CAL FIRE Lookouts

Historically, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has had as many as 77 lookouts located statewide. Lookouts provided the first report of smoke on the majority of wildland fires in what were once considered remote areas of the state. These days, the majority of first reports on fires come from people who live in wildland areas, or people with cell phones who are driving through or recreating in wildland areas. Because of this proven trend, and due to hampered visibility from air pollution, CAL FIRE no longer uses lookouts in Southern California. CAL FIRE lookouts do, however, still play a role in fire detection in Northern California.

CAL FIRE lookouts are staffed in several ways. They can be staffed by volunteers or by seasonal personnel. Most are staffed only during peak fire season, or during high fire danger times. On occasion some have been staffed throughout the fire season. Serious fire season conditions and extreme fire weather are two of CAL FIRE’s considerations when determining staffing for lookouts. Lookouts that may be staffed during the 2008 fire season and the county they are located in is listed below by CAL FIRE Administrative Unit.

**Amador—El Dorado**
- Mt. Zion Lookout (Amador County)
- Pilot Peak Lookout (El Dorado County)

**Butte**
- Bald Mountain Lookout
- Bloomer Mountain Lookout
- Platt Mountain Lookout
- Sawmill Peak Lookout
- Sunset Hill Lookout

**Humboldt—Del Norte**
- Grasshopper Lookout (Humboldt County)
- Pratt Mountain Lookout (Humboldt County)
- Red Mountain Lookout (Del Norte County)

**Lassen—Modoc**
- Don Landon Lookout (Lassen County)
- Dyer Mountain Lookout (Lassen County)
- Fredonyer Peak Lookout (Lassen County)
- Likely Mountain Lookout (Lassen County)
- Manzanita Peak Lookout (Modoc County)
- Pegleg Lookout (Lassen County)
- Snag Hill Lookout (Lassen County)

**Mendocino**
- Cold Springs Lookout
- Cahto Peak Lookout

**Nevada—Yuba—Placer**
- Banner Mountain Lookout (Nevada County)
- Mount Howell Lookout (Placer County)
- Oregon Peak Lookout (Yuba County)
- Wolf Mountain Lookout (Nevada County)
- Martis Peak Lookout (Placer County)

**Shasta—Trinity**
- Bully Choop Lookout (Trinity County)
- Hogback Lookout (Shasta County)
- Latour Butte Lookout (Shasta County)
- Shasta Bear Mountain Lookout (Shasta County)
- Solder Mountain Lookout (Shasta County)

**Siskiyou**
- Duzel Rock Lookout
- Paradise Craggy Lookout
- Quartz Hill Lookout
- Siskiyou Bear Lookout

**Sonoma—Lake—Napa**
- *Berryessa Peak Lookout (Napa County)*
  *Destroyed during the Rumsey Fire in 2004.*
- Konociti Lookout (Lake County)
- Pole Mountain Lookout (Sonoma County)

**Tehama—Glenn**
- Eagle Peak Lookout Tehama County)
- Inskip Hill Lookout (Tehama County)

**Tuolumne—Calaveras**
- Blue Mountain Lookout (Calaveras County)

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CAL FIRE does not rent lookouts.

For information concerning rentals on U.S. Forest Service lands please refer to their website–Rental Cabins and Lookouts at:

[www.fs.fed.us/r5/rwhr/rentals.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/rwhr/rentals.html)