

# Dublin Hills

Dublin Hills Regional Park spans approximately 520 acres within an undeveloped open space corridor consisting of a main ridge that connects Donlon Point on the park's southern boundary to Wiedemann Hill located on adjacent private property to the north, interspersed with steep-sloped canyons.

The park's trails, including a segment of the Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail, provide local access and offer excellent views for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Calaveras Ridge Trail begins near the Schaefer Ranch development and soon delivers you to grassland areas largely untouched since the 1800s.

**GEOGRAPHY/GEOLOGY** Dublin Hills Regional Park has several minor valleys and swales that collect and drain water seasonally into Palomares Creek and Dublin Creek, located south of I-580. Several streams and springs maintain seasonal flow through the park's steep drainages. Most headwaters of these streams begin in open grassland and drain into dense coastal live oak and California bay woodland.

Most of the bedrock geology of Dublin Hills consists of shale, sandstone, and conglomerate. The sandstone and conglomerate units form the ridges and knolls, while the slopes and valleys are underlain with softer shale.

**PLANT COMMUNITIES** California annual grassland is the dominant plant community in Dublin Hills Regional Park and covers approximately 300 acres of the ridgelands. The grassland is composed of native and non-native annual and perennial grasses interspersed with many species of native and non-native forbs. Grasslands also extend under the woodland canopy along the edges of the oak-bay woodlands.

The primary watersheds are dominated by coast live oak along the outer edges, with California bay laurel concentrated in the drainage bottoms. The understory at the bottom of the drainages is nearly barren due to the blanket coverage of fallen bay leaves. Shrublands represent a relatively small plant community within Dublin Hills and are characterized by coyote brush and poison oak scattered along the southern edge of oak/bay woodlands.

**WILDLIFE** Cooper's hawks, a state species of special concern, is a resident in the area, as are the red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, white-tailed kite, California horned lark, loggerhead shrike, and great-horned owl. The golden eagle, a state species of special concern as well as a fully protected species, uses the grasslands of Dublin Hills for hunting.

Dublin Hills' wetland habitats include ponds, seasonal drainages, and perennial seeps that can be used as a source of food or water by a variety of wildlife such as coyotes, eagles, deer, and occasional migratory shorebirds. The ponds likely support amphibians commonly found in the area such as the California newt, tiger salamander, Pacific tree frog, and potentially the California red-legged frog, a federally threatened species and state species of concern. A few species of ducks are known to use the park's ponds during the winter season. Dublin Hills' several seasonal streams and springs provide an important source of water for wildlife and provide additional habitat for amphibians.

### WELCOME!

Please enjoy our Regional Parks safely, and help us protect and preserve your parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

### SAFETY and ETIQUETTE

- Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.
- Wading and /or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous and may harm the watershed.
- Carry and drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on the trail.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Trails can be slippery, rocky and steep. Proceed carefully at your own risk.
- Wildlife may be present on the trails at any time. Feeding or approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. Horses have the right-of-way on trails.
- Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.

### RULES

Pets must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance. Pets must be leashed in parking lots, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and play fields, and on some trails. They must be under voice control at all times.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See [ebparks.org/rules](http://ebparks.org/rules).



### To Reach Dublin Hills Regional Park:

From I-580 in Dublin/Pleasanton, exit at San Ramon Road/Foothill Road. Drive north on San Ramon Road and turn left (west) on Dublin Blvd. Proceed for about two miles to the staging area on the right.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the EBRPD Public Affairs Department at (510) 544-2200, fax (510) 635-3478, TDD (510) 633-0460, or [info@ebparks.org](mailto:info@ebparks.org).

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Red-tailed hawk, by Lee Greengrass.

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