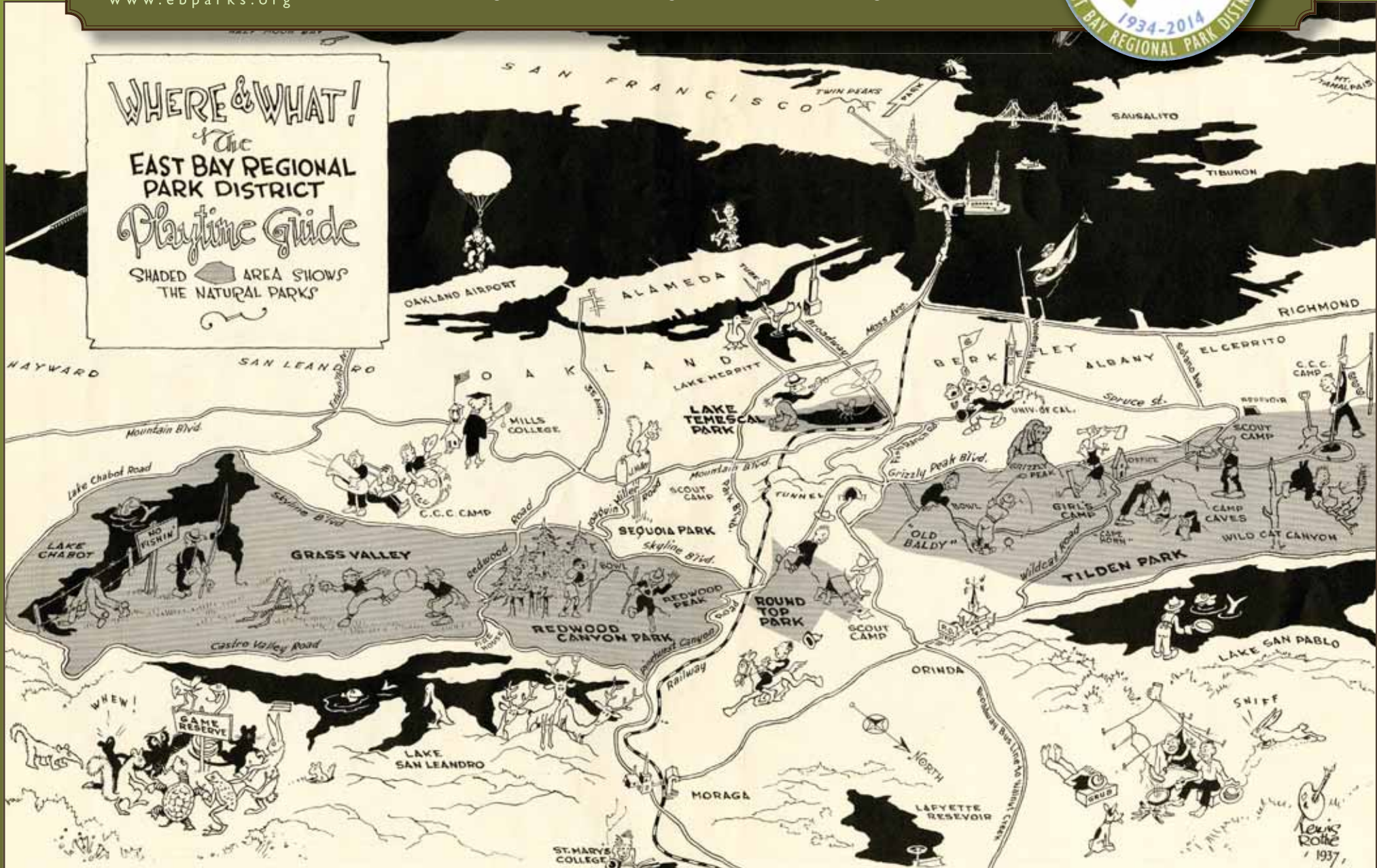


2014 CALENDAR

Our Heritage: Celebrating 80 Years of Regional Parks



A playtime guide of the East Bay Regional Park District in 1937.

This illustration was used in the Park District's first park brochure.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline



Photo: SLPDC #468



Photo: Claire Ames

Then: The area including what is now Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland has a Wild West history. The park is on San Leandro Bay, which was the scene of extensive oyster farming in the 1880s and '90s. But, as recounted by author Jack London, the farms were raided frequently by oyster pirates, who stole the oysters

and sold them in local markets. Violence often resulted. London was a participant, and described his adventures in "Tales of the Fish Patrol." This photo shows oyster workers harvesting the shellfish under the protection of an armed guard. By 1890 the oyster farms had closed due to bay pollution and silting.

