

History

Sobrante Ridge is part of the ancestral homeland of the Saclan, one of six California Native American tribes whose primary language is called Bay Miwok today. Since time immemorial these tribes have maintained a strong connection to the land.

In 1841, under Mexican government colonialism, the land was granted to Juan Jose Castro and became part of the vast Rancho Sobrante. At that time, great herds of Spanish longhorn cattle freely roamed the hills and were valued by the rancheros for their hides and tallow.

Beginning in the early 1900s, the area was known as the Cutter Ranch, and belonged to Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley through the 1970s. The lab raised horses and cattle there, using blood from the animals to produce tetanus and diphtheria vaccines.

When developers in the 1980s wanted to build homes in the area, the East Bay Regional Park District and surrounding communities advocated for the preservation of the scenic ridgelines and the rare endemic plant life. The unique natural area was donated to the Park District in 1985 after the local construction company agreed to limit the subdivision to the low-lying areas.



A male red-winged blackbird

Ken Canning

Ours to Explore, Enjoy and Protect

Please enjoy Regional Parks safely and help protect and preserve the parklands by following all park rules and regulations.

Safety

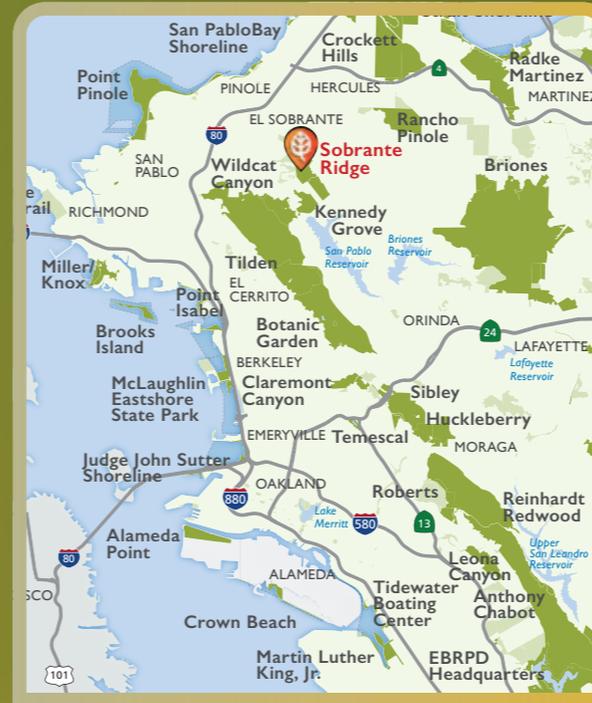
- Stay on trails. Shortcuts are dangerous and damage natural resources.
- Bring plenty of water to prevent dehydration.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Keep parks clean. Pack out what you pack in.
- Inform someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Save our 24/7 Dispatch Center number on your cell phone: Emergency 510-881-1121; Non-emergency 510-881-1833.

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCY 9-1-1
 PARK POLICE (evenings/weekends) 510-881-1833
 PICNIC RESERVATIONS 1-888-327-2757, option 2, 1
 PARK OFFICE 1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4541

Rules

- Dogs must be leashed in parking lots, 200 feet from any trail or park entrance, in picnic areas, developed areas, where grazing animals are present, and as posted. Dogs must be under voice control at all times. Clean up after your pet: bag it, bin it.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. Bicyclists stay to the right side of trail and ring or call out when passing.
- Bicyclists yield to pedestrians. Both yield to equestrians. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear a helmet. All bicyclists and equestrians are encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
- The following are prohibited:
 - Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas
 - Consuming alcohol in non-designated areas
 - Causing damage to plants, geological, or archaeological features
 - Feeding or approaching wildlife
 - Releasing animals into parklands
 - Graffiti
 - Smoking/vaping
 - Skateboarding
 - Flying drones
 - Nighttime pier fishing

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See ebparks.org/rules.



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Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserve

Main Entrance

Located at the end of Coach Drive, Richmond, CA

GPS Coordinates
37.969765,-122.258921

Driving Directions ▶



East Bay Regional Park District

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 1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757 (TRS 711)
ebparks.org



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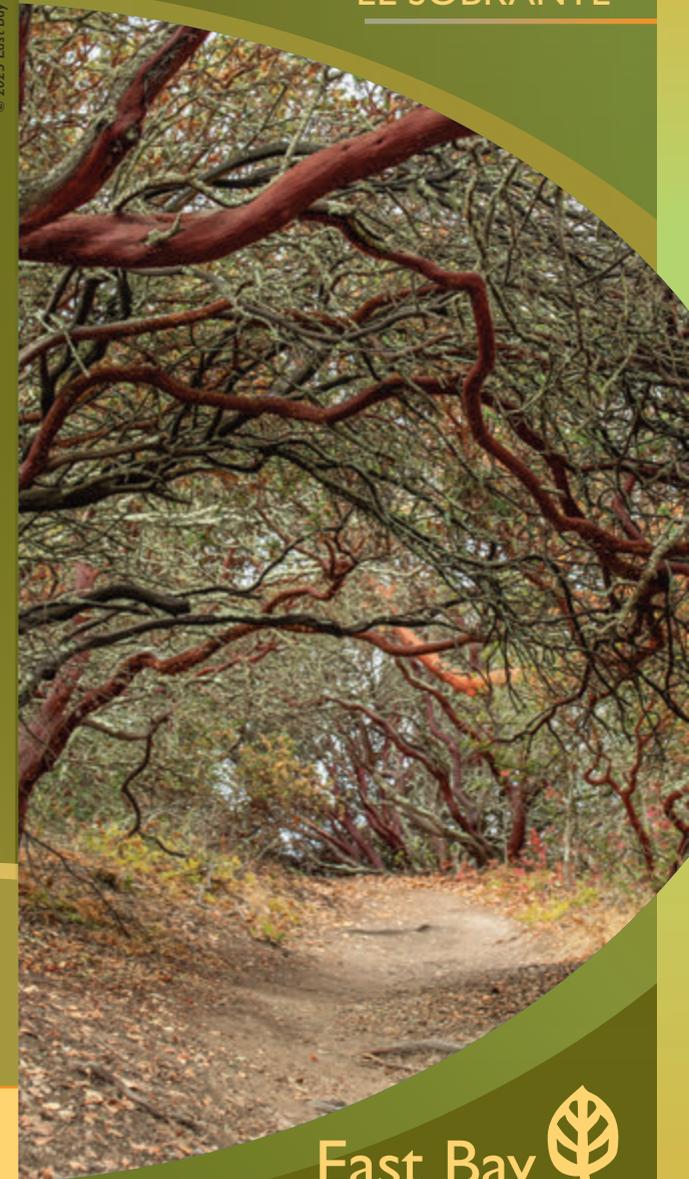
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