

Come Play Today . . .

Year opened: 1953 **Acres:** 87
Highlights: Swimming pool, hiking, redwood groves, baseball field, volleyball court, all-accessible childrens' play area, reservable picnic areas.
Did you know? The park is named after union leader Thomas J. Roberts, who was active in the Park District's formation and was elected to the first Board of Directors in 1934.

THE REDWOODS This parkland is a popular stop for tourists visiting the Bay Area because the park's entrance and parking area are set in a lush grove of fragrant, second-growth redwood trees, making it the best access to redwoods for visitors who cannot hike a long distance or have failed to pack their favorite hiking shoes. The original grove was logged between 1840 and 1860 to support the needs of a growing Bay Area community.

Roberts is the location of the famous "landmark trees" noted in British Royal Navy Captain F. Beechey's 1826 logbook. Two giant redwoods were used by sailors as navigational aids to avoid the treacherous Blossom Rock submerged in the bay between Alcatraz Island and San Francisco. Captain Beechey wrote that in order to miss the rock, one should line up the northern tip of Yerba Buena Island with "two trees . . . south of Palos Colorados . . . too conspicuous to be overlooked." The distance from the sailors' ships to these trees was 16 miles, which attests to their size. Today, the "landmark trees" location is marked by state historic plaque #962 near the Madrone picnic area.

Old Growth Redwood Heritage Viewing Deck and Interpretive Exhibit: Visit the viewing platform and exhibit to learn about the history of the Redwood trees and their contribution towards climate resilience by cooling the atmosphere and sinking in carbon. View the remaining 18-foot diameter of an old growth footprint.

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 EBRPD HEADQUARTERS.....1-888-327-2757
 PICNIC RESERVATIONS.....1-888-327-2757, option 2
 ROBERTS POOL LIFEGUARDS.....(510) 544-3157
 PARK OFFICE.....1-888-327-2757, option 3, ext. 4555

PARK FEATURES Roberts Regional Recreation Area is a popular place for picnicking for families and large groups. The park also features a baseball field, sand volleyball court, playfields, and a childrens' all-accessible play area – all available on a first-come, first-served basis. Trail connections from the Roberts area to other sections of Redwood Regional Park make Roberts popular for bicyclists, joggers, runners, and hikers.

SWIMMING The Roberts Pool complex features a 25-yard, heated swimming pool with a depth ranging from 3 feet to 8.5 feet (no diving board). The pool and bathhouse are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Accessible features include a pool lift capable of lifting up to 300 pounds into the pool.

The pool is open to the public from April through October with varying days and times of operation. For current operating hours, see www.ebparks.org or call (510) 544-3157. Programs offered at the pool include group and private swim lessons, recreational swimming, and a special time set aside for swimmers with disabilities (Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon). The pool is also available for swim parties or other group functions. For information or to register for swim programs, or to rent the pool, call 1-888-327-2757, option 2. Swim fees: \$3 ages 16-61; \$2 ages 1-15, ages 62 and above, and the disabled; under 1 year free. **SWIM FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE;** see www.ebparks.org or call 1-888-327-2757, and press option 1, 2, then 2, for fee information and lifeguard hours.

PICNICKING The 10 reservable picnic areas, ranging in capacity from 35 to 300 persons, include Huckleberry, Bay Vista, Manzanita, Diablo Vista, Sycamore, Madrone, Oak, Anna Costa, Redwood Bowl, and Roberts Grove. Madrone is popular for weddings. Make your reservations online at at least 14 days in advance by calling 1-888-327-2757, option 2.

ADOPT A PARK Early in 1979 Roberts became the first park in the two-county Regional Park District to be "adopted" by a local industry. An ongoing partnership was formed with Oakland-based Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation to assure the continued operation of this popular urban parkland.

- Smoking is prohibited.
- Drones are prohibited.



10570 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94619

To Reach Roberts Regional Recreation Area: From Highway 13 northbound take the Redwood Road exit. The ramp becomes Mountain Blvd. Turn slightly right onto Redwood Road, then follow the road up the hill to Skyline Boulevard and turn left. Continue to the next light and turn right to stay on Skyline Boulevard. Roberts is a mile up Skyline Boulevard on the right.

From Highway 13 southbound take the Joaquin Miller Road/Lincoln Avenue exit. Turn left onto Monterey Boulevard. Turn left onto Joaquin Miller Road. Follow the road up the hill to Skyline Boulevard and turn left. Roberts is a mile up Skyline Boulevard on the right.

Public Transit: Call AC Transit at 817-1717 (TDD 800-448-9790) to confirm the following bus schedule information: On weekdays #46 runs to the intersection of Skyline Boulevard and Joaquin Miller Road, and farther south along Skyline to the former EBRPD headquarters (11500 Skyline Blvd.). It is a one-mile walk uphill along Skyline to Roberts. From behind the former headquarters building, it is 1.08 miles along the Dunn and Graham trails to Roberts.

