

Skyline Gate to MacDonald Gate

5.03 miles

Hikers and equestrians may follow the West Ridge Trail along the higher elevation or split off at French Trail to drop into redwood groves. See the Redwood Regional Park brochure for more details.

10 Moon Gate, Redwood Regional Park – Skyline Blvd, Oakland. Also called West Ridge/Bay Area Ridge Trail. 37.8218, -122.187

11 Redwood Bowl Staging Area, Roberts Regional Park – near 10100 Skyline Blvd, Oakland. Take Roberts Ridge or West Ridge Trail to connect. 37.8168, -122.18

12 Skyline Entrance, Roberts Park – 10570 Skyline Blvd, Oakland – Take Graham Trail to connect. 37.8129, -122.176

13 Big Bear Staging Area, Anthony Chabot Regional Park – Redwood Rd. Also called Golden Spike Trail. 37.7989, -122.154

14 MacDonald Staging Area, Anthony Chabot Regional Park – Redwood Rd. Also called Big Bear Trail. 37.7983, -122.151

MacDonald Gate to Bort Meadow

2.74 miles

Trail passes through willow, oak and madrone groves as it climbs switchbacks to the ridge, splendid view of Grass Valley. The trail continues through coyote bush and grassland as it descends the ridge of Bort Meadow.

15 Parkridge Gate (walk in access), Anthony Chabot Regional Park – At the end of Parkridge Drive (near

5199 Parkridge Dr, Oakland CA 94619). Also called the MacDonald Trail. 37.7904, -122.144

16 Bort Meadow Staging Area/Big Trees, Anthony Chabot Regional Park – Redwood Rd, Alameda County. 37.7775, -122.125

Bort Meadow to Proctor Gate

6.56 miles

The trail wanders down through Grass Valley, past the stone bridge and climbs gently through the forest. After crossing the road that leads to the Anthony Chabot Family Campground (camping available), it follows the ridge down to the golf course and Proctor Gate.

17 Marciel Rd Day Use Parking accessed at Marciel Gate, Anthony Chabot Regional Park – 9999 Redwood Rd, Alameda County. 37.7594, -122.105

18 Marciel Rd, Anthony Chabot Regional Park 37.741, -122.094

19 Chabot Staging Area (via the Willow View Trail/Bay Area Ridge Trail), Lake Chabot Regional Park. 22323 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley. 37.7378, -122.076

20 Redwood Canyon Public Golf Course Staging Area, Lake Chabot Regional Park – 17007 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley. Also called the Brandon Trail. 37.726, -122.081

21 Proctor Staging Area, Lake Chabot Regional Park – 17306 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley. Also called the Brandon Trail. 37.7215, -122.077

Bort Meadow, Redwood Rd, 4.4 miles east of Redwood Rd, Oakland; Proctor Gate, Redwood Rd, Castro Valley.



2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act

In his 1965 “Natural Beauty Message” to Congress, President Lyndon B. Johnson inspired a national “system of trails” for the American people. Congress passed the National Trails System Act, signed into law by President Johnson on October 2, 1968. Today, the National Trails System includes 11 National Scenic Trails and 19 National Historic Trails authorized by Congress, and more than 1,200 National Recreation Trails including the East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail.

Source: Partnership for the National Trail System pntrts.org

Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help us protect and preserve the 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. *Leave No Trace.*

Rules

- Dogs must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance. Dogs 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.
- State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Bicyclists and equestrians are also strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
- Smoking is prohibited, except in overnight campsites.
- Drones are prohibited.

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



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The East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail, one of 1,200 designated National Recreation Trails in the United States, is part of the historic 1968 National Trails System Act. The trail parallels the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a planned 550-mile multi-use trail along ridgelines ringing the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Anza National Historic Trail, commemorating the 1776 East Bay exploration by Lt. Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza’s expedition.



On the cover: Redwood Regional Park, Oakland
Photo: Deane Little

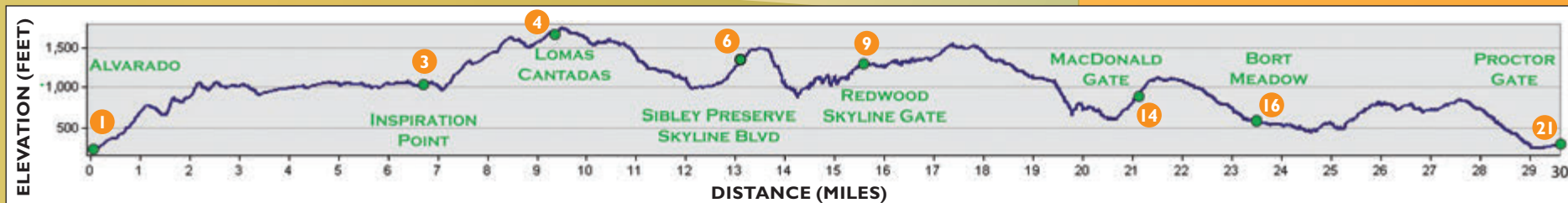
Trail mileage courtesy of Hal MacDonald, EBRPD volunteer

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East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail

