Welcome to Pleasanton Ridge

The parkland spills down off Pleasanton Ridge into upper Kilkare Canyon, up onto Sunol Ridge, and into Stoneybrook Canyon. To the northwest, the park encompasses most of the upper Sinbad Creek and into Stonybrook Canyon. To the northwest, Ridgeline Trail connects with the Thermalito and Sideways trails. Woodland Trail provides an alternate route for trail users. Olive Staging Area to the ridgeline, then connects with park rules and regulations.

THE PARK AND TRAILS: Development of this wilderness and open space parkland is limited to the pastoral atmosphere of the park. A multi-purpose trail system provides access to canyon views, ridgeline vistas, and remote, deep-canyon streams, offering opportunities to explore wide-open spaces and hidden recesses.

Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park

To Reach Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park:
From I-680 in Pleasanton, exit at Castlewood Drive and go west. Turn left (south) onto Foothill Road, towards the town of Sunol. The Foothill Staging Area is about two miles from Castlewood Drive, on the right.

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VEGETATION: Grassland is the dominant plant community in this parkland. Found mostly on the Pleasanton and Sunol ridges and on drier south- and west-facing slopes, this habitat supports an abundant variety of wildflowers that blossoms throughout the late winter and spring months. A handful of hearty, late-flowering species appear among the golden-brown grasses that characterize the summer and fall landscape. The cycle of growth is repeated with the onset of the autumn rains, resulting in a new carpet of green vegetation.

The woodland communities in the park are made up of individual or mixed stands of coast live oak, California bay laurel, blue oak, black oak, valley oak, and Oregon oak. Other trees, like California buckeye, big-leaf maple, and toyon, may also be seen. The woodland undergrowth contains numerous grasses and wildflowers, along with coyote brush, poison oak, California sagebrush, ocean spray, bush monkeyflower. Riparian woodland occurs in a narrow band along Sinbad Creek and in some steep canyons and ravines. Of particular note are the large, magnificent, mottled-surfaced Nothofagus dombeyi trees, which can reach heights of over 100 feet.

The woodland plant community hosts Cooper’s hawks, sharp-shinned hawks and various species of owls, along with brush-dwelling birds such as the California quail, rufous-sided towhee, and song sparrows. Mammals range throughout the park and include opossums, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, black-tailed deer, grey foxes, bobcats, mountain lions, and numerous rodent and bat species.

WILDLIFE: Each plant community supports diverse native species, some of which are migratory and use the area seasonally. The grasslands are home to meadowlarks, horned larks, and Western bluebirds, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles. Ground squirrels, alligator lizards, and western fence lizards may also be seen, along with gopher snakes, king snakes, and rattlesnakes. These should be observed from a distance and not disturbed in any way. The wrentit, California quail, and California thrasher reside in the interspersed brushlands, while the threatened Allamanda whipsnake may be seen on rocky outcrops.

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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
• Dogs must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance. Dogs must be leashed in parking lots, picnic sites, developed areas, developed areas, and along roadways. Equestrians and bicycles are also strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
• State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Equestrians and bicyclists are also strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
• Smoking is prohibited, except in overnight campites.
• Drones are prohibited

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

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