

Mission Peak

1904 “Perhaps the denizens of this valley are so accustomed to the sight of Mission Peak that they fail to appreciate the dignity and individuality which it gives to the landscape. Whether the outlines, snow-capped may be, are sharp and distinct on a clear, frosty morning in winter, or overspread with the purple afterglow of a summer sunset; whether rising grim and rugged against black storm clouds, or emerging into sunlight from unwinding fog wreaths, the mountain has a majesty of its own . . .

“It is a singular fact that many living in the township, even some born and reared here, have never ascended this mountain. They have gone to Tamalpais, tramped to Diablo, and to other mountains farther off, ignorant of the vast and wonderful landscape to be seen from their own. Standing on the top, when the day is clear, we can see far in the east the shining summits of the high Sierra

. . . Spread out between is the great plain of the San Joaquin, and the smaller valleys of San Ramon, Livermore and Sunol. The canyon immediately in front drops down 2,000 feet into Rosedale, and on the other side are the serrated crags of the Calaveras. Far and faint in the south is the huge bulk of the Gabilans, while nearer is flat-topped Loma Prieta, and closer still the silver dome and clustered dwelling of Lick Observatory, with the higher top of Mount Hamilton behind. Due north rise the splendid double peaks of Mount Diablo, the giant of the Coast Range.”

Excerpted from *History of Washington Township* (1904)
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TODAY Mission Peak/Monument Peak Regional Preserve offers 2,999 acres for your hiking enjoyment. Trails begin at Fremont’s Ohlone College campus and at the east end of Stanford Avenue off Mission Boulevard. The Bay Area Ridge Trail passes through the park into Santa Clara County’s Ed Levin County Park. Mission Peak’s spectacular panorama includes the southern arm of San Francisco Bay and the area from San Jose to Mount Tamalpais. To the north can be seen Mount Diablo, the San Ramon Valley, and the Hamilton Range. Coyote Hills Regional Park is visible to the west by the Dumbarton Bridge, and eastward is Sunol Regional Wilderness. There is no drinking water available along the trails. Wear

sturdy hiking shoes. Please keep the area free of litter so that others may enjoy the beauty as you do.

The Wings of Rogallo has an agreement with the Park District to conduct hang gliding and paragliding activities at the Preserve, so if you stay at the peak for long, don’t be surprised if a quiet hang glider whisks ’round the peak or overhead. You can wave to the pilot – at eye level.

The South Bay Soaring Society (SBSS) has an agreement with the Park District to use R/C Hill to fly remote-controlled aircraft. No motorized or gas-powered aircraft are allowed. All remote-controlled pilots launching at R/C Hill must be members of SBSS and must have in their possession a current membership card. No other sites within Mission Peak Regional Preserve are approved for this activity.

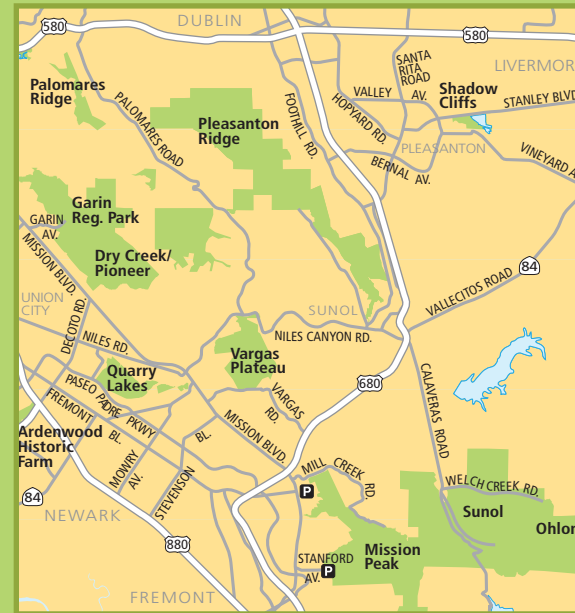
INTERPRETIVE HIKES The interpretive staff at Coyote Hills Regional Park plans organized hikes along the slopes and the peak. For more information, call 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4519, or see www.ebparks.org.

BICYCLE POLICY Safe multiple use on these trails requires your cooperation. The East Bay Regional Park District’s Bicycle Ordinance is summarized below:

- Bicycles shall not be ridden in a negligent, unsafe, or reckless manner, or in a way that endangers the life, limb, or property of any person.
- Bicycles are permitted on paved roads, paved bike trails, and unpaved roads over 8 feet in width, unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles are not permitted on single-track hiking or horseback riding trails.
- Bicycles are not permitted to ride cross country on Regional Parklands. All bicycles use is restricted to permitted trails only.
- Bicycles shall not be ridden at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour on any trail with a posted speed limit.
- Bicycles shall not be ridden at excessive speeds, especially when passing other trail users or in areas with short sight distances, or in an irresponsible manner in violation of published trail etiquette or posted bicycle speed limits.
- Bicycles must travel in single file on the right side of the trail when on turns or blind corners.
- Bicycles are not permitted in any park or area posted pursuant to a resolution of closure or restriction adopted by the Park District Board of Directors.

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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To Reach Mission Peak Regional Preserve:
 Mission Peak is accessible from both Mission Boulevard exits off I-680 in Fremont. The Ohlone College staging area is just south of the northern Mission Boulevard exit (in the Mission San Jose area). The Stanford Avenue staging area is just north of the southern Mission Boulevard exit. **From southbound I-680 in Fremont** (coming from Pleasanton or Oakland): for the Ohlone College staging area, take the Mission Blvd./ Hwy. 238 exit and turn left (south). Go 1.1 miles and turn left on Anza-Pine Road into the Ohlone College campus. Park in lots M, N, O, or P. Purchase a parking ticket from the vending machine. Proceed to the Park District information panel at the trailhead. For the Stanford Avenue staging area, continue south on Mission Boulevard for 1.7 miles to Stanford Avenue and turn left. Proceed 0.6 miles to the staging area. **From northbound I-680 in Fremont** (coming from Santa Clara County): for the Stanford Avenue staging area, take the Mission Boulevard exit and go 0.7 miles to Stanford Avenue. Turn right and go 0.6 miles to the staging area. For the Ohlone College staging area, continue north on Mission Boulevard for 1.7 miles to Anza-Pine Road. Turn right on Anza-Pine Road into the Ohlone College campus. Park in lots M, N, O, or P. Purchase a parking ticket from the vending machine. Proceed to the Park District information panel at the trailhead.



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