

# Welcome to Lake Temescal

**Year opened:** 1936      **Acres:** 50  
**Highlights:** Swim beach, fishing, picnicking, hiking, historic Temescal Beach House.  
**Did you know?** The Temescal Beach House was completed in 1940 by Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration workers using materials left over from the construction of the Caldecott Tunnel, which connects Oakland to Orinda via Highway 24 through the Oakland hills. The Beach House served as the Park District headquarters until 1962.

**HISTORY** Huchiun Ohlones lived on in this verdant, creekside land for many generations before Spanish newcomers named the creek *Temescal*, from the Aztec words *tema* (to bathe) and *cali* (a house). In 1868 hydraulic engineer Anthony Chabot built a dam to create today's Lake Temescal for the then "tiny town" of Oakland. Within two years it was replaced by larger water reserves. In 1936 Lake Temescal, one of the East Bay Regional Park District's three original parks, opened as a recreation area. The park boasts a 13-acre lake, 10 acres of turf, a rose garden, and lush growth of native and ornamental plants, including live oak, willow, laurel, thimbleberry, ninebark, hazelnut, ferns, and blackberry.

**THE HAYWARD FAULT** This fault runs through the center of the park. It has created sags or depressions along the course of Temescal Creek.

**DOGS/BICYCLES** Dogs must be on leash and are not allowed in the lake, stream, or beach area. Please observe posted bicycle restrictions. Bicycles must stay on the paved East Shore Trail or on the paved bike path along the park's eastern boundary, and riders must observe the 5 mph speed limit. During the summer swim season (April-September) bicycles must be walked through the swim beach area.

**BEACH HOUSE** This 1,400+ square-foot, ADA-accessible facility is available for conferences, meetings, weddings, etc. For information or to arrange a tour, see [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) or call (510) 544-3164.

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EBRPD HEADQUARTERS..... 1-888-327-2757  
PICNIC RESERVATIONS, BEACH HOUSE RENTAL  
..... 1-888-327-2757, option 2  
PARK OFFICE.....1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4561

**PARKLAND ACTIVITIES** The swim area is open spring through fall. Lifeguards are on duty during posted hours. Swim only in the designated swim area. Swimming is also allowed at your own risk when lifeguards are not on duty when the park is open from April through October. There is a beach access fee. Beach wheelchairs, which provide a means for wheelchair users to access the beach, are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They require an assistant to push and are not intended to enter the water. For information, call (510) 652-1155. There are eight acres of lawn with several reservable picnic areas. The lake is seasonally planted with rainbow trout and catfish.

## WELCOME!

Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help protect and preserve the parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

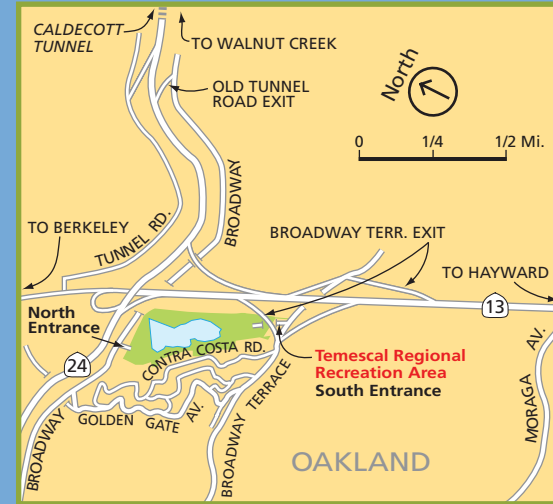
## SAFETY

- Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.
- Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous and may harm the watershed.
- Carry and drink plenty of water.
- Be prepared for changes in weather conditions.
- Trails can be slippery, rocky and steep. Proceed carefully at your own risk.
- Feeding or approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal.
- Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.

## RULES

- Dogs must be on leash and are not allowed in the lake, stream, or beach area. They must be leashed anywhere in the park, including in parking lots, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and play fields, and on trails. They must be under voice control at all times.
- Swimming, wading, and other water activities are allowed in designated areas.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Drones are prohibited.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only.
- Horses have the right-of-way on trails.
- State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Equestrians and bicyclists are also strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See [www.ebparks.org/rules](http://www.ebparks.org/rules).



## North Entrance

6500 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618

## South Entrance

6502 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, CA 94618

## Public Transit

AC Transit Transbay Line CB runs weekdays along Broadway Terrace to Florence Ave. Transbay Line V runs weekdays along Broadway Terrace into Montclair. Call or visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) to determine route and to confirm schedule—AC Transit: See 511.org or call 511 or 817-1717.



