



May 16, 2024

Greetings park supporters,

The Briones Pilot Project has been in effect for just over 1 year! This email is to acknowledge the Pilot Project's one year mark and to let you know about some exciting opportunities to participate in the Pilot Project.

A year in review:

In late April 2023, East Bay Regional Park District established a 2-year Pilot Project, covering a 1,600 acre "[pilot zone](#)", on the east side of Briones Regional Park to help address various trail user conflicts involving mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers, while working to restore natural habitat by removing several illegally built bootleg trails. The objectives of the 2-year Briones Pilot Project are to: Protect Resources, Habitat, Wildlife, and Watersheds; Restore Natural Habitat by Closing Illegal Bootleg Trails in the Pilot Project Zone; Enhance the Trail User Experience; and Increase Volunteer Engagement in Trail Maintenance and Habitat Restoration. Perhaps the most notable aspect of the Briones Pilot Project has been that weekend days alternate between biker/hiker days on ODD dates (no horses allowed), and equestrian/hiker days on EVEN dates (no bikes allowed) as a way to address crowding on park trails.

Over the past year, the Park District and volunteers helped restore 3.5 miles of bootleg trails and maintain and improve more than four miles of hiker and biker trails that have been incorporated into the pilot project. Many of the pilot zone trails have required maintenance to keep them as safe and sustainable as possible. Efforts are made by Park District staff, conservation crews, and especially from community volunteers. In fact, in 2023 volunteers logged over 1,000 hours maintaining approved trails and closing/restoring others.

Upcoming opportunities to participate:

Would you like to learn about trail maintenance and habitat restoration? The Park District is offering community "Dig Day" events on Saturday, May 18th, and Saturday, June 1st to help restore and enhance select trails in the Briones Pilot Zone. If you are interested, please [register here](#).

On **Saturday, June 15** the Park District is hosting a [Community Check-In Meeting](#) (flyer attached) at the Alhambra Creek Staging Area starting at 10am. Similar to the pre kick-off event in February 2023, this is an opportunity to meet project staff, learn about Pilot Project updates, and provide feedback about the program. Please save the date!



BIKES



STAY ON BIKE DESIGNATED TRAILS

HORSES



STAY ON HORSE DESIGNATED TRAILS

WEEKDAYS (M-F)

STAY ON BIKE DESIGNATED TRAILS

STAY ON HORSE DESIGNATED TRAILS

ODD NUMBERED WEEKEND DATES

STAY ON BIKE DESIGNATED TRAILS

NO HORSES IN ZONE

EVEN NUMBERED WEEKEND DATES

NO BIKES IN ZONE

STAY ON HORSE DESIGNATED TRAILS

EXAMPLE:

MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT		SUN	
						1		2		3		4	
5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
12		13		14		15		16		17		18	
19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
26		27		28		29		30					

HIKERS



OPEN EVERY DAY

FOR YOUR SAFETY NEVER USE BIKE-ONLY TRAILS (B1 - B4) MARKED IN YELLOW ON MAP

STAY ON HIKING DESIGNATED TRAILS

NO ODD/EVEN DATE RESTRICTIONS

Here are some helpful resources:

- [Briones Pilot Project](#) page with general information, FAQs, upcoming weekend odd/even dates
- *How Trail Designers Build Good Hikes* [Video](#)
- Briones Pilot [Zone Map](#); you can also [Download Briones Pilot Project Map](#) available in Avenza ([Apple App Store](#) / [Android App Store](#))
- Briones Pilot [Schedule](#)
- Briones Pilot [Dig Days](#) (space available on May 18 and June 1)

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