

Welcome to Redwood

Resource Protection and Responsible Trail Use Rules

Year opened: 1939 **Acres:** 1,830
Highlights: Approximately 36 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails; three group campsites; picnicking; fishway interpretive site, Serpentine Prairie and Stream Trail resource protection areas.
Fun Facts: Ladybugs may be seen feeding and breeding along the Stream Trail in January or February of each year.

In this parkland, descendants of a great forest of *Sequoia sempervirens*, or coast redwood, grow to more than 100 feet tall. The original stand stretched from Rancho de San Antonio, through the “middle redwoods” (the vicinity of the current park) to El Rancho de Los Palos Colorados. The trees of the original forest served as landmarks for ships sailing into San Francisco Bay, as illustrated in the 1826 log of the Royal Navy: “...in order to miss treacherous Blossom Rock between Alcatraz Island and San Francisco, one should line the northern tip of Yerba Buena Island with two trees...too conspicuous to be overlooked.” The landmark trees would have been 16 miles from where the ships entered the Golden Gate.

Commercial logging of the old-growth redwoods took place between 1840 and 1860. Prince Mill, Spicer Mill, Tupper and Hamilton Mill, and Eagar and Brown Mill were in operation within the area. The huge redwoods made it necessary to build platforms around the bases of trees to support the workers as they cut into the virgin wood, and dynamite was sometimes used to split redwood logs into moveable sections. The Alameda-Contra Costa county line traces the importance of the forest resource in 1853. When the citizenry split off the southern part of Contra Costa, the redwood lands were evenly divided between Contra Costa and the new county of Alameda.

Ranching followed the logging era and the land went into numerous holdings, with homesteads built along the streams. Grazing was a major activity, although there were some orchards and other crops.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 970 The naming of the rainbow trout species was based on fish taken from the San Leandro Creek drainage. Trout seen in Redwood Creek today are descendants of that pure strain of native trout. Historical Landmark

#970 is located at the fishway interpretive site, a short distance inside the Redwood Gate park entrance off Redwood Road. Because these fish are unique, and to allow for further research, **FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED** in Redwood Creek, either in the park or along Redwood Road.

DOGS IN REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK

Dogs are welcome in Redwood Regional Park. They may be off-leash **EXCEPT** in the following areas:

- Stream Trail Resource Protection Area along Redwood Creek. To protect rainbow trout habitat and the riparian vegetation, **dogs must be on leash on the Stream and Bridle trails between Redwood Road and Skyline Gate.**
- Serpentine Prairie Resource Protection Area. **Dogs must be on leash on the Dunn and Serpentine Prairie trails between the Trudeau Center and the Redwood Equestrian Arena.**

- Dogs must be on leash within 200 feet of trailheads, parking lots, picnic sites, lawns, ball fields or developed areas.

Dog Rules:

- Dogs must be under voice control.
- Owners must carry a leash (6-foot maximum).
- Owners must remove all dog waste bags from trails.

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

Dogs/pets must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance, 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. **Dog walkers are required to clean up after their dogs** and to remove dog waste bags from the trails. Dogs are required to be on leash on Stream and Bridle trails. Dogs are permitted in Huckleberry Regional Preserve **only if leashed and on the Skyline National Trail.**

BICYCLES may be ridden on designated trails and fire roads. Please observe trail etiquette, with horses, then hikers, having the right-of-way.

CAMPING is allowed in designated areas with a permit. Call 888-EBPARKS or 888-327-2757, option 2 for reservations and permits.

HORSES Observe trail etiquette, and let other trail users know how to pass your horse safely. A **NOTE FOR EQUESTRIANS:** Most trails are equipped with unlocked gates allowing access across fence lines. Ask Park Rangers for current information. Golden Spike and Toyon trails are subject to seasonal closures during wet weather. A special staging area for large riding events is located at the Wayside parking lot off Redwood Road. Most other trailheads are suitable for unloading horses, except trailheads with limited parking.

FEES are collected for parking, camping, swimming, and boat launching at some parks. Current fees are posted at www.ebparks.org and in the parks.

