

# Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area

Water Slide/Levee/South Arroyo/North Arroyo/Levee/Water Slide Trails

Length: 2.8-mile loop Elevation Gain: 236 feet

Location: Pleasanton

GPS Coordinates: 37.670748,-121.844780

Intensity: Easy



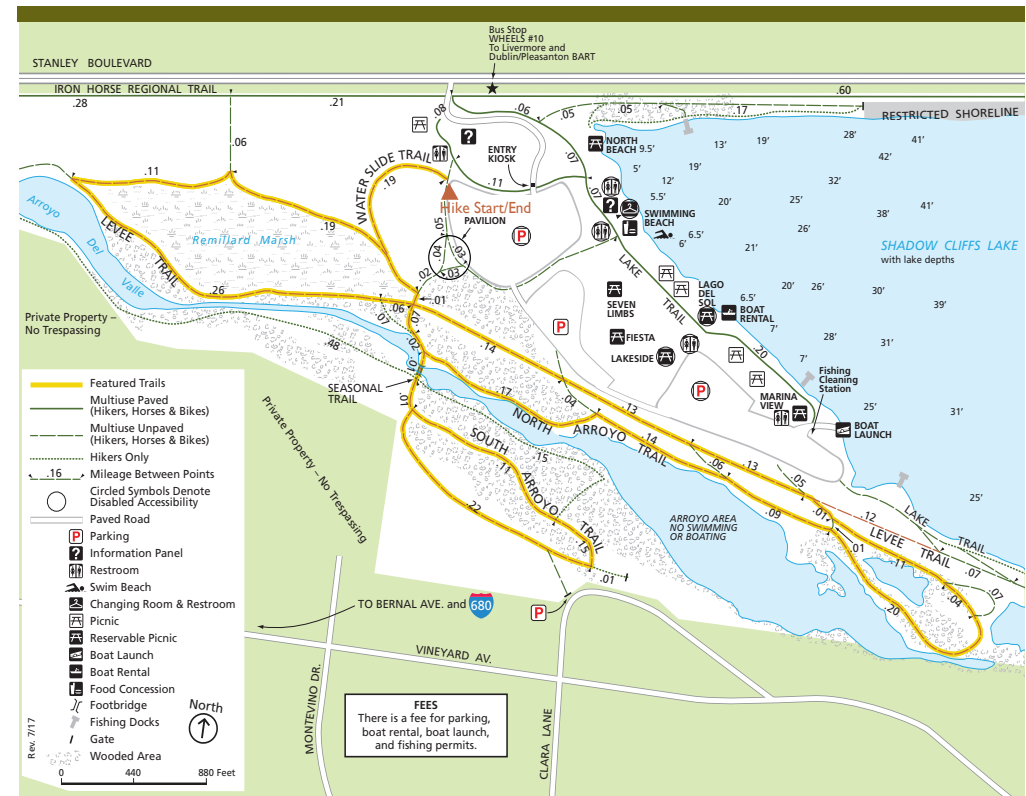
**Park Features:** Just outside downtown Pleasanton, Shadow Cliffs features an 80-acre lake, trails, and a seasonal swimming beach complete with refreshment stand and lifeguards. The park is a popular fishing spot. The District plants trout and catfish weekly and there is a fish cleaning station on site. Visitors can launch their own boat onto the lake for a fee. Boats, kayaks and paddle boards are available for rent at the marina as well. Ample parking and numerous picnic areas round out the impressive features this park has to offer.

**Trail Highlights:** The land at Shadow Cliffs was formerly a gravel quarry. Trails are graveled or dirt and are mostly flat and wide. There are no markers for these trails so be sure to pick up a park map before you begin your hike. The trail offers views of the marsh and lake area, as well as a variety of habitats. Walk the Arroyo for a chance to glimpse, or hear, hawks, quail, heron, mallards and other bird species.

The trail runs along the shoreline; during the rainy season, it can be very wet. Water and restrooms are located at the picnic sites, and benches are located along the trail.



**Trail Directions:** Starting at the entry kiosk, head west towards the restroom and picnic area. Walk along the paved path past the pollinator garden and continue onto Water Slide Trail. Continue around to the right side of the marsh. The path runs parallel to Stanley Boulevard, looping around the marsh. At an intersection before the BMX park, take the Levee Trail to the left. When you reach the



junction, cross over the water on the cement bridge to the right. After the bridge, head uphill on the middle path, then turn to the left. Take the South Arroyo Trail for 0.15 miles, then cross back over the bridge and turn right onto the North Arroyo Trail. Head east on the trail as it takes you back along the waterline to a shaded, tree-lined area.

The North Arroyo Trail will come out of the woodland and loop back around to the Levee Trail. Once you reach the Levee Trail, turn left and head back to the intersection towards Water Slide Trail and follow it to the right towards the entry kiosk.

**Driving Directions:** From I-580 in Pleasanton, take the Airway Blvd. exit and turn south, towards Pleasanton. Turn right on Kitty Hawk Rd., which becomes Isabel Ave. Turn left on Stanley Blvd. and proceed up on ramp. At the intersection, turn left on Stanley Blvd. and proceed to the park entrance about 2.2 miles on the left.

**Park/Gate Hours:** Varies monthly (check website for times).

**Fees:** \$6 per vehicle, \$5 per trailered vehicle, \$2 per dog. Guide/service dogs free.

**Website:** [www.ebparcs.org/parks/shadow\\_cliffs](http://www.ebparcs.org/parks/shadow_cliffs)