

Big Break Regional Shoreline

Visitor Center/Delta Discovery Experience/Big Break Loop, Levee Top

Length: 1.1-mile loop Elevation Gain: 13 feet

Location: Oakley

GPS Coordinates: 38.009326, -121.728651

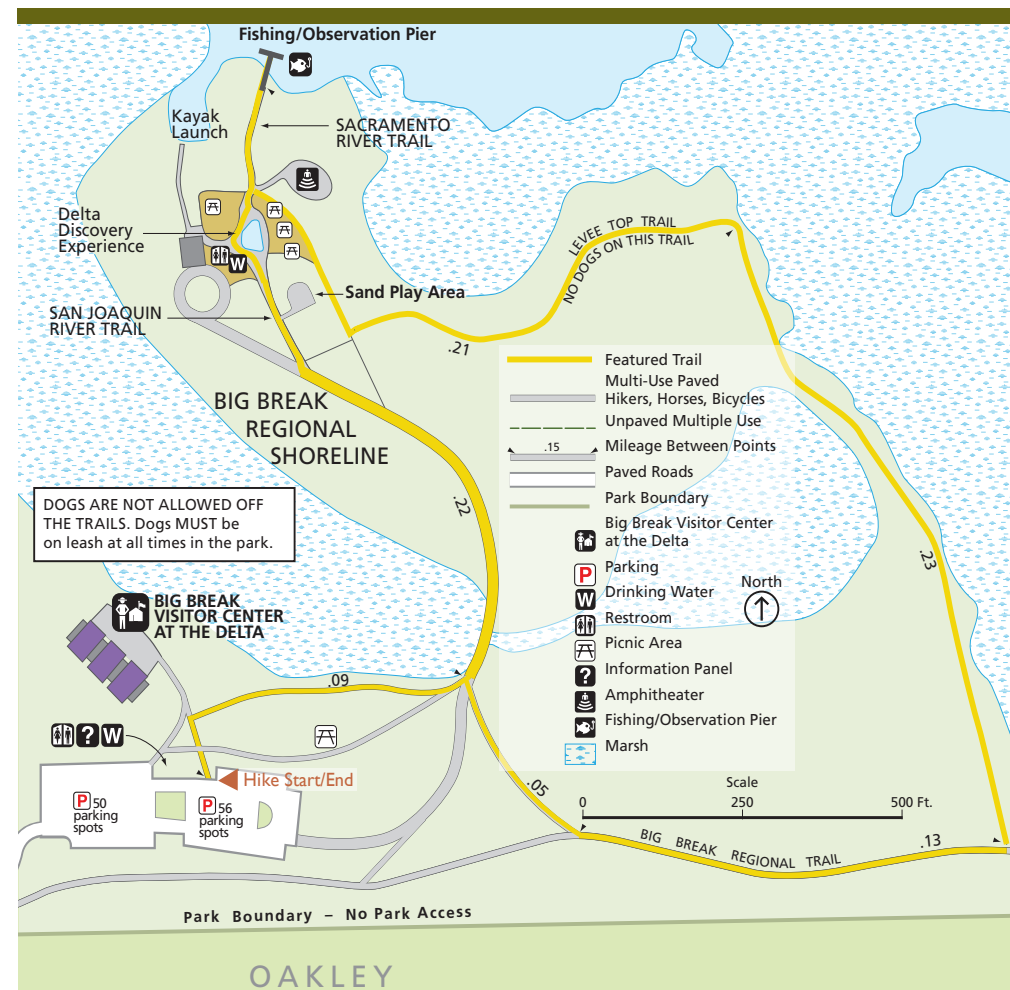
Intensity: Easy



Park Features: Big Break gets its name from a 1928 levee break that submerged an asparagus farm. Located at the edge of more than 1,000 square miles of waterways, Big Break Regional Shoreline gives visitors a sense of the scale of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Within kayaking distance of the park is the junction where seawater from the Bay meets snowmelt from the Sierras, a union that creates a unique habitat for a variety of wildlife, including birds and fish. With picnic areas, playground, a kayaking launch, and an exciting new Visitor Center, Big Break is an excellent way to spend time outdoors and learn the history and ecology of the Delta, a unique part of the Bay Area.

Trail Highlights: Big Break Regional Shoreline is chock-full of information on the Delta. This trail route gives visitors a chance to explore it through the Delta Discovery Experience, featuring multiple interpretive panels as well as a fascinating large-scale relief map that shows how water flows through the region. Visitors are encouraged not to miss the Visitor Center and to admire the view from the fishing/observation pier. The pier is a great place to observe wildlife, especially herons and egrets wading in the shallow marsh. The Levee Top trail passes directly by a beaver dam and an otter slide; quiet hikers might be lucky enough to spot a river otter or a beaver in their natural habitat!

Trail Directions: From the parking lot or the Visitor Center, follow the paved path north towards the pier and the Delta Discovery Experience. Here, you will notice that the three paths leading away from the Delta map are named after important rivers. Follow the Sacramento River Trail out to the Fishing/



Observation Pier, then turn around and follow the Sacramento River Trail towards the San Joaquin River Trail. Take the first left onto the dirt Levee Top Trail. Follow the Levee Top Trail until it intersects with Big Break Regional Trail, then make a right to head back to the Visitor's Center and parking lot.

Driving Directions: Take Hwy 4 E and exit CA-160 towards Rio Vista/Sacramento. Take the exit for Main St./E 18th Street. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn left onto Big Break Road. Turn right into the park.

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

Fees: None.

Note: No dogs in marsh areas.

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/big_break

