District Fishing Access Permits

- A daily Fishing Access Permit or Angler Membership is required for everyone age 16 and older for all parks except Big Break, Antioch/Oakley Pier, Lake Anza, Jordan Pond, and all piers. Revenues are used to stock game fish in District lakes.
- Daily Fishing Access Permits are available upon park entry at the park entry kiosk or a dispenser. Permit cost is $5. Dispensers take exact change.
- Annual Angler Memberships are available through the Regional Parks Foundation. See RegionalParksFoundation.org.

State Fishing License

- A State Fishing License is required for persons aged 16 and older at all District facilities. This license is required at Antioch/Oakley and Big Break Fishing Piers, but not required at the other District fishing pier facilities.
- State Fishing Licenses are available through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, fish and tackle, and sporting goods stores.

Mandatory Watercraft Inspections

Due to invasive quagga and zebra mussels, watercrafts are required to undergo inspections at the following locations:
- Contra Loma Regional Park
- Del Valle Regional Park
- Lake Chabot Regional Park
- Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area
- Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area

Fees and more information:
- ebparks.org/activities/boating/sailing/invasivemussels

Become a member today to fish in the serenity of the parks and explore the scenic beauty of the East Bay Regional Park District all year long.

Membership Categories

Regular Angler ........................................ $300
Includes all the benefits of Regular Membership plus boat launch and annual fishing permit for one named individual; state fishing permit also required for individuals 16 years and older.

Special Access Angler (Seniors, Students, Veterans and persons with disabilities) .......... $180
- Proof of eligibility required. Please supply documentation to membership@ebparks.org or fax it to (510) 635-3478 (attn: Membership).
- Note: Senior Anglers must be 62+ years of age.

Membership Benefits
- Personalized membership card
- Unlimited day-use parking for cardholder
- An annual dog pass (good for up to three dogs)**
- Camping discounts**
- Discounts from Urban Park Concessionaires**
- And many more benefits!

Purchases and Information

Website.........................................RegionalParksFoundation.org/mem
Email........................................membership@ebparks.org
Membership Office............................510-544-2220

** Some restrictions apply.

Fishing in the East Bay Regional Parks

The East Bay Regional Park District offers 10 fishing lakes and five Bay/Delta shoreline piers for recreational anglers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Fishing Facilities

1 Contra Loma – Antioch
A 71-acre reservoir offers fishing for rainbow trout, channel and white catfish, striped bass, largemouth bass and sunfish; as well as swimming, boating (no gas motors allowed) and picnicking.

2 Lake Anza – Tilden Park, Berkeley
A 9-acre lake offers largemouth bass, bluegill, and sunfish fishing, swimming and hiking. (No District permit required)

3 Temescal – Oakland
This 10-acre lake offers rainbow trout, channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill and sunfish fishing; swimming and hiking.

4 Lake Chabot – Castro Valley/San Leandro
A 315-acre reservoir offers fishing for rainbow trout, channel catfish, trophy largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, carp, black crappie, rental boating, hiking, and camping at nearby Anthony Chabot.

5 Don Castro – Hayward
This 25-acre lake offers fishing for rainbow trout, channel catfish, largemouth bass, black crappie, carp, and bluegill; lagoon swimming, and hiking.

6 Jordan Pond – Garin Park, Hayward
This 3.5-acre pond offers fishing for channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, and sunfish; hiking and picnicking. (No District permit required)

7 Quarry Lakes – Fremont/Union City
This park includes multiple lakes including 100-acre Horseshoe Lake and 50-acre Rainbow Lake for fishing rainbow trout, black bass, carp, and channel catfish; hiking, swimming, and boating (no gas motors allowed).

8 Shadow Cliffs – Pleasanton
This 80-acre quarry lake offers year-round clear-water fishing for rainbow trout, channel catfish, largemouth bass, and bluegill; swimming, boating (no gas), picnicking, and hiking.

9 Del Valle – Livermore
A 750-acre reservoir offers fishing for rainbow trout, inland Chinook salmon, channel catfish, black bass, striped bass, bluegill, carp, and sunfish; swimming, private boating (gas motors OK) and rental boating, picnicking, hiking, and camping.

Fishing Piers

1 Ferry Point Pier – Miller/Knox, Richmond
2 Point Pinole Pier – Richmond
3 Eckley Pier – Conqulnes Strait, Antioch
4 Antioch/Oakley Pier – Antioch
5 Big Break Pier – Oakley

Additional Fishing – Fishing is allowed at all East Bay Regional Park District shoreline parks.
Fishing Brochure 12-2017

Permits & Licenses

- A current California State Fishing License is required at all Regional Park facilities for anglers 16 years and older.
- An East Bay Regional Park District Fishing Access Permit is required at these facilities for anglers 16 years and older.
- Revenue generated from District Fishing Access Permits is used to stock rainbow trout and channel catfish.

Rainbow Trout
- Identification: Trout have a forked tail, two widely spaced dorsal fins, a flashy adipose fin, small scales, and teeth. They may have a pink band on each side of their body, a silver back with black spots, and a silver belly.
- Where to fish: These colorful creatures thrive in cool, clear, oxygen-rich water. In winter, they are usually found in the open-water areas of lakes near the surface, and in deeper, cooler water in the summer.

Largemouth Bass
- Identification: These fish have thick, elongated bodies with a black, striped horizontal black band on each side of their body, a silver back with black spots, and a silver belly.
- Where to fish: Bass prefer plastic lures, especially those combined with a spinner. Night crawlers are also good.

Smallmouth Bass
- Identification: These fish have thick, elongated bodies often with vertical barring along each side. Their jaws do not extend past the midpoint of their eyes. They may grow to 17 pounds or more.
- Where to fish: Smallmouth bass prefer cooler and deeper water than largemouth bass. They are more often found in moving water near inlets and steep, rocky areas.

Striped Bass
- Identification: These fish have thick, elongated bodies with black lateral stripes.

Bluegill, Sunfish
- Identification: Typical panfish have a forked tail and a fused, spiny-soft dorsal. Their compressed, short bodies are designed for short bursts of speed in backwater areas.

Black Crappie
- Identification: Black crappie have seven to eight dorsal spines with dark, random spots on their bodies and fins. Pectoral fins are round.

Carp
- Identification: Carp and their relatives have heavy bodies with large scales, downward facing mouths, and two pairs of small barbels on the upper lip. Their dorsal and anal fins have large, serrated spines.

Where to fish: Catfish comb shallow shoreline areas near vegetation and undercut banks.

- How to fish: These fish eat almost anything. Some of the best baits are worms, chicken liver, frozen anchovies, mackerel, clams, or sardines, placed on a #2 hook with a 1- to 6-ounce sinker.

Limit: five per day.

Panfish
- Identification: These fish will take night crawlers, corn, power bait, or dough bait.

Green Sunfish
- Identification: The head of this type of fish is flattened top to bottom. These fish have no scales. They use their whiskers as scent sensors to locate their meals. They have pointed, forked tails, spots on their olive-green-blue bodies, and black whiskers. Catfish can grow to 35-plus pounds.

How to fish: Catfish eat almost anything. Some of the best baits are worms, chicken liver, frozen anchovies, mackerel, clams, or sardines, placed on a #2 hook with a 1- to 6-ounce sinker.

Limit: five per day.