FISHING Fishing is prohibited along Redwood Road and in Redwood Regional Park.

HOURS Regional Parks are open from 5am to 10pm unless otherwise posted. Redwood Gate is open from 8am to 9pm April 15 through October 31 and from 8am to 6pm November 1 through April 14.

SWIMMING, wading, and other water activities are allowed in designated areas only. Redwood Creek is closed to swimming and wading.

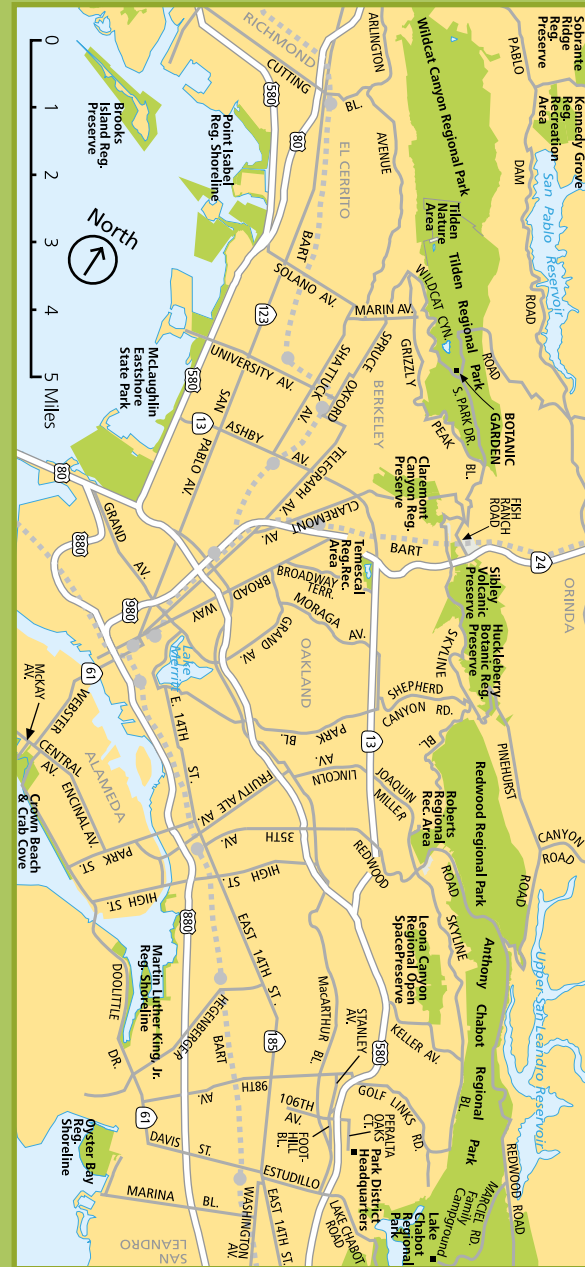
ALCOHOLIC beverages are not permitted within 50 feet of roadways or parking lots, or in posted areas. Beer and wine are allowed in other areas of the park. Enjoy your beverages responsibly.

ASSEMBLIES, PERFORMANCES, SPECIAL EVENTS require a permit. Call 888-EBPARKS or 888-327-2757, option 2, for additional information.

SMOKING is prohibited, except in overnight campsites. **DRONES** are prohibited.

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

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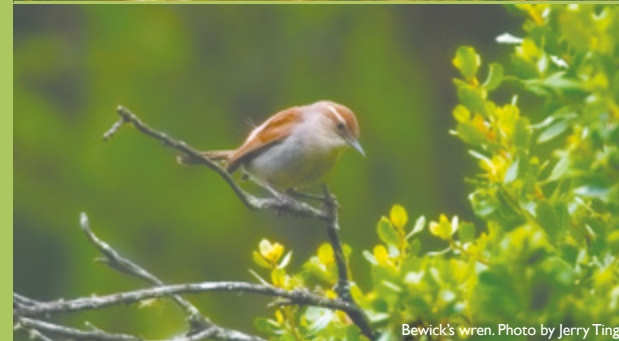
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Redwood hikers. Photo by Deane Little



Bewick's wren. Photo by Jerry Ting



