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East Bay Regional Park District

2009
Calendar

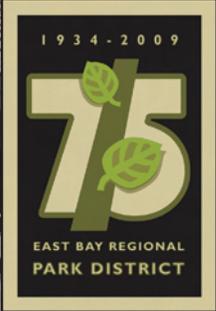


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Lake Chabot Regional Park. Then and now...

Lake Chabot was built by Anthony Chabot, the "Water King," in the early 1870s at the same time his company was building Lake Temescal. Lake Chabot was built as a primary water source for the East Bay and was closed to recreation for 91 years. Today it is regularly stocked with trout and catfish, and boating is as popular as it was when the lake opened for recreational uses in the 1960s (inset). The annual spring fishing derby is a popular event, and the park offers more than 20 miles of hiking trails, which connect to an additional 70 miles in the adjoining Anthony Chabot Regional Park and family campground.

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Trails Challenge and Kids Challenge Launch	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Cleanup at MLK Jr. Shoreline <small>Photo: Jerry Ting</small>	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23	24
25 Big Break Bird Watching Blitz	26	27	28 Burrowing Owl Buddies Volunteer Project at Martin Luther King Jr.	29	30	31



New Year's Day

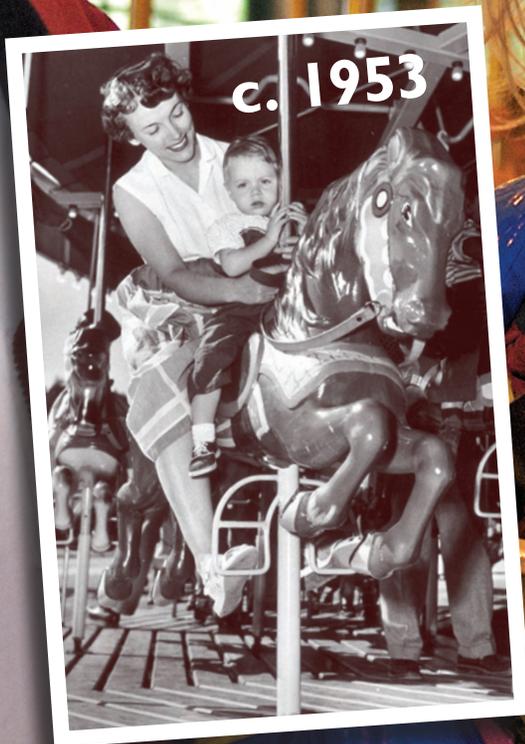
Trails Challenge and Kids Challenge Launch



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Cleanup at MLK Jr. Shoreline
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Inauguration Day

Burrowing Owl Buddies Volunteer Project at Martin Luther King Jr.



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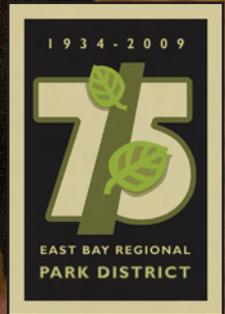


Photo: George Dwyer

Tilden Historic Carousel. Then and now...

Each year 150,000 visitors enjoy the 1911, National Register-listed Hershell-Spillman "Menagerie Edition" Carousel, one of only two still operating in the U.S. Since its arrival in Tilden Regional Park in 1948, the carousel has delighted visitors with its 59 hand-carved and hand-painted animals. The East Bay Regional Park District operated a second carousel from 1953 to the mid 1960s, the smaller version (inset) entertaining young and old alike at Roberts Regional Recreation Area in Oakland.

February 2009

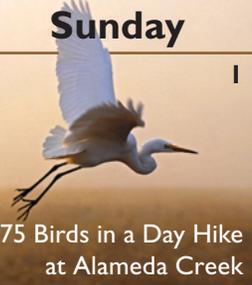
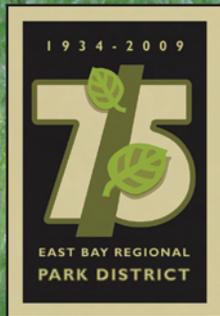
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1 Photo: Jerry Ting</p> <p>75 Birds in a Day Hike at Alameda Creek</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Restoration Rangers Volunteer Project at Quarry Lakes</p> <p>Family Boat Cruise at Big Break</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Burrowing Owl Buddies Volunteer Project at Martin Luther King Jr.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>13</p>	 <p>St. Valentines Day</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>President's Day and Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Forest of the Future Volunteer Project at Coyote Hills Trails Challenge: Bike 'n Bird Watch at Crab Cove</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Fat Tuesday</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



