The challenges and rewards of fishing make it one of our great outdoor experiences. Understanding the connection between the fish and their habitat will increase your chances of being a successful angler.

**bluegill & redeared sunfish**
Fish off weedy shorelines, docks, and coves. Redeared are found in deeper water.
- redworms, mealworms, bobber, small hook, panfish jigs

**rainbow trout**
Found in cool, open waters, near the surface in winter, and at depths of 10 feet or more in summer.
- panfish jigs, night crawlers, red worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait, #8 hook, Kastmaster

**largemouth bass**
These fish prefer deeper, cooler water around rocky inlets.
- Nightcrawlers, crayfish, black or purple plastic worms rigged with #1 weedless hooks and crank baits or bass plugs.

**smallmouth bass**
This voracious ambush predator is found in and under plant cover and downed trees in shallow warm water in the spring and summer and off structures and drop offs in the fall and winter.
- Nightcrawlers, crayfish, black or purple plastic worms rigged with #1 weedless hooks and crank baits or bass plugs.

**channel catfish**
This species uses smell and taste to find food on the bottom.
- chunk bait, nightcrawlers, clams, liver, sardines, cheese, doughballs

**black dog shell cracker**

**redworms**

**striped bass**
This large open water predator is found near the surface to 40 feet and can reach 40 pounds! Stripers actually feed on shad and trout and can be caught on lures cast or trolled from a boat.
- a variety of trout-like lures

As part of the California State Water Project, Lake Del Valle provides drinking water, crop irrigation, outdoor recreation, and vital habitat for insects, frogs, fish, waterfowl, eagles, and many other species of plants and animals. Please take care of these valuable resources by keeping it litter and pollution free.