

HISTORY History is everywhere in the area of Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. Native Americans inhabited the region for millennia before the arrival of Europeans, notably in the sites that are now preserved at Coyote Hills Regional Park west of Quarry Lakes.

Quarry Lakes incorporates the historic boundaries of two Mexican ranchos and the former Mission San Jose lands. Alameda Creek was the original boundary between Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties. Alameda County was carved out of these two counties in 1853 and was named after the creek that drains it.

The quarries for which Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area 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 began to be used for groundwater recharge by the Alameda County Water District, which diverts water from Alameda Creek into the pits.

Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area is the culmination of many years of planning and partnership between the Water District and the East Bay Regional Park District. The property that now comprises the park was acquired by the two agencies between 1975 and 1992 through purchase, donation and inter-agency agreements. Of the park's 462 acres, some 350 acres are the lakes.

The first phase of park construction began in 1997, when the Alameda County Water District used grading equipment to flatten the slopes of the quarry pit. This minimized erosion and sedimentation, while also achieving land contours more suitable for parkland.

Then in August of 2000 the Park District began creating the recreational facilities at Quarry Lakes. These include turfgrass lawns, picnic areas, shade pavilions, a swim beach, changing rooms, a boat launch ramp, and a trail network.

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 more intensive recreation such as picnicking, boating, swimming and fishing, but also has room for hiking and wildlife viewing. The park's trail network connects to the Alameda Creek Regional Trail, which extends from Niles Canyon westward all the way to Coyote Hills and the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge on San Francisco Bay.

SWIMMING The swim complex, including the white sandy beach, a bathhouse, vending machines and lifeguard service, is open from April through October. There is a fee for entry into the swimming complex.

FISHING is permitted in the Recreational Unit of Quarry Lakes, which includes Horseshoe Lake and Rainbow Lake. Lead weights are not allowed. Float tubes may be used. A California Fishing License is required for all anglers aged 16 and above. An EBRPD Daily Fishing Access Permit is also required for all anglers age 16 and over. The Daily Fishing Access Permit may be purchased at the park entry kiosk. Daily Fishing Access Permit sales fund the planting of trout and catfish in Horseshoe Lake, and eventually in Rainbow Lake. Fishing is also available at Shinn Pond, just east of Quarry Lakes off Alameda Creek Regional Trail. A current California Fishing License is required, however no District Daily Fishing Access Permit is needed to fish at Shinn Pond. For the fish planting schedule see <http://www.ebparks.org/fish/angledge.htm>. Note that daily bag limits apply at all fishing locations. Find that and other Park District fishing information at <http://www.ebparks.org/fish.htm>.

PICNICKING Picnic sites with tables and barbecues are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservable sites include Ensenada North and South (accommodates 200 people each), Osprey (50), and Niles (35). Alcohol is not allowed at Niles. For information call (510) 562-2267.

ALCOHOL Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Quarry Lakes, **except by permit** within reservable picnic areas. Call (510) 562-2267 for more information or to obtain a picnic reservation and alcohol permit.

BOATING Sailboards, canoes, kayaks, and boats with electric-powered motors may be launched into Horseshoe Lake from the boat launch. Visitors may launch boats of up to 17 feet. Since the lakes are used for groundwater recharge, gasoline-powered engines are not permitted. There is a launch fee. Float tubes may be used.

DOGS Dogs walkers please note that all dogs must remain on leash at all times while in the park (leashes may not exceed six feet in length). This regulation is necessary due to the recreational nature of the park and to protect the wildlife and ecosystems in the park's natural unit.

RECREATIONAL AND NATURAL UNITS The Quarry Lakes Recreation Unit includes Horseshoe Lake

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 Park Police (evenings and weekends).....(510) 881-1833
 Quarry Lakes Park Office(510) 795-4883
 Alameda Creek Trail Park Office(510) 790-2612
 Picnic Site Reservations.....(510) 562-2267
 EBRPD Web site.....www.ebparks.org

and Rainbow Lake and the turf, beach, swimming and picnic areas around those lakes. Visitors can swim in the designated beach, picnic, play volleyball, fish, and enjoy non-gasoline powered watercraft. The Natural Unit includes Willow Slough and Lago Los Osos (see map on reverse) and the surrounding areas, where visitors can hike, observe nature, walk dogs and ride bicycles. No water contact of any type is allowed in these two lakes. Dogs must always be kept on leash throughout the entire park, and no water contact of any kind is allowed.

FEES There are fees for vehicle entry (including boat trailers), dog entry, boat launch (including car-top, inflatables, and sailboards), swimming, fishing, and picnicking.

PARK HOURS 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec./Jan.; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb./Mar.; 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in April; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. May to Labor Day; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Labor Day thru Sept.; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Oct.; 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Nov.

PARKLAND RULES

Help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone by complying with these rules and any posted regulations. Violators will be subject to citation or arrest. For more information, ask a Park Ranger, Public Safety Officer, or telephone (510) 881-1833.

PARK GATES ARE OPEN to the public during hours posted at the park entrance. Unless otherwise posted, CURFEW is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands.

BICYCLES may be ridden only on designated bicycle trails, and on fire or service roads, unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are not permitted, either ridden, walked or carried, off designated trails or in areas so posted. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways.

DOGS must be leashed and under control while in Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area. Leash length must not exceed six feet. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can.

SWIMMING, WADING and other water contact activities are permitted only at the designated swim area at Horseshoe Lake at Quarry Lakes Regional Rec. Area. PLANTS, ANIMALS, GEOLOGIC, ARCHAEOLOGIC OR HISTORIC OBJECTS are protected by law. Please do not disturb or remove any of these features.

HELP PROTECT OUR PARK WILDLIFE by not releasing or feeding ducks, cats or other animals. Do not feed wild park animals; enjoy them from a distance.

FIRES are permitted in barbecue pits or personal cooking equipment placed at least 30 feet from flammable materials. Please do not place hot coals on the ground or in a garbage can. Please dispose of burned fuel in barbecue pits.

FIREWORKS are not permitted in any Regional Park.

FISHING requires a state fishing license, and a District Daily Access fishing permit. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are not permitted at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area without a permit.

GAMES and ACTIVITIES, including model rockets, model airplanes, hang gliding, golf and other activities with potential risk to property or park visitors are permitted only in designated areas.

ASSEMBLIES, PERFORMANCES, SPECIAL EVENTS or similar gatherings require a permit.

Please be considerate of other park visitors if you use a RADIO. A permit is required for AMPLIFICATION of voice, music or other sounds.

FIREARMS or BOWS AND ARROWS are not permitted on Regional Parklands except at established ranges. Crossbows, spears, slingshots, air pistols or rifles, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited anywhere on Regional Parklands.

PARK VISITORS are responsible for knowing and following park rules.

QUARRY LAKES

REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