Photo: George Draper



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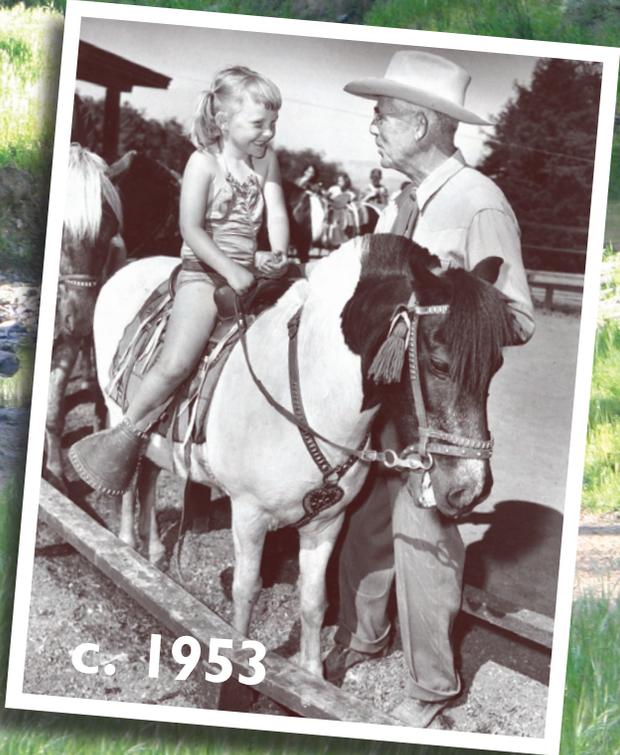


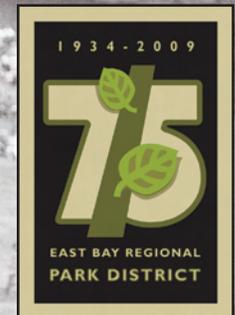
Photo: Shelly Lewis

Equestrians in the Parks. Then and now...

Horseback riding has been a popular outdoor activity in the parklands since the East Bay Regional Park District's inception. Roberts Regional Recreation Area had a childrens' pony ride in the 1950s (inset). Today, with its surrounding privately run stables, Diablo Foothills Regional Park in Walnut Creek is a favorite among equestrians, who love to stray into the adjacent Mount Diablo State Park.

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>Park'n It</i> DAY CAMP</p> <p>Registration opens for Park'n It Day Camp</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Quail Rangers Volunteer Project at Contra Loma</p> <p>Black Diamond Mines Open House</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Black Diamond Mines Open House</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Photo: Eric Nicholas</i></p>  <p><i>First Day of Spring</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Quail Rangers Volunteer Project at Contra Loma</p>
 <p>22</p> <p>Trails Challenge: Bike 'n Bird Watch at Crown Beach</p> <p><i>Photo: Eric Nicholas</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Earth Hour (Turn off light for an hour at 8 PM)</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>Whale Watching Season.</p>			



