



## WEDNESDAY WALKS

Explore some of the unique habitats of the East Bay with our friendly walking group. Discover the natural and human history of our beautiful parklands and improve your health on a fast-paced hike. Hikers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, please call Christina Garcia at (510) 544-3282 or email [CGarcia@ebparks.org](mailto:CGarcia@ebparks.org). Hikes begin at 9:30am, and usually end by noon.

**May 2** **Lake Del Valle** **strenuous**

Meet at the Lichen Bark Picnic Area on the west side of the lake for a strenuous 5-mile hike. We'll travel up into the pine and oak-sprinkled hills surrounding this beautiful reservoir. *Parking fee will be charged.* **Directions:** 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore, CA 94550 From I-580 in Livermore, exit at N. Livermore Ave. Head south, N. Livermore Ave. will become S. Livermore Ave. About 1.5 miles outside town, turn right at Mines Rd., go 3.5 miles and continue straight on Del Valle Rd. (Mines Rd. turns left) until you reach the park entrance. After the kiosk, go straight, cross the bridge, then turn right and continue to the end of the road. **Fees:** \$6 per vehicle, \$2 per dog.

**May 16** **Mission Peak** **very strenuous**

Join Naturalist Trent Pearce for a healthy climb over the summit of Mission Peak. Expect soaring raptors and strenuous hiking on this 6.3 mile loop. Meet at the Stanford Avenue staging area. **Directions:** From I-680 in Southern Fremont, take the South Mission Blvd. exit. Proceed north on Mission Blvd. for 1 mile to Stanford Ave. Turn right on Stanford Ave. and drive to the staging area at the road's end.

**May 23** **Oyster Bay** **easy**

Stroll an easy 3 miles along the shore with great views across the bay. Bring binoculars to appreciate the shorebirds and waterfowl. No dogs today, please. **Directions:** From I-880 in San Leandro, take Marina Blvd. west. Turn right at Neptune Dr. and continue to the park entrance, at the north end of Neptune. Park on the side of the road.

**May 30** **Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer** **moderate**

Today's hike is an all-time favorite - four miles into a secluded canyon on a shady, single track trail. There is some uphill climbing on this moderately-strenuous route, and there may be some poison oak along the trails. You'll feel far away from the hustle and bustle of the city on this hike! **Directions:** From I-880 in Hayward, exit at Whipple/Industrial and go east on Industrial Parkway. Turn right on Mission Blvd., then take the next left, which is Garin Ave. Go up the hill to the park which is at the end of the road. Meet by the barn.

***Special Note***

The Wednesday Walks will be on hiatus in July & August. We will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your East Bay Regional Parks!

