

**WILDLIFE** Each plant community supports diverse native species, some of which are migratory and use the area seasonally. In the grasslands one might see meadow larks, horned larks, and Western bluebirds, and overhead, soaring turkey vultures, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles. Ground squirrels, alligator lizards, and western fence lizards may also be seen, along with various spiders and insects. Snakes, such as gopher snakes, king snakes, and rattlesnakes, are an important part of the natural system and should be observed from a distance and not molested in any way.

The wren-tit, California quail, and California thrasher reside in the interspersed brushlands, where the threatened Alameda whipsnake may be seen in pursuit of western fence lizards on rocky outcrops.

The woodland plant community hosts Coopers 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. Many cavity-nesting birds such as the acorn woodpecker, northern flicker, and white-breasted nuthatch may also be seen. The riparian woodland is home to red-shouldered hawks, garter snakes, and newts, as well as aquatic insects in the creeks. The park's springs and ponds support many of the above species, and may also support the Western pond turtle, Western toad, chorus (Pacific tree) frog, and the threatened California red-legged frog. Many of the ponds contain large populations of bullfrogs, a non-native species that threatens the California native species.

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.

The East Bay Regional Park District is dedicated to preserving and protecting the wildlife heritage that remains in our parklands. To do this, it is very important for you, the public, to not release rabbits, cats, frogs, turtles, snakes, fish, or any other domestic or wild animals into the parklands. Please enjoy the wildlife without disturbing it, and minimize your impact on their home.

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](mailto:info@ebparks.org).

## Parkland Rules

Welcome to your Regional Parklands. Help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone by complying with these rules and any posted regulations. The Park District's Ordinance 38, which is summarized below, lists specific rules for use and protection of Regional Parklands. Violators will be subject to citation or arrest. For further information, ask a Park Ranger, Public Safety Officer, or telephone (510) 881-1833.

**PARK GATES ARE OPEN** to the public during hours posted at the park entrance. Unless otherwise posted, **CURFEW** is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands.

**MOTOR VEHICLES** are restricted to designated parking areas and paved public roads.

**BICYCLES** may be ridden only on designated bicycle trails, and on fire or service roads, unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are not permitted, either ridden, walked or carried, off designated trails or in areas posted "No Bicycles," or on narrow hiking or narrow equestrian trails. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Riders should call out or sound a warning when overtaking other trail users.

**DOGS** must be leashed (six-foot maximum) and under control at any posted area, parking lot, picnic site, lawn or developed area. No dogs or other animals are permitted at any swimming pool, beach, wetland or marsh. Owners must always carry a leash (six-foot maximum). Dogs may be off-leash in open space and undeveloped areas of parklands, provided they are under control at all times. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can. Persons who walk more than three dogs at a time on a Regional Trail must obtain a permit; call (510) 690-6508 for information.

**SWIMMING, WADING** and other water contact activities are permitted only in designated areas. **DIVING** is permitted only from designated diving boards and swim platforms. **SCUBA diving** is prohibited in any District lake or inland waters. **PLANTS, ANIMALS, GEOLOGIC, ARCHAEOLOGIC OR HISTORIC OBJECTS** are protected by law. Please do not disturb or remove any of these features.

**HELP PROTECT OUR PARK WILDLIFE** by not releasing or feeding ducks, cats or other animals. Do not feed wild park animals; enjoy them from a distance.

**FIRES** are permitted in barbecue pits or personal cooking equipment in designated picnic areas or irrigated turf areas only, placed at least 30 feet from flammable materials. Please do not place hot coals on the ground or in a garbage can. Dispose of hot coals or other burned fuel in barbecue pits or in designated hot coal disposal receptacles.

**FIREWORKS** are not permitted in any regional park.

**CAMPING** is not permitted within District parklands without a permit.

**FISHING** is not permitted at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. At parklands that do allow fishing, a state fishing license is required, and a District fishing permit is required when posted.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not permitted at pools, swim beaches or within 50 feet of paved roads, parking lots, or posted areas. Otherwise, beer and wine are permitted at picnic areas and elsewhere on parklands.

**GAMES and ACTIVITIES**, including model rockets, model airplanes, hang gliding, golf, and other activities with potential risk to property or park visitors are permitted only in designated areas.

**ASSEMBLIES, PERFORMANCES, SPECIAL EVENTS** or similar gatherings require a permit.

Please be considerate of other park visitors if you use a **RADIO**. A permit is required for **AMPLIFICATION** of voice, music or other sounds.

**FIREARMS** or **BOWS AND ARROWS** are not permitted on Regional Parklands except at established ranges. Crossbows, spears, slingshots, air pistols or rifles, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited anywhere on Regional Parklands.

**PARK VISITORS** are responsible for knowing and following park rules.



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