

# East Bay Hills Ride and Hike Schedule

**Event Dates:** August 26-September 1, 2008

**Parks involved:** Cull Canyon, Anthony Chabot, Redwood, Roberts, Huckleberry, Sibley, Tilden, Wildcat, Kennedy Grove and Sobrante Ridge in EBRPD plus Joaquin Miller Park, EBMUD trails and Fernandez Ranch

**Event Summary:** We will be camping in 3 spots for 2 days each—Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Park, Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park and Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park. Horse routes will be loops starting and ending at that day's camp, except for the 2 days we move from one camp to the next. Hiker's route will be on the Ridge Trail, starting South of the first camp, and ending North of the final camp except for Friday, August 29, which will be a loop hike in Redwood Park. We will serve 3 meals a day to the campers and provide hay for the horses. Each evening while in EBRPD we will have a meeting to discuss the next day's activities and an unamplified educational talk. We will provide highlighted maps and written directions to both hikers and equestrians for each day. Hikers and riders will not be going as one big group, but going at their own pace and on their own schedule. Trail maps for each day, for both riders and hikers, have been included with this application.

**Day-by-Day Schedule:** Unique events each day, besides meals will include:

**Tuesday, August 26:** 2 pm—Camp opens at Bort Meadow and people arrive today and tomorrow. No meals are served on Tuesday, but we will bring in kitchen equipment, food and supplies, to cook with the next day. We will have a gate monitor and/or lock the gate entrance on Redwood Road at all times while at Bort Meadow. There will be an evening meeting to discuss the next day's hike and ride.

**Wednesday, August 27:** First day of hike. Hikers will arrive at Cull Canyon via a shuttle from BART or Bort, some possibly in their own cars, which will be picked up after the hike and before sundown. Hike will begin at 9:30 and continue through Cull Canyon, EBMUD watershed and Anthony Chabot to Bort Meadow. Horseback ride will start at Bort Meadow and loop in Anthony Chabot down to Lake Chabot and back.

**Thursday, August 28:** Second day of hike—hikers will hike from Bort Meadow through Anthony Chabot and Redwood Parks to Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park, followed by a short hike in Joaquin Miller. Equestrians will do a short loop in Anthony Chabot, and then move their trailers to Joaquin Miller, where they will be given shuttle rides back to Bort Meadow. Then they will ride over to Sequoia Arena, following a similar, though not precisely the same route as the hikers. Our volunteers will remove all traces of our presence from Bort Meadow, and move our base down to Sequoia Arena.

**Friday, August 29:** both hikers and riders will ride a loop in Redwood Park, though the routes will be different enough that they should not be on the same trails at the same time. In the

evening, after an astronomy talk in Sequoia Arena, hikers and riders will wander across the street to Chabot Space and Science to view the starts through the telescopes there.

**Saturday, August 30:** Hikers will walk from Sequoia Arena through Redwood, Huckleberry, Sibley and EBMUD watershed to Es Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Park, followed by an optional short loop in Tilden. Equestrians will move their trailers to Es Anderson Camp in the morning, get a shuttle ride back and then ride over to Tilden following pretty much the same route as the hikers (except once in Tilden). Riders will do a short loop in Tilden. We will move our kitchen equipment, food and supplies over to Tilden, once camp has emptied out at Sequoia Arena.

**Sunday, August 31:** Final day of the hike. Hikers will hike on the Ridge Trail from Tilden to Wildcat, EBMUD Watershed, Kennedy Grove and Sobrante Ridge to the Pinole Watershed and Fernandez Ranch. At Fernandez some will get rides to BART, some will be picked up and others given a ride back to Tilden. The equestrian ride will mainly be in Wildcat Park, but will start and end in Tilden.

**Monday, September 1:** Final day of the ride—riders will do a short morning ride in Tilden, return to Es Anderson and trailer or ride home from there. Our volunteers will pack up our group equipment and vacate camp by mid-day.

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