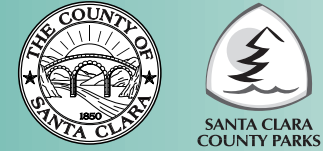


Anderson

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Regional Parks and Recreation Areas



WELCOME

Welcome to Anderson Lake County Park, site of Santa Clara County's largest reservoir. The 2,365 acre Anderson Park also features the Coyote Creek Parkway multiple use trails, the Jackson Ranch historic park site, the Moses L. Rosendin Park, and the Burnett Park area. This unique combination of recreational resources make Anderson Lake County Park a magnet for power boat enthusiasts, bicyclists, equestrians, picnickers, and nature lovers. Enjoy your visit today, and return often to experience the many recreational opportunities of Anderson Lake County Park.

HOW TO GET THERE

Anderson Lake and the picnic areas along the Coyote Creek are located on Cochrane Road in Morgan Hill, east of Highway 101. To reach the Woodchopper's picnic area or the Jackson Ranch, follow Dunne Avenue east

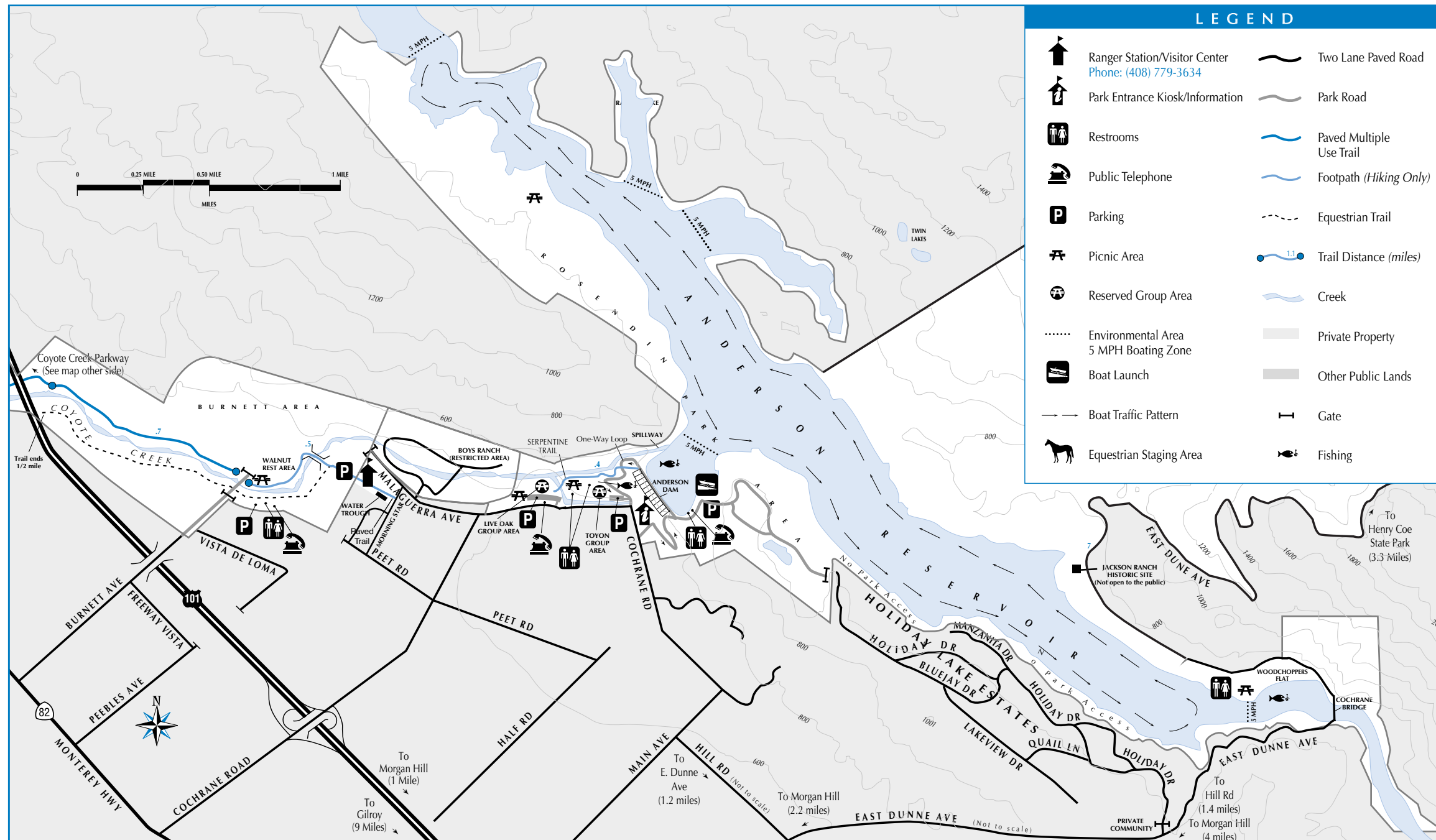
from Highway 101. The Coyote Creek Parkway multiple use trails can be reached by following Cochrane Road west from Highway 101 to Monterey Road. Turn right onto Monterey Road and after approximately one mile, turn right (east) onto Burnett Avenue to the trail head.

