

Where To Go Camping Guide 2010 - 2011



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Dear Scout Leader,

The Ohlone Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has prepared this “Where to go Camping Guide” as a service to units in the Pacific Skyline Council. This guide will give you a multitude of options for local places to go camping. In addition, the guide will provide you tips regarding trip planning, standard equipment, tour permits, safety measures and many other topics.

Each year the guide will be updated and distributed to all the Scoutmasters and Cubmasters in the council. An electronic form will be available on our website (www.ohlone63.org). This guide is constantly being updated and we need your help. If there is any place your unit or you go camping and you think should be added to the guide, then email the information to lodgechief@ohlone63.org and we’ll make sure we include it in the next edition of this guide.

Yours in Scouting,

Teddy Heidmann
Lodge Chief



Tour Permits

Every unit activity involving a trip away from a unit's home base requires a tour permit. Most short, in-town den trips of a few hours do not require a permit; however, obtaining permission slips from parents is recommended. Tour permits establish health and safety standards for units while they are traveling, they help Scout leaders plan their outings and keep them safe and fun. A tour permit must be submitted two weeks in advance of the planned trip. Local tour permits are required whenever the trip is within 500 miles of the unit's home base. A local tour permit is required if the unit plans to camp at another council's property regardless of how far away the property is from the unit's home.

A unit planning a trip in excess of 500 miles from home or outside the continental United States must get a national tour permit from its local council. National tour permits must be submitted to the local council office, and after local review they are forwarded to the region office for approval. This process requires extra time and therefore national tour permits must be submitted at least one month before the planned trip.

Local Tour Permit: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34426.pdf>

National Tour Permit: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/4419.pdf>

Since 2010 tour permits can be submitted online. Go to <http://myscouting.scouting.org>

Council Camps

Boulder Creek Scout Reservation

Boulder Creek Scout Reservation (BCSR) offers a convenient year-round location (1-hour drive from the med-peninsula) for outdoor activities in the redwood forests of the Sana Cruz Mountains. The camp covers over 300 acres of varied terrain (three ecological zones) and borders the lush Bear Creek where salmon and steelhead spawn. BCSR also offers a 2.5 mile nature trail and a 3.5 mile historical trail describing the history of early California logging. The camp, which can accommodate up to 400 campers in 23 camping areas, offers of a quiet and serene camping atmosphere, a pavilion for crafts and presentations, campfire circle, outdoor chapel, archery and rifle range, family camp with tents and tent platforms, kitchen, swimming pool, picnic tables, and shower and restroom facilities. The camp has a full-time resident ranger who can assist you with all your needs.

The camp entrance sign is a little over one mile from the town of Boulder Creek on Bear entrance and follow the road across the bridge and into the parking lot on the right. Allow 1-1.5 hours driving time from most areas served the the Pacific Skyline Council.

Ranger Sonny Payne (831) 338-3636, sonny.payne@scouting.org.
For reservations call the Foster City Service Center (650) 341-5633.

Boulder Creek Scout Reservation

250 Scout Ranch Road (formerly & physically 14586 Bear Creek Rd.)
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

For more information: <http://pacsky.org/Camping/BoulderCreek.aspx>

Cutter Scout Reservation

Cutter Scout Reservation is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, San Mateo County, approximately 54 miles from Palo Alto. Cutter is about 2,200 feet in elevation and is in some of the last old-growth redwoods on the west coast.

This camp is open year-round with a full-time ranger. It is of the busiest camps in northern California due to its close proximity to the Pacific Coast, Santa Cruz area, San Francisco, Monterey, and the Santa Clara valley, better known as Silicon Valley.

Cutter Scout Reservation is a full-service camp. It can camp up to 1,500 people, or as

few as ten. Harkson Lodge boasts a first-class cooking, dining and sleeping area. The dining hall will feed up to 200 people and the sleeping area can accommodate 20-30 people. Harkson Lodge is ADA accessible including shower and toilet facilities.

Cutter is over 300 acres in size with a lake, full sport shooting area including an archery range and BB gun range, a magnificent pool as well as four cabins that can sleep eight people each. In addition, there are numerous camping sites, trails, a chapel, picnic tables and a full trading post to purchase items to make your camping experience easier.

