May 10, 2022 Easy Hike Start Time 10:00 am Point Pinole Regional Shoreline 3000 Atlas Rd. Richmond, Ca. 94806

http://www.ebparks.org/parks/pt_pinole



For May, I've picked out this gem of a park to hike. It is a bit of a drive but well worth it. There is plenty of parking. Use "3000 Atlas Road" as the address for the meet-up. (Atlas Road appears to end at a RR bridge but cross the bridge to the parking area. There are several trails through the 'woods' part of the park. Most of the park is in the open. Depending on how the group feels, we could hike as much as 5 miles. There are several trail options to return to the parking lot with fewer miles. The park is relatively flat, the most elevation gain is about 50 feet. There are great views to be had, so hopefully we will have a sunny day. There are several rest rooms/out houses and water spickets along the trails. There is a large picnic area so I think if we bring some munchies we could have a nice lunch in the park.

To Reach the Park

from hwy 80 take the exit 20 / Richmond Pkwy offramp. At the light (Richmond Pkwy) take a right and drive through the San Pablo Ave intersection to the next light which is Atlas Rd. Turn right and travel to the very end of Atlas Rd. You'll see signs for Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, then the railroad bridge and the parking area. (note there is NO turn at the San Pablo Ave. intersection. This route on Atlas is past some warehouses and across a bridge over RR tracks to enter the park).

About The Park

The journey is as scenic as the destination at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, a 2,315-acre parkland right next to densely populated Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo. Trails lead through breezy meadows with wildflowers in season, through aromatic eucalyptus woods, or along bluffs and beaches on San Pablo Bay.

History

Point Pinole opened to the public in 1973 after a long process of acquiring the property from Bethlehem Steel. Bethlehem had acquired the land in the early 1960s from Atlas Powder Co., one of several firms that had manufactured gunpowder and dynamite there for almost 100 years.

Parking Fee

Fees are collected when the Kiosk is attended on weekends and major holidays from April through

October. Car/Trailer: \$3 We should be ok without paying for parking.

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Trail map of the park...

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