

Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park

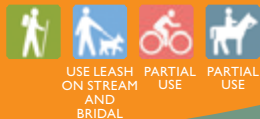
Stream Trail/East Ridge Trail/Canyon Trail

Length: 6.2-mile loop Elevation Gain: Approximately 1,528 ft.

Location: Canyon Meadow Staging Area, Oakland

GPS Coordinates: 37.807046, -122.148339

Intensity: Challenging



Park Features: Groves of trees and creek-side terraces welcome visitors to this hidden redwood forest. The enchanting space is just 15 minutes from downtown Oakland. There is a diversity of wildlife here. Deer, squirrels, and raccoons are common. Those with a keen eye might spot a rare golden eagle or an Alameda striped racer from the trail. Rainbow trout migrate seasonally up Redwood Creek. A historical fishway by Redwood Gate assists the fish on their annual migration upstream to spawning grounds. Besides hiking and nature study, park activities include picnic sites with meadows, lawns, and children's play areas. Equestrian accommodations are found near the east entrances of the park.

Trail Highlights: This loop trail begins along the contours of a meandering creek on the canyon floor. Sun exposure and opportunities for vistas increase as the path rises to the heights of the East Ridge. Water is available at Canyon Meadow, Girls' Camp, and the Skyline Gate Staging area. Travelers should be prepared with sun protection and water, particularly for the ridge portion of the trail.

Trail Directions: From the Canyon Meadow Staging Area follow the Stream Trail into Reinhardt Redwood Park. This trail is paved for .89 miles before becoming a narrow dirt path for hikers and equestrians. At "Trail's End," continue on the Stream Trail for 1.9 miles through the canyon, occasionally crossing the stream at a small bridge. After Girls' Camp, make a short ascent to the Skyline Gate Staging Area. At the staging area, turn right and enter through the gate onto the East Ridge Trail. Stay on this trail for 2.9 miles along the ridgeline far above the canyon. Turn right on to Canyon Trail and go downhill for .36 miles back into the Canyon Meadow Staging Area by the Quail picnic site.

Driving Directions: From Highway 13 take the Redwood Road exit and go east (uphill). At the top of the hill you will cross Skyline Blvd. and pass the Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center on the right. Farther along you will pass Piedmont Stables on the left. After a few more staging areas, turn left at the Redwood Gate entrance. Proceed to the furthest parking lot by Canyon Meadow Staging Area.

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

Fees: \$5 parking fee (seasonal); \$2 dog fee

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/redwood



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