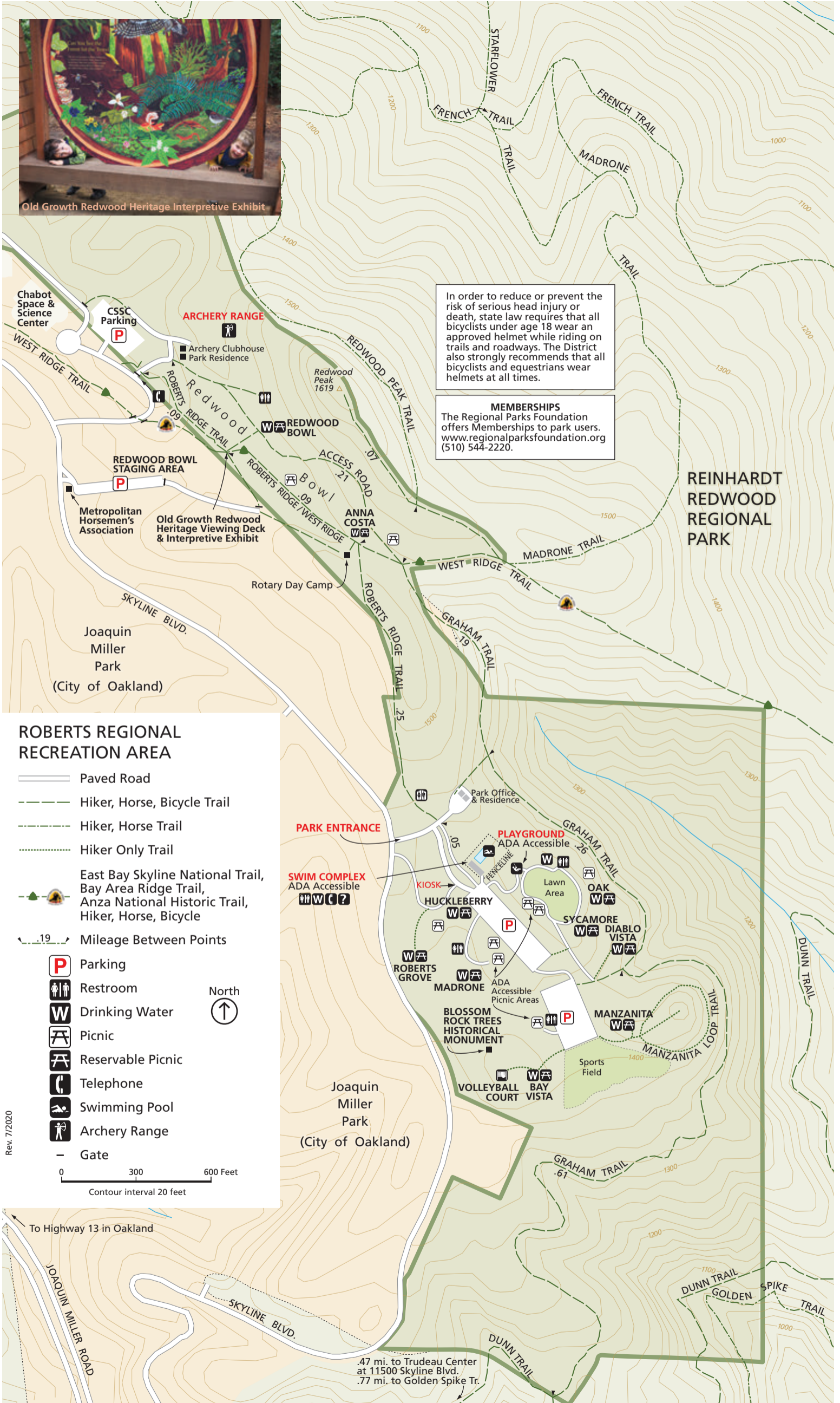
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Old Growth Redwood Heritage Interpretive Exhibit



In order to reduce or prevent the risk of serious head injury or death, state law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. The District also strongly recommends that all bicyclists and equestrians wear helmets at all times.

MEMBERSHIPS
The Regional Parks Foundation offers Memberships to park users. www.regionalparksfoundation.org (510) 544-2220.

ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

- Paved Road
 - Hiker, Horse, Bicycle Trail
 - Hiker, Horse Trail
 - Hiker Only Trail
 - East Bay Skyline National Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Anza National Historic Trail, Hiker, Horse, Bicycle
 - Mileage Between Points
 - Parking
 - Restroom
 - Drinking Water
 - Picnic
 - Reservable Picnic
 - Telephone
 - Swimming Pool
 - Archery Range
 - Gate
- North
- 0 300 600 Feet
Contour interval 20 feet

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.47 mi. to Trudeau Center at 11500 Skyline Blvd.
.77 mi. to Golden Spike Tr.