Welcome! Sweetwater Authority operates the public drinking water system for residents of Bonita, Chula Vista and National City. Sweetwater Reservoir is a “terminal drinking water reservoir” - water stored here is pumped directly into Sweetwater Authority’s water treatment plant.

Sweetwater Dam was completed in 1888. The reservoir has a capacity of 28,079 acre feet of water, enough to serve 56,000 families for about a year. The dam collects runoff from 182 square miles of the Sweetwater River Watershed.

Trail Features: The Sweetwater Reservoir Riding and Hiking Trail is a County of San Diego trail, operated through an easement granted by Sweetwater Authority. Provisions contained in the easement allow Sweetwater Authority to revoke its permission for use of the trail. These stipulations help protect both the water supply and sensitive wildlife near the reservoir.

Several sensitive species inhabit the areas adjoining Sweetwater Reservoir. Included are the endangered Least Bell’s vireo, California gnatcatcher, Otay tarplant, and a vast number of other indigenous plant and animal species. Riparian woodlands, coastal sage scrub, vernal pools and associated grasslands are among the natural habitats encountered along the trails. All habitats, wildlife, plant, geologic and historical features are protected by law.

Please be responsible for yourself and to others when using the trail. By observing the intent of the trail and adhering to the trail rules, you will help keep the trail open for future generations.

Trail Mission: The Sweetwater Reservoir Riding and Hiking Trail exists to provide public access to the natural surroundings of Sweetwater Reservoir in a manner that protects sensitive wildlife and preserves the quality of drinking water stored in the reservoir.

Trail Access: The trail entrance is designated on the map on the back of this flyer. Visitors must enter at the approved gate and must remain on the trail at all times. The trail is subject to closure for security reasons without notice. Trail traffic is limited to pedestrians, horses, bicycles and pets to avoid damage and disruption from motorized vehicles. Pets must be leashed at all times. It is imperative that animals are not allowed access to the shoreline to avoid potential contamination of the water supply.

(See back for map and more information)

Disclaimer: All persons who use the trail do so at their own risk. The County of San Diego and Sweetwater Authority are not responsible for losses or accidents which occur from using the trail.
Sweetwater Reservoir Riding & Hiking Trail

**Fishing Facility Limits:** Sweetwater Authority Fishing Facility ribs are open to the Riding & Hiking trails. Daily use fees and fishing license required. For information call 619-409-6777. There are no connections from the Fishing Program area to the Riding & Hiking trails. Daily use fees and fishing license required. For information call 619-409-6777.

- No restroom or drinking facilities are located on the trail. The nearest restrooms and water fountains are located near the Kiosk and Emergency Access Gate.

**General Information:**
- Sweetwater Reservoir Riding & Hiking Trail is open to the public for non-motorized recreation.
- The trail is approximately 5 miles long and includes a climb of over 600 feet.
- Pets are allowed on leash.
- The trail is closed to vehicles from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

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**County Trails Program:**
- County of San Diego Parks & Recreation: (858) 694-3030
- Office: 5500 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 228, Chula Vista, CA 91912
- www.sdparks.org

**Social Media:**
- Facebook: facebook.com/sweetwater
- Twitter: @sweetwaterauth

**Reservoir Information:**
- Sweetwater Reservoir is located in the county of San Diego in California.
- The reservoir was opened in 1975 and is a popular spot for fishing, hiking, and other recreational activities.

**Water Quality:**
- Sweetwater Reservoir is known for its excellent water quality, making it a great destination for fishing and other activities.

**Trail Conditions:**
- The trail is groomed regularly to provide a smooth and enjoyable ride for cyclists and hikers.
- The trail is wide and well-marked, making it easy to follow even for novices.

**Fishing Access:**
- Fishing is allowed in certain areas of the reservoir, but a license is required.
- Fishing is prohibited in designated no-fishing areas.

**Pet Policy:**
- Pets are allowed on the trail as long as they are on a leash and行为 appropriate.

**Water Quality:**
- Water quality is monitored regularly, and testing shows that the water is safe for swimming and other activities.

**Sustainability:**
- Sweetwater Reservoir is a sustainable resource, with efforts to reduce its environmental impact and promote responsible recreation.