



**East Bay Regional Park District  
Existing/Potential Water Trail Facilities with Proposed Designation Status**

*After the authorization of Board funding for the Point Isabel Water Access and Shoreline Restoration Project, the Board was interested in learning more about developing water trail sites. Ben Botkin, Water Trail Planner at ABAG, has coordinated with Kevin Takei, Shoreline Units Manager, in the past on developing sites on EBRPD land. Staff recently visited the above sites to scope their potential as water trail sites, as well as analyze their limitations. ABAG compiled this list with EBRPD staff, with the hope of facilitating input from the Committee as well as seek a recommendation before submitting the report to ABAG.*

**Tier I – 0-2 years to Water Trail Designation** – Existing facilities provide high quality water access, currently open to the public, but may require signage or other minor modifications to make it consistent with Water Trail site designation requirements.

**Tier II – 2-5 years to Water Trail Designation** – Existing water access does not meet Water Trail site designation requirements, but site has planned improvement projects to enhance water access consistent with Water Trail site designation requirements within 5 years.

**Tier III – 5-10 years to Water Trail Designation** – No existing water access or current projects, but long-term plans could include water access facilities.

**Tier IV – 10+ years to Water Trail Designation** – No existing water access and/or no planned access within applicable land use plans. Access improvements may be 10+ years from completion.

**Tier V – Destination site or point of interest** – No additional facilities proposed.

**Designated** – Site has been designated by the Water Trail Project Management Team as an official Water Trail “trailhead.”

**OVERVIEW TABLE**

#	Designation Tier	Park	Existing Water Access	Recommended Improvements
1	Designated	Tidewater Boating Center, MLK Regional Shoreline	Dock	1) Install Water Trail signage; 2) Expand boathouses, as both are near capacity.
2	Designated	Ferry Point, Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline	Beach	In addition to ongoing renovations (construction of ADA accessible ramp), it is recommended to: 1) Establish designated pick-up/drop-off (10 minute) parking spaces nearest to the beach to allow boaters to unload gear closer to the launch
3	I	Big Break Regional Shoreline	Beach	1) Install signs and designate site mobi-mat or similar system installed across the beach; 2) larger/additional storage area for kayak program equipment.

ATTACHMENT B: OVERVIEW TABLE

#	Designation Tier	Park	Existing Water Access	Recommended Improvements
4	I	Crown Memorial State Beach	Beach	Install Water Trail signage about water access and etiquette
5	II	Bay Point Regional Shoreline	Beach	1) Construction of a fishing pier, water access for non-motorized water crafts, and marsh restoration 2) Install floating low freeboard dock, including path of travel to the J channel from the parking area; 3 ) Consider kayak accessible campground.
6	II	Doolittle Launch, MLK Regional Shoreline	Dock and ramp	Currently planned: renovation of ramp and dock along, renovation of parking lot and possible upgrade of the restrooms.
7	II	Shoreline Room, MLK Regional Shoreline	Dock	1) Replace substandard dock; 2) Accessible path of travel from the parking lot to dock.
8	II	Encinal Beach	Beach	Currently planned: restoration of beach dunes and creation of a formalized kayak launch, in addition to updates provided by City of Alameda. Suggested: 1) Create a paved or graveled path of travel to the water 2) Wash-down capability 3) ADA access.
9	II	McLaughlin Eastshore State Park	Beach	Currently planned: Beach and dune enhancements, ADA access to the water, ADA restrooms, construction of path of travel and parking.
10	II	Point Isabel	Stairs to gravel jetty	Currently planned: construction of beach access steps, path, rigging area, wash-down station, and parking (2018).
11	II	Point Pinole Regional Shoreline	Beach	Current plans: Construction of an ADA access ramp to the water, wash down site, path of travel, and a kayak storage area for overnight camping to be completed in 2018
12	III	Antioch Pier	Existing Pier	Site would require negotiating right of way with state agencies, but would benefit from 1) construction of a kayak launch and 2) path of travel.
13	III	Eckley Pier, Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline	Small beach	1) Construction of beach launch and path of travel; 2) Removal of submerged pilings; 3 ) Construct two convenience camp facilities; 4) Formalize railroad crossing