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About the Skyline Trail

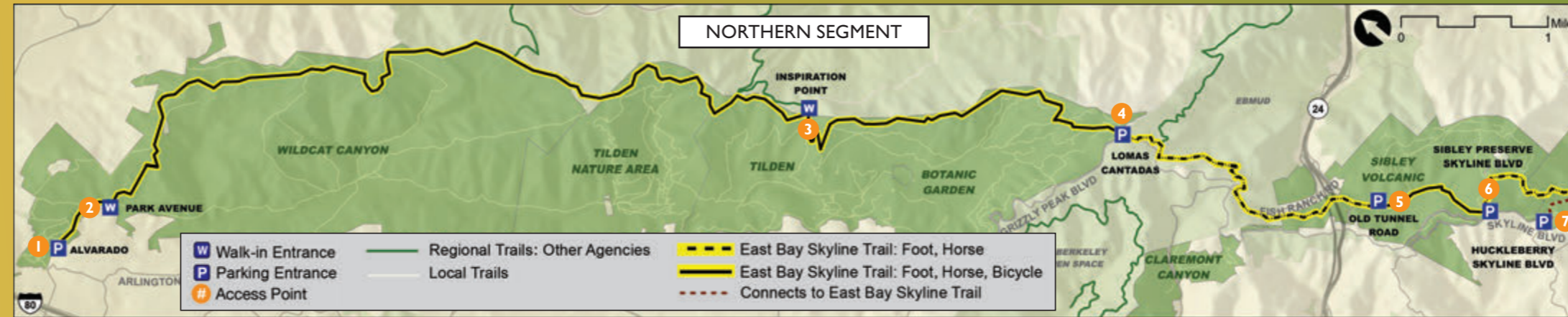
The East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail (Skyline Trail) offers one of the most unique and rewarding outdoor trail experiences in the San Francisco Bay Area. A 31-mile continuous path, the Skyline Trail traverses through six of the East Bay's most historic and picturesque parks and preserves, sometimes just steps away from urban areas. Visitors will encounter many delights along the trail including stunning panoramic city and bay views, the largest remaining natural stand of coast redwood found in the East Bay and historic and geologic resources.



Running north to south, the trail begins at historic Alvarado Park and the entrance to **Wildcat Canyon Regional Park** in Richmond. From there it leads through **Tilden Regional Park**, **Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve**, **Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve**, **Redwood Regional Park**, and ends at Proctor Gate staging area at **Anthony Chabot Regional Park** near Castro Valley. There is also a section that crosses East Bay Municipal Utility District land over the Caldecott Tunnel and Highway 24.

The Skyline Trail truly embodies the spirit of the National Trails System Act of 1968 (trails50.org) which is celebrating 50 years of creating outdoor recreation opportunities, promoting resource preservation, providing public access, and appreciating the great outdoors and America's history and cultural diversity.

To help you enjoy the East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail, hiking routes are divided here into seven hikeable sections from north to south. All 21 parking entrances and walk-in access points, trail details, downloadable park maps for the Skyline Trail's hosting parks, and interesting park facts can be found on the District's website at ebparks.org. Park maps are available at each park.



Trail Access Points and Descriptions

Alvarado to Inspiration Point

7.14 miles

Part of the Wildcat Creek, Belgium, San Pablo Ridge trails and Nimitz Way. Trail leads through rolling grassy hills and an oak/madrone/bay forest. Along Nimitz Way, once a NIKE missile site access road, there are Monterey, Coulter and Ponderosa pines. This four-mile paved road leads to Inspiration Point in Tilden Regional Park.

- 1 Alvarado Staging Area, Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, 5845 McBryde/Park Ave, Richmond. 37.9517, -122.319
- 2 Park Ave Walk-In Entrance, Wildcat Regional Park – near 6166 Park Ave, Richmond. 37.9505, -122.311
- 3 Inspiration Point, Tilden Regional Park, Wildcat Canyon Rd, Orinda. 37.9049, -122.245

Inspiration Point to Lomas Cantadas

3.04 miles

This section reaches its highest elevation at Volmer Peak (1,913'). Numerous points along the trail offer excellent views of the Bay Area including Mount Tamalpais and the Golden Gate Bridge to the west,

Mount Diablo to the east and Mount St. Helena to the north. This section of the trail ends at Lomas Cantadas, near Grizzly Peak Blvd and Tilden Park's Steam Train.

- 4 Lomas Cantadas Rd Staging, Tilden Regional Park – near the Tilden Steam Trains. Also called Seaview Trail. 37.8798, -122.222

Lomas Cantadas to Sibley Preserve

3.4 miles

Here the trail continues on East Bay Municipal Utility District land, crosses over the Caldecott Tunnel (built in 1937) and follows the old wagon road to Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve. For an interesting side trip, see the Sibley brochure, which leads hikers on a self-guided tour of long-extinct Round Top volcano. No

bicycles allowed on this portion of the trail.

- 5 Old Tunnel Rd Staging Area, Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve – Quarry Rd, Orinda. Also called the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 37.8565, -122.207
- 6 Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Staging Area – Skyline Blvd, Oakland. Also called the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 37.8475, -122.199

Sibley Preserve to Skyline Gate

2.94 miles

Connecting Sibley and Huckleberry preserves with Redwood Regional Park, this section is a favorite among birdwatchers and native plant enthusiasts. Bicyclists must exit Sibley Preserve at main entrance

and travel south on Skyline Blvd to Skyline Gate entrance, Redwood Regional Park. Horses and dogs must stay on the Skyline Trail within Huckleberry Preserve.

- 7 Skyline Entrance, Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve – near 7087 Skyline Blvd, Oakland. Hiker only. Take Huckleberry Path to connect. 37.8428, -122.195
- 8 Pinehurst Walk-In Entrance, Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve – 908 Pinehurst Rd, Orinda. 37.8408, -122.185
- 9 Skyline Gate Staging Area, Redwood Regional Park – 8490 Skyline Blvd, Oakland. Also called East Ridge/Bay Area Ridge Trail. 37.8318, -122.185



Nimitz Way, Berkeley



Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve, Oakland



Redwood Regional Park, Oakland