

## The Clear Blue Waters...

Don Castro's swim lagoon is a favorite with central Alameda County residents. The lagoon and adjacent lake were created in 1964 when the Alameda Flood Control and Water Conservation District dammed San Lorenzo Creek.

Today the lagoon 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 closed 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 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; swimming is allowed only when lifeguards are on duty (check the schedule at [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)). There is a bathhouse with showers, a sandy beach, and large lawn areas.

**HIKING** 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 Five Canyons Open Space.

**PICNICKING** Picnicking sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, although some reservable group sites are available. There is a fee for reservable picnic sites; call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, 1 for information.

**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 and may be purchased from a machine located by the swim complex gate next to the pay phone (fee subject to change). State fish and game regulations apply.

**PLEASE RECYCLE** your bottles and cans while you are at Don Castro. Recycling containers are located throughout the park.



### 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 Woodroe 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 Woodroe to the park entrance.

**Public Transit:** From Hayward BART, take AC Transit Bus #95 to Kelly Street and Woodroe Avenue (10-minute walk along Woodroe 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.transit.511.org](http://www.transit.511.org).



*Don Castro's swim lagoon provides relief from the summertime heat. The park is a great place for picnicking, hiking, bike riding, birdwatching, and other recreational activities. It lies along the route of the Chabot-to-Garin Regional Trail, a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.*

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