



# Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch

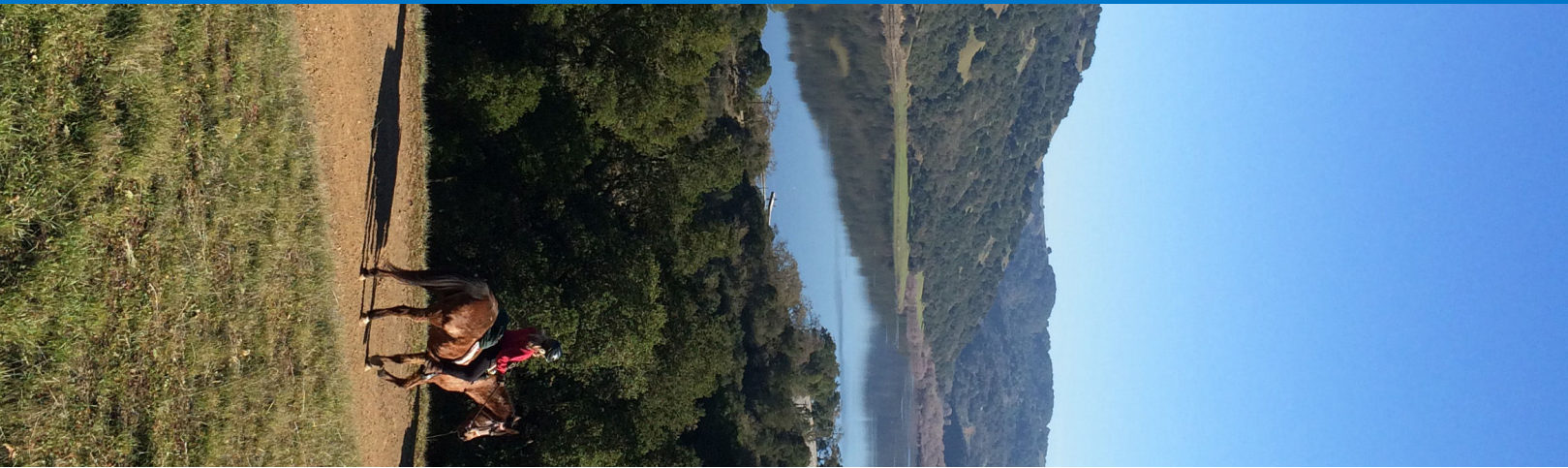


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## Welcome

This 4,595-acre regional recreation area, nestled in the hills east of Gilroy, CA, features a 635-acre lake for fishing and boating. Coyote Lake has a "world-class" population of Black Bass, as well as bluegill, black crappie, and Eurasian carp. Both powered and non-powered vessels can enjoy the waters of the lake.

The park provides campsites for tents and RVs. All sites have a table, grill/fire pit, and food storage locker, and hot showers are available to all campers. Hikers, horseback riders and off-road bicyclists can explore over 30 miles of trails that wind through cool oak forests and along breezy ridgelines with wonderful views.

## Hours and Fees

The park is open year-round from 8:00 am until sunset. Trail hours are from sunrise to sunset (there is no legal parking along San Martin Ave). Vehicular fees are collected year-round at Coyote Reservoir. No fees required for parking at Harvey Bear Ranch or Mendoza Ranch parking lots.

## How to Get There

**Bear Ranch Entrance:** From U.S. Highway 101 in San Martin, take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for 2 miles. The entrance to the park is on the left, one-quarter mile east of Foothill Avenue.

**Mendoza Ranch Entrance:** From U.S. Highway 101 in Gilroy, take the Leavesley Road exit. Proceed east on Leavesley Rd. 2 miles to New Avenue. Proceed north on New Ave. . 5 miles to Roop Road. Proceed east on Roop Rd. 3.5 miles into the foothills. Turn left into the park.

**Coyote Lake Entrance:** From U.S. Highway 101 in Gilroy, take the Leavesley Road exit. Proceed east on Leavesley Rd. 2 miles to New Avenue. Proceed north on New Ave. . 5 miles to Roop Road. Proceed east on Roop Rd. 4.0 miles into the foothills. Turn left into the park, and proceed one mile north to the entrance station and visitor center.

