

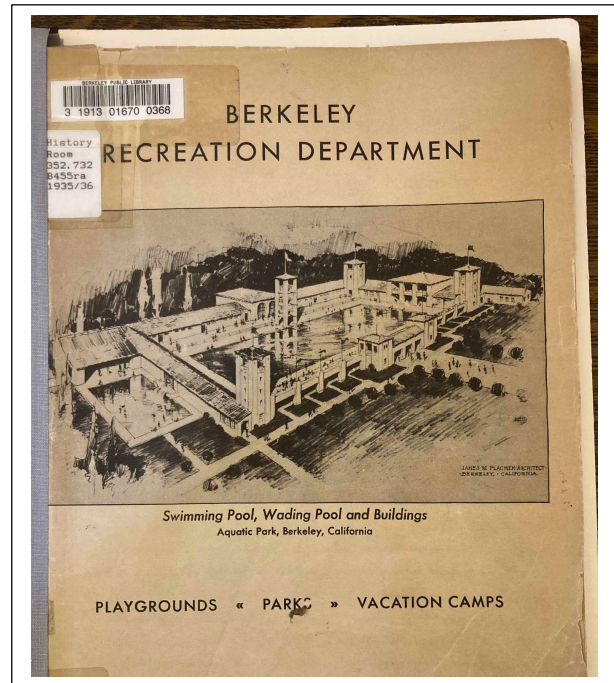
**Information on Aquatic Park history
in local public libraries and online sources
See p. 5 for help using online sources**

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Each list is in chronological order by publication
date.

*BDP = Berkeley Daily Planet
BG = Berkeley Gazette
BP = Berkeley Post
DC = Daily Californian
OPE = Oakland Post-Enquirer
OT = Oakland Tribune
SFC = SF Chronicle

Right: 1930s vision for Aquatic Park



1. Oakland PL, Oakland History Center. Vertical File "Berkeley-Parks"

Clippings:

- "Berkeley's Plan for World Famed Aquatic Park" OPE 2/13/1935
- "Aquatic Park Project Moves Stride Nearer" OT 3/6/1935
- "Berkeley Plans an Aquatic Park" OPE 8/6/1935
- "Work Begins on Two Units of Berkeley Aquatic Park" OT 11/12/1935
- "Natatorium for Berkeley Park Assured by WPA" OPE 2/3/1936
- "Berkeley Council Votes to Trade Bay Land for Park Site" OPE 3/5/1936
- "Berkeley's Bay Park Speeded" OPE 7/28/1936
- "Aquatic Park Progress Viewed" OPE 9/29/1936
- "Berkeley's Marine Park: Good Business for the City" OPE 3/4/1937
- "Berkeley Aquatic Parks Opens May 7" OPE 4/20/1937
- "Berkeley Dedicates \$1,500,000 Aquatic Park With Pageant of Land and Sea" OT 5/9/1937
- "Youth Drowns in Aquatic Park at Berkeley" OPE 6/24/1937
- "Berkeley Aquatic Park Funds OK" OPE 5/6/1938
- "Berkeley Will Beautify Parks" OT 5/14/1940
- "Gates for Berkeley Lake" OPE 11/7/1945
- "Berkeley Aquatic Park Plan Reactivated" OT 7/23/1958
- "Firemen Plan Clubhouse at Aquatic Park" OT 3/6/1960
- "Recreation Board Favors Park Sale", OT 5/19/1961
- "Weeds, Mud and Beauty--New Life for Aquatic Park" BG 4/14/1964
- "One Woman's Legacy to Berkeley Residents: Florence Minard's Mission was Aquatic Park" BG 5/7/1982

2. Berkeley Public Library, Berkeley History Room. VF "Parks--Aquatic Park"

Clippings:

"Aquatic Park Sale Hearing Slated" BG [n.d., likely May 1961]
"Decision on Aquatic Park Lands Delayed" BG 2/24/66
"\$200,000 for Aquatic Park" BG 2/26/70
"Interceptor Storm Sewer to be Constructed at Aquatic Park" BG 2/26/70
"Berkeley Lagoon Cleanup Delayed OT 4/3/70
"Friends of Aquatic Park" BG 2/10/76
"Workers Attempt to Save Birds Covered by Spill in Aquatic Park" BG 3/5/76
"Acid Spill Damages Aquatic Park Lagoon" DC 4/29/76
"Frothing Mass' Mystery Probed" BG 9/3/81
"Durkee Site: Aquatic Park Center Can Now Be Built" BG 6/25/87
"Dead Fish Mar Aquatic Park: Algae is Killing Off Hundreds in Berkeley Lagoon" OT 9/11/1987
"Citizens Making Waves for City's Aquatic Park" DC 1/26/90
"Public Hearing for Aquatic Park Plan" BP 1/31/1990
"Aquatic Park to Be Noisy No More" DC 4/30/1993
"Berkeley OKs Sheet Steel Sound Wall at Park: Late Night Decision Angers City's Mayor" OT 10/26/2000
"Berkeley is Trying to Grow Greener: City Council Fighting for Park Space" BDP 12/28/2000
"Aquatic Park Awarded Grant to Protect Habitat" BDP 3/3/2006
"Aquatic Park Sludge Plan Returns to Council" BDP 2/8/2008
"Aquatic Park Plans Raise Issues of Habitat, Flood Management" BDP 7/3/2008
"Stormwater: Berkeley's Lagoon Blues" Estuary News, Oct. 2009

