Ours to Explore, Enjoy & Protect
Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely and help protect and preserve the parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

Safety
• Stay on trails. Shortcuts are dangerous and damage natural resources.
• Bring plenty of water to prevent dehydration.
• Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
• Keep parks clean. Pack out what you pack in.
• Inform someone where you are going and when you will return.
• Save our 24/7 Dispatch Center number on your cell phone. Emergency (510) 881-1122; Non-emergency (510) 881-1833.

Rules
• Dogs must be leashed in parking lots, 200 feet from any trail or park entrance or as posted, in picnic areas, developed areas. Dogs must be under voice control at all times. Clean up after your pet: bag it, bin it.
• Bicycles and e-Bikes are permitted on designated trails only.
• Bicyclists yield to pedestrians.
• State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. All bicyclists are also encouraged to wear helmets at all times.

The following are prohibited:
• Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas
• Consuming alcohol in non-designated areas/parks
• Feeding or approaching wildlife
• Releasing animals into parklands
• Causing damage to plants, geological, or archaeological features
• Smoking/vaping
• Skateboarding
• Drones
• Fishing from the pier at night

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See ebparks.org/rules.
This park is rich in the transportation history of the East Bay. The historic electric railway Key System operated on a trestle between 1903 and 1958, and carried passengers to a ferry terminal to go across the bay between the East Bay and San Francisco. A substation at the site provided electrical power to the trains which carried 36.4 million passengers in 1945. The historic Bridge Yard Building, previously known as the Interurban Electric Railway Bridge Yard Shop Building, was a maintenance facility for the trains. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently restored this 1930s-era building and leased it to the Park District in 2017 for incorporation into the shoreline park.

In 1941, the Oakland Army Base was established at the site as a transportation port and distribution terminal for the Department of the Army. For almost 60 years, the base served as a crucial point of embarkation for the entry and return of supplies, equipment, and thousands of soldiers to World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield, and Desert Storm. The base was decommissioned and closed in 1999.

Today

Bridge Yard Building
This iconic building serves as an activity hub and venue for events and conferences, including public events. A nearby day-use parking area provides direct and easy access to the pedestrian/bike path to the Bay Bridge, and to the observation pier. www.thebridgeyard.com

Observation Pier
Caltrans built a viewing platform using existing foundations from the old Bay Bridge. The pier provides public waterfront access with unique views of the bay and the bridge, as well as Port of Oakland shipping and industrial activities. Continued on the reverse panel...

This 22.47-acre park is named in honor of Judge John Sutter, a former East Bay Regional Park District Director and visionary, who in 1967 proposed a park at this site for public recreation and access. He was the president and a founding member of Citizens for Regional Recreation and Parks.

Located along Oakland’s waterfront at the foot of the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, this regional shoreline provides spectacular vistas of the San Francisco Bay and city skylines.