We have an excellent summer camp for those that are first and second year Scouts. Older Scouts enjoy summer camp as well. While at camp, Scouts can work on earning a number of merit badges. Younger Scouts can work on the skill requirements necessary for Tenderfoot, Second and First Class ranks. Troops usually attend as a group and make this a troop outing. Scouts that want to attend individually are also welcome and can join our Baden-Powell Patrol while at camp.

Cutter has an outpost area with log cabin, black powder rifles and tomahawk throwing for those who come to summer camp. We are expanding these activities to encourage more Scouts to explore the out of doors.

Family members and friends of our summer campers can join you while you are at camp--we have room for them as well! Just ask your leader or call the office for more information.

Cutter is an excellent location for Cub Scout Family camping. We have sites that can handle large or small groups, along with several open spaces for games and outdoor fun.

Cutter is available for your special outing or event. Church groups, youth organizations, school groups and other Scouting units can rent the facilities at Cutter for a day event, a sleep-over, or a week-long event.

For further information or reservations contact the **Foster City Service Center** (650) 341-5633. The on-site camp ranger, Skip Nall, can be contacted at (650) 740-4077 or email him at rangerskip3@yahoo.com.

For more information: <http://pacsky.org/Camping/Cutter.aspx>

Camp Oljato

Camp Oljato (pronounced ol-JAY-to) is located on Huntington Lake in Lakeshore, CA (Fresno County). Our camp's property ranges in elevation from 7,000 to just under 8,000 feet. The camp is about 240 miles from the Pacific Skyline Council, San Mateo/Santa Clara area, about 5-6 hours driving time. Camp Oljato is accessible only by pontoon boats which run on a regular schedule during our Scout camping season. Camp Oljato has complete aquatics, nature, handicrafts, and shooting sports areas which are complemented by our highly-rated dining hall and food service team.

Oljato is a name of a Navajo Indian village near Monument Valley, Utah, and the name means "Starlight on the Waters."

For more information: <http://pacsky.org/Camping/Oljato.aspx>

Safe Scouting

Guide to Safe Scouting

The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 90-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures.

All volunteers participating in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.

The guide is available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

For more information: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Awards and Recognition

The National Outdoor Achievement Award

The National Outdoor Achievement Award (No. 430-509) recognizes Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts that excel in outdoor participation. The award consists of five areas of emphasis (camping, aquatics, hiking, riding and adventure) with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. For Scouts looking for an extra challenge, the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. This challenging award requires earning at least three of the National Outdoor Achievement segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer as well as several other requirements.

For more information:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/Awards/NOA.aspx>

Conservation Good Turn

The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a conservation Good Turn in their home communities.

For more information:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/Resources/Conservation%20Good%20Turn.aspx>

50 Miler Award

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete

- 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file a 50-Miler Award application with the local council service center. This application gives additional details about planning the trip.

For more information:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/fifty.aspx>

Historic Trails Award

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to:

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site - such event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your council service center.



For more information:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/trail.aspx>

Short Term Camping

The following is a list of Regional, State and National Parks within reasonable driving distance of the Bay Area.

Park Name	County	Notes
California State Parks - North Coast		
Benbow Lake (State Recreation Area)	Humboldt	
Clear Lake (State Park)	Lake	
Del Norte Coast Redwoods (State Park)	Del Norte	
Fort Ross (State Historic Park)	Sonoma	
Grizzly Creek Redwoods (State Park)	Humboldt	
Hendy Woods (State Park)	Mendocino	
Humboldt Redwoods (State Park)	Humboldt	
Jedediah Smith Redwoods (State Park)	Del Norte	
MacKerricher (State Park)	Mendocino	
Manchester (State Park)	Mendocino	
Patrick (State Park)	Humboldt	
Prairie Creek Redwoods (State Park)	Humboldt	
Richardson Grove (State Park)	Humboldt	
Russian Gulch (State Park)	Mendocino	
Salt Point (State Park)	Sonoma	
Sonoma Coast (State Park)	Sonoma	
Standish-Hickey (State Recreation Area)	Mendocino	
Sugarloaf Ridge (State Park)	Sonoma	
Van Damme (State Park)	Mendocino	
California State Parks - San Francisco Bay Area		
Angel Island (State Park)	Marin	
Big Basin Redwoods (State Park)	Santa Cruz	
Butano (State Park)	San Mateo	
Castle Rock (State Park)	Santa Cruz	

