

A Wildlife Refuge

NATURALIST PROGRAMS provide opportunities to experience the wonders of the natural and cultural world. See www.ebparks.org, park bulletin boards, or the activity guide available at the Visitor Center for more information. Weekday programs are available for schools and organized groups by reservation—call (510) 544-3220.

OUTDOOR STUDY Research demonstrates that being outdoors benefits learning and health. If you strike out on your own, consider bringing a magnifying glass, camera, binoculars, and sketch pad. “Explorer Backpacks” may be borrowed from the Visitor Center. Wear sturdy walking shoes and carry water and a snack.

VISITOR CENTER View exhibits, talk to a naturalist, visit the gift store, stroll through the nectar garden, inquire about volunteering, or attend a program at the Visitor Center, open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

PICNICKING Picnic areas are indicated by a symbol on the map (see reverse). Fires are limited to the barbecues provided at each site. Hoot Hollow is reservable; telephone 1-888-EBPARKS, option 2, then 1.

HIKING Hikers can see scenic vistas of the marshes from the boardwalk, and San Francisco Bay and southern Alameda County from the hills.

BICYCLING Bicycle the 3.53 miles of the paved Bay View Trail, which connects with 11 miles of trail along the south levee of Alameda Creek Trail. The Alameda Creek Trail connects westward to the S.F. Bay National Wildlife Refuge and eastward to the Niles Staging Area on Old Canyon Road in Fremont’s Niles District.

CAMPING The Dairy Glen area is available for day use or group overnight camping; call 1-888-EBPARKS, option 2, then 1 for reservations. All reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance.

WILDLIFE REFUGE The waters to the west and south of Coyote Hills are part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Trails that provide hikers and bicyclists access to the Refuge include the Shoreline,

No Name, Apay Way, and Alameda Creek trails. Apay Way leads to the Refuge Visitor Center via a bridge over Highway 84. **Dogs are not allowed in the Refuge.**

ALAMEDA CREEK TRAIL The Alameda Creek Trail, which borders Coyote Hills on the north, runs from the Bay eastward to the mouth of Niles Canyon. There are two parallel trails—a 12.41-mile, unpaved, hiker/bicycle/equestrian trail on the northern levee and an 11-mile, paved, hiker/bicycle trail on the southern levee. The southern trail connects to Coyote Hills’ Bay View hiker/bicycle/equestrian trail. **NO MOTOR VEHICLES OF ANY KIND** are permitted on the trails. Citations will be issued to violators.

A BRIEF HISTORY The low-lying Coyote Hills rise as a prominent landmark on the eastern shoreline of San Francisco Bay. The history of this area is rich and varied.

Archaeology has revealed that Native Americans have lived in the Bay Area for at least 12,900 to 13,500 years. A Tuibun Ohlone village site more than 2,000 years old may be visited here on naturalist-led programs.

The Tuibun thrived for thousands of years because they knew how to balance human needs with that of the land and all its other inhabitants. They managed the landscape with horticultural methods that increased the health and abundance of the plants and animals on which they relied.

European explorers began to arrive in the Bay Area in the late 1700s, including two expeditions led by Juan Bautista de Anza in 1774 and 1776. While surveying the area, de Anza remarked on the *Los Cerritos*, or “little hills,” now called Coyote Hills.

In the 1850s George Patterson began purchasing farmland in the area, eventually acquiring the Coyote Hills. He maintained a hunting club on the hills and marshes to the east. He also operated a small rock quarry, evidence of which still exists at the Quarry Staging Area. Other uses of the hills prior to becoming part of a Regional Park include dairyland, a military NIKÉ missile installation, and a field station for Stanford Research Institute.

Naturalist-led programs highlight the park’s cultural and natural history, including programs where Ohlone individuals share their history and cultures with the public. To learn more about the park, its history and natural resources, the butterfly garden, or the naturalist programs, please stop by the Visitor Center.



To Reach Coyote Hills:

Coyote Hills is at the west end of Patterson Ranch Road/Commerce Drive in Fremont. From I-880 in Fremont/Newark, take Highway 84 west, exit at Paseo Padre Parkway, turn right, and drive north about one mile. Turn left on Patterson Ranch Road and proceed to the park entrance. Parking fees may apply.

Public Transit: AC Transit #332 runs along Ardenwood Blvd. on weekends from Fremont BART and Union City BART. AC Transit #232 runs along Ardenwood Blvd. on weekdays from Ohlone College Newark Campus and Fremont BART and Union City BART. AC Transit #264 runs along Ardenwood Blvd. on weekdays from Union City BART. Call to confirm schedules: 5-1-1 or 817-1717; TDD/TTY: 800-448-9790; ParaTransit: 510-287-5000.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the EBRPD Public Affairs Department at (510) 544-2200, fax (510) 635-3478, TDD (510) 633-0460, or info@ebparks.org.



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