



# PARKS, RECREATION & WATERFRONT

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## Marina Experience Program Reservation Information.

**ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND** - The Adventure Playground at the Berkeley Marina opened in 1979. It is a unique playground that enables children to creatively use hammers, nails, saws, and paint. The facility provides low risk activities that challenge and stimulate. Our trained staff offers a safe environment in which cooperation, creative learning, and personal responsibility is encouraged. They continually check the entire Playground for safety. We count on you and your staff to actively supervise your children at all times in the Playground and outside in the park and shoreline.

<b>GROUP FEES:</b>	5-10 Children	\$75.00	Per 2 hours
	11-20 Children	\$105.00	Per 2 hours
	21-30 Children	\$150.00	Per 2 hours
	31-40 Children	\$180.00	Per 2 hours

**Groups do not get exclusive use, the public will still be in the Playground.**

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION, call us and we will pencil in your date and time, then you send in the attached form with your payment. Once we receive payment we will send you a confirmation.** We do not accept credit cards and if you would like to come in and pay in cash we need exact change. If you have any questions and/or would like to make reservations, please call 510-981-6720 and be prepared to give this information:

1. Your name & your group's name, address and phone number
2. Dates and times you are interested in coming **plus** alternative dates
3. The number of children who will be coming **and** their ages
4. How many staff, or adults will accompany them
5. Which program you are interested in

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
City of Berkeley  
**SEND CHECKS TO:**  
160 University Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94710

**Minimum group stay is 2 hours. If you come late, we cannot adjust the time. If your group is smaller than expected, you will not receive a refund.**

For safety reasons, **maximum group size is 40 children.** Larger groups can be split up and rotated in. However, once your scheduled time in the Playground is over your whole group must leave for the day. There is plenty to do while groups are waiting for their turn in the Playground. Right next door you will find a large grassy field, picnic tables, a fishing pier, and the boat harbor. Self-guided tour maps are also available.

**All refund requests must have the original receipt and state the reason for the refund, the date, time and location of the program.**

No refund or credit will be granted without notice 7 days prior to the date of the reservation. The city will deduct 25% of the amount paid from the refund to cover administrative expenses.

*I will give my staff or additional adults the confirmation/safety information to read before the trip. I also understand that my staff/adults are responsible for the behavior of our group. I agree that they will assist the Adventure Playground/Nature Center Staff in upholding the rules of the Playground and park. The City of Berkeley reserves the right to ask the group to leave.*



BERKELEY MARINA EXPERIENCE PROGRAM • ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND • STRAW BALE BUILDING  
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## Additional things your group can do:

**Visitors Center** - The Shorebird Park Nature Center is an environmentally sensitive building made of straw bales and recycled materials. It has a 50 gallon Bay aquarium, a touch table, and exhibits. We offer 1 hour nature programs, in our classroom, on a variety of topics (sharks, fish, birds, marine mammals, and San Francisco Bay ecosystems) to groups with prior reservations. **Naturalist programs for groups cost \$65.00 per hour.** If we do not have a program scheduled, small groups of 5-8 kids with an adult, may explore the Nature Center without a fee.

**Picnic and play in Shorebird Park.** All picnic tables are first come, first serve. There are restrooms and drinking faucets.

## SHOREBIRD PARK RULES

**In order to maintain the ecological integrity of the area, we request that you follow these guidelines:**

- 1) We need your help! Before your group leaves your picnic area, please pick up your garbage, recycle paper, plastic and metals and make the area cleaner than it was when you came. Garbage can kill animals. If your group would like to help, we can provide you with plastic garbage bags or buckets so your kids can pick up plastic trash on the beach or in the park.
- 2) You may request a short free talk from a naturalist, if you are interested in visiting a small rocky shoreline. Then you can take small groups on to the beach. While there:

**Do not leave your group unsupervised on the shore. PLEASE! People turning over rocks and exposing the fragile animals to sunlight and predators, destroys this habitat. No Collecting.**

**Beware of broken glass and sharp barnacles on bare feet.**

Rolling rocks crush animals. Pick up small rocks with two hands, look, and then replace the rock green side up. Otherwise, those animals that are glued for life onto that rock will die from being exposed to the sun, and so will the plants upside down in the mud. If you pick up shoreline animals, put them back in a sheltered place next to the rock where they were found.

Do not allow your children to chase or harass the wildlife that is here. Your group are guests visiting these animals in their homes.

Thanks, we appreciate your consideration of the park. We hope to keep it beautiful for all who come to the Berkeley Marina.





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## RESERVATION FORM FOR THE MARINA EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

GROUP NAME

ADDRESS CITY ZIP CODE

GROUP LEADER'S NAME office PHONE NUMBER cell NUMBER FAX NUMBER

Leader who will be with the group on the day of the trip if different cell phone number

GROUP SIZE AGE OR GRADE # OF ADULTS E-MAIL ADDRESS- for confirmation

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TRIP: Date time

ADDITIONAL TRIP: Date time

NATURE CENTER PROGRAM CHOICE DATE TIME

I understand that there is a charge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my group.  
I faxed or emailed this form in so I can get an invoice. \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no.  
Or if you need no invoice, send in the completed reservation form and  
check for the full amount, made out to the **City of Berkeley**.

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**Payment is due ASAP and no later than two weeks before the trip date. No credit cards.**

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Upon payment, I will receive a confirmation notice **prior** to the date my group has reserved. If my group is smaller than expected, I will not receive a refund. **All refund requests must have the original receipt and state the reason for the refund, the date, time and location of the program.**  
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In consideration of the issuance of this permit, the applicant intending to be legally bound, permit holder for itself, its heirs, executors and administrators, waives, releases and forever discharges any and all rights and claims for any and all damages which permit holder may have or which may hereafter accrue to it against the City of Berkeley, its employees, and agents, from use of the City's property."

Signature Date

Please make a copy of the completed form for your files. Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions please call (510) 981-6720

