

# A Shoreline Story

Year opened: 1979      Acres: 343  
 Highlights: Hiking, shoreline access, fishing, picnicking, lawn areas.  
 Did you know? The pier at Grangers Wharf was built in the 1870s on land donated by Dr. John Srentzel, the father-in-law of naturalist John Muir.

This parkland is the product of a joint effort between the City of Martinez and the East Bay Regional Park District. In 1974, the parkland was a seldom-used area made up of marshland and industrial fill. Today, the recreational areas include meadows, picnic areas, and a natural marsh environment with hiking trails. This parkland also focuses on restoration and preservation of the surrounding saltwater marshes.

The resulting shoreline park offers visitors a variety of experiences, including group picnic areas, softball and soccer fields, and bocce ball courts. The western section has quiet lawns, family picnic areas, ponds and creeks. Nearly three miles of trails wind through the marsh and along the shoreline. In 2016, the park was renamed Ted and Kathy Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline, honoring the Radkes' tireless efforts to preserve the Martinez waterfront and marshland.

**MARSH ENHANCEMENT** The \$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, and creates valuable wildlife habitat as well as providing an improved visitor experience in this peaceful natural area.

The marsh enhancement 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 Pickleweed 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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 PARK OFFICE.....1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4542

# Parkland Rules

## WELCOME!

Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help protect and preserve the parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

## SAFETY and ETIQUETTE

- Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.
- Wading and /or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous and may harm the watershed.
- Carry and drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on the trail.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Trails can be slippery, rocky and steep. Proceed carefully at your own risk.
- Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.

## RULES

- Dogs must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance and in parking lots, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and play fields, on some trails, and in posted areas. They must be under voice control at all times. Please dispose of your dog's waste in a garbage can. Dogs are not allowed in protected park natural resource areas or posted wildlife preserve areas of Radke Martinez Shoreline.
- Feeding or approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails and fire roads only. Horses, then hikers have the right-of-way on trails.
- Equestrians: observe trail etiquette, and let other trail users know how to pass your horse safely. Note: Most trails are equipped with unlocked gates allowing access across fencelines. Horses are not allowed in turf areas.
- State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Equestrians and bicyclists are also strongly encouraged to wear helmets at all times.
- A state fishing license is required when fishing from Bay shorelines within the Regional Parks. All state fishing laws are enforced.
- Swimming, wading, and other water activities are allowed in bay and creek waters. Swim at your own risk.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Drones are prohibited.

Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See [www.ebparks.org/rules](http://www.ebparks.org/rules).



GPS Coordinates: 38.020964, -122.136211

## To Reach Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline:

**From Highway 4 in northern Contra Costa County**, exit at Alhambra Avenue and go north on Alhambra to Escobar Street. Turn right on Escobar to Ferry Street; turn left on Ferry and go over the railroad tracks into the park. The main thoroughfare through the park is North Court Street. 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. Turn left on Marina Vista to Ferry Street; turn right onto Ferry and go over the railroad tracks into the park.

**By Public Transit:** Always call to confirm route numbers and schedules. Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WESTCAT) #30Z connects the El Cerrito del Norte BART and the Martinez Amtrak station Mondays through Fridays; phone (510) 724-7993 for information or see [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

Weekday County Connection transit: #98X connects the Martinez Amtrak station and Walnut Creek BART; County Connection #19 and #16 connect the Martinez Amtrak station with Concord BART; #18 with Pleasant Hill BART; and #28/627 with N. Concord BART.

Weekends: County Connection #316 connects the Martinez Amtrak station with Pleasant Hill BART. Call (925) 676-7500 for information, or see [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

# Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline

## Martinez

East Bay Regional Park District



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