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## Regional Recreation Area

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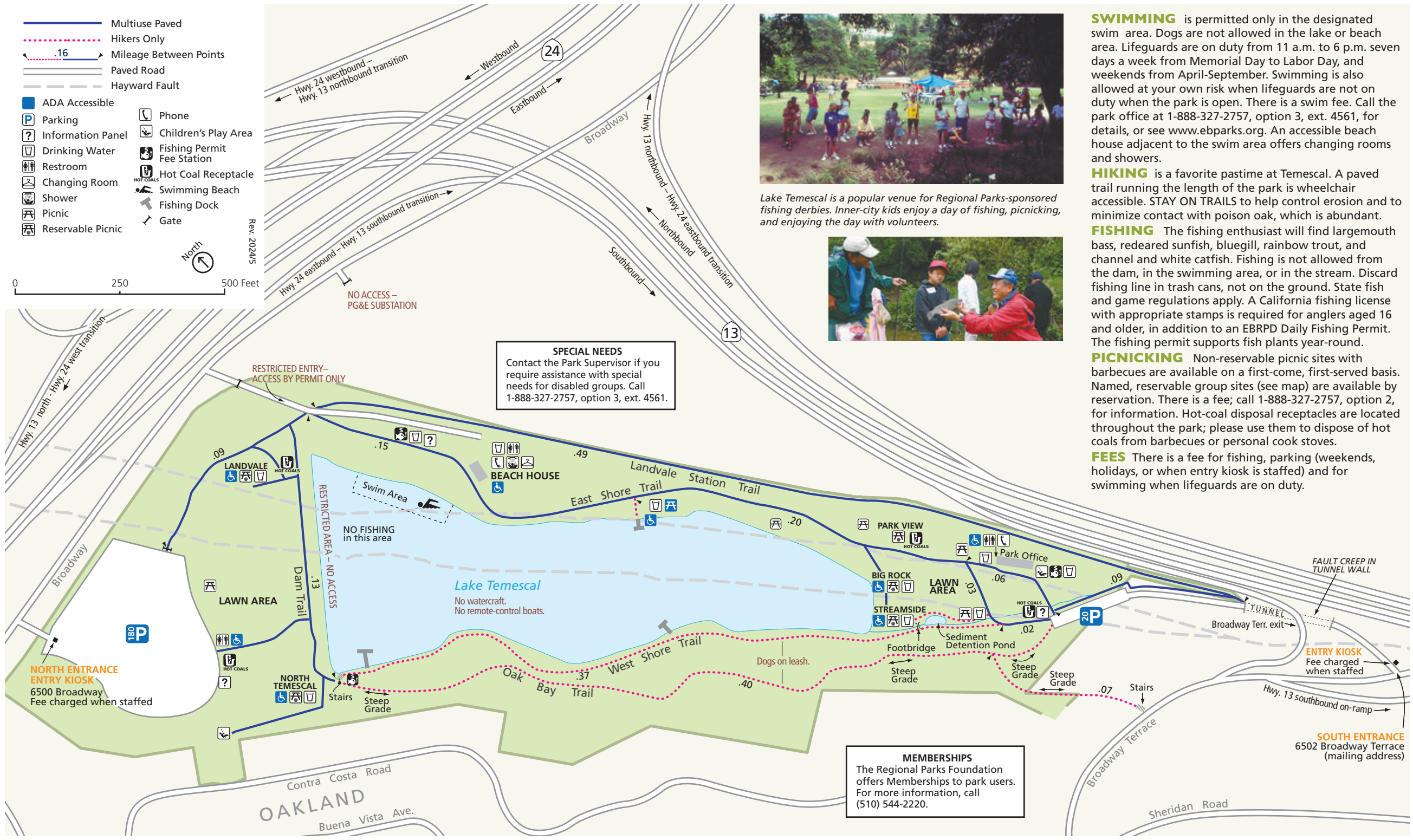


- Multiuse Paved
- Hikers Only
- Mileage Between Points
- Paved Road
- Hayward Fault
- ADA Accessible
- Parking
- Information Panel
- Drinking Water
- Restroom
- Changing Room
- Shower
- Picnic
- Reservable Picnic
- Phone
- Children's Play Area
- Fishing Permit Fee Station
- Hot Coal Receptacle
- Swimming Beach
- Fishing Dock
- Gate

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**SPECIAL NEEDS**  
 Contact the Park Supervisor if you require assistance with special needs for disabled groups. Call 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4561.

**MEMBERSHIPS**  
 The Regional Parks Foundation offers Memberships to park users. For more information, call (510) 544-2220.



Lake Temescal is a popular venue for Regional Parks-sponsored fishing derbies. Inner-city kids enjoy a day of fishing, picnicking, and enjoying the day with volunteers.



**SWIMMING** is permitted only in the designated swim area. Dogs are not allowed in the lake or beach area. Lifeguards are on duty from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and weekends from April-September. Swimming is also allowed at your own risk when lifeguards are not on duty when the park is open. There is a swim fee. Call the park office at 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4561, for details, or see [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org). An accessible beach house adjacent to the swim area offers changing rooms and showers.

**HIKING** is a favorite pastime at Temescal. A paved trail running the length of the park is wheelchair accessible. **STAY ON TRAILS** to help control erosion and to minimize contact with poison oak, which is abundant.

**FISHING** The fishing enthusiast will find largemouth bass, redeared sunfish, bluegill, rainbow trout, and channel and white catfish. Fishing is not allowed from the dam, in the swimming area, or in the stream. Discard fishing line in trash cans, not on the ground. State fish and game regulations apply. A California fishing license with appropriate stamps is required for anglers aged 16 and older, in addition to an EBRPD Daily Fishing Permit. The fishing permit supports fish plants year-round.

**PICNICKING** Non-reservable picnic sites with barbecues are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Named, reservable group sites (see map) are available by reservation. There is a fee; call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, for information. Hot-coal disposal receptacles are located throughout the park; please use them to dispose of hot coals from barbecues or personal cook stoves.

**FEES** There is a fee for fishing, parking (weekends, holidays, or when entry kiosk is staffed) and for swimming when lifeguards are on duty.

**NORTH ENTRANCE ENTRY KIOSK**  
 6500 Broadway  
 Fee charged when staffed

**ENTRY KIOSK**  
 Fee charged when staffed

**SOUTH ENTRANCE**  
 6502 Broadway Terrace  
 (mailing address)

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 Buena Vista Ave.