

# Hikes for Tykes



Enjoy some nature before naptime!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month (and 5th when applicable)

10:30-11:45am

May—August 2017 Schedule

East Bay   
Regional Park District

www.ebparks.org



Join East Bay Regional Park District naturalists as they take you over hill and dale to explore the fabulous flora and fauna of the Regional Parks. Tools for exploration will be provided. Hikes average about 1 mile. Bring a snack and water. Strollers are not recommended. Heavy rain cancels. No registration; drop-in. For more information call the Crab Cove Visitor Center at (510) 544-3187. See [www.ebparks.org/parks](http://www.ebparks.org/parks) for maps and directions.

**May 2: Roberts (Main, Lower Parking Lot)** Tall trees, moist earth, songbirds and other wildlife await as we explore in and around the beautiful redwood forest. **Main Entrance**

**Directions:** From Highway 13, take the Redwood Road exit and go east (uphill). At the top of the hill turn left onto Skyline Boulevard. Continue on until a stoplight and make a right to stay on Skyline (otherwise the roadway becomes Joaquin Miller Road and you will proceed downhill). A few miles farther on Skyline you will reach Roberts Regional Recreation Area on the right. Go through the first parking lot, and follow road to lower parking lot. **Parking fees apply.**

**May 16: Anthony Chabot (Bort Meadow)** After a wet year what will we find in the beautiful meadow and surrounding areas? **Bort Meadow Directions:** From Hwy 13, take the Redwood Road exit. Follow Redwood Road all the way up the hill until it intersects with Skyline Blvd. Cross Skyline and continue on Redwood Road several miles to the Bort Meadow Staging area. Vault toilets are located .5 mile roundtrip from the trailhead. Come early if you would like to make a trip to the bathroom.

**May 30: Crab Cove Visitor Center** Wear rain boots to discover what lives beneath our feet on the mudflat, and around the beach and pond. Baby ducks perhaps? **Crab Cove directions from Cities to the North:** Take I-80 West to I-880 South and take the Broadway exit. Turn right at the light onto 5th Street. Stay on 5th Street following the signs to Alameda. Go through the Webster Street Tunnel (Tube) to Alameda. Continue on Webster Street across town. Then see \*\*below. **From Cities to the South, take I-880 North:** Exit at Broadway in Oakland. Turn right on Broadway, right on 7th Street, and right on Webster. Go through the Webster Street Tunnel (Tube) to Alameda. Continue on Webster Street across town. Then see \*\*below. **From Walnut Creek:** take Highway 24 West to I-980, towards downtown Oakland. Exit at 11th/12th Streets. Continue on Brush Street to 5th Street. Turn left on 5th Street and stay in the left lanes, following the signs to Alameda. Go through the Webster Street Tunnel (Tube) to Alameda. Continue on Webster Street across town. **\*\*From Webster St.:** Turn right on Central Ave., go one block, and turn left onto McKay Ave.. Crab Cove is at the end of McKay on the left.

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**Jun 6: Sibley (Skyline) Main Entrance.** Discover the plants and animals of this special park.

**Directions from Hwy 13:** Take the Thornhill Drive Exit. Follow Thornhill all the way up until it merges with Snake Road. Make a left on Snake Road and follow it to the large intersection with Skyline Blvd. Make a left on Skyline Blvd and follow it (past Huckleberry Botanic Reserve) to the park entrance. **Directions from Highway 24:** Take the Fish Ranch Road immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel. Continue 0.8 miles to Grizzly Peak Boulevard. Turn left and go 2.4 miles on Grizzly Peak to Skyline Boulevard. Turn left and drive .1 mile to the preserve entrance on the left.

**Jun 20: Redwood (Skyline Gate)** Meander along the trail the day before Summer officially begins.

**Skyline Gate Directions:** From Highway 13, take the Redwood Road exit and go east (uphill). At the top of the hill turn left onto Skyline Boulevard. Continue on until a stoplight and make a right to stay on Skyline (otherwise the roadway becomes Joaquin Miller Road and you will proceed downhill). A few miles farther on Skyline you will pass Roberts Regional Recreation Area, then Redwood Bowl, then Moon Gate Staging Area. Continue on! The Skyline Gate Staging Area is located on the right side of the road, a mile or two past Moon Gate.

**NO HIKE ON JULY 4, 2017**

**Jul 18: Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl)** Enjoy the shade of the redwoods on a hot summer day. **Redwood Bowl Directions:** From Highway 13, take the Redwood Road exit and go east (uphill). At the top of the hill turn left onto Skyline Boulevard. Continue on until a stoplight and make a right to stay on Skyline (otherwise the roadway becomes Joaquin Miller Road and you will proceed downhill). A few miles farther on Skyline you will reach Roberts Regional Recreation Area on the right. Pass this main entrance and continue down the road about .5 miles to the Redwood Bowl Staging Area. Restrooms are located in Redwood Bowl which we will pass at the beginning of our hike.

**Aug 1: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline (Arrowhead Marsh)** Search for water birds, bat rays, and rabbits, all can be found in this amazing park. **Arrowhead Marsh Directions:** From I-880 in Oakland, exit at Hegenberger Road and head west. Turn right onto Doolittle Drive, and right again onto Swan Way. Make an immediate left into the park entrance and follow the road all the way to the end.

**Aug 15: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Old Tunnel Road)** Explore this path where wildlife travels from park to park! **Old Tunnel Road Entrance Directions:** From Highway 24 take the Fish Ranch Road exit immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel. If you are coming from the east, turn left onto Fish Ranch road, go a short distance, then make a right on old tunnel road and follow it to the parking area. If you are coming from the west, take exit 7A (Fish Ranch Road) but after .1 mile veer left onto Old Tunnel Road. Follow Old Tunnel Road to the parking area.

**Aug 29: Oyster Bay (Neptune Drive)** As we wander amongst the trees and through the bushes, what will be more exciting: watching large airplanes just over the bay, or hawks flying above us hunting for wildlife? **Neptune Drive Directions:** From I-880 in San Leandro, exit at Marina Blvd. and drive west. Turn right onto Neptune Drive. Parking is at the end of Neptune Drive.