

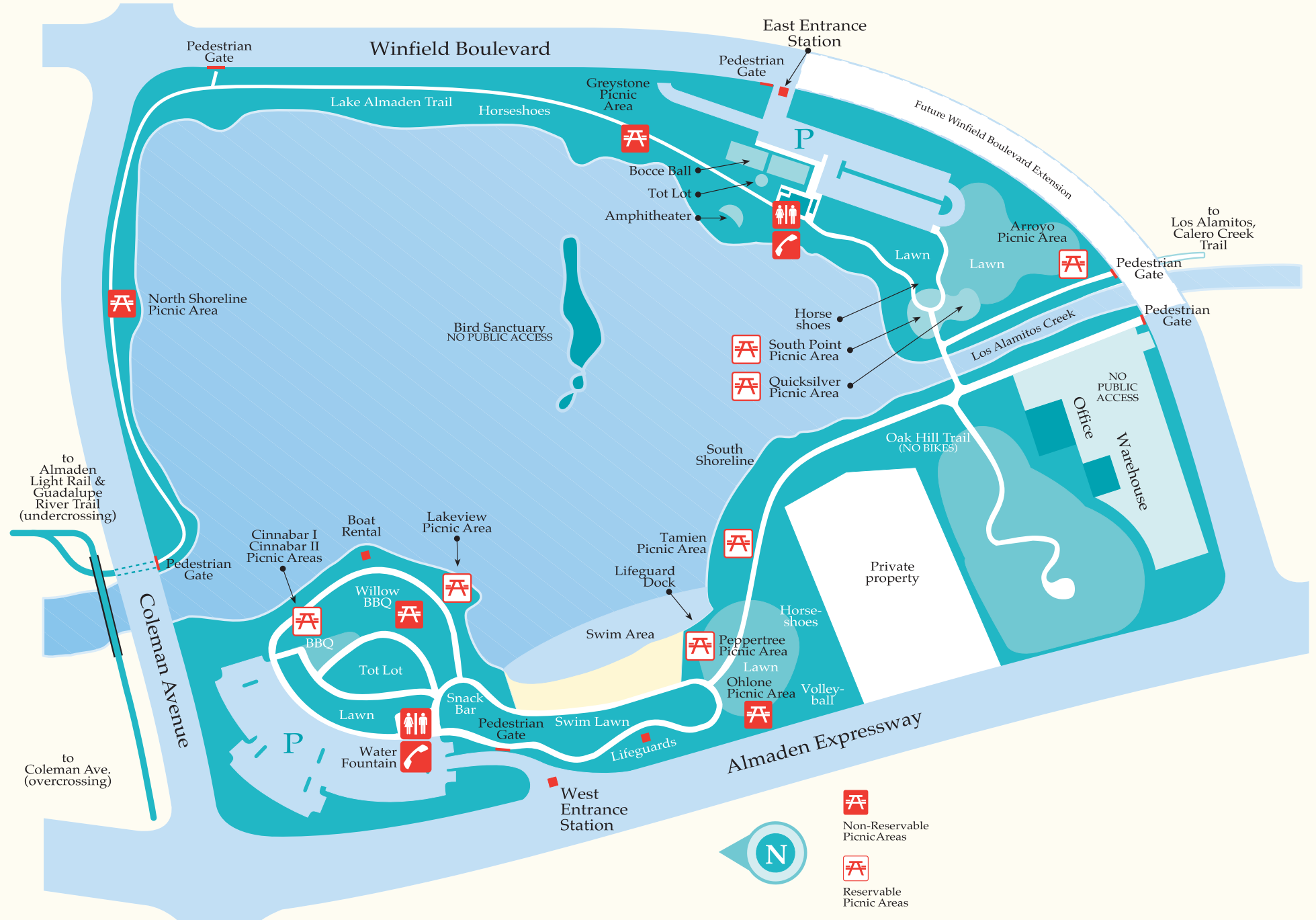
ALMADEN LAKE PARK

A UNIQUE HISTORY

The 65-acre Almaden Lake Park in South San José, once a privately owned rock quarry, is now operated by the San José Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The lake itself is 32 acres, is actually man-made and was progressively formed as a result of the quarry operation which began in the late 1940s. Excavation for the quarry started at the center of Los Alamitos Creek and moved outward, transforming what was once a meadow where dairy cows grazed, into a lake.

