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Diamond LTAIS Valley Lake

The jewel of California Lakes

First and foremost, Diamond Valley Lake is a lifeline for Southern California in times of drought. The lake holds enough water to meet the area's emergency and drought needs for six months and is an important component in Metropolitan's plan to provide a reliable supply of water to the 18 million people in Southern California who count on us.

Diamond Valley Lake continues to improve its trail system so visitors can hike and ride through the hills surrounding the reservoir. One of the first multi-use trails was developed along the north hills overlooking the San Jacinto Valley. That trail is open for hikers and horses. The newest trail, the Lakeview trail, offers hikers and bicyclists a 21.8-mile trek around the lake, including the three dams, with breathtaking views of the lake and the quarry where the rock used in the dams was mined.

Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve

Surrounding the lake you'll find more than 13,500 acres of open space called the Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve. With the creation of the reserve, Metropolitan forged California's first agreement for multi-species protection and proved that progress need not come at the expense of the environment. The reserve is home to at least 16 sensitive, endangered or threatened native California plants and animals. Because of the sensitivity of these species, you must stay on the hiking trail. Collection of plants, insects and animals is prohibited.

Notable species on the reserve include: coyotes, bobcats, mule deer, mountain lions, and golden eagles, which roam the breadth of the reserve.