



# Uvas Reservoir County Park

**Location:** 14200 Uvas Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
**Park Hours:** 8 am until sunset  
**Trail Hours:** Sunrise to sunset  
**Ranger Station and Visitor Station:** (408) 779-9232

In an emergency call 911.

## Welcome

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 286 acre that is popular with fishermen. 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 Mutsun 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

**Drones:** Not permitted within any Santa Clara County Park

**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

**Plants & Wildlife:** Collecting of plant specimens or animals is not permitted

**Fishing:** License required for all persons 16 or older

## Map Legend

	Parking Area		Santa Clara County Park
	Picnic Area		Closed to Public
	Restroom		Other Park or Protected Land
	Dam		Lake
	Spot Elevation		Stream
	Building		Minor Stream
	Parking Lot		Hiking / Equestrian
	Road		Service Road
	Private Road		

Elevation Contour Interval is 40 ft

