



## Ken Simmons Resort at Lake Bonney

Whether you consider him a rascal or a hero, Kenneth Simmons was the driving force behind the development of Bonney Lake. After purchasing a large parcel of property about 1946, which encompassed Lake Bonney, he began to clear the fallen logs and debris from the lake. He created a recreational destination by building a clubhouse, boardwalk, high diving board and swimming area. Dances at the clubhouse and picnics on the beach provided a great summer attraction not only for plateau residents, but also enticed visitors seeking relief from the warm valley towns. The resort proved to be a great marketing tool when he began selling lots in the new city of Bonney Lake.



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