FISHING PROGRAM RULES OF USE

A California Department of Fish & Wildlife Fishing License is required to fish at Sweetwater Reservoir. All County, State and Federal regulations will be enforced.

To preserve natural habitats, maintain water quality and protect visitors, the following restrictions will be enforced:

- NO LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT OR BAIT BUCKETS
- NO DRONES
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- NO FIRES OR SMOKING
- NO BOTTLES OR GLASS CONTAINERS
- NO DOGS, HORSES OR PETS AT SHORELINE (PER STATE WATER BOARD CODE)
- NO BOATS, CANOES, OR MOTORIZED VEHICLES
- NO SWIMMING, WADING OR FLOAT TUBES
- NO FISH CLEANING
- NO FIREARMS, BOWS OR CROSSBOWS
- NO LITTERING OR DUMPING

TRAIL RULES

To protect the reservoir and other trail users, please adhere to the following trail rules:

- Enter at designated areas and remain on the trail at all times.
- Contaminating a drinking water supply is against federal law. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Pack out what you pack in - remove all items brought onto the trail.
- Hunting is prohibited; fishing is only allowed in designated areas.
- No motorized vehicles allowed on the trail.
- Horses and pets permitted only on designated trails. All pets must be on a leash. Animals are not allowed access to the shoreline. Trail users must clean up after horses and pets.
- Hitch at designated posts only; do not tie any animal or bicycle to any tree, shrub or structure.
- No smoking.

CONTACT US

For the latest information on the Sweetwater Reservoir Fishing Program, including details on emergency closures, seasonal hours, etc. visit our website and follow us on social media.

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For information on the County's Sweetwater Reservoir Riding & Hiking Trail, visit: www.sweetwater.org/trail.

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SWEETWATER RESERVOIR

FISHING PROGRAM & COUNTY TRAIL

DAILY FISHING FEES

(Cash only - no change, no checks)

$5 per adult (incl. parking)
$2 per child under 16 (must be with an adult)
$3 per car for non-fishing visitors

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fishing and trail access is limited to posted areas. Please stay in designated areas and respect the sensitive environment at Sweetwater Reservoir.

Fishing hours of operation vary by season, and the County trail is open daily until dusk. The program and trail are subject to closure on major holidays and at any time due to Red Flag Warnings, elevated fire conditions, inclement weather or any other safety concerns.

For full details on fishing program current hours, holidays and closures, visit:

WWW.SWEETWATER.ORG/FISHING

ABOUT SWEETWATER RESERVOIR

Sweetwater Reservoir is owned and operated by Sweetwater Authority (Authority), a public water agency. The terminal drinking water reservoir stores water used to produce drinking water for approximately 200,000 people in Chula Vista, National City and Bonita, California, and is pumped directly into the Authority's water treatment facility.

Please respect the sensitive environment present at the reservoir. It is illegal to collect or disturb any artifacts found in the area.

FISHING INFORMATION

Fishing activities at Sweetwater Reservoir are designed to protect public health and benefit the community. Activities will be monitored by the Authority.