Other:

WPA Project Proposal (1937)
California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Resolution Requiring the City of Berkeley to Submit a technical Report Relative to Its Aquatic Park Lagoon, Alameda County (Jan. 9, 1968)
Citizens Advisory Commission on Aquatic Park. Resolution (Feb. 11, 1970)
Berkeley High School Women's Crew Team Activity Impacts to Birds in Berkeley Aquatic Park (LSA Associates, July 25, 2003)
Bayer Aquatic Park Funds Progress Report (CoB, Aug. 15, 2003)
Aquatic Park Natural Resources Management Study (Dec. 2003)

Other publications at BPL:

Berkeley Parks & Recreation Dept. Annual Reports
Remedial Action Plan for the Wareham Development Aquatic Park Center Project, Berkeley California (Engineering-Science, Dec. 1986)
Status of Major Aquatic Park Projects (CoB, Aug. 8, 1999)

3. Online resource "NewsBank" @ SFPL, SF Chronicle 1930-1984 (full text or scans)

"Berkeley Yacht Harbor Opening: Autumn Dedication Will Feature Regatta" SFC 8/2/36, p. 38
"Pageant to Open Yacht Harbor: Three Day Aquatic Fiesta for Berkeley: Waters Sports Set for Dedication Program" SFC 5/2/1937, p. 73
"Aquatic Park Opens: Berkeley Crowns Queen" SFC 5/9/1937, p. 58
"Bird Life: Mrs. Reynolds' Photographs in Great Demand" SFC 11/9/1941, p. 51 [re bird species]
"UC Treasure Hunters Go for a Swim" SFC 5/12/1955, p. 3
"Berkeley Lovers to Lose Their Lane" SFC 6/20/1956 p. 2 [re Bolivar Dr. closure]

"City Disgrace': A Plan for Berkeley Park" SFC 8/7/1963, p. 44
"Berkeley Council's Dissent on Bay Project" SFC 12/11/1963, p. 6 [re Santa Fe development plans]
"An Odiferous Crisis in Berkeley" SFC 9/13/1969, p. 1 [re fish die-off]
"Berkeley Cleans Up Its Suffocated Fish" SFC 9/14/1969, p. 5
"The Bay Area at Your Feet: Along the Berkeley 'Coast'" (Margot Patterson Doss) SFC 2/24/1980 p. 124
"Berkeley Waterfront Plan Draws Cautious Applause" SFC 11/6/1983 p. B1

4. Online resource "NewsBank", Berkeley PL: SF Chronicle 1985-present (full text or scans)

EAST BAY - Berkeley Council Wants Prettier Noise Barrier- San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - July 15, 1993 - page A19 July 15, 1993 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Page A19
Bay Area Paying the Price For Caltrans' Tunnel - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - August 10, 1993 - page A1 August 10, 1993 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Allan Temko, Chronicle Architecture Critic | Page A1
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Berkeley Council Backs Plan for Mobile Water Pumps - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - February 17, 2000 - page A17 February 17, 2000 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Debra Levi Holtz, Chronicle Staff Writer | Page A17
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Berkeley Has New Sound Wall Plan - City has - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - April 17, 2000 - page A24 April 17, 2000 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Debra Levi Holtz, Chronicle Staff Writer | Page A24
Berkeley OKs Plan For I-80 Bike Overpass - City to - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - May 17, 2000 - page A21 May 17, 2000 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Debra Levi Holtz, Chronicle Staff Writer | Page A21
CHRONICLEWATCH - Working for a better Bay Area - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - February 11, 2005 - page B1 February 11, 2005 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Suzanne Pullen | Page B1 [*re Tide tubes]
Berkeley's Aquatic Park overrun with algae, trash - San Francisco Chronicle (CA) - August 30, 2012 - page C1 August 30, 2012 | San Francisco Chronicle (CA) | Will Kane | Page C1
Elusive river otter spotted in Berkeley's Aquatic - San Francisco Chronicle: Web Edition Articles (CA) - January 28, 2019 - page 1 January 28, 2019 | San Francisco Chronicle: Web Edition Articles (CA) | Alix Martichoux, SFGATE

5. Online: UC Riverside California Digital Newspaper Collection: Oakland Tribune 1930-1957 (scanned & searchable articles)

"Berkeley May Have Bay Park With US Aid: Plans for Recreation Spot Before Federal Chiefs in Request for Ten Grants", OT 10/4/1935, p. 7

