The Baylands

**ACCESS INFORMATION**
- Open to the public 8 am to sunset, every day.
- Dogs permitted on leash, except where posted.
- Feeding wildlife is prohibited.
- Park in designated parking areas.

**FABER PLACE**
- EMBARCADERO WAY
- Bike Bridge to Oregon Expressway via St. Francis Drive

**SCALE IN MILES**
- 0
- 0.1
- 0.25
- 0.5
- 0.75
- 1
- 1.5
- 2
- 2.5
- 3
- 3.5

San Francisquito Creek Trail
3.2 miles/1-2.5 hours. Easy, flat terrain, can be extremely muddy during rainy season. Mixed terrain trail bed includes decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell, paved sections.

Adobe Creek Trail
2 miles (one way). 15 min. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

Adobe Creek Loop Trail
5.6 miles/2-3 hours. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

Renzel Trail
0.9 miles/20-25 min. Easy, flat terrain, connects the Adobe Creek Loop Trail with the San Francisquito Creek Trail. Easy, flat terrain.

Boardwalk Trail
0.2 miles (one way). 15 min. Best area to view California clapper rail. Easy, flat terrain, mixed terrain trail bed includes gravel and decomposed granite trail bed, no obstacles.

Marsh Front Trail
1.0 miles. 25 min. Creekside natural history panels. Easy, flat terrain, crushed oyster shell and decomposed granite trail bed, no obstacles.

Duck Pond Loop Trail
7 miles. 1 hour. Easy, flat terrain, mixed terrain trail bed includes crushed oyster shell and decomposed granite trail bed, no obstacles.

Hilltop Trail
3 miles/1 hour. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite and crushed oyster shell.

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**RANGER STATION**
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Area
- Drinking Water
- Restrooms
- Public Phone
- Wildlife Viewing Platform

**GATES**
- Closed
- Open

**ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER**
- Pond A
- Pond B
- Public Phone
- Wildlife Viewing Platform

**Hilltop Trails**
3.5 miles/1 hour. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

**San Francisco Trail**
3.2 miles/1-2.5 hours. Easy, flat terrain, can be extremely muddy during rainy season. Mixed terrain trail bed includes decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell, paved sections.

**Byxbee Park Hills**
5 miles. 1 hour. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

**Shoreline Park (Mountain View)**
5 miles. 1 hour. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

**Adobe Creek Loop Trail**
5.6 miles/2-3 hours. Bay views, wildlife, wildflowers, boardwalk conversion process. Hilly terrain trail bed is decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell.

**Sailing Station**
- Palo Alto Airport
- Regional Water Quality Control Plant
- Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course
- Harriet Mundy Marsh
- Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center
- Emily Renzel Wetlands
- San Francisquito Creek Trail

**Adobe Creek Trail**
- Hooks Point
- Sand Point
- Boat Ramp
- Pal Alto Airport
- Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course
- Hilltop Trails
- San Francisquito Creek Trail

**San Francisco Trail**
- Adobe Creek Trail
- Adobe Creek Loop Trail
- San Francisquito Creek Trail
- Shoreline Lake
- Adobe Creek Undercrossing (Mountain View) Opened April 15-October 15

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**BOUNDARY** Mountain View and East Palo Alto, the 1,940-acre Baylands Preserve is one of the largest tracts of undisturbed marshland remaining in the San Francisco Bay. Fifteen miles of multi-use trails provide access to a unique mixture of tidal and fresh water habitats. Many consider this area to be one of the best bird watching areas on the West Coast.

**PRESERVE RULES**

- No smoking
- Park in designated parking areas
- Dogs on leash permitted, except where posted. If you would like to exercise your dog off-leash, please visit the Mitchell Park Dog Run, located behind 455 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto
- Speed limit 15 MPH
- Bicycle helmets required
- Because roadways are narrow, skates and coasting devices are not allowed on Preserve roads or trails.
- Wildlife feeding is prohibited
- No hunting or collecting
- Remote-controlled vehicles and aircraft are prohibited.

**PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**

- Faceted and guided tours
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- Watch for birds, fish, and mammals
- Festival and concerts
- Guided hikes and walks
- Fall foliage tours
- Summer activities

**HISTORY**

- The area that is now the Baylands Preserve was once the site of a wetland of mudflats and marshland, a popular stopover for migratory birds. During the winter, the Baylands provided a crucial resting place for birds on their southern migration route. In the summer, the area was covered in waterfowl, and the mudflats supported a variety of wildlife. The area was also used as a dumping ground for sewage, which led to the area's contamination. In 1940, the city of Palo Alto purchased the land and began planning the Baylands Preserve. The park was opened in 1965, and today it is a popular destination for bird watching and outdoor activities.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

- San Francisco Bay Area
- Bayfront and South Bay

**Palo Alto Open Space**