Welcome to Point Pinole

Explore the hidden treasures of sparkling bay views, driftwood-endowed shoreline, lush marshes, rolling redwood groves, and snow-capped mountains. Point Pinole is a 2,632-acre regional shoreline, open all year. You may discover remnants of the colorful 80-year history of explosives manufacturing on the point, which was once a state historic parkland, you can imagine the ranchos of the Spanish land grant era that once existed here, and the original Native American people who earlier used this area for fishing.

TRAILS: The more than 12 miles of trails are mostly flat or gradually sloping dirt or gravel, with one asphalt trail for strollers, skaters, bicyclists, and the pier shuttle.

FISHING: Point Pinole Park offers views of the north Bay, including Napa, Vallejo, and the bay, and offers uninterrupted views of Point San Pablo, the San Francisco Bay, and the Contra Costa Channel. You may discover remnants of the colorful 80-year history of explosives manufacturing on the point, which was once a state historic parkland, you can imagine the ranchos of the Spanish land grant era that once existed here, and the original Native American people who earlier used this area for fishing.

FLORA, FAUNA, AND GEOGRAPHY:

FLORA: 2,000 acres of grassland and eucalyptus forest are non-native species. There are 27 species of native trees, shrubs, and birds (a list is available at the park). These include many types of hawks, egrets, orioles, owls, hummingbirds, and the occasional Great Blue Heron. In 1974, the Southern Pacific line at Giant Station with the dynamite locomotives to serve the magazine area (dynamite storage), and two 5-to-8-ton locomotives in the safety area. The old pier had a single railroad track on it for loading barges—each of which carried 2,000 cases of Giant powder—to freighters in the explosives anchorages for export to the Philippines, Central and South America, and Alaska.

World War II, it was with a new style of artillery, introduced ammonium nitrate as a new explosive, which soon outpaced dynamite. By 1928 dynamite manufacture was being phased out at Giant Powder.

Not allowed: Bicycles are not permitted, either ridden, walked, or pulled. Bicycles are not permitted on Regional Park trails, unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are restricted to designated parking areas and paved public roads.

MOTOR VEHICLES are restricted to designated parking areas and paved public roads. Unless otherwise posted, CURFEW is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands. PARK GATES ARE OPEN to the public during hours posted at the park entrance. Unless otherwise posted, CURFEW is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands. PARK VISITORS are responsible for knowing and following park rules.