ACTIVITIES

Anderson Reservoir, a seven-mile long, 1,250 surface acre lake, provides opportunities for power and non-power boating and fishing. Shoreline picnic and barbecue facilities are provided at the Woodchopper's picnic area, which can be accessed by boat or vehicle at the south end of the lake. First-come, first-served family picnic areas are available year round along Coyote Creek below Anderson Dam. Two group picnic areas are available by reservation. Fishing is permitted year-round in Anderson Lake, and during fishing season in Coyote Creek (April - November).

Hikers, runners, bicyclists, and skaters can enjoy the multiple use paved trail which follows Coyote Creek north for fifteen miles to Coyote Hellyer County Park. This asphalt path is relatively flat and meanders along the creek underneath Oak, Cottonwood and Sycamore trees. An equestrian staging area with trailer parking, picnic facilities, and a horse trough heads the 8-mile horse trail which begins at Burnett Avenue and runs north along the Coyote Creek generally parallel to the paved trail. Rest areas and emergency call boxes are provided, but water is not available.

A one mile self-guided nature trail is also located along Coyote Creek and provides insight to the riparian habitat used by the abundant wildlife in the area. The trail runs along the creek between Malaguerra and Burnett Avenues. Trail guides are located at both ends of the trail.



HOURS & FEES

The park is open year-round from 8 a.m. until sunset. Lake use fees are collected daily. Vehicle entry fees are collected year-round. Fees are also required for group picnic reservations and vessel inspections. Launch and entry fees are posted at the entrance. Boating reservations can be made by calling (408) 355-2201.

TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS... LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

Millions of people visit Santa Clara County's regional parks each year. Please help preserve the natural beauty of our parklands and ensure the safety of our visitors by complying with these general rules and any posted regulations.

Vehicles: Observe posted speed limits. Stay on paved roadways and in designated parking areas.

Vessels: Observe County and State boating rules and regulations.

Garbage: Place in receptacles provided. Recycling is encouraged.

Dogs/Pets: Allowed in all areas. Must be controlled on a 6-foot (or less) leash at all times.

Fires: Permitted in designated barbecue pits only. No fires on open ground or along shoreline. No wood gathering.

Weapons: Firearms, air guns, archery equipment and paintball guns are prohibited.

Alcohol: Permitted in picnic areas. Operating a vessel while intoxicated is illegal.

Swimming: Prohibited in all lakes, streams and reservoirs.

Plants & Wildlife: Collection of plant specimens and feeding of birds or animals is not permitted.

Fishing: License required for all persons age 16 or older.

Bicycle Helmets: ANSI/Snell approved helmets are required for all children under age 18. Helmets are recommended for all bicyclists.

ON THE WATER

- All vessels and trailers are required to pass inspection before launching.
- No swimming or wading is allowed.
- 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 accessible 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, unless the vessel is anchored, moored, or aground.
- Water skiers are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket. (See state boating law for exceptions).
- Any person on a personal watercraft must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Passengers must be inside the passenger compartment while the vessel is under way.
- Maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Observe "No Wake Zones"
- Direction of travel is counter-clockwise. No 360 or trick turns except for picking up a downed water skier.
- Noise limits are strictly enforced
- Youth under 16 may not operate a vessel, which is over 15 HP, unless the youth is between the age of 12 and 15 and is accompanied and supervised by someone at least 18 yrs. of age.
- A red ski flag must be displayed when equipment and/or a skier is down in the water.
- 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 as posted.
- All state and federal rules and regulations are applicable.
- A complete set of state boating laws can be viewed at www.dbw.ca.gov



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SHARING THE TRAILS

The Coyote Creek Parkway multiple use trails offer recreational opportunities for equestrians, bicyclists, skaters, bladders, and hikers. Helmets are required for all bicyclists under age 18, and are recommended for all riders. For the safety and protection of all visitors, please adhere to the following trail etiquette guidelines:

Stay on Designated Trails: Horses are not allowed on the paved trail. Bicycles are not allowed on the equestrian trail.