Park Name	County	Notes
China Camp (State Park)	Marin	
Half Moon Bay (State Beach)	San Mateo	
Henry Cowell Redwoods (State Park)	Santa Cruz	
Lake Del Valle (State Recreation Area)	Alameda	
Manresa (State Beach)	Santa Cruz	
Mount Diablo (State Park)	Contra Costa	
Mount Tamalpais (State Park)	Marin	
New Brighton (State Beach)	Santa Cruz	
Portola Redwoods (State Park)	San Mateo	
Samuel P. Taylor (State Park)	Marin	
Seacliff (State Beach)	Santa Cruz	
Sunset (State Beach)	Santa Cruz	
California State Parks - Central Coast		
Fremont Peak (State Park)	Monterey	
Henry W. Coe (State Park)	Santa Clara	
Julia Pfeiffer Burns (State Park)	Monterey	
Limekiln (State Park)	Monterey	
Pfeiffer Big Sur (State Park)	Monterey	
California State Parks - Gold Country		
Auburn (State Recreation Area)	Placer	
Folsom Lake (State Recreation Area)	Placer	
Indian Grinding Rock (State Historic Park)	Amador	
Malakoff Diggins (State Historic Park)	Nevada	
California State Parks - Central Valley		
Brannan Island (State Recreation Area)	Sacramento	
Caswell Memorial (State Park)	San Joaquin	
Colonel Allensworth (State Historic Park)	Tulare	
Colusa-Sacramento River (State Recreation Area)	Colusa	
Fort Tejon (State Historic Park)	Kern	
George J. Hatfield (State Recreation Area)	Merced	
McConnell (State Recreation Area)	Merced	

Park Name	County	Notes
Millerton Lake (State Recreation Area)	Fresno	
San Luis Reservoir (State Recreation Area)	Merced	
Turlock Lake (State Recreation Area)	Stanislaus	
California State Parks - High Sierra		
Calaveras Big Trees (State Park)	Calaveras	
D. L. Bliss (State Park)	El Dorado	
Donner Memorial (State Park)	Nevada	
Emerald Bay (State Park)	El Dorado	
Grover Hot Springs (State Park)	Alpine	
Tahoe (State Recreation Area)	Placer	
National Parks in California		

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<p>Golden Gate National Recreation Area</p> <p>http://www.nps.gov/goga/index.htm</p>	<p>San Francisco</p>	<p>There are four campgrounds within the Marin Headlands. Reservations are required.</p> <p><u>Bicentennial Campground</u> Bicentennial Campground is the most accessible campground in the Park, approximately 100 yards from the parking area near Battery Wallace. There are three sites, each of which can accommodate up to two people with one tent. Water is available at the Visitor Center approximately one mile away. Campers may use BBQ grills in the nearby Battery Wallace picnic area. No fires allowed in the campground. No fees.</p> <p><u>Hawk Camp Campground</u> The most remote of the GGNRA's campgrounds, Hawkcamp is located high above Gerbode Valley. There are three sites, each of which can accommodate up to four people. Choose between a strenuous 3-mile hike up the Bobcat trail from the Marin Headlands Visitor Center, or a 2-mile hike from the Tennessee Valley parking area. Groups may reserve the entire campground from November 1 to March 31. The rest of the year, a maximum of three sites may be reserved per group. There is no water available for drinking or cleaning. No wood or charcoal fires allowed however gas camp stoves may be used. No fees.</p> <p><u>Haypress Campground</u> Located in the Tennessee Valley in the North end of the Marin Headlands (a gentle three-quarters of a mile walk from the parking lot in Tennessee Valley), Haypress has five sites. Each site can accommodate up to four people. Groups may reserve the entire campground from November 1 to March 31. The rest of the year, a maximum of three sites may be reserved per group. No water is available. No wood or charcoal fires allowed. No fees.</p> <p><u>Kirby Cove Campground & Picnic Area</u> This popular campground in the Marin Headlands, with spectacular views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate. Enjoy a wooded setting, seclusion and protected campsites which were recently restored for all to enjoy. Campsites are available for use only by prior reservation but anyone can walk down the road to enjoy the vistas and picnic on the bluffs or beach.</p>
<p>Pinnacles National Monument</p> <p>http://www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm</p>	<p>Monterey</p>	<p>Rising out of the chaparral-covered Gabilan Mountains, east of central California's Salinas Valley, are the spectacular remains of an ancient volcano. Massive monoliths, spires, sheer-walled canyons and talus passages define millions of years of erosion, faulting and tectonic plate movement.</p> <p>Pinnacles Campground is now within the boundaries of Pinnacles National Monument, and is managed by a concessionaire. Reservations are handled by Recreation.gov at www.recreation.gov or 1-877-444-6777. Tent, RV, and group sites are available.</p>

