Welcome to Quarry Lakes

Year opened: 2001  Acres: 471

Highlights: Swimming, boating (no gasoline engines), fishing, numerous picnic areas (many reservable), lawn areas, hiking, ADA accessible pier, access to the 12-mile-long Alameda Creek Trail which provides access to the Bay shoreline.

Did you know: Gravel quarried from today’s Shinn Pond was used to build UC Berkeley in the late 1800s.

Fees—Parking: $5/vehicle, $4/trailer, $25/bus

HISTORY Native Americans inhabited this region for many generations, notably in the sites that are now preserved at Coyote Hills Regional Park west of Quarry Lakes. Quarry Lakes incorporates the boundaries of two Mexican ranchos and the former Mission San José lands.

The quarries for which Quarry Lakes is named were established in the mid-19th century. Gravel taken from the banks of Alameda Creek was used in the construction of the transcontinental railroad’s western section. After quarrying came to an end, the lakes were used for groundwater recharge by the Alameda County Water District, which diverts water from Alameda Creek into the pits.

Quarry Lakes is the culmination of many years of planning and partnership between ACWD and the Park District. The property that now comprises the park was acquired by the two agencies between 1975 and 1992. Of the park’s 471 acres, some 350 acres are the lakes. The first phase of park construction began in 1997, when ACWD flattened the slopes of the quarry pit to minimize erosion and sedimentation, and to provide contours more suitable for parkland.

In August 2000 the Park District began creating the parkland’s recreational facilities, including turfgrass lawns, picnic areas, shade pavilions, a swim beach, a boat launch ramp, and a trail network. The cost of the project’s first phase was $5.8 million, of which $3.65 million was a grant from the City of Fremont Redevelopment Agency. The remainder came from Measure AA, the Park District’s open space bond measure approved by voters in 1988.

The result is a beautiful, water-oriented recreation area, which offers recreational activities such as picnicking, boating, swimming, and fishing, as well as hiking and wildlife viewing. The park’s trail network connects to the Alameda Creek Regional Trail, which extends from Niles Canyon westward to Coyote Hills and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge on San Francisco Bay.

To Reach Quarry Lakes:
From I-880 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road (Hwy. 84) exit east. Proceed to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right, then left on Iserwood Way. Proceed to the park entrance on the right. From Mission Blvd. (Highway 238) in Fremont, turn south on Nursery Ave. (away from the hill) and right (west) on Niles Blvd. Turn left on Osprey Drive and left on Quarry Lakes Drive. Proceed to the park entrance on the left.

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION:
Watercraft must pass mandatory inspection to prevent the introduction of invasive mussels into local lakes and reservoirs. To pass inspection, watercraft and accessories must be ABSOLUTELY clean and dry.

GATE HOURS:
January (ACWD), which opened in November 2001:
February-March: 6am-6pm
April-May: 6am-7pm
June-July: 6am-8pm
August-September: 6am-7pm
October-November-December: 7am-5pm
PARK CURFEW: 10pm-5am

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCY: 9-1-1
EBRPD HEADQUARTERS............. 1-888-237-2757
PICNIC RESERVATIONS......... 1-888-327-2757, option 2
PARK OFFICE......................... 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4552

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