

San Pablo Reservoir— On the Rise and Open to Visitors

Seismic Protections Now in Place

A study completed in 2004 revealed that San Pablo Dam would be subject to slumping in a major earthquake, potentially sending water over the damaged dam into downstream communities. As a safety precaution, EBMUD immediately lowered the water level in San Pablo Reservoir by more than a third as a fix was studied. Now, after two years of drilling, mixing and hauling, earthen and concrete reinforcements to the dam's base are in place and the reservoir is filling back up again. With rising water levels and the reservoir open for the recreation season, it's a great time to visit this hidden gem.

Nestled between the towns of El Sobrante and Orinda just a short drive from highways 24 and 80, San Pablo Reservoir offers excellent fishing, boating, hiking and picnicking. Lucky visitors may catch a glimpse of the resident bald eagles. Amenities include a well-stocked bait & tackle shop, fish cleaning stations, a handicap-accessible fishing dock, boat rentals and launch ramp, picnic grounds, and a children's play area. Because it is a drinking water supply, no swimming is allowed.

Come out and enjoy a local beauty!

Fishing

Anglers have their choice of fishing from boats, both private and rental, or from 14 miles of shoreline. Trout and catfish are planted regularly and the reservoir yields large and smallmouth bass, white sturgeon, bluegill and crappie.



Boating

Enjoy more than 800 surface acres of pristine water from a rowboat, kayak or motor boat (only four-stroke and certified 2-4 star two-stroke engines using MTBE-free gas



allowed). Rent one or bring your own. Please keep in mind that private boats are subject to a vessel inspection to help keep the reservoir free of invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

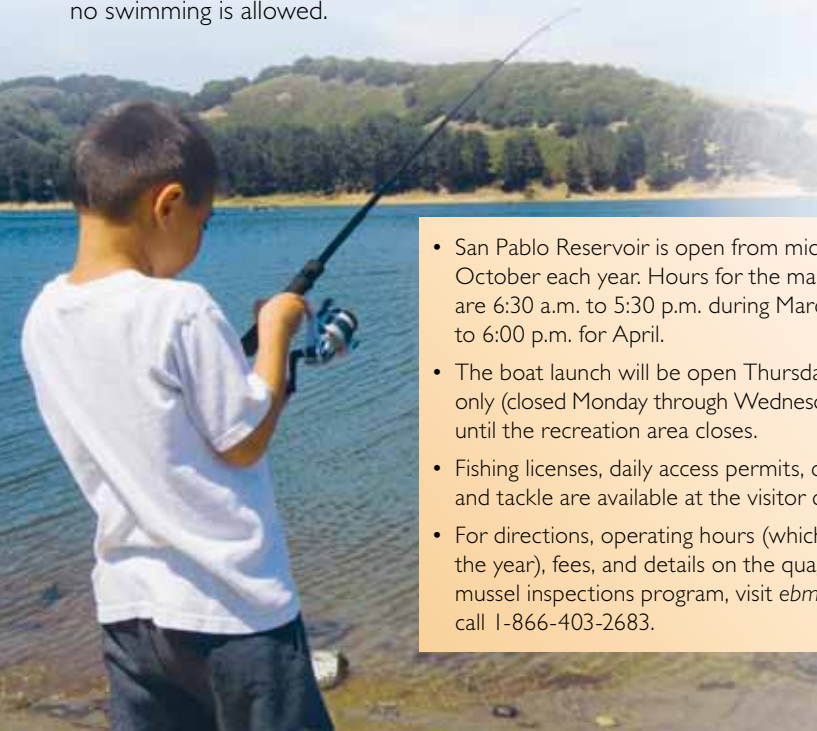
Picnicking

Numerous picnic areas with tables and barbecues are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two group picnic sites, The Oaks and The Pines, accommodate 50-200 people. The Oaks also has a large gazebo area. For costs and reservation information on group sites, call (510) 223-1661.

Weddings & Special Events

San Pablo Reservoir is available as a wonderful outdoor setting for wedding receptions and ceremonies. Birthday packages are available too. Visit ebmud.com for details.