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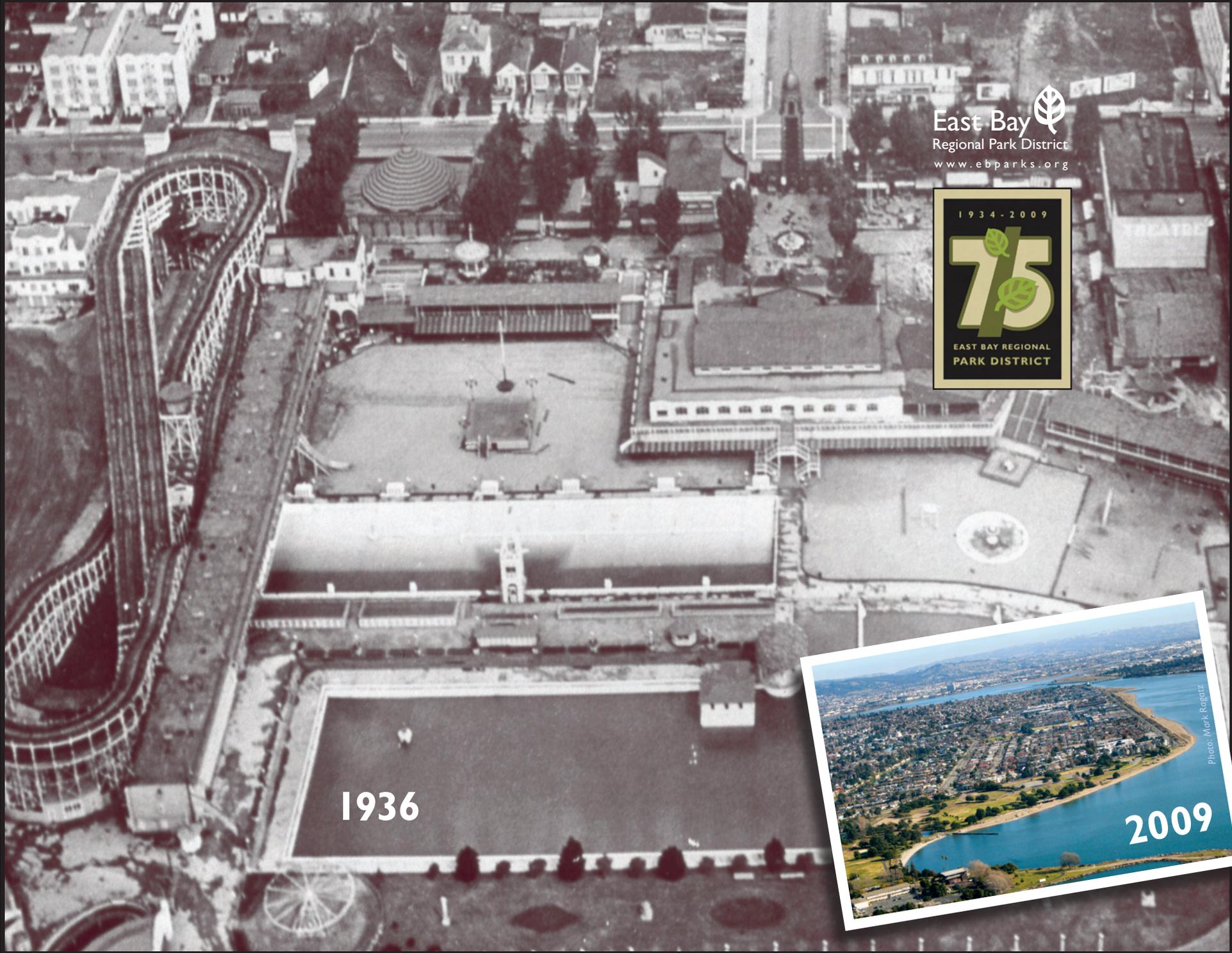
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Redwood Regional Park. Then and now...

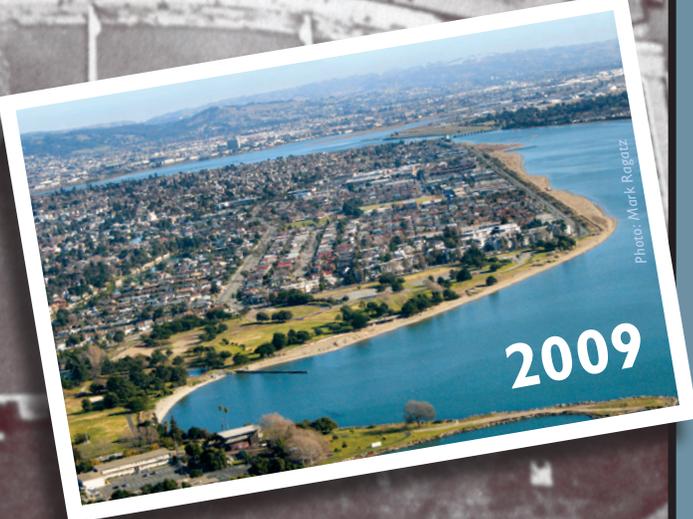
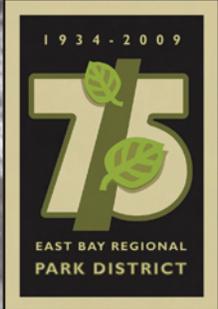
The East Bay Regional Park District held its official opening ceremonies at Redwood Regional Park's Redwood Bowl on Oct. 18, 1936. Hundreds of citizens enjoyed the festivities, which included appearances by the University of California Marching Band, the Cal Glee Club and Treble Clef Society, high school bands, an R.O.T.C. battalion, and numerous equestrian groups. Redwood Bowl today (inset) is a verdant, peaceful oasis set amidst Oakland's busy metropolitan area.

