

Our Water, Our Responsibility



As part of our program to provide safe and healthy drinking water, the City of San Diego owns and operates nine reservoirs. To protect this water supply, we carefully manage public activities at the reservoirs, use efficient and low emission motors on rental and patrol boats, and educate nearby residents about how activities at their homes can affect water quality.

You can do your part to protect our drinking water supply and natural habitat by:

- ◆ Properly recycling or disposing trash
- ◆ Picking-up and disposing pet wastes
- ◆ Avoiding fuel or oil spills
- ◆ Participating in clean-up events
- ◆ Keeping vehicles and foot-traffic on existing roads and paths
- ◆ Using less fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides on landscaping
- ◆ Adjusting irrigation schedules to prevent over-watering
- ◆ Recycling used oil at appropriate facilities

And, remember: If you wouldn't drink it, then don't put it in or around the reservoir.

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Photo 2

So, enjoy these natural habitat preserves around reservoirs and lakes, and please help protect them. Your efforts will help preserve San Diego's rich biodiversity. Thanks and enjoy your visit!

Photo 1: Common Goldfields & Ground Pink, Otay Mesa area, M. Johnson

Photo 2: Vernal Pool near Otay Reservoir, S. McMillan

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Photo 1

The habitat surrounding three of our nine reservoirs is protected by the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). The MSCP is a collaborative effort to preserve open space & protect biodiversity in the San Diego region. The City of San Diego has identified and targeted core biological resource areas for conservation on land around: San Vicente, Otay and Hodges Reservoirs. By protecting land around our reservoirs, we are keeping our community's water supply safe, and we are also providing an important refuge for local wildlife.