



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 Chooop Lookout (Trinity County)
Hogback Lookout (Shasta County)
Latour Butte Lookout (Shasta County)
Shasta Bear Mountain Lookout (Shasta County)
Soldier 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.
Konocti 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)



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