

Crockett Hills Regional Park

Edwards Loop/Soaring Eagle/Big Valley/Tree Frog Loop/Soaring Eagle/Sky Trail/Crockett Ranch Trail

Length: 8-mile round trip

Elevation Gain: 2,355 feet

Location: Crockett

GPS Coordinates: 38.0488972,-122.2214611

Intensity: Challenging



Park Features: Crockett Hills features panoramic views of San Pablo Bay, the Carquinez Bridge, the Delta, and Mount Diablo. Enjoy the park's extensive grasslands and rolling hills; they provide habitat to the many raptor species, including the red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, golden eagle, great horned owl, and Cooper's hawk. Other animals living among these hills include the gray fox, mule deer, raccoon, eastern fox squirrel, and gopher snake. Biking, hiking, and horseback riding are some of the activities enjoyed here.

Trail Highlights: This sunny route is a peaceful, yet challenging, escape into one of the Park District's many former, historic ranch lands. Enjoy the hills and keep an eye on the sky as you're likely to see several wild birds soaring high above.

Trail Directions: Locate the trails to the south of the parking lot and begin the hike by turning left onto Edwards Creek Trail. After .42 miles, turn right onto the Edwards Loop Trail. Hike for .65 miles and turn right again onto the Edwards Loop/Wood Rat Trail. Walk for a short distance to the tunnel and go through the tunnel and through the cattle gate. Go straight to begin Soaring Eagle Trail. This trail will meander through the hillside for 1.61 miles before joining the Sky Trail. Go right at that junction. Next, turn right onto Big Valley Trail. After .47 miles, turn left at the third junction to continue on Big Valley Trail (Kestrel Loop will be ahead). After .75 miles, pass the old barn and Warep Trail. Jog left to begin Tree Frog Loop. Follow Tree Frog Loop .32 miles to its intersection with Chorus Frog Trail, then turn around to hike back to Sky Trail via Big Valley Trail. Turn left onto Sky Trail from Big Valley Trail. After .27 miles stay straight on Sky Trail, which will lead you back through the tunnel. Once out of the tunnel, turn left onto Crockett Ranch Trail and hike back to the staging area.

Driving Directions: From Hwy. 4, exit at Cummings Skyway and drive north to Crockett Blvd. Turn right onto Crockett Blvd. and drive to the staging area on the left, about .5 miles from Pomona Street in Crockett. From I-80, exit Cummings Skyway and drive southeast to Crockett Blvd. Turn left onto Crockett Blvd. and drive to the staging area on the left.

Park Hours: 8am-sunset (varies seasonally).

Fees: None.

Website: www.ebparcs.org/parks/crockett_hills

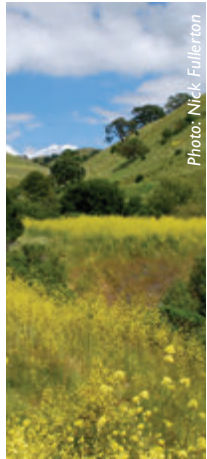
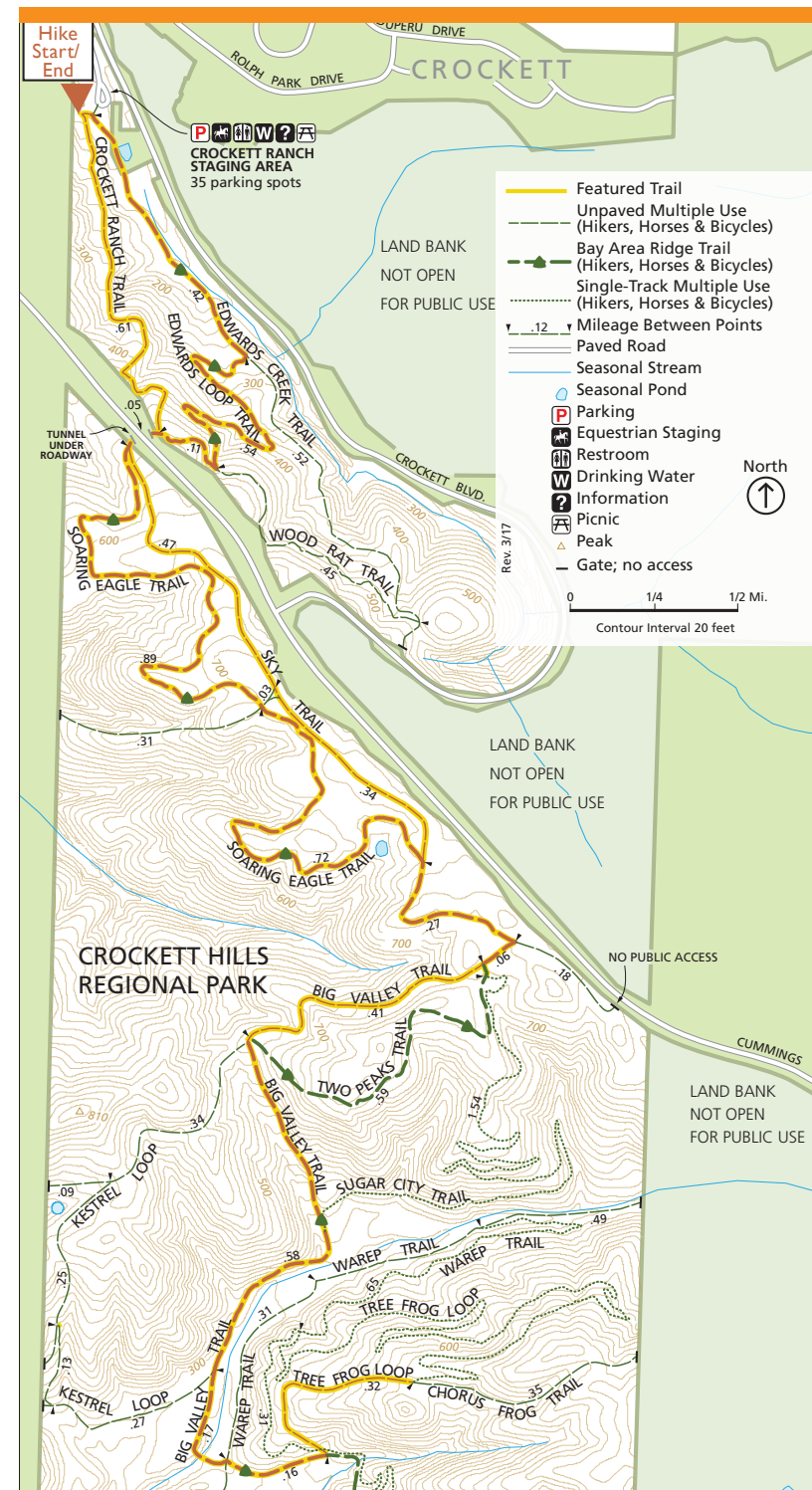


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