

What to do in East Bay Parks

THE MANCINI FAMILY'S TOP ADVENTURES IN THE OUTDOORS

Details provided by The Transportation Museum

For more information on parks, trails, and things to do, visit www.ebparks.org.

Take part in one of the East Bay Parks' guided activities.

Check out the full calendar at <http://www.ebparks.org/activities/default.htm>. We regularly take part in the guided, off-leash dog hikes called "Canine Capers." We've found other unique activities, including a bat counting session in Livermore.

Hike your way toward a commemorative pin.

Every year, visitors can hike 26.2 miles (or 5 of the district's suggested hikes) and earn a commemorative pin, through the agency's "Trails Challenge" program. More information can be found at <http://www.ebparks.org/activities/trailschallenge/default.htm>.

Okay, what is there to do in the parks?

The following is a list of activities in the places we've been to, so far:

HIKING

- Anthony Chabot Regional Park https://www.ebparks.org/parks/anthony_chabot/
- Coyote Hills Regional Park https://www.ebparks.org/parks/coyote_hills/
- Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/garin/>
- Morgan Territory Regional Preserve <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/morgan/>
- Redwood Regional Park <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/redwood/>
- Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/sibley/default.htm>
- Tilden Regional Park & Tilden Nature Area <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/tna/default.htm>

BIKING

- Alameda Creek Trail (9 miles each way, Coyote Hills Regional Park to Downtown Niles) (*paved on one side of the creek, gravel on the other—you'll wind through mostly residential neighborhoods*) https://www.ebparks.org/parks/trails/alameda_creek.htm
- Iron Horse Regional Trail (31 miles each way, Concord to Pleasanton) (*a scenic bike ride!*) https://www.ebparks.org/parks/trails/iron_horse.htm

CAMPING

- Family/Drive-Up Camping at Anthony Chabot Regional Park (*we've done this many times!*) https://www.ebparks.org/parks/anthony_chabot/
- 0.5-mile-hike Camping at Sibley Regional Park (*highly recommended—you'll be the only ones in the entire park!*) <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/sibley/default.htm>

BOATING

- Rent boats (*even the kids can drive!*) at the Lake Chabot Marina
<http://www.lakechabotrecreation.com/>

SWIMMING

- The warmest water you'll find anywhere within a 5-hour drive of the Bay Area can be found at Crown Memorial State Beach, Alameda, on a warm summer day!
https://www.ebparks.org/parks/crown_beach/

HORSEBACK RIDING

- See <http://www.ebparks.org/activities/equestrian/default.htm>

GEOCACHING

- There's a ton of geocaches in every park! Visit www.geocaching.com to see what's nearby.

OTHER THINGS

- Visit the Ardenwood Historic Farm! <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood/>

Have you done something fun at one of these parks? Let the museum know and we'll add it to this list: www.thetransportationmuseum.com/contact.