

# Welcome to Quarry Lakes

**Year opened:** 2001      **Acres:** 471  
**Highlights:** Swimming, boating (no gasoline engines), fishing, numerous picnic areas (many reservable), lawn areas, hiking, ADA accessible pier, access to the 12-mile-long Alameda Creek Trail which provides access to the Bay shoreline.  
*Did you know?* Gravel quarried from today's Shinn Pond was used to build UC Berkeley in the late 1800s.

**Fees—Parking:** \$5/vehicle, \$4/trailer, \$25/bus. Dog fee: \$2/dog/day. Beach access: \$3/person, \$2 ages 1-15, 62+, & disabled. Boat inspection: \$7/trailer boat; \$4 float tube, inflatable. Boat launch: \$5/trailer; \$3/cartop, inflatable; \$2/windsurf & paddleboard. Daily fishing access: \$5/day. Picnic reservations: see [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**HISTORY** Native Americans inhabited this region for many generations, notably in the sites that are now preserved at Coyote Hills Regional Park west of Quarry Lakes. Quarry Lakes incorporates the boundaries of two Mexican ranchos and the former Mission San Jose lands.

The quarries for which Quarry Lakes 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 were used for groundwater recharge by the Alameda County Water District (ACWD), which diverts water from Alameda Creek into the pits.

Quarry Lakes is the culmination of many years of planning and partnership between ACWD and the Park District. The property that now comprises the park was acquired by the two agencies between 1975 and 1992. Of the park's 471 acres, some 350 acres are the lakes. The first phase of park construction began in 1997, when ACWD flattened the slopes of the quarry pit to minimize erosion and sedimentation, and to provide contours more suitable for parkland.

In August 2000 the Park District began creating the parkland's recreational facilities, including turfgrass

lawns, picnic areas, shade pavilions, a swim beach, a boat launch ramp, and a trail network. The 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 recreational activities such as picnicking, boating, swimming, and fishing, as well as hiking and wildlife viewing. The park's trail network connects to the Alameda Creek Regional Trail, which extends from Niles Canyon westward to Coyote Hills and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge on San Francisco Bay.

**SWIMMING** The beach area includes a sandy beach, restrooms, and volleyball courts. Lifeguard service is available in the summer months through September. No water contact of any type is allowed in Willow Slough or Lago Los Osos.

**FISHING** is permitted in Horseshoe Lake and Rainbow Lake. Lead weights are not allowed. A California fishing license and an EBRPD Daily Fishing Access Permit are required for all anglers age 16 and older. Daily Fishing Access permits may be purchased at the park entry kiosk or at machines located at gate entrances along Alameda Creek Regional Trail. Permit sales fund trout and catfish plants in Horseshoe Lake. For fishing information, see [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

**PICNICKING** Picnic sites with barbecues are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are five reservable sites with space for 35 to 200 people. Alcohol is not allowed at Niles but is permitted at Ensenada North and South, Osprey, and Lampert Knoll **with a permit only**; call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, for reservation and permit information.

**ALCOHOL** Alcoholic beverages are not allowed, except by permit in picnic areas noted above.

**BOATING** Boats (electric only) and car-top watercraft may be launched into Horseshoe Lake from the boat launch. All watercraft must be absolutely clean and dry to pass invasive mussel inspection.

**DOGS** must be on leash and out of the water at all times while in the park. Leashes may not exceed six feet in length. Persons who walk more than three dogs at a time, or who walk dogs for a fee, must obtain a permit; call (510) 690-6508 for information.

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EBRPD HEADQUARTERS.....1-888-327-2757  
PICNIC RESERVATIONS.....1-888-327-2757, option 2  
PARK OFFICE.....1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4552



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### To Reach Quarry Lakes:

From I-880 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road (Hwy. 84) exit east. Proceed to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right, then left on Isherwood Way. Proceed to the park entrance on the right. From Mission Blvd. (Highway 238) in Fremont, turn south on Nursery Ave. (away from the hills) and right (west) on Niles Blvd. Turn left on Osprey Drive and left on Quarry Lakes Drive. Proceed to the park entrance on the left.

### WATERCRAFT INSPECTION:

Watercraft must pass mandatory inspection to prevent the introduction of invasive mussels into local lakes and reservoirs. To pass inspection, watercraft and accessories must be **ABSOLUTELY** clean and dry.

### GATE HOURS:

January: 7am-5pm  
February-March: 6am-6pm  
April-May: 6am-7pm  
Memorial Day-Labor Day: 6am-8pm  
Day after Labor Day-October: 6am-7pm  
November-December: 7am-5pm  
**PARK CURFEW:** 10pm-5am

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## Regional Recreation Area

Fremont, Union City

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Regional Park District



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### RESERVABLE PICNIC SITES

To reserve a site, call 1-888-EBPARKS, option 2

- 1 NILES (capacity 35)
- 2 OSPREY (capacity 50)
- 3 LAMPERT KNOLL (capacity 50)
- 4 ENSENADA NORTH (capacity 100)
- 5 ENSENADA SOUTH (capacity 200)

Wheelchair-accessible

Swim Area Entry. Kiosk. No alcohol, glass containers, personal barbecues, dogs, bicycles, scooters, or fishing. No diapers, including swim diapers, are allowed in the water.

Horses are not allowed in developed areas, grassy lawn areas, and picnic areas.

