

Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

Point Pinole/Cooks Point/Marsh/Owl Alley/China Cove/Pinole Point/Bay View Trails

Length: 4.06-mile round trip Elevation Gain: 112 feet

Location: Richmond

GPS Coordinates: 37.992163, -122.356120

Intensity: Easy



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Park Features: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline is a 2,315-acre parkland with meadows, aromatic eucalyptus woods, and incredible bay views along bluffs and beaches on San Pablo Bay. Wildlife thrives here, including deer, monarch butterflies, and a diverse bird population. Popular activities include hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, picnicking, camping and fishing.

Trail Highlights: This mainly flat route allows visitors to experience the entire park, including historical features, all the while featuring panoramic views of San Pablo Bay. Restrooms and water are located at the starting point and at the pier.

Trail Directions: From the park's Giant Highway staging area, head north, past the restrooms, then cross the bridge to your left and continue northwest along the paved Pinole Point Trail. Make a right onto Cook's Point Trail and continue for .67 miles and turn left onto Marsh Trail. (If you like, take a short detour straight ahead to investigate the historic Black Powder Press). Follow Marsh Trail northwest for .48 miles, (eucalyptus grove on left and San Pablo Bay views on right). Next, turn right onto Owl Alley Trail, travel .27 miles, and make a left on China Cove Trail. Soon, turn right onto the wide, paved, Pinole Point Trail. Take it all the way to the picnic tables to find Bay View Trail. To continue the hike, turn left onto Bay View Trail; for a short detour continue straight to explore the pier and its magnificent bay views. Follow Bay View Trail and follow it along and above the shoreline. Head straight as you pass many trails on your left. After 1.21 miles, continue past Cook's Point Trail on your left, staying on Bay View Trail as it veers left a short distance to the paved Point Pinole Trail. Turn right here, cross the bridge, and retrace your steps back to the parking lot.

Driving Directions: From I-80 in Richmond take the Richmond Parkway exit and go west towards the Bay. Cross San Pablo Avenue and look for the Giant Hwy exit and turn right. The park entrance will be ahead on the left, past the railroad tracks. Distance from Hwy 80 to Giant entrance is approximately 3.25 miles. From I-580 east of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge: exit at Richmond Parkway/Castro Street and go north for approximately 5 miles. Exit at Giant Hwy. and turn right. The park entrance will be on the left, past the railroad tracks.

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

Fees: \$3 parking fee; \$2 dog fee

Website: www.ebparke.org/parks/pt_pinole