Today: Kayakers enjoy the waters near Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline's Tidewater Boating Center, a popular launch area for boaters. The Oakland Strokes, a non-profit junior rowing organization, operates the boathouse and provides outreach to neighborhood youth in the sport of competitive rowing. The shoreline also offers picnic areas, hiking and

biking trails, fishing, birdwatching, and the Shoreline Center for corporate events, weddings and parties. In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Grove was dedicated at the park. Doolittle Beach welcomes sunbathers, and the "Duplex Cone" sculpture adorns Arrowhead Meadows, tracing the paths of the sun's summer and winter solstices through the sky.

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Contra Loma Regional Park



Then: This 1959 photo shows Marchios family ranch land that later became Contra Loma Reservoir in Antioch. Julpun Bay Miwoks raised their families there for generations previously, managing the grassland's seeds and bulbs. An expedition led by Lt. Col. Juan Bautista de Anza traversed the Contra Loma area in 1776 while exploring as far east as Big Break. Ensuing years saw use of the land for ranching, dry farming and mining, after coal was discovered nearby in the 1860s. Contra Loma Reservoir was constructed in 1965

in response to increasing water needs. An agreement between the Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Regional Park District enabled the Park District to operate a major part of the site for recreation, including swimming. The park opened to the public in 1968, providing a needed recreational venue for East County residents during a period of political and social turmoil. From 1971 to 1986, Los Charros staged traditional Mexican rodeos in land alongside the park entrance. Nearby residential development brought an end to the rodeos.



Today: Contra Loma Reservoir, seen from nearly the same viewpoint as the 1959 photo at left. Contra Loma Regional Park offers a swim lagoon, group and family picnic areas around a turfgrass lawn, and the reservoir with boat launch ramp. Fishing is

good from shoreline and afloat, thanks to frequent trout and catfish plants by the Park District and State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Miles of hiking trails lead around the reservoir and into adjacent Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve.

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Coyote Hills Regional Park



Photo: EBRPD

Then: For thousands of years, in the area of Fremont we now call Coyote Hills, Tuibun Ohlones thrived because they knew how to balance human needs with that of the land and all its other inhabitants. A more than 2,000-year-old village site may be visited here on naturalist-led programs. During the Cold War era, there was a Nike anti-aircraft missile base at the hills. A unique activity at the site was the Biological Sonar Laboratory (above), headed by Dr. Thomas Poulter. There he studied live seals, sea lions and river otters

to see what their physiology might reveal about human obesity, the aging process, multiple sclerosis and fatal shock. For nearly five years after East Bay Regional Park District acquired the park in 1967, tours of Dr. Poulter's lab were part of the interpretive program. Ultimately his research ended and the lab closed.



Photo: Jerry Ting

Today: Coyote Hills Regional Park protects a fragile and critical bayland ecosystem. Park trails lead through marshlands filled with shorebirds and to hilltops offering panoramic South Bay vistas. The park's visitor center contains exhibits depicting the park's abundant wildlife. It also contains

exhibits about Ohlone history and cultures. Sharing the history and cultural heritage of Ohlone peoples past to present is a major emphasis of the park's educational programs. Ohlones share their history and cultures at the park during an annual Gathering of Ohlone Peoples in October.

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Alameda Creek Regional Trail



Photo: EBRPD

Then: Alameda Creek, being explored by a group of 19th century lady adventurers in the photo above, is the county's largest waterway. Rising in the Hamilton Range, the creek traverses a variety of landscapes on its way to San Francisco Bay. Ohlone Indians lived along its banks, tending the landscape for eons. Between 1769 and 1795 it was explored by five separate Spanish expeditions. Established nearby in 1797, Mission San Jose existed for

49 years until secularization in 1834. The town of Niles was established along the creek at the mouth of a canyon leading through the coastal hills. The settlement enjoyed brief celebrity as a center of movie-making during World War I. Charlie Chaplin and other actors got their start in Niles before the industry settled in Hollywood. During its history, the land has seen agriculture, quarrying, and now commercial and residential uses.



