Recharge your batteries with the calming beauty of our local waterscapes. Our handy guide helps you find the perfect spot—only minutes from home.

Lake Del Valle
Livermore
www.ebparks.org/parks/del_valle
Activities: Rocky Ridge Visitor Center, swimming, picnicking, hiking, camping, fishing, boat rentals, lake tours (naturalist guided), equestrian camps.
Main Attraction: Two swimming beaches with lifeguards on duty during posted periods.
Enjoy the aquatic beauty in our own backyard!

Alameda County is home to some beautiful waterscapes. The Clean Water Program is excited to share some of our favorite spots for enjoying creeks, wetlands, lakes and the Bay. There’s something for everyone—from active hikes to easy strolls, to scenic spots for picnics, and biking, boating & fishing.

Please visit the website for each location to verify access, hours and services. Information compiled in May 2013.

Sycamore Grove Park
1051 Wetmore Road or 5211 Arroyo Road, Livermore
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD)
www.larpd.dst.ca.us/open_space/sycamore.html
Parking fee: $5 per vehicle or by annual permit
Activities: Hiking, bicycle and horse trails; barbecue grills at Arroyo Road entrance. Reservable picnic area.
Main Attraction: Several picturesque footbridges crisscross the waterways. Creekside areas boast frogs, pond turtles, dragonflies, ducks and muskrats.

Crown Memorial State Beach
Eighth Street and Otis Drive, Alameda
East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)
www.ebparks.org/parks/crown_beach
Parking fee: $5 per vehicle when kiosk is attended; $4 per trailered vehicle.
Activities: Swimming, boardspoarts, picnicking, biking, strolling, sandcastle-building
Main Attraction: The showpiece of the park is its 2.5-mile beach, with sand dunes bordering a bicycle trail.

Sausal Creek Watershed
El Centro Avenue at Dimond Park, Oakland
www.sausalcreek.org
Activities: Download a map and pick your trail! Trails range from easy to more adventurous, and include creek crossings over rocks and small waterfalls.
Pictured at left: Sausal Creek in Dimond Canyon.
Main Attraction: Experience the urban-creek connection. This creek begins in the Oakland Hills and flows through the city, discharging into the tidal canal that separates the island of Alameda from Oakland; the creek ultimately flows into San Francisco Bay.

Insider Tip: visit www.cleanwaterprogram.org/parks for details on one of our favorite Sausal Creek hikes!

The San Francisco Bay Trail
Berkeley to Emeryville
The San Francisco Bay Trail Project
www.baytrail.org
Main Attraction: Part of the 330 mile-long San Francisco Bay Trail, the stretch between Emeryville and Berkeley offers an easy, family-friendly paved path for biking and walking, along with stunning views of the Bay and opportunities for shorebird observation. Additional bird watching at adjacent Aquatic Park.
Map: www.baytrail.org/Maps/East_Bay.pdf
Other Waterful Areas to Enjoy

North/Central Alameda County

Lakeside Park (Lake Merritt), Oakland
www.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/s/LakeMerritt/index.htm
A great urban oasis, the lake is also home to all kinds of impressive water fowl, including egrets, cormorants, herons and geese.

Strawberry Creek, Berkeley
http://strawberrycreek.berkeley.edu
A self-guided walking tour of the creek offers spots to relax and observe, as well as glimpses into ongoing restoration work.

Codornices Creek, Albany/Berkeley
www.codornicescreekwatershed.org
One of the most free-flowing creeks of the East Bay, Codornices Creek boasts native steelhead trout, among other wildlife.

Lake Chabot Regional Park,
Oakland/Castro Valley
www.ebparks.org/parks/lake_chabot
Fishing, boating, hiking/biking trails make this park a great way to enjoy the water.

South/East Alameda County

Alamo Creek Park, Dublin
See a natural creek in a family-friendly park that includes basketball courts, picnic area, play equipment, and walkways/trails.

Arroyo Del Valle Trail, Pleasanton
www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/trails-map-080908.pdf
Stroll or bike along this urban creek path before or after visiting downtown shops or restaurants.

Eden Landing Ecological Reserve,
Hayward/Union City
http://rhorii.com/EdenLanding/BayTrail.html
A 2.75 mile trail runs on levees along former salt ponds that are now being restored.

Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks, Hayward
www.ebparks.org/parks/garin
Hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, fishing, and the two-acre Dry Creek Garden, which showcases nearly 200 native and exotic plants.

Hayward Regional Shoreline
www.ebparks.org/parks/hayward
1,811 acres of salt, fresh, and brackish water marshes, seasonal wetlands and public trails.

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, Pleasanton
www.ebparks.org/parks/shadow_cliffs
A former gravel quarry, Shadow Cliffs boasts an 80-acre lake with swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking and birdwatching.

Visit www.cleanwaterprogram.org/parks for more details, including special insider tips for these waterful parks!
See what your neighbors are doing to protect “Waterful” Alameda County...

“I feel so lucky to live near the Bay and such beautiful parks. We always make sure we don’t leave any garbage behind after our picnics. Sometimes the park garbage cans are far away or sometimes they are full. So I always bring a bag to take garbage home, just in case.”

“First we photograph and then we pick up litter we find. It’s part of an Instagram project #litterati. You should check it out! Plus it makes our neighborhood a nice place to live.”

“I like the DIY car washes the best. It’s more thorough than washing it in my driveway, and I know the dirty water doesn’t end up polluting anything. These car washes have special drains.”

“I don’t use chemicals to fight garden pests* but instead rely on birds and good bugs to eat the bad bugs! I occasionally spray a heavy stream of water on my roses to get rid of aphids.”

“Picking up after our dog helps to keep our neighborhood beautiful, our shoes free of stinky messes, and our waterways clean. It also ensures that parks and cities continue to have dog friendly policies.”

“I sweep my driveway now, because I found out that using a water hose to clean it will wash pollution into the storm drain. Those drains empty into creeks...I had thought the water was treated.”

Your local government is working to protect our shared water resources.

All the cities in Alameda County, along with the Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Zone 7 Water Agency, participate in the Clean Water Program. The Clean Water program facilitates compliance with Federal Clean Water Act for its member agencies in Alameda County. It also empowers Alameda County residents to join the efforts of local government and protect our waterways. Using less-toxic alternatives for auto care, properly disposing of auto chemicals and used oil, washing your car properly and preventing spills and leaks are all things you can do to support our shared mission and prevent pollution.

Protecting Alameda County Creeks, Wetlands & the Bay

To learn more, visit www.cleanwaterprogram.org/parks

Member Agencies: Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City; the County of Alameda, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Zone 7 Water Agency