

# Lake County

The Lake County Courthouse in Lakeport.



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## Lake County Data

**Population: 58,309 (Rank: 40)**

**Land Area (square miles): 1,258 (Rank: 38)**

The county was created in 1861 from Napa County. It is named for Clear Lake that is the geographic center of the county. The lake is formed by two grabens. "Graben" is German for grave and in geography it refers to a low place usually formed by an up and down slip in a fault. One side rises up and the other side slips down creating a low spot where a lake can form. In this case the water is blocked by a lava flow at the south end forming the lake. Mt. Konocti, an extinct volcano, rests next to the lake.

The lake is not very deep, 30 feet at the most. Clear Lake is famous internationally as one of the first places where DDT worked its way up the food chain and reached sufficient concentration to kill aquatic birds. The concept of biological magnification was developed from the data collected here.

Another characteristic of the lake is its green algae. This is due to the shallowness of the lake. The algae provide food for the black bass that make the lake attractive to fishermen.

Access to the county is through minor highways. Highway 29 works its way from the Napa Valley into the lake and Highway 20 connects the lake with the Sacramento Valley and Highway 101. All can be considered scenic.

The hills surrounding the lake contain small farms growing mostly grapes and pears.

**Cities: Clearlake, Lakeport. Towns: Potter Valley, Upper Lake, Lucerne, Nice, Lower Lake, Middletown, Kelseyville, Cobb Mountain, Hobergs.**

## Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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# Kelseyville

Kelseyville is named for Andrew Kelsey who settled the area. Kelsey was killed by the Pomos. The town was originally called Uncle Sam. In 1882 the name was changed to Kelseyville. (August 2003)



# Kelseyville

The population today is about 3,500. (August 2003)



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# Lakeport

(April 2002)

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The population of Lakeport is about 4,500. The town was founded in 1861. (April 2002)



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# Lakeport

(August 2003)



# Cobb Mountain

Cobb Mountain is the tallest mountain in the Mayacamas Range. It is named for John Cobb who settled here in 1853. (March 2004)



# Cobb Mountain



# Cobb Mountain



# Middletown

Middletown was founded in 1871. (August 2003)





# Middletown

(August 2003)



# Middletown

(August 2003)



# Lower Lake

(August 2003)



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# Clearlake

Clearlake got a post office in 1923. The city was incorporated in 1980. It has a population of about 15,000. (August 2003)



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# Lucerne

Nice and Lucerne are old resort cities on the east side of the lake dating back to the 1920's. (August 2003)



# Lucerne

(August 2003)



# Lucerne

Mt. Konockti looks over the lake. It is an extinct volcano. Clear Lake is one of the oldest lakes in North America – 480,000 years old. It is the largest fresh water lake entirely within the state. (August 2003)



Nice

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# Nice

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# Upper Lake

Upper Lake dates back to 1856. A post office was established in 1871. It has a population of about 1,000. (July 2003)



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