Welcome to Uvas Reservoir County Park. This beautiful and scenic 430 acre park and reservoir is nestled below the Santa Cruz Mountains, just minutes from Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The park includes the 286 acre man-made reservoir available for fishing from the shoreline.

Activities

Activities at the park center around the reservoir. There are no designated trails within the park at this time. The reservoir is a 296 acre that is popular with fisherman. Anglers may fish for trout, large mouth bass, catfish, crappie and other sunfish. Picnic facilities are limited and are located at the parking area. The reservoir is a water conservation facility and water levels fluctuate. No boating allowed.

About Uvas Reservoir

The Uvas Reservoir area was frequented by the Mutsum Ohlone Indians for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans. Today’s reservoir was once part of the 11,093 acre Rancho Las Uvas (meaning “Ranch of the grapes”), granted by Mexican Governor Alvarado to Lorenzo Pineda in 1842. The land later became patented under the American courts to Martin Murphy, an early pioneer of Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The lush valley was used for agriculture including plums. At the turn of the century a woman named Minnie Kell, or “Ma Kell” ran a campground in the Uvas Creek Valley, featuring a swimming hole, baseball diamond and dance floor. The construction of Uvas Dam and Reservoir in 1957 was part of a Countywide effort by water officials to ensure adequate water supplies for the valley’s growing population. Water from the reservoir is used to recharge supplies in underground aquifers, which will later be pumped from wells for residential, agricultural and industrial uses. In 1960, the County Parks and Recreation Department began recreational operation of the reservoir.

Boating: No boating allowed

Dogs/Pets: Allowed in all areas of the park on a 6 foot or less leash.

Fires: Permitted in designated barbeque 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 and beach areas. All alcohol laws strictly enforced

Swimming: Prohibited in all lakes, streams, and reservoirs.

Fishing: License required for all persons 16 or older.

Map Legend

- Parking Area
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Dam
- Spot Elevation
- Building
- Parking Lot
- Hiking / Equestrian
- Service Road

Road
Private Road
Santa Clara County Park
Closed to Public
Lake
Other Park or Protected Land
Stream
Minor Stream

Elevation Contour Interval is 40 ft.