Welcome to Pleasanton Ridge

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 abundance of wildflowers that bloom throughout the late winter and spring months. A handful of hearty, late-flowering species appear among the golden-brown grasses that characterize the early and fall full 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 tanoak, may also be seen. The woodland undergrowth contains numerous grasses and wildflowers, along with coyote brush, poison oak, California sagebrush, ocean spray, and 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-scaled California red-legged frog. Many of the ponds contain large populations of bufalro, a non-native species that threatens the California native species. Mammals range throughout the park and include opossums, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, and mountain lions, and numerous rodent and bat species.

WELCOME!
Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help 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 trails.
• 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 in parking lots, 200 feet from any trail or park entrance, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and roads, on some trails, and where grazing animals are present.
• Pets must be under voice control at all times.
• Clean up after your pet; bag it, bin it.
• 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.
• Drones are prohibited.

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Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol

GPS Coordinates: Foothill Staging Area: 37.614818, -121.88137
Casterbridge Trailhead: 37.660001, -121.911618

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 Area is about two miles from Castleroad Westside Drive, on the right.

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THE PARK AND TRAILS
Development of this wilderness and open space parkland is limited to preserve the pastoral atmosphere of the park. A multi-purpose trail system provides access to canyon views, ridge-top vistas, and remote, deep canyon streams, offering opportunities to explore wide-open spaces and hidden recesses. The parkland spills down off Pleasanton Ridge into upper Kilkare Canyon, up onto Sunol Ridge, and into Stonybrook Canyon. To the northwest, the park encompasses most of the upper Sinbad Creek watershed, and goes down into the heavily wooded and riparian depths. Sinbad Creek Trail, which descends from the ridge northwestern section of the Ridge Trail area of the park can be seen. The northern sections of the Ridge Trail afford magnificent panoramic views to the north, east, and south. Thermalito Trail runs along the west side of the park, overlooking Kilkare Canyon. The trail is named after the Thermal Fruit Company, which operated from 1904 until the early 1930's and cultivated orchards of apricot, cherry, prunes, and almonds. Oak Tree Trail gently ascends from the Foothill Staging Area to the ridge, then connects with the Ridge and Thermalito trails. Woodland Trail provides an alternate route for trail users. Olive Grove Trail passes through the historic olive tree orchards, planted between 1890 and the 1920's. To the northwest, Ridgeline Trail connects with the Sinbad Creek Trail, which descends from the ridge down into the heavily wooded and riparian depths of upper Kilkare Canyon.

Year opened: 1990
Acres: 9,090
Highlights: Hiking, biking, horseback riding in undeveloped open space; ridge-top vistas.

Did you know? Five olive orchards containing several different varieties of olives were planted along Pleasanton Ridge in the 1890's and are still producing fruit.

Fees: There are no fees at Pleasanton Ridge.

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Onward to San Ramon Valley Regional Parks

LONG DISTANCE TRAILS
• Iron Horse Regional Trail
• Castle Rock Trail

REGIONAL PARKS
• Dublin Regional Park
• Hayward Regional Park
• Livermore Valley Regional Park
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