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>CCC Work Camp in Wildcat/Tilden Regional Parks.</p>			1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4 Tartan Day Scottish Festival at Ardenwood Egg Scramble Hunt at Crown Beach	
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11 1,000 Hummingbird Ceremony at Coyote Hills Hole-in-the-tree-Gang Project at Coyote Hills Sunol Wildflower Festival	
12 1,000 Hummingbird Ceremony at Coyote Hills Easter Egg Roll at Ardenwood	13	14	15	16	17 	18 Fresh Tracks Hike at Black Diamond Mines Plant Sale at Regional Parks Botanic Garden Outdoor Adventure Faire at Shadow Cliffs	
19		20	21	22	23	24	25 Earth Day Riparian Re-Leaf Volunteer Project at Diablo Foothills Butterfly and Bird Festival at Coyote Hills
26 Sheep Sheering Day at Ardenwood Earth Day Open House at Sunol	27	28	29	30 			



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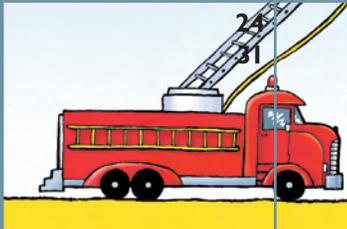
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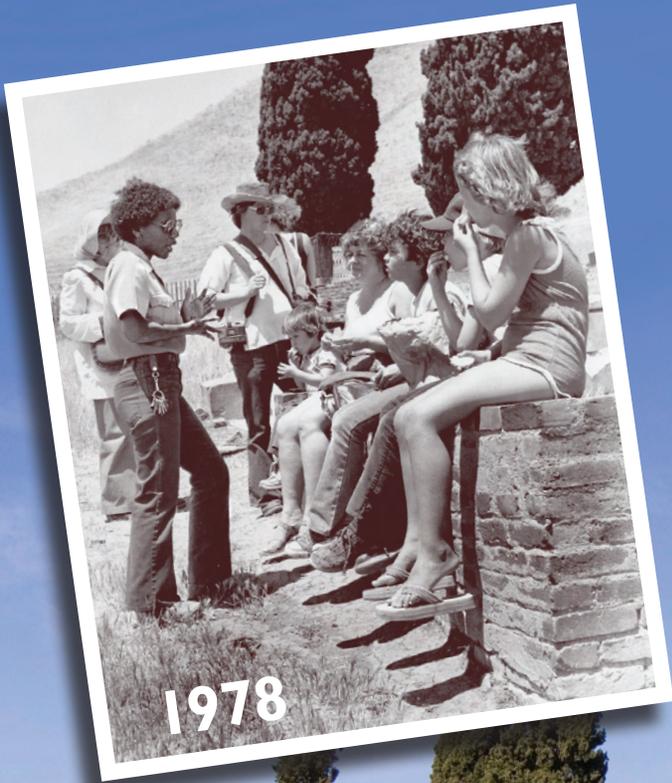
Neptune Beach/Crown Memorial State Beach. Then and now...

Neptune Beach (above and below), as it was called from 1917 to 1939, had been a resort since the 1880s. The amusement area, known as the “Coney Island of the West,” had a public beach, two large swimming pools, an 8,000-seat stadium, a ballroom, and carnival rides like the “Whoopee” roller coaster. The popular Alameda Island swimming beach today (inset), at 2.5 miles the longest stretch of sandy beach on San Francisco Bay, is flanked by the Crab Cove Marine Conservation Area and visitor center on the northern cove, and the Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary along the southern shoreline.

