



## A Walk Through Time

The coast redwoods that we see today are all young, the offspring of massive old-growth trees that once covered the East Bay hills. Visit the Old Growth Redwood Heritage Viewing Deck and Interpretive Exhibit, where a giant redwood stump remains, 18 feet in diameter, that helps tell the story of previous generations.

## Park Features

Roberts Regional Recreation Area is a popular place for picnicking for families and large groups. The park also features a baseball field, sand volleyball court, playfields, and a children's all-accessible play area – all available on a first-come, first-served basis. Trail connections from the Roberts area to other sections of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park make Roberts popular for bicyclists, joggers, runners, and hikers.

## Swimming

The Roberts Pool complex features a 25-yard, heated swimming pool with a depth ranging from 3.5 feet to 9 feet (no diving board), six competition swim lanes and two cool down lanes, which include shallow areas that can be utilized for recreation, swim lessons, and trainings. The pool and bathhouse are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Accessible features include a pool lift capable of lifting up to 300 pounds.

The pool is open to the public from April through September with varying days and times of operation. For current operating hours, see [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org) or call (510) 544-3157. Programs offered at the pool include group swim lessons and recreational swimming. For information or to register for swim programs, call 1-888-327-2757, option 2. Swim fees: \$5 ages 18-61; \$3 ages 2-17, 62 and above, and the disabled; under 2 years free. SWIM FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE; see [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org) or call 1-888-327-2757, and press option 1, 2, then 2, for fee information and lifeguard hours.

## Picnicking

The 8 reservable picnic areas, ranging in capacity from 35 to 100 persons, include Huckleberry, Bay Vista, Sycamore, Madrone, Oak, Anna Costa, Redwood Bowl, and Roberts Grove. Make your reservations online at least 14 days in advance by calling 1-888-327-2757, option 2.

## Ours to Explore, Enjoy and Protect

Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help protect and preserve the parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

### 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, when you will return.
- Save our 24/7 Dispatch Center number on your mobile phone: Emergency 510-881-1121; Non-emergency 510-881-1833.

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCY ..... 9-1-1  
PICNIC RESERVATIONS ..... 1-888-327-2757, option 2  
ROBERTS POOL LIFEGUARDS..... (510) 544-3157  
PARK OFFICE..... 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4555

### Rules

- Dogs must be leashed in parking lots, within 200 feet of any trail or park entrance, in picnic areas, developed areas, and as posted. **Dogs must be under voice control at all times and within sight.** Clean up after your pet: bag it, bin it.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. Bicyclists stay to the right side of trail, ring or call out when passing.
- Bicyclists yield to pedestrians. Both yield to equestrians. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear a helmet. All bicyclists and equestrians are encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
- Class I e-Bikes are allowed on all trails where regular bikes are allowed, and Class II e-Bikes on all paved Regional Trails.

### The following are prohibited:

- Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas
- Consuming alcohol in non-designated areas/parks
- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Releasing animals into parklands
- Damaging plants, geological, or archaeological features
- Graffiti
- Smoking/vaping
- Skateboarding
- Drones

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See [ebparks.org/rules](http://ebparks.org/rules).



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Roberts  
Regional Recreation Area  
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Area

Year Opened: 1953

Acres: 87

Highlights:

Swimming pool, hiking, redwood groves, sports field, volleyball court, all-accessible children's play area, reservable picnic areas, and an archery range.

Did you know:

The park is named after union leader Thomas J. Roberts, who was active in the Park District's formation and was elected to the first Board of Directors in 1934.

Parking Fees:

\$5/vehicle, \$4/trailer, \$25/bus

The Redwoods

This parkland is a popular stop for tourists visiting the Bay Area because the park's entrance and parking area are set in a lush grove of fragrant, second-growth redwood trees, making it the best access to redwoods for visitors who cannot hike a long distance or have failed to pack their favorite hiking shoes. The original grove was logged between 1840 and 1860 to support the needs of a growing Bay Area.

Roberts is the location of the famous "landmark trees" noted in British Royal Navy Captain F. Beechey's 1826 logbook. Two giant redwoods were used by sailors as navigational aids to avoid the treacherous Blossom Rock submerged in the bay between Alcatraz Island and San Francisco. Captain Beechey wrote that in order to miss the rock, one should line up the northern tip of Yerba Buena Island with "two trees ... too conspicuous to be overlooked." The distance from the sailors' ships to these trees was 16 miles, which attests to their size. Today, the "landmark trees" location is marked by state historic plaque #962 near the Madrone picnic area.



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