



Last October, the Metropolitan Water district of Southern California, in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game, opened a diverse fishery at Diamond Valley Lake near Hemet in southwest Riverside County.

Although the primary purpose of Diamond Valley Lake is to provide a reliable supply of water for Southern California in times of drought, the lake also provides boating and fishing opportunities for visitors. Measuring 4-1/2 miles long and 2 miles wide, the lake holds enough water to meet the area's emergency and drought needs for six months.

All boats must be registered to enter the lake. Free inspections are from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at the Searl Parkway entrance to the east marina. Boats that pass inspection receive a sticker, which means they won't have to be inspected again.

The lake offers shoreline fishing along a 1-1/2 mile stretch of shore northwest of the east marina boat ramp. Visitors can rent bass boats and eight-person pontoon boats by the hour, half day, or full day. Other amenities will be added to the lake, including a trail system that will allow visitors to hike and ride horseback through the reservoir's north hills.

To protect and ensure drinking water quality, Diamond Valley Lake prohibits body contact of any kind such as swimming, jet skiing, or float tubes. Please visit www.dvlake.com for further information.

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