A Haven for Water Activities

The land that is today Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton was formerly a gravel quarry, and was donated to the East Bay Regional Park District by Kaiser Industries. Its assessed value of $250,000 was used to obtain a matching grant for development of the park from the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

With this start, the Park District has developed a 249-acre park, including an 80-acre lake and a four-flume waterslide. There is ample parking, there are many picnic tables (some reservable; call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, 1), and there are facilities for the disabled.

WATER SLIDE The waterslide is open on weekends in the spring and fall, and daily during the hot summer months. Riders must be at least 42 inches tall. For group reservations and other information, call (925) 829-6230 Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, hours of operation, fees, and rules call (925) 846-4900 or see www.shadowcliffs.com.

FISHING A California State Fishing License with stamps and an EBRPD one-day Fishing Access Permit are required for all anglers aged 16 and older. One-day permits may be purchased at the park entrance kiosk. Senior Fishing Access Permits, good for one year from the date of purchase, are available to those aged 62 and older. Regular fish plants are made throughout the year in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game, and are financed by the sale of EBRPD fishing permits. These permits also entitle the bearer to fish at Lake Chabot, Quarry Lakes in Fremont, and the fishing lakes at Cull Canyon in Castro Valley, Contra Loma in Antioch, and Del Valle outside Livermore. A state fishing license and stamps are all that are required to fish at Lake Anza in Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley, Don Castro Regional Recreation Area in Castro Valley, and Lake Temescal Regional Recreation Area in Oakland. Fishing at Shadow Cliffs is permitted in the main lake and in the arroyo areas. FISH LIMITS: Trout, catfish, and black bass, 5 per day; blue gill, no limit.

BMX PARK This popular 2.75-acre City of Pleasanton facility is located at 3320 Stanley Boulevard at the west end of Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. The park has a large riding area, a bike repair/work table, viewing area, restrooms, and picnic tables. The park serves all riding levels, with a track for beginners and young children and a mountain bike area and challenging jumps and banked turns for more experienced riders. The park is open during daylight hours throughout the year, weather permitting. All riders must wear helmets. Younger children should always be under adult supervision.

Snack Stand Hours are posted and vary with the season.