

Map of California Rivers

California Rivers Shown on the Map: Coachella Canal, Colorado River, Eel River, Feather River, Faint-Kern Canal, Kern River, Kings River, Klamath River, Merced River, Mokelumne River, Owens River, Pit River, Russian River, Sacramento River, Salinas River, San Joaquin River, San Pedro Channel, Santa Barbara Channel, Stanislaus River and Trinity River.

California Lakes Shown on the Map: Buena Vista Lake, Clair Engle Lake, Clear Lake, Clear Lake Reservoir, Eagle Lake, Goose Lake, Honey Lake, Lake Almanor, Lake Havasu, Lake Oroville, Lake Tahoe, Mono Lake, Owens Lake, Salton Sea, San Luis Reservoir and Shasta Lake

Sacramento River

The Sacramento River, California's longest contained river, originates high in the Shasta National Forest. The river gathers mountain runoff from the Sierras as it meanders 447 miles south through California's Central Valley. With over 27 billion cubic meters of annual runoff, the Sacramento River supports much of California's agricultural economy. The Sacramento joins the San Joaquin and American Rivers, eventually emptying into Suisun Bay. This river is an essential source of recreation, fish migration and California water resources.

San Joaquin River

At 330 miles in length, the San Joaquin River is the second longest within California. The river gathers its bulk from eight major tributaries, flowing through California's San Joaquin Valley. Its headwaters originate high in the Sierra Nevadas and culminate in conjoining with the Sacramento River, creating the San Joaquin Delta. Once the site of California's southernmost Chinook salmon run, the San Joaquin River now supports various forms of recreation and city resources.

Klamath River

The Klamath River flows 263 miles through northern California before emptying into the Pacific Ocean. Originating in southern Oregon, the Klamath River moves through the volcanic Cascades and Klamath National Forest. The lower basin remains wild in comparison to the upper, providing good habitats for migratory birds and fish. The Klamath is a popular destination for whitewater rafting and fishing.

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