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Cinco de Mayo	Nesting Bird Surveys Volunteer Project at Martin Luther King Jr.		Classical Concert at the Cove at Crab Cove	Least Tern Colony Monitors Volunteer Project at Hayward Regional Shoreline Mother's Day Tea at Ardenwood
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day Programs at Ardenwood Mother's Day Open House at Black Diamond Mines					Registration opens for Summer Day Camp at Tilden Nature Center Bay Area Storytelling Festival at Kennedy Grove	Fresh Tracks Hike Hike to Mission Peak Bay Area Storytelling Festival at Kennedy Grove
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Fire Truck Day at Ardenwood Bay Area Storytelling Festival at Kennedy Grove			Nesting Bird Surveys Volunteer Project at Martin Luther King Jr.			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day Open House at all Visitor Centers					



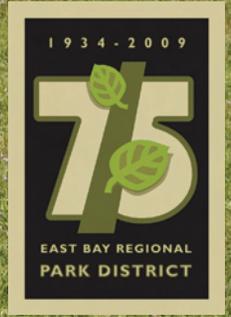


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Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Then and now...

Rose Hill Cemetery, a popular hiking destination today, was a protestant burial ground for the five nineteenth-century coal mining communities that comprise today's Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. The historic cemetery serves as a monument to the men, women, and children who died in the harsh living and mining conditions of the era. Park District Naturalist Carleen Bruins (inset) described the cemetery's history to schoolchildren circa 1975 just as educational programs today utilize the cemetery and the park's underground visitor center to interpret the park's coal- and sand-mining past.

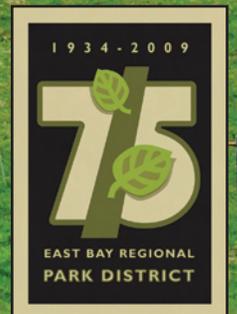
June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Rail Habitat Helpers at Point Pinole Green Scene Fair and Expo at Middle Harbor Bay Trail Anniversary Hayward Shoreline
7	8	9	10	11	12 Concert at the Cove at Crown Beach	13 Aquatic Season Begins Sand Castle Building Contest at Crown Beach Aquatic Movie Night at Contra Loma
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20  Fresh Tracks Hike at Sunol
 21 First Day of Summer Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Return of the Terns at Crab Cove	29	30	 Photo: George Vivien Collection Miners and families, c. 1880.			



c. 1900

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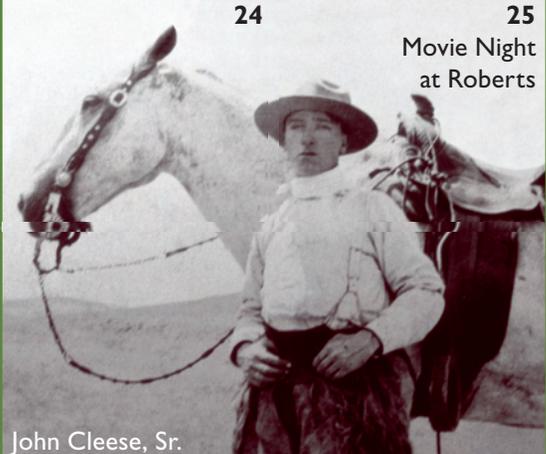
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Morgan Territory Regional Preserve. Then and now...

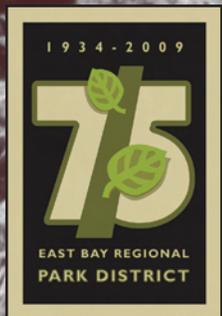
Relics of Morgan Territory Regional Preserve's ranching past are evident throughout the eastern Contra Costa County preserve. Morgan Territory is named for Jeremiah Morgan, born in Alabama in 1818. Morgan became a Forty-Niner in 1849 when he emigrated to California and briefly mined for gold. He left California for Iowa but returned with his family in 1853. In 1857 he started a ranch in the area that today bears his name after having seen the land while on a hunting expedition. The Cleese family (inset and below) was photographed in today's Morgan Territory sometime near the turn of the century.

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day at Ardenwood Parades in Alameda and Danville Visitor Center Open House at all Centers
5	6 California Black Rail Habitat Helpers Volunteer Project at Point Pinole	7	8	9	10 Concert at the Cove at Crown Beach	11
12 Wheat Harvest at Ardenwood	13	14	15	16	17	18  Fresh Tracks Hike at Tilden Aquatic Movie Night at Contra Loma
19 Wheat Harvest at Ardenwood	20	21	22	23	24	25 Movie Night at Roberts
26 Wheat Harvest at Ardenwood	27	28	29	30	 John Cleese, Sr.	



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Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. Then and now...