**PARK ENTRANCE**  
Dogs must be on leash at all times anywhere in the park.

430 parking spots  
34 boat trailer spots

155 parking spots  
276 parking spots  
363 parking spots

Visitor Drop-Off Area

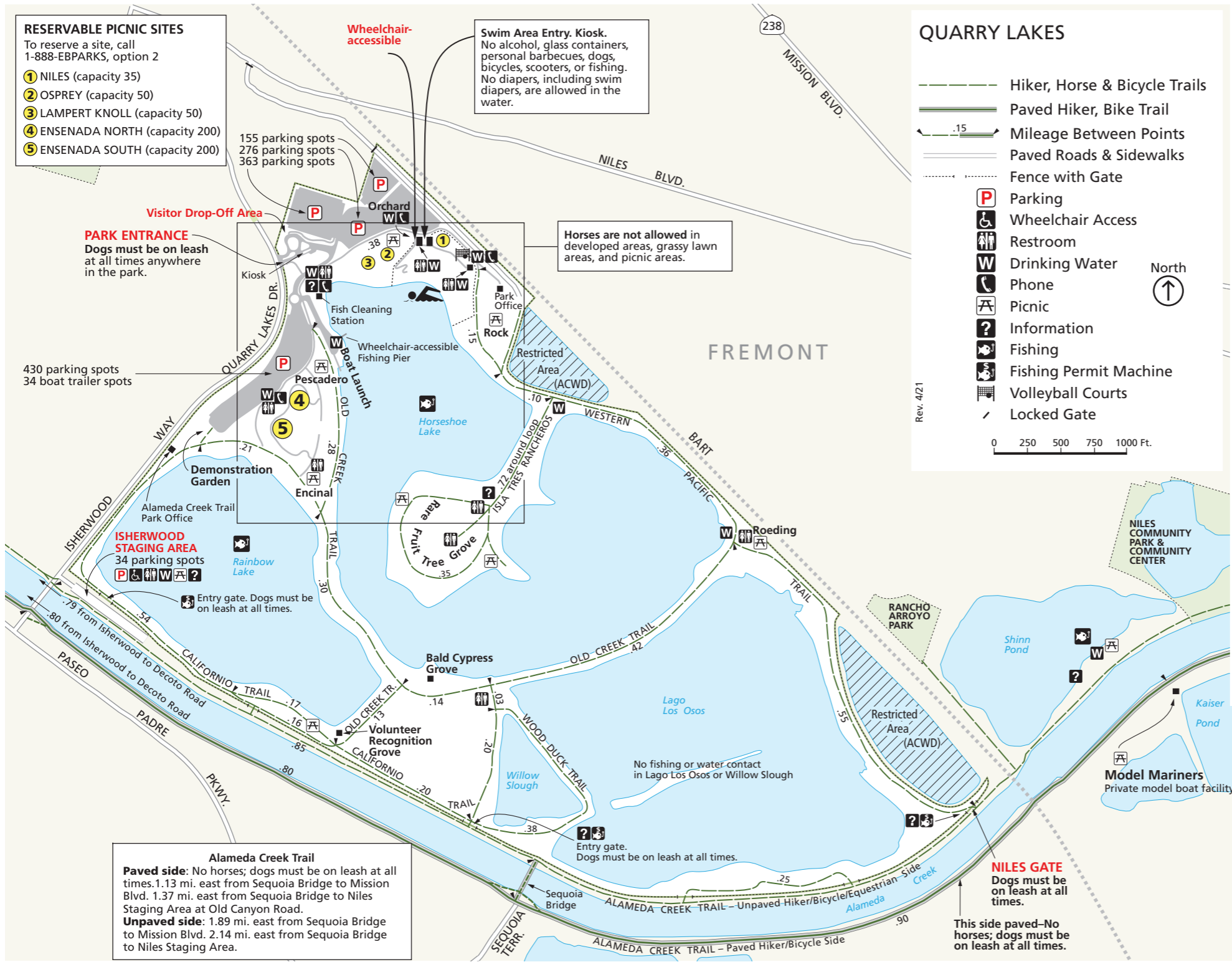
### QUARRY LAKES

- Hiker, Horse & Bicycle Trails
- Paved Hiker, Bike Trail
- Mileage Between Points
- Paved Roads & Sidewalks
- Fence with Gate
- Parking
- Wheelchair Access
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Phone
- Picnic
- Information
- Fishing
- Fishing Permit Machine
- Volleyball Courts
- Locked Gate

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**Alameda Creek Trail**  
**Paved side:** No horses; dogs must be on leash at all times. 1.13 mi. east from Sequoia Bridge to Mission Blvd. 1.37 mi. east from Sequoia Bridge to Niles Staging Area at Old Canyon Road.  
**Unpaved side:** 1.89 mi. east from Sequoia Bridge to Mission Blvd. 2.14 mi. east from Sequoia Bridge to Niles Staging Area.

**NILES GATE**  
Dogs must be on leash at all times.  
This side paved—No horses; dogs must be on leash at all times.

### WELCOME!

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

#### SAFETY and ETIQUETTE

- 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. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on the trail.
- Be prepared for sudden 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.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. Horses have the right-of-way on trails.
- Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.

#### RULES

- Dogs must be leashed at all times in Quarry Lakes Park.
- Do not attach ropes, pinatas, party paper, string, or signs to trees, tables, or other objects in the park.
- Generators are not allowed.
- Drones are prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited, except in overnight campsites.
- State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. All bicyclists and equestrians are 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).