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<p>Point Reyes National Seashore</p> <p>http://www.nps.gov/pore/index.htm</p>	Marin	<p>From its thunderous ocean breakers crashing against rocky headlands and expansive sand beaches through its open grasslands to its brushy hillsides and forested ridges, visitors can discover over 1000 species of plants and animals. Home to several cultures over thousands of years, Point Reyes preserves a tapestry of stories and interactions of people. Point Reyes awaits your exploration.</p> <p>Point Reyes National Seashore offers year-round backcountry camping along Drakes Bay and amongst the hills and valleys of the Phillip Burton Wilderness, and boat-in camping on the west shore of Tomales Bay. Because of its location near the Metropolitan San Francisco Bay Area, the campsites at Point Reyes are in great demand. Reservations are strongly suggested. All campsites are accessible only by hiking, biking or horseback for the backcountry sites, and only by kayak or boat for the Tomales Bay sites. There is no car or RV camping available in the park.</p>
<p>Yosemite National Park</p> <p>http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/campground.htm</p>	Merced	<p>Yosemite National Park, one of the first wilderness parks in the United States, is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more.</p> <p>Yosemite National Park has 13 popular campgrounds, of which up to seven are on a reservation system. From April through September, reservations are essential and even the first-come, first-served campgrounds often fill by noon from May through September.</p>
San Mateo County Parks		
<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks/menuitem.16bfc0a32453ee4482439054d17332a0/?vgnextoid=b7f9f80110f4d110VgnVCM1000001d37230aRCRD&vgnnextfmt=DivisionsLanding</p>	San Mateo	<p>There's a humbling feeling when you're in the presence of redwoods. A gentle peace envelopes you like a fog that drifts in. This peace is found every day at Memorial Park. Its 499 acres provides an opportunity to view outstanding old-growth redwoods and has picnic facilities, a visitor center, a camp store, a creek swimming area, and campfire programs. The park is known for its family camping areas and the Tan Oak and Mt. Ellen Nature Trails.</p> <p>Memorial Park is open year-round for camping, picnicking and youth group activities. Family picnic sites are located at the East End of the park. Memorial Park has two large family camping areas. There are six youth group areas (Homestead Flat Areas 1 - 6) available for overnight use. They are available by reservation for organized youth groups.</p>

