



BETHANY RESERVOIR

STATE RECREATION AREA

WELCOME! Tucked between rolling hills of annual grasslands and below one of many local windmill farms lies a secluded park known as Bethany Reservoir State Recreation Area (SRA). This 608-acre park's reservoir in northeastern Alameda County provides water-based recreation and a variety of bass and other fish for anglers to hook. It also features a bike trail along the California Aqueduct Bikeway. Strong westerly winds sweep the gently rolling hillsides year-round, making the reservoir an ideal venue for sailing. Foggy or rainy winter temperatures dip into the 40s. Early spring brings a profusion of hillside poppies. Dry summers hovering in the high 90s segue into cooler autumns.



**Bethany Reservoir
State Recreation Area**
13638 Christensen Road
Byron, CA 94514



Day-Use Areas:
8 a.m.-Sunset

**California State Parks
Passes Accepted:** Boat Use,
Disabled Discount, Veteran,
Explorer, Golden Bear,
Golden Bear (Limited Use),
Golden Poppy, State Library



Day-Use Parking:
\$10 per vehicle per day
\$7 boat launch fee

Parking fees can be paid online at
LAZ Parking (bit.ly/LAZBethany)



(925) 447-2867
711, TTY Relay Service
parks.ca.gov/Bethany



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at (925) 447-2867. If you need this publication in an alternate format, contact interp@parks.ca.gov.

ACTIVITIES

California Aqueduct Bikeway—The 1.5-mile paved path along the reservoir and leads to the start of the California Aqueduct. Along the path, keep an eye out for birds like hawks, eagles, and cormorants hiding in the trees.

Accessible Features—A generally accessible fishing platform is available in the main parking lot, near the boat launch. There is also three accessible picnic tables, accessible parking, and an accessible vault restroom.

Boating—Explore the 6 miles of shoreline surrounding 160 surface acres of water from your small boat, canoe, or kayak. Speed limit is 5 mph. The launch ramp is near the park entrance. Boat access is forbidden near the dams at the northwestern and southeastern ends of the reservoir.

Fishing—A boat ramp provides easy launch for small fishing or self-propelled boats. Anglers may catch crappie, catfish, bluegill, and five types of bass. Persons age 16 and over must carry a valid fishing license. For specific fishing regulations, visit wildlife.ca.gov. Please recycle your used fishing line at the five stations throughout Bethany Reservoir SRA. See map and information on reverse side for approximate locations and to learn more.

Picnicking—Shaded picnic ramadas are located close to the boat ramp near the park's entrance.

Sailing—Sailboards and catamarans will find plenty of propulsion on most days, with a mean wind speed above 7 mph and gusting to 12 mph.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Pay day-use and boat launch fees in the main parking lot.
- Speed limit is 5 mph on the reservoir.
- Please do not litter on the ground or on the water.
- Dogs must be on a leash (6 feet maximum) under human control at all times.
- All natural and cultural features are protected by law and may not be removed or disturbed.





KAYAK TOUR

Join us with your own kayak, canoe, or paddleboard for a free tour of Bethany Reservoir SRA every other Saturday from May through September.

We'll spend 90 minutes learning about the reservoir, safe kayaking practices, and the plants and animals in this gem of a park.



RSVP online at bit.ly/KayakBethany or scan the QR code.

Parking fees apply. High winds may cancel tours. Participants are required to bring their own kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or other watercraft, as well as a life vest.

RECYCLE YOUR FISHING LINE!



Help keep our waterways tangle-free. Please recycle your used fishing line at the five stations throughout the park. See map below for approximate locations.

For more locations and information about fishing line recycling stations, visit California

Fishing Line Recycling Program at dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29426.

