

A SHORELINE STORY

Martinez Regional Shoreline is the successful product of a joint effort between the City of Martinez and the East Bay Regional Park District. In 1974 the Martinez Waterfront Planning Agency was created with a joint powers agreement between the City of Martinez and the Park District. At that time the 344-acre parkland was a seldom-used area made up of marshland and industrial fill.

To meet community and regional needs, three types of areas were developed. The city's portion has community park areas with high-use recreational facilities. District areas include recreational areas with large open meadows, picnicking areas, and a natural marsh environment that includes hiking trails. This portion focuses on restoration and preservation of saltwater marshes.

The resulting shoreline park offers visitors a variety of experiences. There are group picnic areas, softball fields, bocce ball courts, and soccer fields in the eastern section of the park, operated by the City of Martinez. The District operates the western section with its quiet open lawns, small family picnic areas, and ponds and creeks. Nearly three miles of trails offer peaceful walks through the marsh and along the shoreline. See the map on the reverse side for locations of picnic tables, hiking trails, and ball fields and other recreational uses.

A \$4.5-million Martinez Marsh Enhancement Project, sponsored by Caltrans, the City of Martinez, and the Park District, was completed in the spring of 2002. The enhanced marsh alleviates rainy season flood conditions in the downtown Martinez area, serves as mitigation for wetland disruption due to replacement of the Carquinez Bridge, creates valuable wildlife habitat, and enhances visitor access.

The project included expansion of Alhambra Creek's east bank and work on the west bank, and creation of a tidal channel leading west from the creek. It also included the retrofitted arch bridge over Alhambra Creek, construction of a 240-foot boardwalk over the marsh on the Pickleweek Trail, construction of a 120-foot bridge over the creek at the Berrellesa Street entrance, and installation of benches and interpretive panels.

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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. The Park District's Ordinance 38, which is summarized below, lists specific rules for use and protection of regional parklands. Violators will be subject to citation or arrest. For further 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 designated parking areas and paved public roads.

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 a Regional Trail must obtain a permit; call (510) 544-3009 for info.

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.

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.

FIRES are permitted 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 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 provided hot coal disposal containers.

FIREWORKS are not permitted in any regional park.

CAMPING is not permitted within District parklands without a permit.

FISHING is not permitted at Martinez Regional Shoreline. A state license is required at Regional Parks that do permit fishing. A District fishing permit is also required when posted.

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

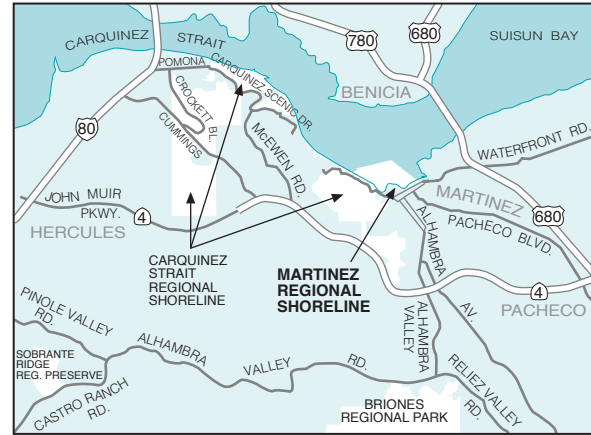
GAMES and ACTIVITIES, including model rockets, model airplanes, hang gliding, golf and other activities with potential risk to property or park visitors are permitted only in designated areas.

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.

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.



TO REACH MARTINEZ REGIONAL SHORELINE:

The park is located north of downtown Martinez at the foot of Ferry Street, near Amtrak's Martinez train station.

From Highway 4 in northern Contra Costa County, follow signs for Martinez to the Alhambra Avenue exit; go north on Alhambra to Escobar Street; right on Escobar to Ferry Street; left on Ferry and go over the railroad tracks into the park. The main street through the park is North Court. There are several parking areas. As you leave the park, exit Martinez via Berrellesa, one block west of Alhambra. (Both are one-way streets.)

From I-680 in Martinez, take the Marina Vista exit; left on Marina Vista to Ferry Street; right onto Ferry and go over the railroad tracks into the park.

By public transit: Always call the numbers listed to confirm route numbers and schedules. Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WESTCAT) #30Z connects with El Cerrito del Norte BART and the Martinez Amtrak station Mondays through Fridays; phone (510) 724-7993 for information, or see www.511.org. County Connection #108 and #118 connect with N. Concord/Martinez BART and Concord BART (respectively) and the Martinez Amtrak station, and County Connection #116 connects with Walnut Creek BART, Pleasant Hill BART, and Martinez Amtrak station Mondays through Saturdays. Call (925) 676-7500 for information, or see www.511.org.

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