

## Sobrante Ridge Botanic Regional Preserve

Sobrante Ridge/Manzanita/Manzanita Loop/Sobrante Ridge

Length: 2.62-mile round trip Elevation Gain: 509 ft.

Location: Richmond

GPS Coordinates: 37.969938, -122.259259

Intensity: Easy



**Park Features:** Home to the extremely rare Alameda Manzanita and other indigenous plant and animal species, this small park is full of great sights. The Wildlife Refuge Pond is home to a variety of birdlife, including the protected golden eagle. A few benches and picnic tables overlook the hillsides. The trails in this hilly park are primarily dirt fire roads and a few single-track trails. Park activities include hiking, dog-walking, bird-watching, and bicycling on designated trails.

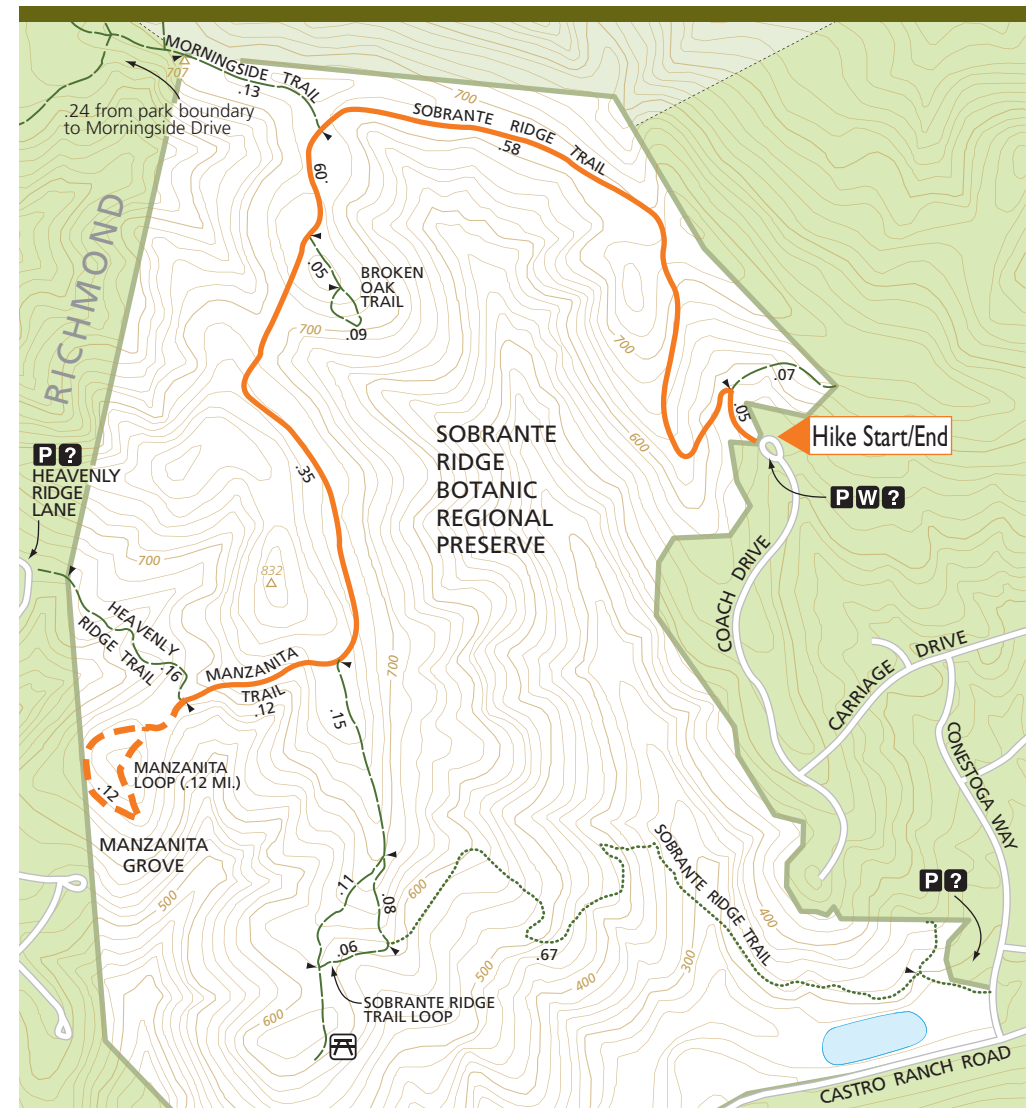
**Trail Highlights:** This trail offers gorgeous glimpses of the bay as well as a visit to an ancient manzanita grove. Along the way there are scattered oaks and grassy hills with seasonal wildflowers. There are no restrooms in the park; a drinking fountain is available in the parking lot. Due to the varying elevations and uneven terrain, the trail is inaccessible by wheelchair.

**Trail Directions:** From the parking lot, go up the hill .05 miles, then turn left onto the gravel trail, which becomes the Sobrante Ridge Trail. Stay on Sobrante Ridge until you reach Manzanita Trail. Turn right onto Manzanita, then stay left at the fork and complete the short Manzanita Loop. Return along the Manzanita Trail to the Sobrante Ridge Trail, turn left and retrace your steps back to the staging area.



Photo: Paul Salemme

**Driving Directions:** From the Richmond/Oakland area: Take I-80 to the San Pablo Dam Road exit in Richmond. Turn south on San Pablo Dam Road and proceed through El Sobrante to Castro Ranch Road. Turn left on Castro Ranch Road, left on Conestoga Way, left on Carriage Drive, and right on Coach Drive. The entrance is at the end of Coach Drive. From the Diablo Valley area: From Taylor Boulevard in Pleasant Hill turn right (west) onto Grayson Road. Turn right onto Reliez Valley Road. Go straight (west)



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on Alhambra Valley Road at its intersection with Reliez Valley Road. Turn left onto Castro Ranch Road, right onto Conestoga Way and follow directions above.

**Park Curfew/Hours:** 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Fees:** None

**Website:** [www.ebparcs.org/parks/sobrante\\_ridge](http://www.ebparcs.org/parks/sobrante_ridge)