A Haven for Water Activities

The land that is today Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton was formerly a gravel quarry and was donated to the East Bay Regional Park District by Kaiser Industries. It was opened as a park in 1971. Its assessed value of $250,000 was used to obtain a matching grant for development of the park from the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. With this start, the Park District has developed a 266-acre park, including an 80-acre lake. There is ample parking (including disabled accessible parking); there are many picnic tables, with facilities for people with disabilities.

SWIMMING The swimming beach at Shadow Cliffs has a bathhouse open seasonally. Lifeguards are on duty only during the summer months. When lifeguards are not on duty, swimming is permitted only in a designated area, and at the swimmer’s own risk. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult. PLEASE: Pets and glass containers are not allowed on the sand portion of the swim area. Swimming and boating are not allowed in the arroyo areas (see map on reverse).

BOATING Visitors may launch their own sailboats, rowboats, canoes/kayaks, float tubes, inflatables, sailboards, and boats with electric motors. There is a fee. Size limit is 17 feet. Jet skis and other personal watercraft are not permitted. Boats may be rented seasonally, including aluminum/electric, kayaks, paddle boats, and paddle boards; a valid driver license is required. All boats listed above must go through Quagga Mussel inspections prior to launch. For operating hours, rates, and rental information, call (925) 426-0197 or see www.rockymountainrec.com.

PICNICKING Reservable picnic areas are available. Call 1-888-327-2757, option 2. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Shadow Cliffs.

BIRDWATCHING Numerous waterbirds may be observed throughout the year in the more secluded back lakes area of the park. Species include the California towhee, mockingbird, Western meadowlark, morning dove, white-crowned sparrow and lesser goldfinch.

SNACK STAND Open during summer months only; hours vary.

FISHING A California State Fishing License with stamps and an EBRPD one-day Fishing Access Permit are required for all anglers aged 16 and older to fish at Shadow Cliffs, and at Del Valle outside Livermore, Contra Loma in Antioch, Lake Chabot in Castro Valley, Lake Temescal in Oakland, Don Castro in Castro Valley, and Quarry Lakes in Fremont. These one-day permits may be purchased at park entrance kiosks. Fishing at Shadow Cliffs is permitted in the main lake and in the arroyo areas. Arroyo areas are catch and release only. FISH LIMITS: Trout, catfish, and black bass, 5 per day; blue gill, no limit. Senior Fishing Access Permits, good for one year from the date of purchase, are available to those aged 62 and older. Regular permits, good for one year from the date of purchase, include the California towhee, mockingbird, Western meadowlark, morning dove, white-crowned sparrow and lesser goldfinch.

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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

Pets must be leashed in parking lots, 200 feet from any trail or park entrance, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and play fields, on some trails, and when grazing animals are present. They must be under voice control at all times.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See ebparks.org/rules.

Fees

There is a fee for parking, boat rental, boat launch, and fishing permits.

Memberships

The Regional Parks Foundation offers memberships to park users. For info call (510) 544-2220 or see www ebparks.org.