Although the primary fish in Almaden Lake are now bass, crappie, and catfish, long-time residents of the area claim that at one time Los Alamitos Creek was 200-foot wide and abundant with trout! More recently the lake has been operated by the Water District as a ground water recharge facility and was first opened for public use as a park in the spring of 1982.



PARK RULES

While visiting Almaden Lake Park, please help protect our valuable park resources and wildlife, and assure an enjoyable visit for you and all of the park's visitors by complying with these rules and any posted regulations.

- The park opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes one-half hour after sunset.
- The park is closed on Mondays as well as on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
- Amplified sound (including drums, loud radios/instruments) is prohibited without a valid permit.
- Swimming and wading are allowed only in designated areas and only when Lifeguards are on duty.
- Life jackets are required to be worn by everyone operating a rental vessel, and by all children under the age of 12.
- Children under the age of 8 years are not allowed along any shoreline unless accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older.
- No intoxicating beverages of any kind are allowed in any parking area or within 30' of any parking area, or any park play apparatus area or tot lot. Beer, malt liquor, sake, wine, or champagne are allowed in picnic areas ONLY.
- Glass containers are prohibited within 30' of any shoreline, beach, in the swim area, or water features.
- Animals or pets are not allowed on the west side of the park (the Almaden Expressway side).
- On the east side of the park (at Winfield), dogs must be on a leash and kept under control at all times. Dog owners are required to immediately clean up any excrement left by their dog.
- Feeding or tampering with wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- The island is a bird sanctuary with no public access.
- Powered model planes, cars or rockets are not allowed.
- Smoking is prohibited in all San José Parks.
- All other State laws and San José municipal codes apply to this park and are strictly enforced.

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Parking fees may be charged year round. Discount parking fees are available for seniors, veterans and cars displaying clean air permits.

ALMADEN LAKE



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WELCOME

Welcome to Almaden Lake Park—San José's only park featuring an extensive sand beach and swim area supervised by Lifeguards. Visitors can enjoy a range of recreational activities including fishing, hiking, swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce ball, and pedal boating.

A concession stand offers beverages and light foods. Pedal boats and life jackets are available from our rental concession. The concession stand, pedal boats, and swimming are offered on a seasonal basis only (Memorial Day through Labor Day.) In addition, there are lawn and picnic areas, barbecues and play grounds with water features.

Picnic tables with barbecue pits are located throughout the park. Non-reservable picnic sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, one adult per table. There are seven sites available for reservation. The largest site is Arroyo, which accommodates groups up to 200. The next largest sites are Cinnabar I & II, South Point, and Quicksilver picnic areas, all of which accommodate groups up to 190. The smaller sites are Tamien, and Peppertree which accommodate up to 60, and Lakeview, which accommodates up to 40. For reservation information, please call (408) 27-PARKS [277-2757].

Adjacent to Almaden Lake Park is the Los Alamitos Creek Trail, a 4.7-mile trail that features a fitness course and takes you by scenic agricultural lands and riparian communities. The trail continues to Santa Teresa County Park. Other trails are located nearby, including Guadalupe River Trail, Guadalupe Creek Trail, and trails within Guadalupe Oak Grove Park.

This publication can be made available in alternative formats such as large print, computer disk, audio tape or Braille. Requests can be made by calling (408) 277-5130 (voice) or (408) 294-9337 (TTY). If you have questions about accessibility in the park, please call (408) 277-5130.

SWIMMING

Swimming may start as early as Memorial Day weekend and continue through Labor Day weekend. Swimming is not permitted outside the designated area or when Lifeguards are not on duty. The swim area is open Wednesday through Sunday, closed Mondays and Tuesdays during the season. There is a nominal fee for swimming. Prices are subject to change at any time. Swim wrist bands may be purchased at the concession stand. The swim beach schedule can be obtained by calling the Park Ranger Office at (408) 277-5130.

PLAN AHEAD

During the summer months the park can become very congested and parking is limited. Park access may be restricted during peak use periods and it is recommended that visitors carpool, take public transportation, and come to the park early, as the park and parking lot may fill quickly.

RANGERS

Park Rangers are here to assist you and provide for a more enjoyable, educational and safe park visit. Services offered by the Ranger staff include: first aid, fire suppression, park interpretation, and educational programming.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Almaden Lake Park has easy access to both Light Rail and the Santa Clara County Transit Bus lines. A bus stop is located at the west side entrance and the Light Rail stops just across Coleman Road from the park. For information on routes, schedules and fares, visit www.vta.org or call the following (800) 894-9908 or (408) 321-2330 (TTY).