Photo: Jo Higuchi

Today: Alameda Creek Regional Trail opened in January 1973. Its construction was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and East Bay Regional Park District. The double trail follows the banks of Alameda Creek for 12 miles between Niles and San Francisco Bay, connecting Quarry Lakes

Regional Recreation Area and Coyote Hills Regional Park. The north-side trail is for horseback riding. The paved trail on the south bank serves pedestrians and bicyclists, and provides access to Coyote Hills. Runners can complete a marathon by taking a round trip plus a loop through Coyote Hills. There are distance markers at half-mile intervals.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks



Then: In late 1970 Mildred and Jeanette Meyers stand outside what is now the Garin Barn Visitor Center at Garin Regional Park in Hayward. With their sister, Dr. Edith Meyers, they bequeathed their adjacent ranch to the East Bay Regional Park District and it became Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park. The three sisters never married and had no collateral descendants. It was their desire to preserve their ranchland

as open space for public enjoyment. When a state highway was proposed to run through their property, the Park District joined them in opposition. Ultimately the sisters deeded 1,200 acres to the District, including their vacation home and surrounding gardens after the last sister's death in 1993. To this day it remains the single largest land donation in the history of the East Bay Regional Park District.



Today: The Garin Barn Visitor Center displays artifacts from Hayward's ranching and farming era. Around the park entrance is a collection of antique farm machinery. Garin and Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Parks contain miles of hiking and riding trails leading to unparalleled views of shoreline communities and the bay. Picnic areas, Jordan Pond, and a grassy field for kite flying are among other attractions. Garin has an antique apple orchard

tended by dedicated volunteers and celebrated in an annual festival. Gossip Rock at Dry Creek Pioneer has bedrock mortars where Native Americans once pounded acorns into flour. Until their death in the early 1900s, the Rev. Agapius Honcharenko, a Ukrainian nationalist and Orthodox priest, lived with his wife, Albina, at Ukrainia, a farm high on the Garin ridgeline. Their gravesite is within the park.

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Iron Horse Regional Trail



Photo: Museum of the San Ramon Valley, #17-20080320009



Photo: eBRPD

Then: From 1890 to the mid-1970s, trains of the Southern Pacific Railroad chugged through the Diablo and San Ramon valleys from Suisun Bay to Pleasanton, serving the farming communities along the way. The photo shows the Danville depot in 1895. With the advent of better roadways and reduced movement of agricultural goods, the railroad was abandoned. By 1978 all the tracks had been removed.

In 1982 the State Legislature recognized the need to preserve the right of way as a public multi-use trail, and provided \$2 million in planning and development funds. Land acquisition began in 1984, cooperatively funded by all levels of government plus private and corporate donations. Crucial support came from a grass-roots citizens' group, the Right of Way Trail Advocates.

Today: Developed incrementally since 1987, the Iron Horse Regional Trail now extends along the former railbed for 30 miles between Concord and Pleasanton, with connections along the way to a network of other regional trails. It is multi-use, open to hikers, cyclists, horseback riders

– all forms of transportation except motorized. It is used extensively by children on their way to school, adults commuting to job sites and shopping centers, and all ages for recreation and exercise. At “intermodal” points, the trail accesses bus and Bay Area Rapid Transit lines.

JUNE 2014

* Healthy Parks Healthy People Activities: June is Healthy Parks Healthy People month at the Park District. Find activities at www.ebarks.org/hphp



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8 Historic Hay Harvest <i>Ardenwood</i> Butterfly & Bird Festival <i>Coyote Hills</i> HPHP Program *	9	10	11	12  FULL	13 Concert at the Cove <i>Crab Cove</i>	14 Return of the Terns <i>Crab Cove</i> Healthy Parks Healthy People Program *
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Lifeguard Program – 75th Anniversary



Photo: EBRPD

Then: The East Bay Regional Park District has provided lifeguard service at its swim areas for the past 75 years. The first District swim beach was at Lake Temescal in Oakland. The photo shows an early day lifeguard crew at Temescal. Lake Anza at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley was created

when the Civilian Conservation Corps built a dam on Wildcat Creek in 1936. Lifeguard service began there in 1938. Roberts Pool was constructed in the Oakland hills in 1953. As the District acquired and developed more swim areas, lifeguard service was extended to those parks.



Photo: Courtney Van Austen

Today: A lifeguard stands watch at Don Castro Regional Recreation Area in Hayward. The East Bay Regional Park District now has lifeguards in season at six open-water lakefront beaches, three chlorinated swim lagoons adjacent to reservoirs, and three swimming pools. The public can also swim at two Park District beaches on the San Francisco Bay shoreline, though they are not staffed

by lifeguards. During the 2013 swim season, there were 177 lifeguards on the Park District staff, who successfully rescued 146 swimmers. Besides serving at the swim areas, Park District lifeguards offer swim lessons and staff a summer junior lifeguard program, which emphasizes water safety and lifesaving techniques for youth. Lifeguards are highly trained in first aid and water rescue.

