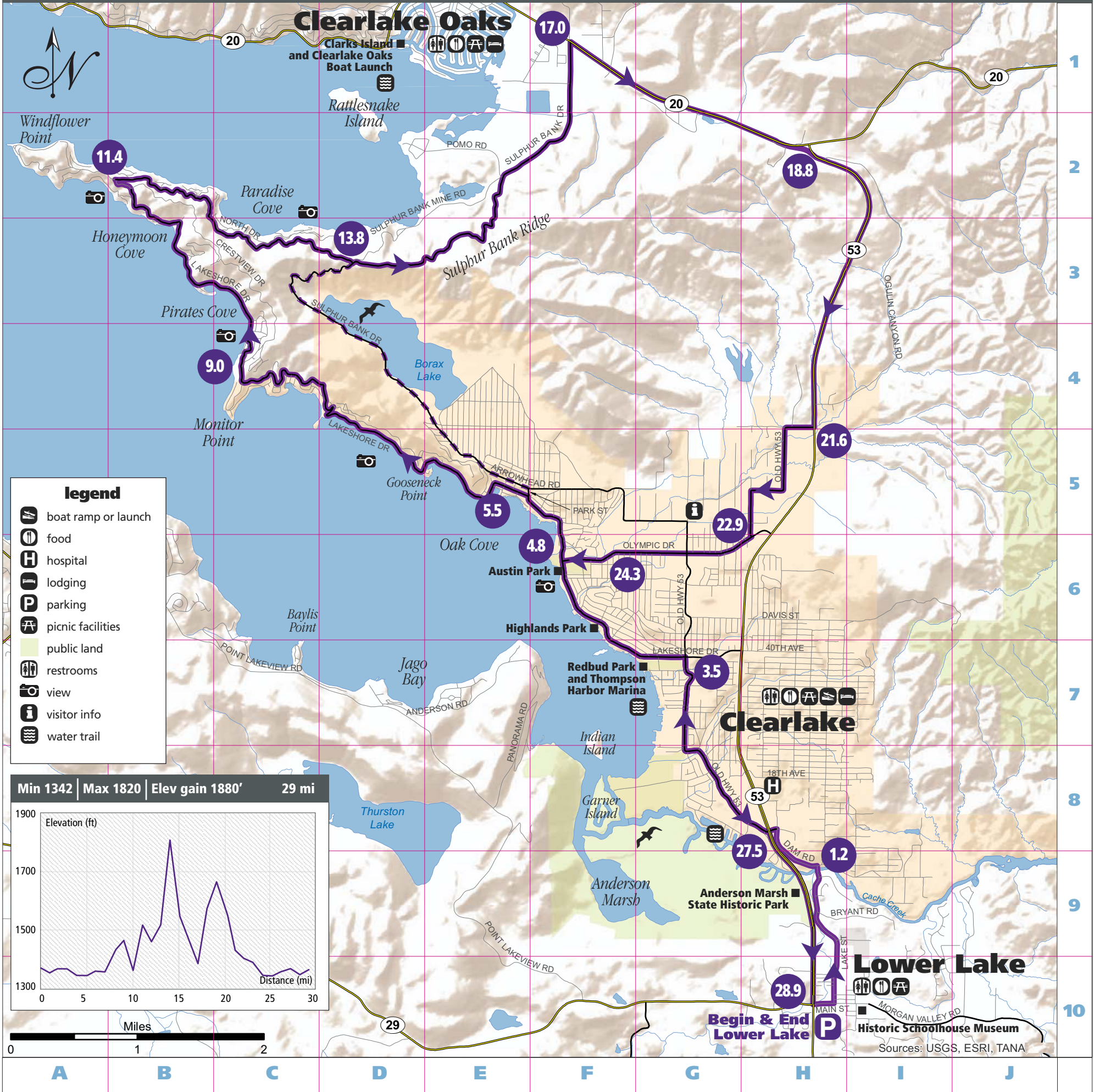


Lake County Bike Route 11: Clearlake-Lower Lake



Clearlake-Lower Lake | Ride: moderate–difficult | Allow 3–4 hours



Route 11 | 29 mile loop

- 0.0** **START on the corner of Main St and Lake St** in Lower Lake. Take Lake St heading north. Pass schools on the right, and ride over Cache Creek.
- 1.2** **Turn LEFT to Dam Rd.** Pass shopping area on right.
- 1.6** **Turn LEFT at stop sign.** Continue STRAIGHT past traffic light onto Old Hwy 53.
- 3.5** **Turn LEFT to Lakeshore Dr**, passing Redbud Park at **3.9m**, Highlands Park at **4.4m**, and Austin Park/Olympic Dr at **4.8m**. Nice views of Mt Konocti from Austin Park beach. Bike shop on Olympic Dr across ball fields and near City Hall.

OPTION: An optional route over the entire stretch of Sulphur Bank Rd will shave ~5 miles off the loop. At **5.5m**, **turn RIGHT to Park Dr**, then **LEFT to Arrowhead Rd** which becomes Sulphur Bank Rd. This route will take you past the southwestern flats of Borax Lake, a favorite birding area, before the stiff climb to the summit.

- 5.9** **Turn LEFT to stay on Lakeshore Dr.**
- 6.0** **Bear RIGHT at post office**, then **bear LEFT at Clear Lake Boat Works.**
- 6.5** **Bear LEFT to stay on Lakeshore Dr.** Great views of the lake and Mt Konocti (left).
- 7.7** **Make sharp RIGHT uphill**, and a quick **LEFT to continue on Lakeshore Dr.** Though still on blacktop, the road becomes rough and narrow so use caution around blind turns. The road descends back to the water's edge at **9.3m** toward Pirate's Cove with picturesque docks on the left.
