

This is Dry Creek . . .

. . . and we bid you welcome.

Famed in the early 1880s for the spirit of gaiety that reigned here on festival days, guests poured in from the rural districts of the whole county to greet their friends and make merry . . .

And so today, we pray you to maintain with us that holiday spirit; leave care and worry behind you; enjoy the beauties of nature here in your midst; and pause for a moment in your rush through life to give thanks to the great artist who painted this ever-changing picture of the hills and fields and streams.

—Edith Meyers, of the Meyers Ranch family

NATURE STUDY Look around you and you will find two magnificent parkland areas – Garin and Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks. Independent nature study is encouraged, so bring binoculars, a magnifying glass, field guides, and camera, and be amazed at what you will discover. Guided interpretive programs for this area are coordinated through the Coyote Hills Regional Park Visitor Center in Fremont. For information, phone (510) 544-3220, or see www.ebparks.org.

GARIN BARN VISITOR CENTER The Garin Barn Visitor Center is open on weekends in the summer from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is designed to aid in interpretive programs and for the enjoyment of the casual visitor. The Visitor Center displays artifacts from the ranching and farming history of the Hayward area. There is a blacksmith shop, a tool shop, and several ranching-related displays to explore. An interesting collection of antique farm machinery outside the barn augments the display.

SCHOOL GROUPS Teachers or group leaders wishing to use the park with a naturalist guide, or those looking for curriculum guides for using the parklands, should contact Coyote Hills Regional Park Visitor Center at (510) 544-3220.

PICNICKING Several picnic areas near the park entrance are available for use by families and larger groups. Hikers can carry picnics in day packs and enjoy trail along one of the many park trails.

HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING The 20-mile system of trails within Garin and Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks give you the opportunity to explore the 3,168 acres that comprise these parklands. While the trails are not paved, many are suitable for bicycles. PLEASE, NO MOTORCYCLES.

FISHING Jordan Pond pier was built in 1987 by Park District crews using materials provided through the generosity of the Hayward, South Hayward, and Mt. Eden Lions Clubs. Jordan Pond has naturally reproducing populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, and sunfish. The Park District also plants channel catfish in the pond once or twice a year. Anglers aged 16 or older must have a state fishing license.

PICNIC RESERVATIONS FOR GROUPS Three group picnic areas at Garin each serve 100 people: Cattlemen's, Buttonwood, and Ranchside. Pioneer serves 50. These areas have picnic tables and barbecue brazier units and may be reserved by calling 1-888-327-2757, option 2, then 1, at least 14 days in advance.

GARIN APPLE FESTIVAL The spirit of Garin's orchards lives on in the antique apple varieties cultivated in remnants of the old apple orchards. The late-summer Garin Apple Festival celebrates the farm's apple-growing tradition. Antique apple varieties grown in the orchards may be tasted in the flesh and as juice. Folk music, song, and old-fashioned games fill out the day.

DRY CREEK GARDEN Dry Creek Cottage was a popular summer home of Edith, Mildred, and Jeanette Meyers, three sisters of Alameda who were very involved in local charities and fundraisers during the early and mid 1900s. Upon the passing of the last surviving sister, the cottage and its garden were donated to the Park District. The beautifully restored garden and cottage sit at the end of May Road off Mission Boulevard in Hayward, and provide access to trails at the south end of Dry Creek Regional Park. The two-acre garden is home to nearly 200 native and exotic plants, with something in bloom just about every day of the year. The cottage will eventually host receptions, weddings, and similar events, and will also house a visitor center. The garden is open to the public Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The parking lot is open all week until dusk.

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To Reach Garin/Dry Creek Regional Parks:

The main staging areas are located off Mission Blvd. in Hayward. The Garin Avenue entrance is located at 1320 Garin Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544. Traveling on Mission Blvd./ Highway 238 in Hayward, turn east onto Garin Avenue and drive uphill into the park. The May Road staging area is located approximately 1.5 miles farther south, also east of Mission Blvd.

Public Transportation: From the Bayfair, Hayward, Union City, or South Hayward BART station, take AC Transit bus #99 or #801 to the stop at the foot of Garin Avenue on Mission Boulevard. From there the park entrance is slightly less than one mile uphill (steep). Or, de-board at May Road for a short walk to the Dry Creek Garden and trailhead. Call to confirm transit information. BART: 511 or (510) 464-6000, TDD (510) 839-2278. AC Transit: 511 or (510) 817-1717, TDD:800-448-9790. See also www.transitandtrails.org/.

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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