CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE WATERSHED

Evidence of human occupation in this region stretches back almost 10,000 years, placing the watershed among some of the earliest known sites of human activity in California. Native Americans living in the watershed were protected by the hilly terrain and relied on the water they found in creeks and springs. They established multi-family communities and hunted, fished and gathered seeds, acorns and other plants for food.

EARLY RESIDENTS OF LOS VAQUEROS

Records kept by Franciscan priests show that the early residents of Los Vaqueros were either Volvons (speakers of the Bay Miwok language) or Ssaoams (speakers of the Costanoan language).

DRAMATIC CHANGE IN WATERSHED

At the end of the 18th century, Spain's 300-year expansion of the Bay Miwok language). In 1821, took over the mission in 1834. By 1844, the name Los Vaqueros comes from the Mexican land grant name, Cañada de los Vaqueros, or Valley of the Cowboys. By the late 1800s, farming had stopped and the watershed was used primarily for livestock grazing. To this day, grazing continues in the watershed to manage grasslands.

TARANTULAS can be found throughout fall. Do not disturb tarantulas. Tarantulas can bite, causing discomfort for several days. The fine-barbed hairs on a tarantula can cause irritating reactions for some people.

WILDFIRE

Fire danger is high most of the year. Use caution when grilling, only smoke in designated areas and never throw burning objects out of a car window. Violating these rules may result in a fine.

FISHING & BOATING

Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, striped bass, channel catfish, sunfish and carp are all available to anglers. Rainbow trout and catfish are planted seasonally. California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, Alameda whipsnake, state and federal law. These include California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, Alameda whipsnake, San Joaquin kit fox, golden eagle and others. It is illegal to capture, harm or harass any protected species or its habitat.

MOUNTAIN LIONS tend to occupy areas with rocks, boulders, downed logs and ledges. If you see one, keep a safe distance and allow the snake to escape.

ELECTRIC BOAT PONTOON BOAT

Worms, nightcrawlers, crickets, grasshoppers, grubs, liver, salmon eggs, PowerBait®, artificial lures and any bait purchased at the Marina are allowed. No live bait other than those listed above are allowed.

Catch and release is encouraged for largemouth bass.

FISHING LIMITS

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk except for designated areas. Smaller agencies or state agencies have other restrictions. A maximum of one fish per angler is allowed in designated areas.

Fishing is not allowed in designated areas.

WATERSHED OFFICE

Watershed Office, 6100 Marina View Dr., Fremont, CA 94539-4897

FISHING FEES

Daily Fishing Access $6 per angler

Weekly Fishing Access $20 per angler

Monthly Fishing Access $60 per angler

TICKS can be plentiful in grassy and brushy areas. Check yourself for ticks after visiting the watershed.

Coyotes may attack if they feel threatened. Never feed or approach a coyote. If followed by a coyote, scare it away by making loud noises and report any incidents of concern to the Watershed Office.

Birds may attack if they feel threatened. Never feed or approach a bird. If followed by a bird, scare it away by making loud noises and report any incidents of concern to the Watershed Office.

Boating is allowed from dawn to dusk except for designated areas.

Camping is allowed in designated areas?

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WATERSHED & MARINA
9900 Los Vaqueros Road, Byron
925-371-2628
ccwater.com/losvaqueros

HOURS
September – April
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October – March
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

November – February
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

March
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

April – August
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gates lock promptly at closing time. Violators are issued to those remaining on site after hours. Call 925-688-8374 after hours.

JOHN MUIR INTERPRETIVE CENTER
19 Walnut Boulevard, Brentwood
925-240-2440
ccwater.com/activities

HOURS
Saturday and Sundays
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WATERSHED OFFICE
100 Walnut Boulevard, Brentwood
925-240-2360

PARKING
$4 per vehicle
$6 per vehicle, non-ratepayer
$5 per vehicle, non-ratepayer seniors
$12 per van (10-20 passengers)
NO CHARGE for Distinguished Veterans Pass holders

FISHING & BOATING
Fishing opportunities are abundant at the reservoir. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, striped bass, channel catfish, sunfish and carp are all available to anglers. The Watershed Office issues fishing licenses to those remaining on site after hours. Call 925-688-8374 after hours.

FISHING FEES
Fishing access fees are used to stock the reservoir.

DAILY FISHING ACCESS: $6 per angler

BOAT RENTAL FEES
Boat rentals are available at the Marina on the south side of the reservoir.

ELECTRIC BOAT

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Boat rentals 30% off from Tuesday to Thursday, except holidays. Boat rentals may be suspended when conditions are windy. Call 925-371-2628 for weather status.

PRIVATE BOATS
Private watercraft are not allowed on the reservoir. This includes all boat types: float tubes, canoes, kayaks and other watercraft.

ALLOWABLE BAIT
Worms, nightcrawlers, crickets, grasshoppers, grubs, liver, salmon eggs, PowerBait®, artificial lures and any bait purchased at the Marina are allowed. No live bait other than those listed above are allowed.

FISHING LIMITS
Catch and release is encouraged for largemouth bass.

Catfish: 10
Trout: 5
Striped Bass: 2
Bluegill: 25
Carp: 25
Largemouth Bass: 5

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
MONTHLY FISHING CLINICS
Fishing clinics are held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month. These free clinics are open to all ages and abilities.

WHOPPER CLUB
Win a glass Whopper Mug when you catch one of the following fish at the listed weights or larger:

- Trout 8 pounds
- Catfish 12 pounds
- Striped Bass 10 pounds
- Largemouth Bass 12 pounds

*If fish must be released and a photo must be provided with hand scale or 18” measurement.

RAINBOW TROUT LIMIT CLUB
Catch the limit and earn a pin. Five pins earn a hat.

LOANER RODS
Rods and reels are available for first-time anglers under the age of 16. A $20 refundable deposit is required for each loaner rod.

WATERSHED RULES
- Dogs and pets (except service dogs) are not allowed.
- Vehicles must stay in parking areas and on paved roads.
- Body contact with the water (swimming, wading) is prohibited.
- Plants, animals, and geological, archaeological and historical objects are strictly protected. Do not disturb or collect them.
- Do not release cats, dogs, bullfrogs, fish, turtles or other animals.
- Do not feed animals in the watershed.
- Fires are permitted in designated barbecue pits only.
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.
- Trail users must stay on designated trails.
- Bicycles and horses are allowed on designated multi-use trails only.
- The following are not permitted: fireworks, camping, alcoholic beverages, hunting, firearms and other weapons.
- Vehicles must display a valid watershed parking permit.
- Drones and other remotely controlled devices, including aircraft and watercraft, are not allowed.