- 10.5** Lakeshore Dr ascends uphill, and at **11.1m**, **bear RIGHT** passing the turnout to Edgewater Estates on the left.
- 11.4** **Turn RIGHT to North Dr.** The climb gets steeper at **13.3m**, but views of the lake and Rattlesnake Island at the next turn will be worth the effort.
- 13.8** **Turn LEFT to Sulphur Bank Rd.** Views of historic Borax Lake at **14.0m** on the right side of the road.

OPTION: To return to Lower Lake, **turn RIGHT to Sulphur Bank Rd**, shaving ~7 miles off the loop. Sulphur Bank Rd descends steeply past Borax Lake, and becomes Arrowhead Rd. **Turn RIGHT at Park Dr**, then **LEFT to Lakeshore Blvd**, and retrace the route back to Lower Lake from mile 25.7 below.

- 14.4** Approach summit and begin descent, passing orchards at **16.4m**.
- 17.0** **Turn RIGHT to Hwy 20.**

OPTION: Turn **LEFT** to Hwy 20 for a short, 3.4-mile out-and-back detour to Clark's Island (below) and the Clearlake Oaks Boat Launch. Grab refreshments along the way and enjoy a serene rest stop at the waterfront.



- 18.8** **Bear RIGHT at turnoff for Hwy 53.**
- 21.6** **Turn RIGHT to Old Hwy 53.** Stay on Old Hwy 53 as it winds to the left at **21.8m**, right at **22.3m**, and left at **22.5m**.
- 22.9** **Turn RIGHT to Olympic Dr.** Continue straight past the traffic light and shopping center on right. Bike shop on right just before City Hall and across ball fields.
- 24.3** **Turn LEFT to Lakeshore Dr.**
- 25.7** **Turn RIGHT to Old Hwy 53.**
- 27.5** **Turn RIGHT to Hwy 53.** Pass Anderson Marsh State Historic Park on right at **28.3m**.
- 28.9** **Turn LEFT at traffic light to Main St** in Lower Lake to complete the loop.