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14	IV	TXI Property, Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline	None	1) Land use plan amendment to allow access; 2) Develop formal water access; 3) Complete campground.
15	IV	Lone Tree Point	Beach	1) Access to and across the sandy beach; 2) restrooms and picnic facilities; 3) parking area within 300 feet of beach access
16	V	Brooks Island	None	Though access is limited per season/supervised tour due to sensitive natural resources, EBRPD can expand opportunities to guided programs
17	V	Browns Island	None	Though access will be limited due to sensitive resources and rising sea levels, a possible landing beach (as a destination site) may be an option.
18	V	Keller Beach	Beach	There are currently no planned improvements, due to concentration of mobilization at nearby Ferry Point. However, site would be a good destination site that would benefit from signage.

**Sites Eliminated from further consideration due to lack of feasible water access locations.**

1. Red Rock – Unlikely to be acquired due to numerous jurisdictions involved.
2. Hayward Regional Shoreline – Considerable distance from parking to shoreline.
3. Coyote Hills Regional Park – Considerable distance from parking to shoreline, limited water access.
4. Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline – Water quality issues, due to discharge from nearby water pollution control plant, make water recreation not suitable (swimming is currently not permitted). San Leandro Marina is a nearby (<2 miles) alternate for water access.
5. Edgewater – Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline – Though this site provides access from an informal pebble beach into Elmhurst Creek. However, limited public parking (adjacent lot is for private business park), requiring kayakers to walk across an unpaved path of travel to a non-ADA compliant launch. This site is better suited as an informal site due to numerous developed facilities in the immediate vicinity.

## Tidewater Boating Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Tidewater Boating Center offers an accessible gangway and a wide ramp gangway that leads a low freeboard dock into San Leandro Bay. In addition, the site offers a boathouse for District kayak programs, a boat storage for local rowing clubs, and the District's Recreation Department offices.

**Users:** A variety of public programs are operated out of Tidewater, so users include everyone from local youth to seasoned, competitive rowing teams. Kayakers, rowers, paddleboarders, and canoers, all launch from this location.

**On-Water Experience:** Calm waters in the Oakland Estuary are well-suited for beginners as well as advanced boaters. Nearby Arrowhead Marsh provides ample birdwatching opportunities.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The Doolittle launch site is a little over a mile from Tidewater, across the San Leandro Bay on the western shore of Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

**Paddling Program:** Multiple, public programs are offered at Tidewater. Outreach to local youth is a key component of the Center, and boating programs throughout the region are centered here. Oakland Strokes, a local competitive rowing team, also use the Tidewater Boating Center as their meeting place and storage location. Tidewater offers boat rental, a meeting room, training area, and District program storage.

**Challenges:** Surrounding cityscape is urban and industrial; after hours access may be unsafe. Ensure boaters keep appropriate distance from sensitive wildlife and habitats.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing accessible restrooms near parking lot. Benches, picnic tables, a walking trail, interpretive panels also available for visitors.

**Parking:** Free day parking (8 am – 5-9 pm, depending on time of year) – no overnight parking currently permitted. No boat launch fee.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing currently.

**Accessibility:** ADA accessible dock, restrooms, and path of travel.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan / EIR (1977)

**Planned Improvements:** None currently; waiting for Water Trail signage.

### Designation Recommendation

Tidewater is a designated Water Trail site

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Install Water Trail signage; 2) Expand boathouses to other Shoreline locations, as both are at or nearing capacity.



*The boat launch has an ADA gangway and a wide ramp gangway that lead to a low dock.*



*The Program Storage is nearly at capacity, holding kayaks, canoes, paddles, life jackets, camp gear, and associated equipment.*



*ADA restrooms, the boat storage, and helpful District Recreation Department offices provide an excellent experience for paddlers.*



*Oakland Estuary near Tidewater offers protected waters suitable for everyone from competitive rowers and beginning paddlers.*

## Ferry Point, Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Ferry Point is a sandy beach located at the tip of Point Richmond at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

**Users:** Ferry Point is a well-utilized launch site for kayakers.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore the coastline of the City of Richmond, paddle to Red Rock or Brooks Island, and enjoy views of Angel Island and Mount Tamalpais.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** Ayala Cove, at Angel Island State Park, is an approximately 5 mile paddle west of Ferry Point. A closer, northerly paddle up the coast will take visitors to Keller's Beach, another site at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

**Paddling Program:** No programs currently occur at this location.

**Challenges:** No ADA access to the beach.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Four unisex, ADA restrooms at Ferry Point Staging Area.

