The Clear Blue Waters...

HISTORY

For many generations, the area’s lush streamside canyons and verdant hills were home to the Jalquin Ohlone tribe (also known as the Yriny). To ensure the health and wellbeing of the plants and animals, they used specialized horticultural techniques to tend the landscape. Despite the changes of history, today’s Jalquin continue to keep ancestral cultural traditions alive while living in modern America.

The lagoon and adjacent lake were created in 1964 when the Alameda Flood Control and Water Conservation District dammed San Lorenzo Creek. Today, the swim lagoon is a favorite with central Alameda County residents. It is supplied with water from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and a large, shallow area is roped off especially for children. The adjacent lake is close to boating and swimming, but hikers along the shore will discover a surprising wilderness in miniature, where turtles and frogs splash in the water, ducks rest in the reeds, and raccoons, deer, and other wildlife come down to drink at sunset.

SWIMMING

Lagoon swimming is the park’s main attraction from the end of May through the end of September (dates subject to change). Swim hours are usually 1 am to 6 pm; swimming is allowed only when lifeguards are on duty; see www.ebparks.org/anglersedge.

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCY .......... 9-1-1
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TO REACH DON CASTRO REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

By Car: From I-580 eastbound from Oakland, take the Grove Way exit in Castro Valley; turn right at the exit onto Grove Way; left on Center Street; left on Kelly; and left on Woodrooe to the park entrance. From I-580 westbound, take the Castro Valley exit and continue west on E. Castro Valley Blvd. to Grove Way; left on Grove; left on Center; left on Kelly; and left on Woodrooe to the park entrance.

Public Transit: From Hayward BART, take AC Transit Bus #95 to Kelly Street and Woodrooe Avenue (10-min. walk along Woodrooe to the park). Buses run hourly on weekdays (every half hour during commute hours) and hourly on weekends. Telephone AC Transit to confirm bus schedule information. Public transit information: 817-1717 or 511. TDD: (800) 448-9790; or see www.transit511.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

Don Castro offers 3.5 miles of trails connecting to the Chabot-to-Garin Trail (a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail) and the extensive trail system of the neighboring Five Canyons Open Space.

Picnicking

Picnicking sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, three reservable group sites are available inside the swim area, ranging in capacity from 35 to 50 people, and three sites are reservable outside the swim area, ranging in capacity from 50 to 100. There is a fee for reservable picnic sites.

Fishing

Anglers along the lake may catch trout, bass, catfish, and bluegill. The lake is stocked regularly with trout and catfish. A California State fishing license is required for anglers age 16 or older. In addition, a Park District daily fishing permit is required ($5/day, fee subject to change) and may be purchased from a machine located at the swim complex gate. State fish fee subject to change) and may be purchased from a machine located at the swim complex gate. State fish and game regulations apply. For further information on current fishing information, see www.ebparks.org/anglersedge.

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