## Share the Trails

**Be Considerate:** Use particular caution when passing children, senior citizens, and people with dogs.

**Use Open Trails Only:** Trails may be closed due to sensitive environmental concerns.

**Be Aware of Conditions:** Riding (even on open trails) when conditions are poor, such as shortly after a rain, may cause trail damage.

**Plan Ahead:** Know your equipment, your ability and where you are going. Carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions.

## Activities

**Visitor Center:** See exhibits on local wildlife, including fish that are native to the park. Park rangers provide interpretive programs year-round.

**Lake Recreation:** Coyote Lake provides opportunities for power boating, jet skiing, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing/kayaking and fishing. Swimming is not allowed by order of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The boat launch ramp is located two miles north of the visitor center, and has two docks, a 3-lane concrete ramp, paved parking and a restroom.

**Fishing:** The lake contains bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish, carp and black bass. The lake is closed to boating of all kind between mid-October to mid-April.

**Picnicking:** Family picnic sites are located at numerous locations along the west shoreine. BBQ picnic facilities are located south of the Anglers Cove picnic area.

**Camping:** The Lakeview Campground is located .5 miles north of the visitor center. It provides campers with 73 reservable sites. 18 sites have water and electric hook-ups for RV's. Each site has a paved slip, picnic table, BBQ/campfire pit and food locker.

**Hiking:** Over 30 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails wind through oak-studded canyons and across grassy ridgelines, providing spectacular views of the south Santa Clara Valley. At the Bear Ranch Trailhead in San Martin, there is a 2-mile paved loop that is popular with joggers, dog-walkers.

## Camping

Overnight camping is one of the most popular activities at Coyote Lake. Please help make this unique back-to-nature experience worthwhile for everyone by adhering to the following rules and any posted regulations:

- Camp at established campsites.
- Campsites are available by reservation. Call (408) 355-2201 or visit [gooutsideandplay.org](http://gooutsideandplay.org) to make a reservation up to 48 hours in advance. Less than 48 hours any remaining campsites are first come, first serve. Maximum length of stay is 14 days within a 45 day period, with a 14 day total between Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Check-out is at 1:00pm, and Check-in starts at 3:00pm
- Maximum of 8 persons and 2 vehicles per site. All vehicles must be on the paved slip.
- Persons under age 18 cannot camp overnight unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Maximum of two pets per campsite. Keep pets on a 6-foot (or less) leash during the day, and in confined areas overnight. All pets must be licensed and have proof of vaccination.
- No wood gathering. Firewood may be purchased at the entry station kiosk.
- Park closes to non-campers at sunset. All third vehicles (or more) must be removed from the park at sunset.
- Quiet hours: 10 pm. to 7 am. No radios, musical instruments, or other loud noises during quiet hours.
- Three restrooms and shower building (no charge) are available.



## On the Water

Water recreation is a popular activity at Coyote Lake. Please help make this experience safe and enjoyable for everyone by adhering to the following rules and any posted regulations:

- No swimming or wading is allowed.
- All boating is by reservation only.
- Current registration is required for all motor driven vessels and for sail boats over 8 feet in length. Numbers and stickers must be properly displayed.
- Vessels must carry required safety equipment.
- Children under 12 years of age must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket while in a vessel of 26 feet or less.
- Water skiers are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Any person on a personal watercraft must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket and have a sound producing device.
- Passengers must be inside the passenger compartment while a boat is under way.
- Maximum speed limit is 35 mph.
- Observe "5 mph Zones"
- Direction of travel is counter-clockwise.
- Noise limits are strictly enforced.
- Youth under 16 may not operate a vessel which is over 15 HP.
- A 12" x 12" orange or red ski flag must be displayed when equipment and/or a skier is down in the water.
- In addition to an operator, an observer at least 12 years of age must be in the vessel watching water skiers at all times.
- All vessels must be off the water one-half hour before sunset.
- All state and federal rules and regulations are applicable.
- A complete set of state boating laws can be viewed at [www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov).

## History and Natural Diversity

For more information on these topics, visit [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) and navigate to the Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear Ranch page.