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<p>Huddart Park</p> <p>http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks/menuitem.16bfc0a32453ee4482439054d17332a0/?vgnextoid=b7f9f80110f4d110VgnVCM1000001d37230aRCRD&vgnnextfmt=DivisionsLanding</p>	<p>San Mateo</p>	<p>The forested slopes and steep, cool canyons of Huddart Park are located within easy reach of the population centers of the San Francisco Peninsula. The park is only 3.5 miles west of Highway 84. With barbecue pits, a playground, grassy meadows, and hiking and riding trails, Huddart Park makes a great place to have a picnic or explore a redwood forest.</p> <p>Three group campgrounds, Toyon areas #1, #2, and #3, are available by reservation only April-October (closed Nov-March) for group camping with a maximum occupancy of 50 people per site.</p>
Santa Clara County Parks		
<p>Joseph D. Grant</p>	<p>Santa Clara</p>	<p>This 9,560 acre park includes some of the County's finest open space resources, as well as rich environmental, cultural and recreational assets. The landscape is characteristic of the east foothills of the Santa Clara Valley with grasslands and majestic oak trees.</p> <p>Joseph D. Grant County Park is located at 18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd., San Jose, CA 95140, in the east of Santa Clara Valley.</p>
<p>Mt. Madonna</p> <p>http://www.parkhere.org/portal/site/parks/parksarticle?path=%252Fv7%252FParks%2520and%2520Recreation%252C%2520Department%2520of%2520%2528DEP%2529&contentId=b9f18a77d9784010VgnVCM230004adc4a92____&cpsextcurrchannel=1</p>	<p>Santa Clara</p>	<p>This 3,688 acre park is dominated by the redwood forest so characteristic of the Santa Cruz Mountain range. To the east, the park overlooks the Santa Clara Valley, to the west, Monterey Bay. As the slopes of Mt. Madonna descend toward the valley, the landscape changes from redwood forest to oak woodland, dense chaparral and grassy meadows. Park visitors may learn about areas where Ohlone Indians hunted and harvested, and will understand why cattle baron Henry Miller spent his summers here.</p> <p>The park is located on Highway 152 (Hecker Pass Highway), ten miles west of Gilroy.</p>

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<p>Sanborn (Walk-In)</p> <p>http://www.parkhere.org/portal/site/parks/parksarticle?path=%252Fv7%252FParks%2520and%2520Recreation%252C%2520Department%2520of%2520%2528DEP%2529&contentId=b9247d256b784010VgnVCMF2200049dc4a92____&cpsextcurrchannel=1</p>	Santa Clara	<p>This lushly wooded park of over 3,688 acres, is nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains between Saratoga and Skyline Boulevard. This mountain park of redwoods and tan bark oak, offers hiking, camping, RV camping and picnicking opportunities year round.</p> <p>Sanborn County Park is located on Sanborn Road. From Saratoga, proceed two miles west on Highway 9 to Sanborn Road. Turn left onto Sanborn Road, traveling one mile to the park entrance.</p>
<p>Uvas Canyon</p> <p>http://www.parkhere.org/portal/site/parks/parksarticle?path=%252Fv7%252FParks%2520and%2520Recreation%252C%2520Department%2520of%2520%2528DEP%2529&contentId=c1128a77d9784010VgnVCMF230004adc4a92____&cpsextcurrchannel=1</p>	Santa Clara	<p>This lushly wooded park of 1,133 acres, is nestled in upper Uvas Canyon on the eastern side of the Santa Cruz Mountains. This mountain park offers hiking, camping and picnicking opportunities throughout most of the year.</p> <p>Uvas Canyon County Park is located at the end of Croy Road in Uvas Canyon.</p>
East Bay Parks		
<p>Anthony Chabot Regional Park</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/anthony_chabot</p>	Alameda	<p>Overlooking Lake Chabot is Chabot Family Campground, a year-round getaway only minutes from the city (camping fee). The camp has 75 trailer, tent, or walk-in campsites, hot showers, Naturalist-led campfire programs, an amphitheater, and hiking/fishing access to Lake Chabot. There are reservable group campsites within the park as well.</p>
<p>Del Valle Regional Park</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/del_valle</p>	Alameda	<p>The Del Valle Family Campground has 150 sites, 21 of them with water and sewage hookups (no electrical). The sites are served by centrally located toilet and shower facilities.</p> <p>Lake Del Valle is known for excellent fishing. The lake is stocked regularly with trout and catfish. There are also large- and smallmouth bass, striped bass, and panfish.</p>
<p>Sunol Regional Wilderness</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol</p>	Alameda	<p>Bedrock mortars used by Native Americans for pounding acorns that were found in the area are reminders of Sunol's first inhabitants. For the past century, however, the land known today as Sunol Regional Wilderness was used almost exclusively as ranch land.</p>