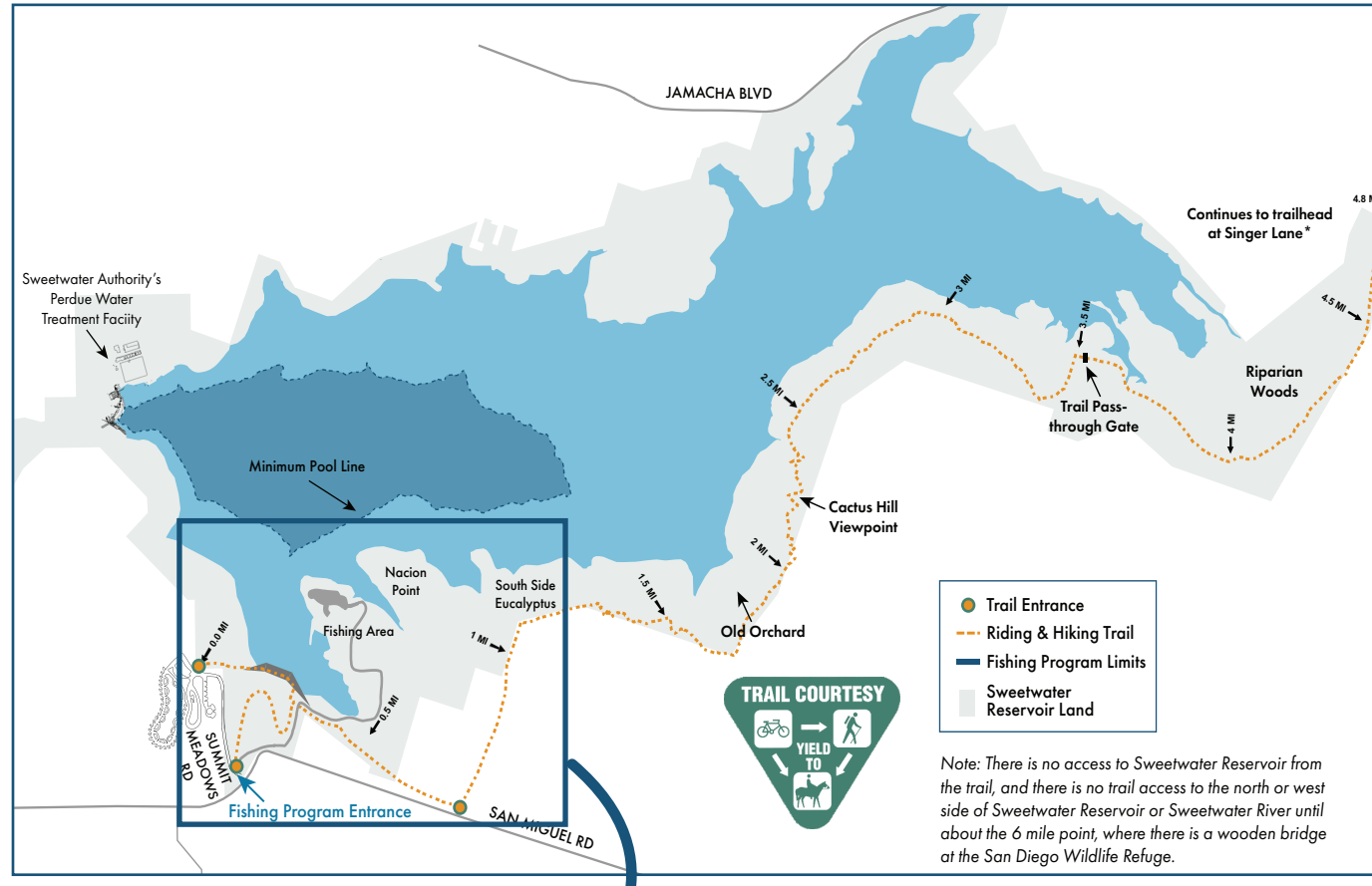
- All visitors must stay in designated areas.
- Discharge of human waste in or around the reservoir is a violation of state law.
- Adult supervision is required for children under 16 years old.
- Rattlesnakes are found in the area, so please use caution to avoid any contact.
- There are no concessions or potable water at this facility.

FISH LIMITS

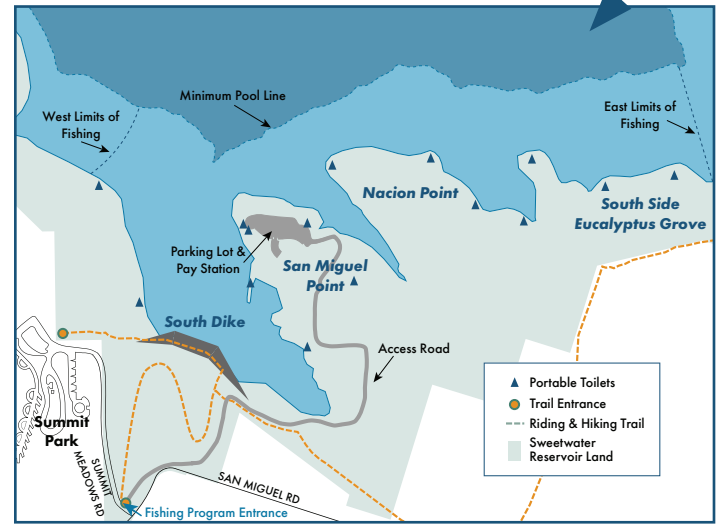
- Catfish: 5
- Bluegill: 25
- Bass: 5 (12" minimum length)
- Red-Eared Sunfish: 25
- Crappie: 25
- Combined Bluegill, Sunfish & Crappie bag limit: 25

NOTICE: To prevent the further spread of quagga mussels, **NO LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT** including shiners & crawdads. The ban does not apply to mealworms, redworms, or crickets.

RESERVOIR MAP



FISHING PROGRAM MAP



TRAIL INFORMATION

The Sweetwater Reservoir Riding & Hiking Trail is a County of San Diego trail operated through a revocable license agreement granted by the Authority. Several sensitive species inhabit the area, including the endangered Least Bell's vireo, California gnatcatcher, Otay tarplant, and a vast number of other indigenous plant and animal species.

The trail entrance is designated on the map above, and visitors must enter at the approved gate and remain on the trail at all times.

Disclaimer: All persons who use the trail or fishing program do so at their own risk. The Authority is not responsible for losses or accidents which occur from using the trail or fishing program.