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**A body of water with trees in the background

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Sunrise at Lake Skinner Photo Credit: RivCoParks Ranger Sonny Walderon

**Lake Skinner Recreation Area  
named “Waste Wise Champion”**by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

**July 29, 2021 – Winchester, CA** – Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) is committed to the mission of managing our incredible system of beautiful parks, trails, and open-space reserves in Riverside County.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceLake Skinner Recreation Area is a shining example of on-going efforts to reduce waste and protect land, water, and critical species. RivCoParks is honored to share that Lake Skinner received a Gold Status award as a “Waste Wise Champion” on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. from the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources. This special recognition is due to various environmental initiatives at this picturesque site which is located in the rolling hills of Winchester at 37701 Warren Rd.

Lake Skinner seeks to minimize its environmental footprint, consider the needs of present and future generations, and be aware of connections with the greater Riverside area. Steps are taken to improve: sustainability in park development, climate impact, community engagement, energy and water conservation, mindful purchasing, sustainable transportation, and waste reduction and recycling.

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Description automatically generatedSpecific actions taken in waste reduction include:

* Recycling beverage containers of nearly 400lbs per month;
* Actively removing cardboard from trash bins in favor of a recycling bin;
* Yard waste of grass clippings, tree trimmings, and leaves are mulched and returned to the soil;
* Purchasing office and janitorial supplies containing recycled material where available;
* Reducing dependency on disposable dishes, utensils, and cups in the break room;
* Reducing paper usage by increasing electronic communication, printing two sided, and reusing scrap paper in arts and crafts projects at the nature center and ranger campfire programs.

Lake Skinner Recreation Area is a 330-acre site offering affordable, quality outdoor recreation opportunities to the public along with fantastic views of the lake and surrounding grounds. The site sits adjacent to 14,000 acres of pristine protected reserve also managed by RivCoParks. Activities at Lake Skinner include camping, hiking, fishing, splash pad, picnicking, horseback riding, boating, and special events.

Lake Skinner is open daily from 6 a.m. to sunset. Day use fees are: $6 per adult, $3 per child ages 12 years and under, and pets are $2 each. Boat launch fee is $7. Camping reservations can be made by calling 1-888-234-7275 or by visiting our website for more info [www.RivCoParks.org](http://www.RivCoParks.org).

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***About the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District***

*Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. www.rivcoparks.org*