

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park

Wildcat Canyon Staging Area to Wildcat Creek Trail/Havey Canyon/Nimitz Way/Mezue/San Pablo Ridge/Belgum/Wildcat Creek Trails

Length: 8.03-mile loop **Elevation Gain:** Approximately 2,021 feet

Location: Richmond

GPS Coordinates: 37.951990, -122.317979

Intensity: Challenging



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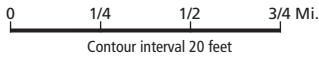
Park Features: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park encompasses 2,430 acres along the Wildcat Creek watershed and the surrounding hills and ridges. On east-facing slopes grow large coast live oaks, bay laurels, and a scattering of big leaf maples and madrones. North-facing hillsides support beautiful stands of bay laurel, fringed with coast live oak, coyote brush, poison oak, elderberry, snowberry, bracken fern, and blackberry. Picnic and barbeque facilities, a children's playground, and restrooms and drinking water are available in the Alvarado Area near the starting point.

Trails Highlights: This trail begins on a wide fire road but soon winds through native woodlands and along shaded creek beds, ascending to a lookout point with breathtaking views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate and Bay bridges, and Marin to the west, San Pablo Bay and Point Pinole to the north, and Mt. Diablo, San Pablo Reservoir, Briones, and other East Bay parks to the east. You can refill water bottles about 2 miles into the hike, just before the Havey Canyon turn, and at the intersection of Mezue and Wildcat Creek trails.

Trail Directions: Begin at the far end of the Alvarado Staging Area. Wildcat Creek Trail begins east of the parking lot along a wide, paved fire road. Travel for 2.32 miles, then make a left on Havey Canyon Trail and head east into the forested area. Continue for 1.5 miles: you come out into an open field and head north and uphill. Make a left on Nimitz Way. After .68 miles follow signs for San Pablo Ridge Trail. Enjoy the sweeping views. Turn left on the Belgum Trail. Take this trail all the way back to Wildcat Creek Trail, and make a right to return to the parking lot.



Photo: Marc Crumpler



- Parking
- Drinking Water
- Restrooms
- Reservable Picnic
- Picnic
- Phone
- Information

- Featured Trail - Hiker
- Hiker, Horse, Bike Trail
- Mileage Between Points



Driving Directions: From Interstate 80 west in Pinole, exit McBryde Ave. Turn left onto McBryde Ave. Continue onto Park Ave. Make a slight left onto Wildcat Canyon Pkwy. Park at the far end of the parking lot.

From Interstate 80 east, in El Cerrito, exit toward Solano Ave. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Solano Ave, and then merge onto Amador St. Turn right onto McBryde Ave. Continue onto Park Ave. Make a slight left onto Wildcat Canyon Pkwy. Park at the far end of the parking lot.

Park Hours: 7:30am to sunset (varies seasonally)

Fees: No fees

Website: ebparks.org/parks/wildcat

Health Tip: Aerobic exercise strengthens your heart and lungs and increases your body's ability to use oxygen. Any activity that makes your heart beat faster and work harder can boost your aerobic fitness. Walking is one of the best aerobics exercises you can do.