"WPA Approves 23 Projects for Berkeley: Works Planned Represent \$1,040,629 in Federal Funds, Thompson Reports" OT 12/12/1935, p. 8

"Aquatic Park Tree Planted" OT 6/20/1936, p. 13

"Berkeley WPA Report Filed", OT 2/26/1936, p. 19

"Berkeley Wants Fish Survey" OT 8/18/1936, p. 3

"Berkeley New Yacht Harbor Already Becoming Popular" OT 9/3/1936, p. 18

"Berkeley Gets Two Options on Park Property: Land May Be Used in Extending Aquatic Front; Rail Spur is Opposed" OT 4/14/1937, p. 5

"Berkeley Land-Sea Pageant Opens Tomorrow: Fete Will Dedicate New \$1,500,000 Aquatic Park" OT 5/6/1937, p. 1

"Berkeley Dedicates Yacht Harbor: Mile Long Park and Recreation Ground Thrown Open to Public" OT 5/8/1937, p. 1

"Berkeley Dedicates \$1,500,000 Aquatic Park With Pageant of Land and Sea" OT 5/9/1937, p. 8

"Flowers Bloom But Salt Wind Perils Aquatic Park Shrubs" OT 7/29/1937, p. 16

"Berkeley Gets Land Option: Area for Park Extension Covered in Proposed Purchase" OT 12/15/1937, p. 5

"Berkeley Waits WPA Pool Cash: Project in Aquatic Park Depends Upon \$600,000 Allocation" OT 4/22/1940, p. 4 [re proposed natatorium]

"Berkeley Will Beautify Parks: Aquatic Park Lake Will Have Necklace of Light; 150 Man Job", OT 5/14/1940, p. 10

"Berkeley Park Action Held Up: Council Refers to City Manager Decision on Construction Plan" OT 6/17/1941, p. 8

Ten Year Post-War Plan is Proposed for Berkeley: Eight New Playgrounds, Swim Pools, Scenic Areas Included in Program" OT 9/5/1945, p. 13

"Berkeley Seeks Seaplane Base" OT 12/20/1945, p. 13 [re proposed use of Park as seaplane base]

"Mary Jo Visits Aquatic Park" OT 7/30/1947, p. 12

"Motor Boat Users to Ask Park Use" OT 8/19/1948, p. 9

"Motor Boats Allowed in Aquatic Park" OT 2/18/1949, p. 12

"Berkeley Speeds Work Recreation Camp Plans" OT 5/7/1953, p. 40 [re new seawall]

"Veterans Group Finances Memorial to Woman Mayor" OT 3/4/1954, p. 8 [re flagpole for late Mayor Carrie Hoyt].

"Recreation Commission OKs \$700,000 Project" OT 11/22/1954, p. 10 [re proposed golf course & tennis courts]

"Berkeley Closes Aquatic Park at Night" OT 6/16/1956, p. 12

"Long-Range Berkeley Park and Recreation Plan Aired" OT 6/12/1957, p. 20 [re proposed sale of Park for industrial use]

"Aquatic Park Future Studied" OT 6/19/1957, p. 20

"Dear: --, A Letter From Home" OT 6/30/1957, p. 94 [column w/ brief mention of proposed sale of Park]

"UC Frat Pledges to Join in Aquatic Park Cleanup" OT 10/25/1957, p. 9

Here's a brief guide to the online resources I have used.

I recommend first looking at the "Help" section of each for guidance on how to use the "Advanced Search" interface of each one. Searches can be saved for future reference. Generally, enclose the words "Aquatic Park" in quotation marks in order to search that specific phrase. Searching San Francisco sources will always have a large excess of results that are about SF's Aquatic Park.

Berkeley Public Library <berkeleypubliclibrary.org>:

- A simple keyword search "Berkeley Aquatic Park" entered in the main search box will give a result showing various government documents & reports on the subject, all kept for in-Library use at the Central Library, 2090 Kittredge Street. The Berkeley History Room, also located at the Central Library, has clippings files on Aquatic Park.

Berkeley PL's "eLibrary" <berkeleypubliclibrary.org/explore/elibrary/news-information> (BPL *Library card number + PIN required*):

- Two useful, searchable, databases here:
 - SF Chronicle 1985-present.
 - NewsBank, which includes the Oakland Tribune, SF Chronicle, and Berkeley Voice.

SF Public Library <sfpl.org/articles-databases> (SFPL *card number + PIN required*):

- "California Historical Newspapers/NewsBank", includes SF Chronicle 1865-2017,
- SF Examiner (ProQuest) 1865-2007

UC Riverside's California Digital Newspaper Collection <cdnc.ucr.edu> (No login required)

- Includes Oakland Tribune through 1957.
- The search "help" button is useful: <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=p&p=help&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----#all>

City Of Berkeley Records Online

<<https://records.cityofberkeley.info/publicaccess/pafiles/cqfiles/index.html>>

- Online, searchable access to Council minutes back to 1905, Planning Commission minutes back to 1999. Search on "Aquatic Park" yields lots of results.

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