

# Dublin Hills

Dublin Hills Regional Park spans approximately 520 acres within an undeveloped open space corridor consisting of a main ridge that connects Donlon Point on the park's southern boundary to Wiedemann Hill located on adjacent private property to the north, interspersed with steep-sloped canyons. The parkland is bounded by Interstate 580 to the south, Schaefer Ranch to the southwest, private grazing land to the north, northeast and northwest, and California Highlands on the southeast.

The park's trails, including a segment of the Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail, provide local access and offer excellent views for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Calaveras Ridge Trail begins near the Schaefer Ranch development and soon delivers you to grassland areas largely untouched since the 1800s.

**GEOGRAPHY/GEOLGY** Dublin Hills Regional Park has several minor valleys and swales that collect and drain water seasonally into Palomares Creek and Dublin Creek, located south of I-580. Several streams and springs maintain seasonal flow through the park's steep drainages. Most headwaters of these streams begin in open grassland and drain into dense coastal live oak and California bay woodland.

Most of the bedrock geology of Dublin Hills consists of shale, sandstone, and conglomerate. The sandstone and conglomerate units form the ridges and knolls, while the slopes and valleys are underlain with softer shale.

**PLANT COMMUNITIES** California annual grassland is the dominant plant community in Dublin Hills Regional Park and covers approximately 300 acres of the ridglands. The grassland is composed of native and non-native annual and perennial grasses interspersed with many species of native and non-native forbs. Grasslands also extend under the woodland canopy along the edges of the oak-bay woodlands.

The primary watersheds are dominated by coast live oak along the outer edges, with California bay laurel concentrated in the drainage bottoms. The understory at the bottom of the drainages is nearly barren due to the blanket coverage of fallen bay leaves. Shrublands represent a relatively small plant community within

Dublin Hills and are characterized by coyote brush and poison oak scattered along the southern edge of oak/bay woodlands.

**WILDLIFE** Cooper's hawks, a state species of special concern, is a resident in the area, as are the red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, white-tailed kite, California horned lark, loggerhead shrike, and great-horned owl. The golden eagle, a state species of special concern as well as a fully protected species, uses the grasslands of Dublin Hills for hunting.

Dublin Hills' wetland habitats include ponds, seasonal drainages, and perennial seeps that can be used as a source of food or water by a variety of wildlife such as coyotes, eagles, deer, and occasional migratory shorebirds. The ponds likely support amphibians commonly found in the area such as the California newt, tiger salamander, Pacific tree frog, and potentially the California red-legged frog, a federally threatened species and state species of concern. A few species of ducks are known to use the park's ponds during the winter season. Dublin Hills' several seasonal streams and springs provide an important source of water for wildlife and provide additional habitat for amphibians.

## PARKLAND RULES

Welcome to your Regional Parklands. Help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone by complying with these rules and any posted regulations. Violators will be subject to citation or arrest. For more information, ask a Park Ranger, Public Safety Officer, or telephone (510) 881-1833.

**PARK GATES ARE OPEN** to the public during hours posted at the park entrance. Unless otherwise posted, CURFEW is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands.

**MOTOR VEHICLES** are restricted to paved public roads and designated parking areas only. Vehicles must exit at posted gate closure hours.

**BICYCLES** may be ridden on designated bicycle trails, and on fire or service roads, unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are not permitted, either ridden, walked or carried, in areas posted "No Bicycles," or on narrow hiking or narrow equestrian trails. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Riders should call out or sound a warning when overtaking other trail users.

**DOGS** must be leashed (six-foot maximum) and under control at any posted area, parking lot, picnic site, lawn or developed area. No dogs or other animals are permitted at any swimming pool, beach, wetland, or marsh. Owners must always carry a leash (six-foot maximum). Dogs may be off-leash in open space and undeveloped areas of parklands, provided they are under control at all times. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can. Persons who walk more than three dogs at a time on Regional Parks trails must obtain a permit; commercial dog walkers are required to obtain a permit regardless of how many dogs they walk at one time (limit of six). Please call (510) 690-6508 for information.

**SWIMMING, WADING** and other water contact activities are permitted only in designated areas. **DIVING** is permitted only from designated diving boards and swim platforms. **SCUBA** diving is prohibited in any District lake or inland waters unless authorized by the District.

**PLANTS, ANIMALS, GEOLOGIC, ARCHAEOLOGIC OR HISTORIC OBJECTS** are protected by law. Please do not disturb or remove any of these features.

**HELP PROTECT OUR PARK WILDLIFE** by not releasing or feeding ducks, cats or other animals. Do not feed wild park animals; enjoy them from a distance.

**FIREWORKS** are not permitted in any regional park.

**FIRES** are not permitted at Dublin Hills Regional Park. Regional Parks that permit fires allow them in barbecue pits or personal cooking equipment in designated picnic areas or irrigated turf areas only, placed at least 30 feet from flammable materials. Please



## To Reach Dublin Hills Regional Park:

From I-580 in Dublin/Pleasanton, exit at San Ramon Road/Foothill Road. Drive north on San Ramon Road and turn left (west) on Dublin Blvd. Proceed for about two miles to the staging area on the right.

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](mailto:info@ebparks.org).

## PARKLAND RULES, continued

do not place hot coals on the ground or in a garbage can. Dispose of hot coals or other burned fuel in barbecue pits or in designated hot coal disposal receptacles. **CAMPING** is not permitted within District parklands without a permit.

**FISHING** is not permitted at Dublin Hills Regional Park. In Regional Parks that permit fishing, a state fishing license is required, and a District Daily Fishing Access Permit is required when posted.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not permitted at pools, swim beaches, or within 50 feet of paved roads or parking lots, or in posted areas. Otherwise, beer and wine are permitted at picnic areas and elsewhere on parklands.

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**, including model rockets, model airplanes, hang gliding, golf, and other activities with potential risk to property or park visitors are permitted only in designated areas.

**ASSEMBLIES, PERFORMANCES, SPECIAL EVENTS** or similar gatherings require a permit.

Please be considerate of other park visitors if you use a **RADIO**. A permit is required for **AMPLIFICATION** of voice, music, or other sounds. **GENERATORS** may not be used without a permit.

**FIREARMS OR BOWS AND ARROWS** are not permitted on Regional Parklands except at established ranges. Crossbows, spears, slingshots, air pistols or rifles, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited anywhere on Regional Parklands.

**PARK VISITORS** are responsible for knowing and following park rules.



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Red-tailed hawk.  
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