- San Pablo Reservoir is open from mid-February through October each year. Hours for the main recreation area are 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during March and 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for April.
- The boat launch will be open Thursday through Sunday only (closed Monday through Wednesday) from 7:00 a.m. until the recreation area closes.
- Fishing licenses, daily access permits, coffee, snacks, bait and tackle are available at the visitor center.
- For directions, operating hours (which vary throughout the year), fees, and details on the quagga/zebra mussel inspections program, visit ebmud.com or call 1-866-403-2683.



It's Up to All of Us

Did you know that there is a direct link between you and San Francisco Bay? It's true—what you send down your drain can affect the wastewater system all the way from your home to the Bay.

Everyday products such as antibacterial

soaps, medication, pesticides, and cleaning solutions can contain materials that may not be completely removed by the wastewater treatment process—possibly ending up in the Bay and impacting aquatic life.

Disposable wipes and cooking grease may clog your sewer pipes or block the community sewers and cause wastewater overflows to streets, creeks, and the Bay. And those itty bitty fruit labels can plug up the treatment plant's equipment or even pass right through the treatment plant into the Bay.



Get Inspired

Enjoying the Bay is a great way to get rejuvenated. Explore tide pools, watch shorebirds, picnic or just stroll through one of the East Bay's many shoreline parks. Visit ebparks.org/parks for more information.

Get Started

Take your unwanted cleaning products to a nearby Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. For links to drop-off locations and alternative all-purpose cleaning products, visit ebmud.com/cleanbay.

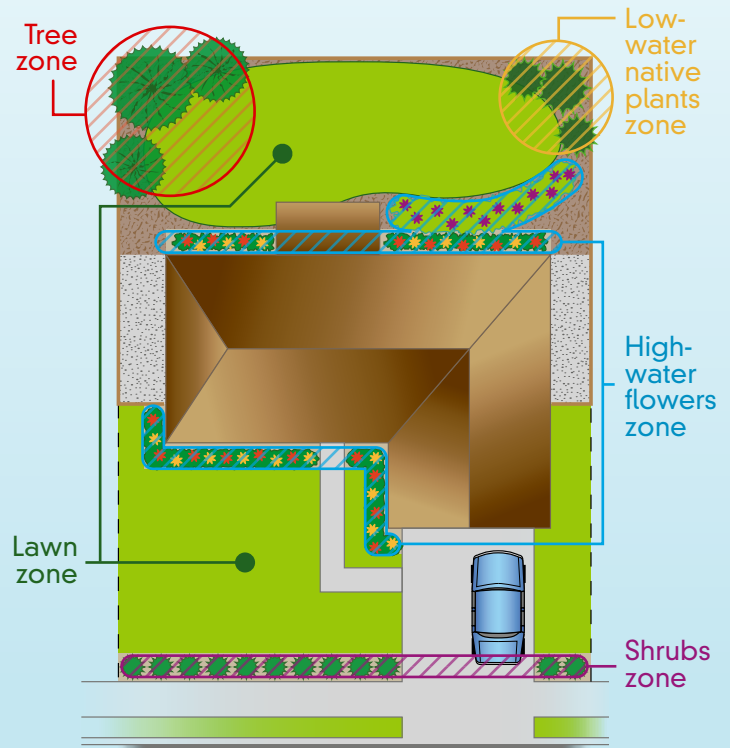
EBMUD can help you find alternative products and disposal options. Visit ebmud.com/cleanbay for easy ways to keep your pipes and our Bay healthy, or contact EBMUD's Environmental Services hotline at cleanbay@ebmud.com or (510) 287-1651.

Get in the Hydrozone

When athletes make incredible feats look easy, they are said to be "in the zone." Landscape irrigation at its best should be in the "hydrozone." A hydrozone is made of plants with similar water requirements grouped so they can be watered together. Shrubs, lawn, trees, and annuals require different amounts of water and should have different watering schedules. To get in the hydrozone, first group your plants by similar water requirements. High-water-using plants like rhododendrons and azaleas should not be mixed with low-water-using natives and Mediterranean plants.

An irrigation valve runs several sprinkler heads at a time; the same valve should not water both lawns and shrubs. Know which areas of your garden are watered by each irrigation valve or station.

When setting your automatic timer, set each hydrozone with its own program or irrigation schedule. Your timer should have two or more programs. Set the watering days and minutes for the lawn on one program. Switch to another program and set the schedule for shrub areas, then trees and so on. For more outdoor watering tips, and information on irrigation controller rebates, visit ebmud.com/watersmart.



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