California became a state. The route led to the growth of Niles in the 1850s, after the importance of the canyon as a transportation corridor. The Alameda Creek Regional Trails, which follow along the entire watershed, Alameda County’s largest. At the mouth of the canyon and the Alameda Creek Regional Trails is a 2,000+-year-old Tuibun village site. Learn more about this site at ebparks.org. Weekday programs are available for schools and groups organized by reservation. Call (510) 544-3220.

Regional Trails Development: Development of the trail was approved in 1968 by the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, in funding partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Western Pacific. The railroad through Niles Canyon in 1869, and the most westward regional park established outside of a regional park. Move-moving briefly came to the Niles District during World War I with the Essanay production studio, featuring Charlie Chaplin, Gilbert M. “Brisco Billy” Anderson, the first film-hero cowboy, and others. 

Alameda Creek Regional Trails

Gravel was taken in mid-19th century from today’s Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area for the construction of the transcontinental railroad’s western section. Directly west of Quarry Lake’s entrance gate, you can see a small segment of Alameda Creek enveloped in the type of streamside vegetation that once existed along the entire watershed. Alameda County’s largest. At forty-five miles long, the creek drains 84, two-thirds of it in Alameda County. Historically the creek was a major road for steelhead and salmon, and efforts are under way to restore the fishery. (Fishing is not allowed in this section of Alameda Creek.)

Coyote Hills: The most westward regional park along the trail is Coyote Hills where you can experience the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Visitors can participate in programs with and about area Ohlones and visit a 2,000-year-old Tuibun village site. Learn more about these programs at ebparks.org. Weekday programs are available for schools and groups organized by reservation. Call (510) 544-3220.

Rules

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• Bicyclists are strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.

• Bicyclists are permitted on designated trails only. 6-Kites on designated paved regional trails only. Bicyclists yield to pedestrians and equestrians. Call out or sound a warning when passing trail users. Speed limit is 15 mph.

• HORSES must stay on the unpaved NORTH SIDE trail and on designated trails at all times.

The following are prohibited:

• Feeding or approaching wildlife
• Smoking/vaping
• Releasing animals into parklands
• Feeding or approaching wildlife
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ALAMEDA CREEK TRAILS

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Paved Trail: Hiker, Biker
Other Agency Trail: Hiker, Biker
Stream or Creek
Mileage Between Points
Information Panel
Unpaved Trail (north-side)
Paved Trail (south-side)
Unpaved Trail (north-side)
Paved Trail (south-side)
Restrooms
Drinking Water
Visitor Center
Swimming
Phone
Parking
No Food or Drink Allowed
Pets on Leash at All Times
No Horses Allowed on the Paved Trail (south-side). Dogs Must Be on Leash at All Times.

About the Trails
Alameda Creek Regional Trails, hugging the banks of Alameda Creek from the mouth of Niles Canyon westward to San Francisco Bay, are accessible from several roadways in the Fremont, Union City, and Hayward areas. The 12-mile paved “south-side” trail provides access to Coyote Hills. It is popular with bicyclists, hikers, joggers, and runners. Class 2 and 3 hikers are allowed on this trail, but not at Coyote Hills or Quarry Lakes. The 12.4-mile unpaved “north-side” trail is designed for horseback riding. There is no direct access to Coyote Hills.

Please respect private property of households along the trail.

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