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Las Trampas Regional Wilderness



Then: Fossil remains show that mastodon roamed these lands in the Pleistocene era. For thousands of years, Tatcan Bay Miwoks managed this landscape with techniques that increased its abundance. Above, Ramona Garibay (Saclan Bay Miwok) shows a step in processing acorns in food. Spanish settlers named the hills "Las Trampas," or "The Traps," after the Indians' hunting method of driving elk and deer into the steep box canyons. Later land use was mostly ranching. Playwright

Eugene O'Neill built Tao House in 1937 as a residential retreat, where he wrote some of his most famous plays. Ultimately it was acquired by the Park District and turned over to the National Park Service. The U.S. Army operated a Nike anti-aircraft missile battery on Bollinger Canyon Road from 1955 to 1959 at what is the present-day Park District service yard. The Mueller family operated Little Hills Picnic Ranch starting in 1955. The picnic ranch and adjacent stables are now part of the Park District, too.



Today: Las Trampas is a park for energetic hikers. Its terrain consists of two ridgelines with a canyon between them, so there are lots of ups and downs. Trails traverse oak-bay woodlands, chaparral communities, and grassy ridgetops with spectacular views of Mt. Diablo to the east and miles of open space

to the west. On a clear day there are glimpses of San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, and Mt. Tamalpais. Wildlife is abundant, including deer, cougar and bobcat, though the animals are secretive and hard to spot. Adjacent Little Hills Picnic Ranch is available for group and organizational gatherings.

Photo: Beverly R. Carr

Photo: Greg Brian

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area



Photo: Richard Langis



Photo: Marc Crumpler

Then: In the mid-1930s, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp was located in the area of what is now Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area, one of five such camps on future Park District lands. Among other functions, the CCC provided training in skilled building trades. In the photo, two Corps members are at work. In the more distant past, the area was home to Ohlone

peoples, then a part of Spanish ranchos, and later a way station for a short-lived narrow-gauge railroad that ran from Oakland to Orinda. The park's eucalyptus trees were planted between 1900 and 1910. Kennedy Grove was deeded to East Bay Regional Park District by Contra Costa County, and opened to the public in 1967. It was named in honor of President John F. Kennedy.

Today: Located in El Sobrante below San Pablo Dam, Kennedy Grove is known for its shady eucalyptus groves and lush expanse of green lawn. It's ideal for small or large group picnics, both drop-in and reservable. There's room

for football, softball, volleyball and horseshoes. A small amphitheater rounds out the central facilities. From the picnic grounds, several miles of trails lead up through oak-bay woodlands to beautiful views toward San Pablo Bay.

SEPTEMBER 2014

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21	22 Stone Age Olympics and Knap-In <i>Coyote Hills</i>	 23 First Day of Autumn	24	25 Rosh Hashanah Begins	26	27 Outdoor Movie Night <i>Tilden Nature Area</i>
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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Roberts Regional Recreation Area



Then: Nineteenth century sea captains used two enormous redwood trees in the Oakland hills as navigational aids to help them avoid Blossom Rock, a treacherous rock in San Francisco Bay off Yerba Buena Island. Blossom Rock was later dynamited and the trees were logged, but a beautiful grove of second-generation redwoods has sprung up in their place in what is now Roberts Regional Recreation Area. A historic marker shares the site with a plaque

commemorating the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a highly decorated Japanese-American unit that served in World War II. Roberts opened in 1953 as "the people's playground." It was named in honor of Tommy Roberts, a labor leader and charter member of the Park District board who served from 1934 until his death in 1958 at age 95. This opening-day view of Roberts shows the pool, an expanse of lawn, and a merry-go-round and pony ride at the back.



Today: The merry-go-round and pony ride are gone, but a special feature at Roberts is its accessible play structure, designed so that children with all levels of physical ability can play together. Its construction resulted from a partnership between the East Bay Regional Park District and Rotary Club of Oakland #3.

Roberts' 25-yard heated swimming pool is also disabled-accessible, with a hoist available to swimmers who use wheelchairs. In addition, the 100-acre park has family and group picnic areas, volleyball courts, and a ballfield. Adjacent Redwood Regional Park has miles of hiking, riding and bicycling trails.