Above: Giant Powder Company workers pose at the company's Point Pinole location circa 1898. Giant Powder produced dynamite at this bayside location, and by 1916 Point Pinole had become an industrial center and company town with a railroad station, school, and living quarters for workers. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline today (inset) is a favorite for fishing and hiking. Park visitors can get a glimpse into the park's explosive past in a few remaining relics scattered about the parkland.

August 2009

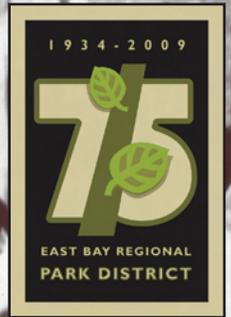
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Aquatic Movie Night at Contra Loma
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						
						Concert at the Cove at Crown Beach
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						Cajun/Zydeco Festival at Ardenwood
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29
						



Photo: L. P. Jones

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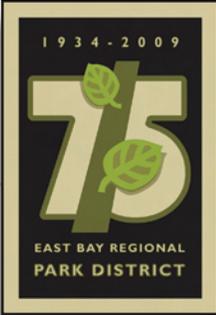


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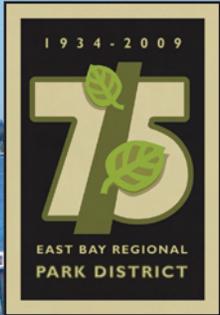
Lake Temescal Regional Park. Then and now...

Mills College students go fishing at Lake Temescal in 1939, three years after the park's opening as one of the three original parklands in the newly formed East Bay Regional Park District. A handsome stone building constructed by the Works Progress Administration overlooking the lake still serves today as a rental facility popular for weddings, receptions, and business meetings. Modern-day anglers (inset) provide a colorful contrast in gear and wear to the park's original anglers.

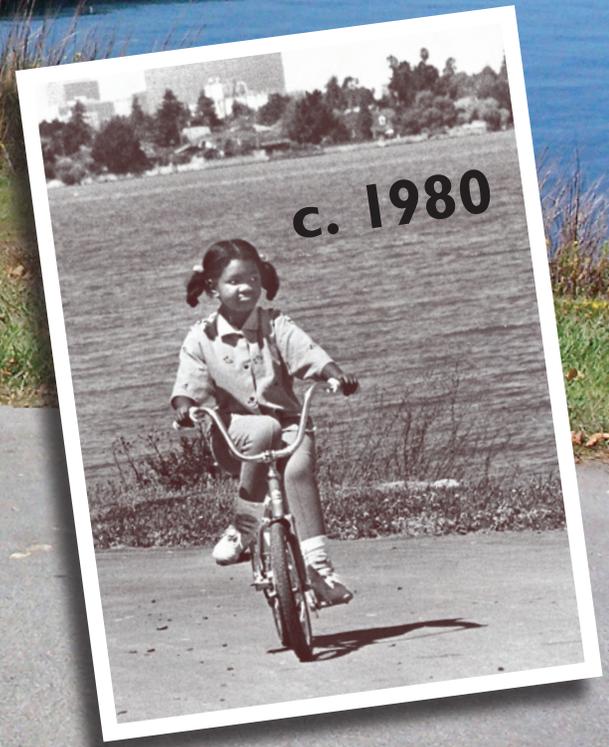
September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Historic Rail Fair at Ardenwood
6 Historic Rail Fair at Ardenwood	7 Labor Day Open House at all Visitor Centers Historic Rail Fair at Ardenwood	8	9	10	11 Native American Day	12  Apple Festival at Garin
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 California Coastal Cleanup at Various Locations Fresh Tracks Hike at Coyote Hills
20  Little Farm Fair, Tilden	21	22  First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26 75th Anniversary Celebration, Temescal Open House at Black Diamond Mines Movie Night at Shadow Cliffs
27 Kids Can Make a Difference Day at Coyote Hills	28	29	30	31		

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Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline. Then and now...
 Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, with over six miles of flat, paved trails, has always been a serene and kid-friendly place for bicycling. The park's trails embrace the 50-acre Arrowhead Marsh—a stop on the Pacific Flyway and Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network—making it an ideal and often-used locale for birdwatchers.