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<p>Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/black_diamond</p>	<p>Alameda</p>	<p>The East Bay Regional Park District began acquiring land for Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in the early 1970s. Today, most of the mining district is within the Preserve's nearly 6,286 acres. The area is an ideal location for hiking, picnicking and nature study.</p> <p>There are two camping areas in Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Reservations are required for both--call 1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757.</p> <p>Star Mine Group Camp Area is available all year for organized, educational groups only. It can accommodate up to 40 people. It is located in a grassland/oak woodland community at the eastern edge of the Preserve. Campers must bring in their own water and haul out their own garbage. No water is available at the site.</p> <p>Stewartville Backpack Camp is for the general public. There is room for 20 campers. Picnic tables and a pit toilet are available, as well as water for horses (the water is non-potable and must be filtered or treated for human consumption). The camp is located 3.2 miles from the Preserve headquarters, near the Stewartville and Upper Oil Canyon trails.</p>
<p>Briones Regional Park</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/briones</p>	<p>Alameda</p>	<p>With its rolling, grassy hills and secluded, shady canyons, Briones is a secret wilderness surrounded by the towns of central Contra Costa County. Although the park is close to Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, and Martinez, there are peaks within it from which you can see only park and watershed lands for miles in every direction.</p> <p>From Briones Peak, the highest point in the park, there are panoramic views of Mount Diablo and the Diablo Valley to the east, the Sacramento River and Delta to the north, the East Bay hills and Mt. Tamalpais to the west, and Las Trampas Regional Wilderness to the south.</p>

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<p>Coyote Hills Regional Park</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/coyote_hills</p>	Alameda	<p>Coyote Hills Regional Park was dedicated to public use in 1967. Comprised of nearly 978 acres of marshland and rolling grassland covered hills, this busy park is located along the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay, northwest of the cities of Fremont and Newark. The most popular visitor activities by far are bicycling, walking, bird watching, jogging, nature exploration, and picnicking.</p>
<p>Mission Peak Regional Preserve</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/mission</p>	Alameda	<p>Rising steeply to the east behind the city of Fremont, Mission and Monument peaks form a dramatic backdrop to the South Bay.</p> <p>Mission Peak has been described as one of the Bay Area's most underrated summits. The determined hiker who reaches its top will be rewarded with views of Mount Hamilton to the south, the Santa Cruz Mountains to the west, Mt. Tamalpais to the north, and Mt. Diablo and the Sierra Nevada to the northeast.</p> <p>Eagle Spring Backpack Camp offers backpack camping opportunities. Reservation is required. To make a reservation, call 1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757, press option 2, then 1.</p>
<p>Ohlone Regional Wilderness</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/ohlone</p>	Alameda	<p>You have to hike or ride horseback to see this magnificent 9,737-acre parkland, accessible only by way of the Ohlone Wilderness Trail. Its centerpiece is 3,817-foot Rose Peak, just 32 feet lower than Mount Diablo. Surrounding Rose Peak are grassy ridges, profusely flowered in season. The abundance of wildlife includes golden eagles, mountain lions, and tule elk.</p> <p>Overnight camping at designated campsites along the Ohlone Wilderness Trail is allowed by reservation only, and separate arrangements should be made by phoning 1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757, press option 2, then 1.</p>

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<p>Redwood Regional Park</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/redwood</p>	<p>Alameda</p>	<p>On Redwood Road, just a few miles over the ridge from downtown Oakland, is a hidden redwood forest whose peaceful groves give little evidence of its bustling past. In the mid-1800s, what is now Redwood Regional Park was the scene of extensive logging to supply building materials for the San Francisco Bay Area.</p> <p>The logging era has long since passed, and a stately forest of 150-foot coast redwoods (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>) has replaced those cut down.</p> <p>Several group day and overnight camping areas are located within the park. They are available by reservation only; telephone 1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757, press option 2, then 1 for information.</p>
<p>Round Valley Regional Preserve</p> <p>http://www.ebparks.org/parks/round_valley</p>	<p>Alameda</p>	<p>The area that is now Round Valley Regional Preserve was once home to California Indians. It was probably a boundary between several different tribal groups, an area where members of East Bay and San Joaquin Valley groups met periodically to trade and socialize. Evidence of Native American use has been uncovered at several archaeological sites within the valley.</p> <p>One group camping site; 25-person maximum. Non-potable water available at the site. There are leveled tent spaces, picnic tables, and a disabled accessible restroom. It's a 3.6-mile walk from the Marsh Creek staging area. Two cars can go to the site to carry materials; no shuttling, campers must walk from the staging area.</p>