In the 1850s George Patterson began purchasing farmland in the area, eventually acquiring the Coyote Hills. Since then, the land has been used as a hunting club, quarry, dairy, military Nike missile installation, and Stanford Research Institute’s Bio-Sonar Lab. In 2014, heirs of the Patterson family donated to the Park District 296 acres of agricultural land adjacent to Coyote Hills.

Naturalist-led programs, including tours of the marsh and surrounding area, highlight the park’s cultural and natural history. An annual gathering of Ohlone Peoples, the park’s history and natural wonders, the Nectar Garden, or naturalist-led walks and other programs.

Visitor Center
Explore exhibits, engage in hands-on activities, attend naturalist-led programs, or adventure through our nectar garden. Visit us for tools to practice your new naturalist skills or bring your own binoculars, magnifying glass, camera, and sketch pad for exploring the marsh or hills. The Visitor Center is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Picnicking
Fires are limited to the barbecue stands provided at each site. Hoot Hollow is reservable.

Hiking and Biking
See scenic vistas of the marshes from the boardwalk near the Visitor Center, and view San Francisco Bay and southern Alameda County from the hills. Cycle 3.5 miles of the paved Bayview Trail, which connects with 11 miles of bicycle trail along the south levee of Alameda Creek Trail.

Camping
The Dairy Glen area is available for group overnight camping. Dumbarton Quarry Campground on the Bay offers tent, car, and RV camping (separate brochure available).

Wildlife Refuge
The waters to the west and south of Coyote Hills are evaporation salt ponds for Cargill Salt and the trails are part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hikers and cyclists can access the refuge via the No Name, Apay Way, and Alameda Creek trails. Apay Way Trail leads to the Refuge Visitor Center via a bridge over Highway 84. Dogs are not allowed in the refuge.

Alameda Creek Regional Trail
The trail, which borders Coyote Hills on the north, connects westward to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and eastward to the Niles Staging Area on Old Canyon Road in Fremont’s Niles District. There are two parallel trails – a 12.41-mile, unpaved, hiker/biker/horse trail on the northern levee and an 11-mile, paved, hiker/biker/horse trail on the southern levee. The southern trail connects to Coyote Hills’ Bayview hiker/biker/horse trail.
History
The Tubun, a Chochenyo Ohlone-speaking tribe, thrived in this area for more than 2,000 years, balancing human needs with that of the land and wildlife. The Tubun people had a vast knowledge of the plants and animals in their area and managed the land in ways that increased the health and numbers of plants and animals alike. They valued community and built villages with numerous houses made from tule. In 1775, one Spanish expedition observed five villages, each with "close houses made from tule."

In 1775, Father Agustín de la Borda established Mission San José, in the place now known as the "little hills," or the Spanish name, "Los Coritos." The mission was established to convert the Tubun people to Christianity.

The mission was abandoned in 1823, and the land was used for ranching. In 1846, the United States gained control of California, and the land was used for various ranching and agricultural purposes.

In 1968, the land was purchased by the California Department of Parks and Recreation and became part of the Coyote Hills Regional Park.

The Park
Coyote Hills Regional Park is a 1,305-acre park located in Fremont, California. It is part of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

The park is located near the confluence of the Alameda and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuges, which are known for their significant bird and wildlife populations.

The park is home to a variety of plant and animal species, including marsh birds, songbirds, and raptors.

In 2010, the California Department of Parks and Recreation announced plans to incorporate the park into the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The park is managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, which oversees 35 parks and reservations in the East Bay region.

The park is open daily from sunrise to sunset, and visitors are encouraged to check the official website for the most up-to-date information on hours and conditions.

Safety
• Stay on trails. Shortcuts are dangerous and damage natural resources.
• Bring plenty of water to prevent dehydration.
• Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
• Keep parks clean. Pack out what you pack in.
• Inform someone where you are going and when you will return.
• Save our 24/7 Dispatch Center number on your cell phone. Emergency (510) 881-1121; Nonemergency (510) 881-1833.

Rules
• Dogs must be leashed at all times in Coyote Hills.
• Dogs and horses are not permitted in any marsh area, on the Chochenyo trail, or in the Nectar Garden.
• Commercial dog walking is not allowed at Coyote Hills.
• Feeding or approaching wildlife.
• Wading and/or swimming.
• Releasing animals into parklands.
• Feeding or approaching wildlife.
• Flying drones.
• Commercial dog walking is not allowed at Coyote Hills.
• Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See ebparks.org/rules.

Ours to Explore, Enjoy and Protect
Please enjoy Regional Parks safely and help protect and preserve the parklands by following all park rules and regulations.

Visit the official website for more information and to plan your visit.

Coyote Hills Regional Park
Year Opened: 1968
Acres: 1,305
Highlights: Hiking, biking, and horseback riding; adjacent wildlife refuge, birdwatching, visitor center, naturalist-led programs, reservable picnic sites, and group campsites.

Parking Fees—$5/vehicle, $4/trailer. $25/bus
Dog Fee—$2/dog/day

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