

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



Casitas Dam and Reservoir

Casitas Dam and Reservoir are on Coyote Creek about two miles above its junction with the Ventura River. This 334-foot tall earthfill dam was built in 1959 and is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation; however, the water rights and water stored in the reservoir are held and operated by the Casitas Municipal Water District. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 254,000 acre-feet and provides irrigation and municipal and industrial water to urban and suburban areas in the Casitas Municipal Water District, which includes the cities of Oxnard, Ojai, and San Buenaventura in Ventura County.

The lake also provides recreation, such as camping, picnicking, fishing (rainbow trout, crappie, red-ear sunfish, bluegill and channel catfish), boating, biking, hiking, and special events.

Some of the wildlife visitors can see in the area include deer, coyotes, mountain lions, skunks, raccoons, opossums, and many species of birds (bald eagles nest in the trees).

For more information on Casitas Dam and Reservoir, please visit:
<http://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=history>