

Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area

California Trail/Old Creek Trail/Western Pacific/Isla Tres Rancheros Loop

Length: 3.6 miles

Elevation Gain: 75 feet

Location: Fremont

GPS Coordinates: 37.57243,-122.01307

Intensity: Easy



Park Features: Quarry Lakes is, as the name suggests, a former gravel quarry that has now been transformed into Horseshoe and Rainbow Lakes as well as a willow slough. Horseshoe Lake features a swimming area and boat launch, as well as a picnic area. The rare fruit tree grove, maintained by volunteer gardeners, is also a park highlight.

Trail Highlights: This waterfront trail is flat and beautiful, featuring not only two lakes and a slough, but also a stroll through the fruit tree grove. The trail also passes many of the locations of interest in the park's botanical scavenger hunt, as well as both the Volunteer Recognition redwood grove and the Bald Cypress Grove. If you want to see the trees fruiting, summer would be a good time to take this trail. However, if you come during spring or fall, you may be able to see the many migratory birds that rest in Alameda Creek, which is a stop along the Pacific Flyway.

Trail Description: From Isherwood Staging Area, head through the entrance gate and take California Trail to the right for about .4 miles; once on the trail, keep left to stay along the water. Turn left onto Old Creek Trail, following it straight for a short way, and then, at the intersection, to the right, and continue for about a half mile. Head left on Western Pacific Trail (no trail marker here) and follow it for .36 miles. Turn left on Isla Tres Rancheros Trail to take the .72-mile loop walk through the rare fruit tree grove. You may wish to leave the trail and wander through the trees. When you are ready to return to Isherwood Staging Area, retrace your steps by going straight towards the Western Pacific Trail. Turn right on Western Pacific Trail, then right onto Old Creek Trail. After .42 miles turn left at the intersection, and then left onto Wood Duck Trail. Continue straight ahead onto the California Trail back to the Staging Area.



Driving Directions: From I-880 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road exit east and proceed to Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn right on Paseo Padre, then left on Isherwood Way. Proceed to Isherwood Staging Area on the right.

Park Hours: 5am-10pm.

Fees: None (only if parking in the Isherwood Staging Area).

Website: www.ebparcs.org/parks/quarry_lakes