Cycling Safety Tips

protect yourself

Wear a properly-fitted helmet. By law, bicycle riders under 18 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet while riding on a public road.

ride with traffic, learn & follow the rules of the road

Bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists, and must obey the same rules and regulations. Yield to all pedestrians and horse riders, and take caution when passing horse trailers.

be conspicuous, alert & communicate your intentions

Ride carefully—vehicles waiting at stop signs, in driveways, or parking spaces may suddenly pull out in front of you. Be prepared to stop or take evasive action.

maintain control of your bicycle

Ensure your bicycle is in good working order by inspecting it regularly. Check your bike for tire pressure, chain, and brakes (close quick release wheel levers). Carry repair and emergency supplies.

More info: CA DMV Safety Tips for Bicyclists
www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffd137.htm

bike shops

Main St. Bicycles

125 N Main St, Lakeport. 263-3344

Cycle Path Bike Shop

14106 Olympic Dr, Clearlake. 994-1200



disclaimer

This map is intended to aid bicyclists in choosing routes between locations; it is not a warranty or guarantee as to State and/or County roadway conditions or the fitness of listed routes for bicycling. The routes identified on this map may cross or run along public roads which are exposed to wear and tear and degradation due to weather, traffic, and other environmental concerns. Riders should remain alert, as routes may contain a variety of hazards, debris, or vegetation which may encroach on routes or portions thereof, and for areas of visual impairment and other irregularities that may impact rider and motorist ability to see each other or potential road hazards. The chance that one may come into an area of visual impairment or a route irregularity warrants special care on the part of route users.

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Clearlake-Lower Lake

Route Overview



Beginning in historic Lower Lake, cyclists will traverse almost 30 miles of diverse scenery, from small town streets to mountainous lake views.

Well-marked bike lanes lead riders through the downtown streets of the City of Clearlake along Lakeshore Drive, with sporadic lake views appearing between buildings and parks.

After 5 miles, the traffic begins to subside, and the terrain becomes steep with narrow winding roads. Stupendous views of Clear Lake and Mount Konocti appear as riders cycle down through tiny, waterfront hamlets and back up through twisting hills.

The route soon reaches the “turning point” before Windflower—with Mount Konocti looming ahead—and twists back along North Drive. Sweeping aerial views of Clear Lake and vineyard-studded hills fill the next two miles.

At this point, cyclists can continue heading northeast toward Clearlake Oaks, or turn right on Sulphur Bank Road toward Clearlake, winding down to the flats along Borax Lake. Also known as the Borax Lake-Hodges Archaeological Site, this area is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and contains some of California’s earliest artifacts linked to an ancient North American culture dating back over 13,000 years. This lake is also the site of the first commercial production of borax in the U.S.

Continuing a northeast climb, cyclists will catch glimpses of ridgetop vineyards and glistening sapphire water. Hauntingly beautiful, the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine is a State Historic Landmark.

Turning east on Hwy 20, one passes a lava rock quarry next to cows grazing in a bucolic pasture. Heading south on Hwy 53, beautiful rolling vineyards and far-off wooded mountains yield occasional glimpses of the lake and Mount Konocti before revisiting the downtown areas of Clearlake and Lower Lake.

A side trip to Anderson Marsh State Historic Park provides a pleasantly-shaded break in a historic farmhouse setting.



The Konocti Challenge

(707) 349-0815 | www.konocitchallenge.com

The Konocti Challenge is a one-of-a-kind cycling experience and adventure for cyclists of all ages and ability levels!

Originally organized as “Pedal the Puddle” in 1990, the popular annual event is held the first Saturday of October. There are 4 routes to choose from, ranging from 20 to 100 mile loops, all including extensive SAG support, an end-of-ride BBQ on the lake shore, and entertaining rest stop antics by local non-profit organizations. Participants can ride through vineyards and pear orchards, face a challenging 5,000 foot elevation climb, or have a relaxing family fun ride along the shores of Clear Lake.

All proceeds benefit the local and international projects of the Rotary Club of Lakeport. For details & registration, visit the website.

Konocti Regional Trails

The Konocti Regional Trails System (KRT) is a network of trails and community pathways on and around Clear Lake which: 1) highlights the region’s outstanding scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, natural landscapes, and cultural history; 2) enhances the visitor experience by providing an opportunity for recreation and appreciation of these unique assets; and 3) promotes community health and economic vitality throughout the region.