OCTOBER 2014

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park



Photo: Lee Greengrass



Photo: Hillary Van Austen

Then: Pleasanton Ridge and its environs were home to Ohlones, who later worked on a nearby Mexican rancho, and whose descendants still live in the area. An olive orchard and stock ponds are evidence of later ranching and homesteading. The process of establishing a regional parkland on the ridge was lengthy and sometimes controversial. Proposed for many years, the idea began

to take shape with establishment of an advisory committee in 1984, which generated a parkland feasibility study. East Bay Regional Park District's board approved guidelines for long-term land acquisition in 1986. A major acquisition occurred after the backers of a proposed residential subdivision declared bankruptcy. Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park opened to the public in 1990.

Today: With more than 30 miles of trails, Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park is a paradise for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. In the photo a cyclist heads south along the ridgetop trail with a spectacular view towards Sunol Regional Wilderness. The park covers more than 5,000 acres

on Pleasanton and Sunol ridges overlooking the Livermore Valley. Wildlife is abundant, including deer, mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and birds of prey. There are bay-oak woodlands, grasslands, chaparral, and beautiful wildflower displays in the spring.

NOVEMBER 2014



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Lake Chabot Regional Park



Main Wasteway No. 1 and Intake Tower No. 2
San Leandro Lake
Gage 37.65

Photo: EBMUD



Photo: Kevin Fox

Then: Lake Chabot reservoir was built in 1874-75 as a primary drinking water source for the East Bay. It was named after Anthony Chabot, the pioneering engineer who built the Lake Chabot dam and the dam at Lake Temescal in Oakland, among many other water works projects. Chinese laborers were a key component of the work force that created Lake Chabot. A plaque near

a tunnel they constructed recounts their contribution. Teams of horses were used to tamp down the earthen dam. Lake Chabot was closed to public recreation until 1966, when East Bay Regional Park District negotiated a lease agreement with East Bay Municipal Utility District, enabling boating and fishing on the 315-acre lake, and hiking and camping in the surrounding forests.

Today: Plentifully stocked with fish, Lake Chabot is a favorite fishing location for anglers. You can rent small boats with electric trolling motors at the Lake Chabot marina, or sign up for a lake tour on the *Chabot Queen*. The snack bar has a breakfast and lunch menu. Nearby are picnic areas and a place for park

visitors to launch kayaks, canoes and rowing sculls. Scenic trails lead around the lake and up into adjacent Anthony Chabot Regional Park. Overlooking the lake is a campground with sites for both car and RV camping. The campground has centrally located hot showers and flush toilets.

DECEMBER 2014

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	1	2	3	4	5	 FULL Ardenwood Christmas <i>Ardenwood</i> Healthy Parks Healthy People Bay Area Programs *
7 Ardenwood Christmas <i>Ardenwood</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 Holiday Splendor of the Patterson House <i>Ardenwood</i>
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			Hanukkah Begins			
 NEW 21 Holiday Splendor of the Patterson House <i>Ardenwood</i> First Day of Winter	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Eighty years ago, in 1934, the East Bay Regional Park District was established by Alameda County voters based on a vision created by the preeminent landscape architect of the day, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. Best known for his wildlife conservation efforts and his contribution to conservation of National Parks for future generations, Olmsted had a lifetime commitment to parks, and worked on park projects across America.

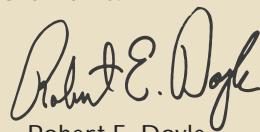
In 1928, while working for the California State Park Commission, Olmsted completed a statewide survey of potential parklands that defined basic long-range goals and provided guidance for the acquisition and development of state parks.

In the San Francisco East Bay, a small group of forward thinkers grasped Olmsted's vision laid out in the 1930 Olmsted-Hall report, which called for a "significant, interesting... varied playground," and they set about creating this new "park system for recreation in a natural setting," as shown on the Park District's first map seen on the cover. For eight successive decades the East Bay Regional Park District has continued to build on that vision.

In the 1930s about 575,000 people lived in Alameda County; today there are 2.6 million in Contra Costa and Alameda counties who are served by our park system. Our diverse landscapes and scenic beauty are now preserved in 113,000 acres and 65 parks in both counties.

As I look at the pages of this beautiful calendar which illustrates eight decades of East Bay Regional Park District history, I must thank our East Bay residents whose support makes it possible. Thanks to you, future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful parks that we plan to manage for decades to come, as we protect open space, offer recreational opportunities, and preserve our rich natural and cultural history.

Thank you for supporting your East Bay Regional Parks!



Robert E. Doyle
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