

# Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline

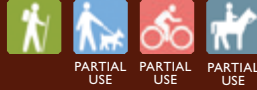
San Francisco Bay Trail/ Marine View Trail/ Crest Trail/ West

Length: 2.7-mile loop Elevation Gain: 492 feet

Location: Richmond

GPS Coordinates: 37.910422, -122.387561

Intensity: Moderate



**Park Features:** Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline is the result of a hard-won battle by local residents to preserve and protect former industrial lands. The park is named after California state senator George Miller Jr. and California assemblyman Jack Knox who helped secure and fund the parklands. The old ferry dock and abandoned buildings at Ferry Point once served Santa Fe passengers and freight and were the end of a transcontinental railroad. The saltwater lagoon is surrounded by grassy lawns and pleasant picnic areas, as well as a flat, paved trail. This area is well-suited for a morning jog, walking the dog, or relaxing with your family or friends. Parkgoers can also swim at Keller Beach, or take a more rugged walk in the park's hills across the street to the east.

**Trail Highlights:** This trail not only features several sites of key importance to the park's history, Ferry Point and Nicholl Knob, it also provides sweeping views from the hillcrest of the East Bay, the San Francisco Bay and beyond. Please note, sections of the trail are very steep and uneven.

**Trail Directions:** From Ferry Point Parking Lot, head west to Ferry Point. At the point, follow the shoreline. You are now on the old Santa Fe rail right-of-way and though unmarked, is part of the San Francisco Bay Trail. Join the paved trail, and at the lagoon, turn left to continue along the west side of the lagoon. At the restroom, turn left, and then turn right to follow the trail up to Dornan Drive. Follow Dornan Drive to the left until you reach Western Drive, just before the tunnel. Cross safely at the crosswalk and turn left on Western Drive. After about 100 ft, turn right at the sign that says "path" and follow the trail uphill towards Belvedere Ave. At Belvedere Ave, continue right and up the dirt path. You will intersect with Old Country Road; make a left and continue for about 800 feet. Turn left at the fork onto Marine View Trail, then after about 200 feet, turn left to connect to Crest Trail. At the paved road, turn left and head about 100 feet towards the gate. At the gate, turn right onto Crest Trail (sign hard to see) and follow to the top of the hill at Nicholl Knob. After admiring the view, to continue, follow the paved road for about 300 feet until you reach the sign for Crest Trail, then turn left. Continue for .25 miles along the ridge, descend the steps, and continue on Crest Trail until you reach False Gun lookout, a raised earthen circle. From the lookout circle, head to the west, first gently, and then extremely steeply downhill on West Ridge Trail. Follow West Ridge Trail for .36 miles. At the next signpost, take the steep path up the hill to West Ridge Point. From there, continue straight on West Ridge Trail, then make a left at the next signpost to follow West Ridge Trail to Dornan Drive. Carefully cross Dornan Drive and head left for .1 mile to return to Ferry Point Parking Lot.



**Driving Directions:** From I-580 West in Richmond, exit at Canal Boulevard. Turn left (south) at the light onto Canal Boulevard and proceed for about 0.75 miles to Seacliff Drive. Turn right onto Seacliff Drive and proceed about 1.44 miles (Seacliff Drive becomes Brickyard Cove Road) to Dornan Drive. The parking lot is at the intersection of Brickyard Cove Road and Dornan Drive.

**Park Hours:** 5am-10pm (unless otherwise posted).

**Fees:** No fee.

**Website:** [www.ebparks.org/parks/miller\\_knox](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/miller_knox)