Named for Lake County’s iconic Mt. Konocti, KRT is a series of non-motorized trails designed to establish connections between major recreational destinations and communities. Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and interests will find opportunities for hiking, biking, horseback riding, backpacking and paddling.

For more information, visit KonocitiTrails.com

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Places of Interest

parks and open space

- **Russell Rustici (Lower Lake) County Park**, 16375 Second Street, Lower Lake, 95457. Restrooms, BBQ, clubhouse, covered picnic area, gazebo, playground. 263-2295. **H-10**
- **Redbud Park**, 14655 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake, 95422. 15 acres. Restrooms, boat launch, clubhouse, fishing pier, picnic area, BBQ, sports fields, tennis and playground. 994-8201. **G-7**
- **Highlands Park**, 14365 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake, 95422. 1 acre. Fishing pier, picnic tables. 994-8201. **F-6**
- **Austin Park**, 14077 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake, 95422. 20 acres. Restrooms, paddling, lake swimming, picnic area, playground, sports fields, BMX and skate park. 994-8201. **F-6**
- **Nylander Park**, 12586 Acorn Street, Clearlake Oaks, 95423. Restrooms, picnic tables, playground. 262-1618. **D-1**
- **Clark’s Island/Clearlake Oaks Boat Launch**, 12684 Island Drive, Clearlake Oaks, 95423. Restrooms, BBQ, boat launch, bird-watching, paddling, fishing, picnic area. Natural earth building, Native American plantings, and ongoing educational projects to cultivate and protect the natural environment. 262-1618. **D-1**
- **Anderson Marsh State Historic Park**, 1,300 acres. Anderson Ranch Parkway and Highway 53, Lower Lake. Historic ranch house and barn, birdwatching, interpretive and hiking trails. 995-2658. **H-9**

local activities

- **Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum**, 16435 Main Street, Lower Lake, 95457. Interesting collection of local pioneer and Native American artifacts, and a rock and mineral display. 995-3565 **I-10**
- **Lake County Water Trails 1, 2 & 3** – Launching from the Clearlake Oaks Boat Launch and Redbud Park. 4–10 mile paddling loops exploring Clear Lake, Cache Creek, and Anderson Marsh. Konocitrails.com. **D-1, G-7, G-8**

Lake County holds numerous outdoor, food & wine, art, music and cultural events throughout the year. Visit the calendar on the Lake County website at lakecounty.com

note

All phone numbers area code (707) unless otherwise listed.

NOTE: Because the loop follows many roads along vineyards and orchards, riders should be aware that crop spraying is done periodically.

Lake County Bike Route

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Konocti Regional Trails

Clearlake-Lower Lake

29 miles | Elevation gain: 1880 ft
Route begins: Lower Lake

- Oak-studded ridgelines
- Birdseye lake views
- Towering Mount Konocti
- Historic Borax Lake

Lake County Visitor Information Center

875 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453
(707) 263-5092 | (800) 525-3743
lakecounty.com | info@lakecounty.com

The KRT Bike Routes

The Konocti Regional Trails Bike Routes are a series of diverse cycling experiences ranging in activity level from short, moderate trips to rugged, long-range climbs. Each of the routes takes cyclists through some of Lake County’s most scenic vistas—from outstanding lake views and mountainous backdrops to rural farmlands and shaded forests.

- 1: **Konocti Challenge** | 102 miles
- 2: **Around the Lake** | 66 miles
- 3: **Konocti 40** | 40 miles
- 4: **Scotts Valley** | 32 miles
- 5: **Kelseyville-Big Valley** | 14 & 26 miles
- 6: **Bottle Rock-Soda Bay** | 38 miles
- 7: **Red Hills-Lakeview** | 25 miles
- 8: **Cobb: Mountain Bike** | 15 miles
- 9: **Big Canyon-Middletown** | 8–33 miles
- 10: **Guenoc-Berryessa** | 69–81 miles
- 11: **Clearlake-Lower Lake** | 29 miles

KonocitiTrails.com