

Plan a Shoreline Visit

Year opened: 1972 **Acres:** 307
Highlights: hiking, biking, kite flying, swimming, pier and shoreline fishing; bay views; picnicking, tot lot.
Fun Facts: Nicholl Knob was named after John Nicholl, the owner of the area in the 1890s. The peak is also associated with “Prof. Botts’ Flying Machine,” an early twentieth century circular-shaped airplane mentioned in the Sept. 10, 1904, *Scientific American*.

This park’s amenities include Keller Beach, a gift from the City of Richmond to the East Bay Regional Park District, and Ferry Point, once the western terminus of the Santa Fe Railroad’s transcontinental route. Ferry Point was opened in 1900 by the Santa Fe Railroad to move freight and passengers from Richmond to San Francisco. Ferry service ended in 1975. The Park District restored a part of the pier for public fishing and recreation. The area of the shoreline park west of Dornan Drive offers a beautiful lawn area, a tot lot for the kids, and numerous picnic areas with barbecue stands. A paved pathway circles the lawn and provides easy access to the pier.

Winds along the shoreline make the area excellent for kite flying. Memorable views from the park include vistas of Mt. Tamalpais to the west, the San Francisco skyline to the southwest, and various Bay Area hills and bridges. Views to the east are afforded by a hike to Nicholl Knob, a 371-foot peak given to the Park District by Lucretia and Tom Edwards. Hikers can walk in the hilly area east of Dornan Drive and on the beach and grassy areas. Paved bicycle paths circle the salt-water lagoon and lead to the pier.

PICNICKING All picnic tables are ADA accessible. Many are reservable and can accommodate groups ranging in size from 50 to 200 people. Make your reservation at least 14 days in advance. **Beer and wine are allowed only with a picnic reservation and permit.**

Please do not attach ropes, pinatas, party paper, string, or signs to trees, tables, or other objects in the park.

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PICNIC RESERVATIONS..... 1-888-327-2757, option 2
PARK INFORMATION
..... 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4544
EBRPD HEADQUARTERS 1-888-EBPARKS
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Parkland Rules

FISHING You may fish for striped bass, starry flounder, rubber-lipped perch, speckled sand dab, herring, jacksnelt, topsmelt, northern anchovy, cabezon, staghorn sculpin, and leopard shark. **Persons 16 and older are required to have a California State Fishing License when fishing from the shoreline.** No license is required to fish from the pier.

SWIMMING Keller Beach offers a sandy beach and a small bay for swimming. Look for shoreline birds such as grebes, ducks, and sandpipers when the tide is out. Groves of trees have been planted at Keller Beach as a tribute to Hans and Lori Shaper, and elsewhere in the park by Boy Scout Troop III in memory of former Troop III Scoutmaster Robert J. Dornan.

WELCOME!

Please enjoy the 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

Commercial dog-walking is not allowed at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline. Otherwise, pets must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance. Pets 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.

Generators are not allowed at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38), available online at www.ebparks.org/ord38.



To Reach Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline:

From I-580 in Richmond, exit at Canal Boulevard and turn south onto Canal Boulevard. Turn right onto W. Cutting Boulevard, then left onto S. Gerrard Boulevard. Proceed through the tunnel, (S. Gerrard Boulevard becomes Dornan Drive) drive for about one-half mile, and turn right into the Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline parking lot.

Public Transit—Take AC Transit bus #72M weekdays and weekends from Richmond BART to the bus stop at the intersection of Dornan Drive and East Richmond Ave. From the bus stop, walk south on Dornan Drive through the auto tunnel to the park. The sandy beach area is immediately south of the tunnel; the main park entrance is 1/3 mile farther south on Dornan Drive. Call to confirm bus schedule—AC Transit : 817-1717; 800-448-9790 (TDD/TTY), or see www.511.org.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the EBRPD Public Affairs Department at (510) 544-2200, fax (510) 635-3478, TDD (510) 633-0460, or info@ebparks.org.

PLEASE LET US KNOW how this map may be improved to help you use this park. Write, email, or call with your suggestions: 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605; info@ebparks.org; (510) 544-2210.



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Great blue heron. Photo by Jim Lott.



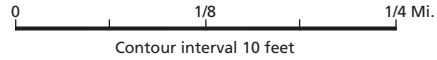
Looking west into Marin from the Miller/Knox shoreline. Photo by Akio Higuchi.

LEGEND

- Red trails indicate easy, short-loop trails
- or Paved Bike Path / Paved Path, No Bikes
- S.F. Bay Trail: Hikers, Horses, Bikes
- Hikers Only—No Bikes
- Mileage Between Points
- Paved Road
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Drinking Water
- Information
- Telephone
- Tot Lot
- Swim Beach
- Shower
- Reservable Picnic
- Picnic
- Volleyball Area (Nets Not Provided)
- Horseshoe Pit
- Gate



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Reservable Picnic Sites

To reserve a site, call 1-888-327-2757, option 2

- ① Big Meadow
- ② Lagoon View
- ③ Hills View
- ④ Marsh Hawk
- ⑤ Sea Gull
- ⑥ Killdeer
- ⑦ Pintail
- ⑧ Canvasback
- ⑨ Pickleweed

IN ORDER TO REDUCE OR PREVENT THE RISK OF SERIOUS HEAD INJURY OR DEATH, STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL BICYCLISTS UNDER AGE 18 WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET WHILE RIDING ON TRAILS AND ROADWAYS. THE DISTRICT ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL EQUESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.

MEMBERSHIPS
The Regional Parks Foundation offers Memberships to park users. For information, see www.regionalparksfoundation.org, or call (510) 544-2220.