October 2009

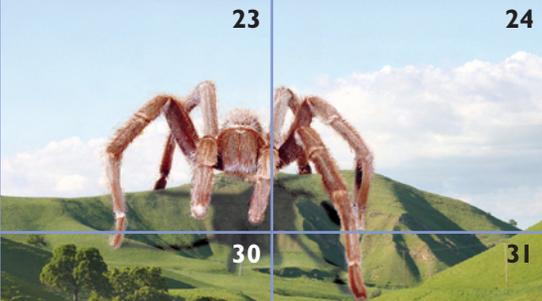
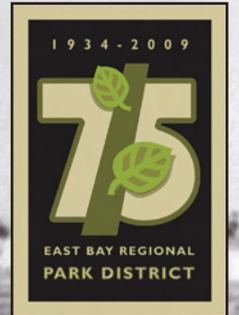
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
 <p>4 Gathering of Ohlone Peoples at Coyote Hills</p>	5	6	7	8	 <p>9 Harvest Festival at Ardenwood</p>	<p>10 Rose Hill Cemetery Dedication at Black Diamond Mines</p> <p>Harvest Festival at Ardenwood</p>
11 Harvest Festival at Ardenwood	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17 Cowboy Culture Extravaganza at Sunol
18	19	20	21	22	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 	31 Halloween

Photo: Katie Colbert



c. 1930s-40s



Martinez Regional Shoreline. Then and now...

The wheat ship Forester lies offshore circa 1930s-40s, exactly where the schooner's hull lies today off Martinez Regional Shoreline. Granger's Wharf, the Martinez Wharf, and the Shell Oil pier and storage tanks are visible in the background. The old Benicia Bridge, railroad only at that time, was expanded in the 1960s to carry automobiles. Today, the Martinez pier and marina and the California Delta can be seen from the shoreline park's higher elevations (inset).

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back one hour)	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Turkey Day Hikes at all Visitor Centers <small>Photo: Michael Kellogg</small> 	28 Final Mine Tours of the Season at Black Diamond Mines
29	30	View of wheat ships offshore Martinez shoreline.  <small>Photo: CCC Historical Society</small>				



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c. 1960

Photo: Jerry Ting

Coyote Hills Regional Park. Then and now...

The Bayview Trail, winding around Coyote Hills Regional Park's South Marsh, offers bayside views for hikers, bicyclists, birdwatchers, and nature lovers of all varieties. The Fremont park's varied history ranges from a 2,000-year-old Tuibun Ohlone shellmound site to the remnants of a 1960s NIKE missile site (inset). The park's visitor center specializes in portrayals of Ohlone life, including display of a park staff-constructed tule reed boat made according to Native American methods.

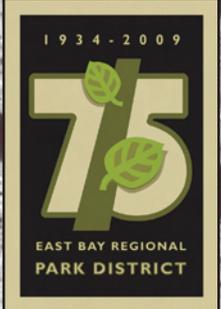
December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 Christmas at Ardenwood		1	2	3	4	5 Christmas at Ardenwood
	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11 Holiday Splendor–Patterson House Tour at Ardenwood	12 Holiday Splendor–Patterson House Tour at Ardenwood
13 Holiday Splendor–Patterson House Tour at Ardenwood	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	 21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	 New Year's Eve		

Photo: Michael Kellogg



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The original East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, elected in 1934 on the same ballot that established the Park District:

Top row (l-r): Director August Vollmer; Nil Annonson, Works Progress Administration Director; Director LeRoy R. Goodrich; Frank A. Kittridge, National Park Service Director; Roy C. Smith, National Park Service Inspector; Elbert M. Vail, the Park District's first General Manager. Seated (l-r): Thomas J. Roberts, Park District Secretary; John McLaren, superintendent of Golden Gate Park; Charles Lee Tilden, Park District President; and Director Aurelia Reinhardt.

Ardenwood Historic Farm. Some things never change...

Ardenwood Historic Farm's mission is to keep the past alive as a working nineteenth-century, Victorian-era farm. The Patterson Estate was established by George Patterson, a Forty-Niner who made it rich not in the gold fields but in the rich soil of southern Alameda County. Today, the restored Victorian mansion, gardens, and working historic farm showcase the lifestyle and agricultural practices of the 1870s, complete with an operating horsedrawn train that offers tours of the 200-acre farm.

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 Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont I-888-EBPARKS x4519
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Cover: Outdoor barbecues were as popular in the late 1930s as they are today. This photo, taken at Tilden Regional Park's Lake Anza, contrasts not only swimsuit fashions and automobile styles, but also Civilian Conservation Corps-era stone barbecue pits with today's modern metal barbecues (inset), many designed to accommodate the disabled.



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