

Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline

Hulet Hornbeck/Franklin Ridge Loop Trails

Length: 3.15-mile round trip Elevation Gain: Approximately 1,049 ft.

Location: Martinez

GPS Coordinates: 38.017933, -122.147434

Intensity: Moderate



Park Features: With a scenic drive and varying landscapes, Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline has something for everyone. The trail offers picturesque hillsides and partial views of the strait. Wildlife found in this area includes fox, deer, raccoons, squirrels, and gophers. Plant species found at the shoreline are typical of annual grassland and coastal vegetation. Although there are no reservable picnic or camping areas, there are many lovely areas along the trail to sit and eat.

Trail Highlights: After walking to the top of Franklin Ridge along the Franklin Ridge Loop Trail, the peaks of Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Diablo dominate the horizon. Franklin Ridge also provides open views of Briones and Las Trampas Regional Parks, providing an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the East Bay open spaces. The Nejedly Staging Area has a chemical toilet, picnic tables, and parking, but no water fountains; so be sure to carry plenty of water.

Trail Directions: From the top of the Nejedly Staging Area, turn right past the chemical toilet and walk through the gate to the Hulet Hornbeck Trail. Head steeply uphill until the trail ends at the intersection with the Franklin Ridge Loop Trail. Make a left onto Franklin Ridge Loop Trail and walk the complete 2.25-mile loop. When you reach the Hulet Hornbeck Trail again, turn left and retrace your steps back to the staging area.

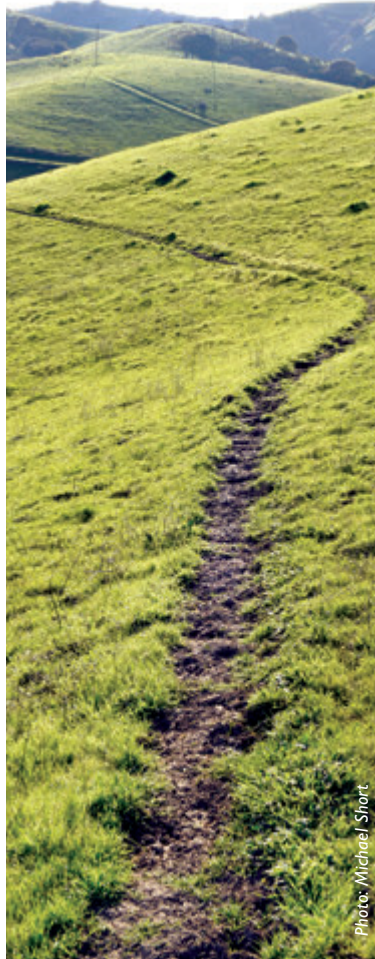
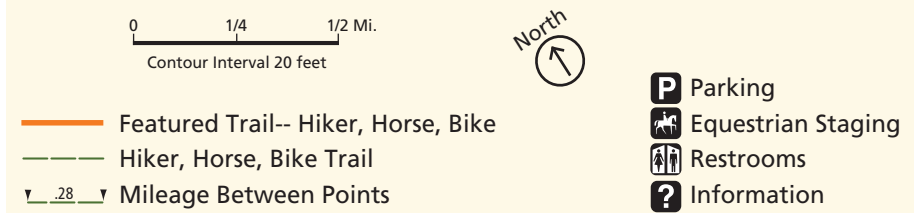


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Driving Directions: From Hwy. 4 in Martinez, exit at Alhambra Ave. and follow it north into Martinez. In downtown Martinez, turn left onto Escobar Street, drive three blocks and turn right onto Talbart Street. Drive three blocks again and bear left onto Carquinez Scenic Drive. Drive to the Nejedly Staging Area entrance on the left.



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

Fees: None

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/carquinez