In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks. —John Muir

**FACILITIES**
- Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center
  Hours: Tu-F 2-5 pm, S & S 1-5 pm
- Byxbee Park Hills (Art Park)
- Emily Renzel Wetlands
- Baylands Athletic Center (baseball and softball)
- Wildlife observation platforms and benches
- Picnic facilities and barbecues

**PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**
- Walking and biking trails, bird watching, sailboarding and boating with non-motorized, hand-launched watercraft such as canoes and kayaks.
- Nature walks and programs on ecology and natural history are presented for all age groups and are offered on weekends throughout the year. A schedule of programs is available in the City’s Enjoy! catalog or on the Internet at http://enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org
  Call 650-329-2506 for information.
- School programs are offered September through June, Monday through Friday. Call 650-329-2506 for information.

**HISTORY**
Over a century ago, the Palo Alto Baylands salt marshes extended inland, approximately to the location of the Bayshore Freeway. The marshes were a valuable resource providing Native Americans and early city residents with fish, shellfish, small mammals, waterfowl and plants for food, medicine, and construction materials.

Palo Alto’s stewardship of the Baylands began in 1921 with the purchase of 40 acres. In the 1930s the yacht harbor clubhouses, a saltwater swimming pool (now the Duck Pond), and the lagoon were constructed.

Today the Baylands covers 1940 acres—1600 acres are protected in the Baylands Nature Preserve. The preserve includes some of the last remaining salt marsh/mudflat habitats on the West Coast. It is home to the endangered California Clapper Rail and the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse.

Unlike other Bay marshes which have plants that grow in distinct zones, the Palo Alto marshes have a mixed plant distribution. This includes pickleweed and cordgrass habitats that are interspersed between mudflats.

Bird watching in the Baylands is excellent year-round. In wintertime extreme high tides bring bird watchers from around the world. In the spring and fall, this is a prime stopover or destination for birds traveling on the Pacific route of their migratory flyway.

**RESOURCES TO DOWNLOAD**
- Map of the Baylands
- Baylands Bird Guide
- Baylands Nature Preserve Map

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**BONDIED TO EDSON PARK**

**OPEN SPACE**

**THE BAYLANDS**

**SPACE**

**Palo Alto**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**EAST PALO ALTO**
The Baylands

ACCESS INFORMATION

- Open to the public 8 am to sunset, every day.
- Dogs permitted on leash unless posted.
- Please do not feed wildlife.
- Park in designated parking areas.

SCALE IN MILES

San Francisco Creek Trail
3.2 miles/1.5 hours. Easy terrain, can be wet and muddy during rainy season. Mixed terrain trials include decomposed granite, crushed oyster shell, and paved sections.

Baylands Trail
2.6 miles (one way). 1.3 miles best area to view California clapper rail. Easy flat terrain, mixed terrain trial bed includes gravel fine and decomposed granite.

Duck Pond Loop Trail
7.2 miles. Dogs permitted. Easy flat terrain, crushed oyster shell and decomposed gravel trail bed no obstacles.

Renzel Trail
9.6 miles/20-25 min. Trail passes along the Emily Renzel Wetlands and connects the Adobe Creek Loop Trail with the San Francisquito Creek Trail. Easy flat terrain.

Hilltop Trails
1.6 miles/10-15 min. Easy terrain, threaded on narrow single track forest and mixed terrain trail bed.

Marsh Front Trail
1.6 miles. Easy terrain, tight corner, steep inclines. No obstacles.

Adobe Creek Loop Trail
3.6 miles/2-2.5 hours. Easy terrain, conversion process, Easy flat terrain trial mostly on decomposed granite trail bed, no obstacles.

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