Be Considerate: Keep speeds at a safe pace. Yield to slower trail users. Use particular caution when passing children and senior citizens. Respect everyone's right to use the trail.

Be Aware of Conditions: Riding when conditions are poor, such as shortly after a rain, should be done with caution.

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

ACCESSIBILITY

The majority of the Park's facilities meet those standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The nature trail has interpretive signs in braille, and audio cassette narrative is available. For other specific information or special accommodations, contact the park office.

NATURAL DIVERSITY

Coyote Creek is the longest creek in Santa Clara County, flowing northward over 60 miles through Coyote and Anderson Reservoirs, San Jose, Milpitas, and finally into San Francisco Bay. The creek environment is comprised primarily of riparian woodland species. Big Leaf Maple, Cottonwood, Sycamore, and Willow are typical trees of this community. The banks of the Coyote Creek are home to a wide variety of waterfowl including the Great Blue Heron, and the Wood Duck. Visitors to the creek area may also see a Fox, Bobcat, Coyote, Wild Pig, or Turkey.

Coast Live Oak trees are also found near the creek and throughout Anderson Park. The acorns of this tree were an important food source to Native Americans and are a primary food source for many bird and animal species in the park. Poison Oak, abundant throughout the park, is an important ground cover that reduces soil erosion and helps stabilize stream banks. The thickets and woody vines offer excellent cover and protection for many species of wildlife, in addition to providing a valuable food source. Although Northern California Indians once had many uses for the juices, stems, leaves and roots

of Poison Oak, park visitors should take care to avoid it and wash exposed skin and clothing if contact is made.

Many species of wildlife also make their home within Anderson Park. Most commonly seen are Ground Squirrels and Tree Squirrels, Cottontail Rabbits and Jackrabbits, Opossums, and Deer.

CULTURAL HISTORY

For centuries, the Tamien and Matalan Tribes of the Ohlone Indians lived along what is now the Coyote Creek Parkway. The temperate climate, abundant wildlife and plant food sources attracted these Native Americans to this site. In March of 1776, Juan Bautista de Anza and his party of explorers crossed the river on their way to San Francisco. They named the river Arroyo Del Coyote, most likely after the Coyotes they saw during their journey.

The Coyote Creek Parkway also includes an area at the terminus of Burnett Avenue in Morgan Hill commonly called the "Burnett Area." This portion of the park is part of the Spanish land grant of Rancho De Laguna Seca. The area has been used over the years for cattle grazing, chicken ranching, and orchard farming.

Anderson Reservoir, named for Leroy Anderson, is the largest lake in Santa Clara County. Anderson was a devoted conservationist and a leader on the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation Committee. Construction of the lake and dam was funded from a \$3 million Bond Act approved by voters in 1949. Anderson Reservoir now serves as part of the Santa Clara Valley Water

District's linked system of reservoirs for groundwater recharge and as a secondary drinking water source.

At the bottom of what is now Anderson Reservoir, is land once farmed by the Cochrane/Jackson family. In 1869, John Cochrane purchased part of the Spanish land grant Ojo de Agua de la Coche. Cochrane came from New Hampshire, sailing around Cape Horn to reach California. He worked the ranch as a dairy using Swiss farmhands. At its peak, the ranch encompassed 5,500 acres in the Mount Hamilton foothills.

Cochrane and his wife, Aphelia Farmington, had five children. After Cochrane's death in 1899, his wife took over the ranch operation. She began raising beef cattle after the 1906 earthquake destroyed the stone dairy barn. In 1914, Aphelia built a new ranch house near the original adobe house. Over the years, she became a prominent citizen of Morgan Hill, and died in 1949 at the age of 103. The following year, her estate was awarded \$155,000 for 500 acres along the Coyote Creek where Anderson Dam and Reservoir were constructed. The new house and some other buildings were moved to the lake's southeastern shoreline - where they remain today.

Gladys Jackson, one of the Cochrane granddaughters, and her foster sister, Ruth Lowe, lived at the ranch until it was badly damaged in the 1984 Morgan Hill earthquake. Soon after, Gladys died at the age of 88. Ruth died in 1987 at age 91. Gladys Jackson's will deeded the ranch to the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. The ranch house was recently restored and is now a part of Anderson Lake County Park.