**Parking:** Free day parking (5 am – 10 pm) – no overnight parking currently permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing currently.

**Accessibility:** Beach is currently not ADA accessible, though an accessible path of travel to the high tideline will be built in 2016.

### Planning

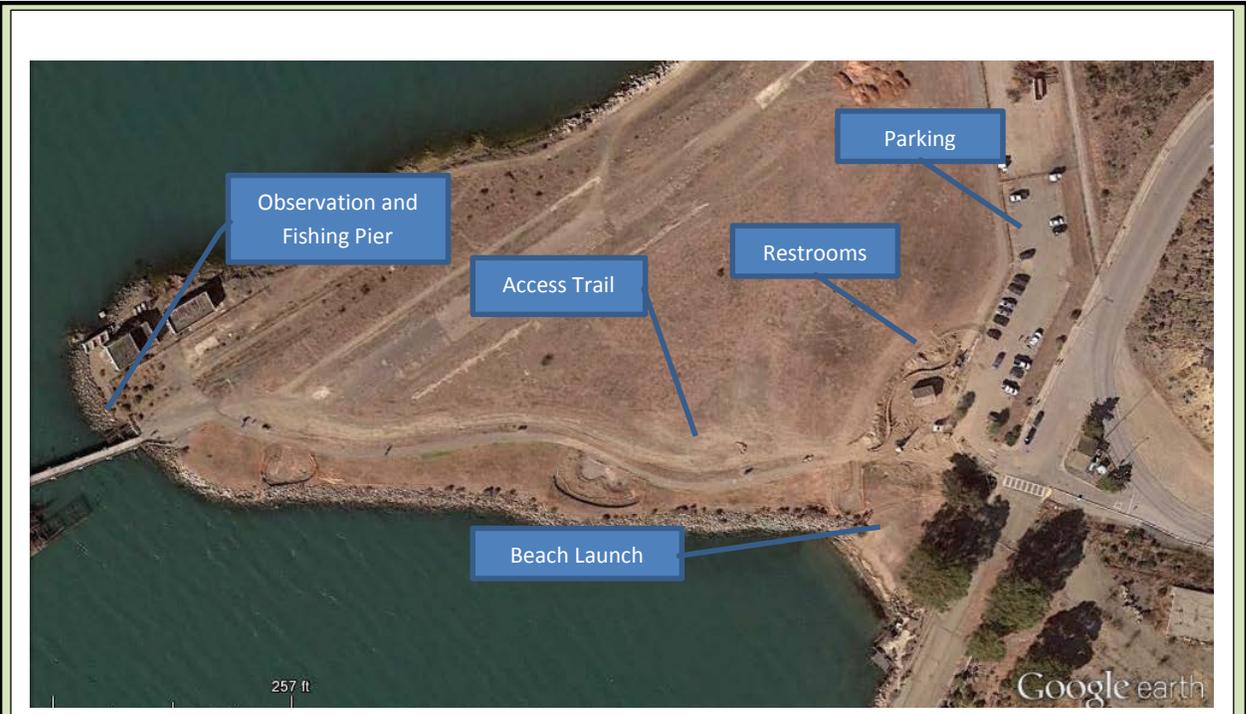
**District Management Plan:** Camping Program Update (2014), Point Isabel to Miller-Knox Park Shoreline Corridor Feasibility Study (1988)

**Planned Improvements:** Construction scheduled for summer 2016; Miller Knox launch ramp project at Ferry Point would renovate the existing restroom patio area and construct a 130-foot long ADA accessible concrete accessible ramp from the Ferry Point Staging Area parking lot to the sand beach. The project has already replaced the substandard restrooms with the installation of an ADA accessible restroom building, a level 2 drinking fountain, a shower tower, improved parking, a boat drying rack, and a fish cleaning table. The Water Trail has provided a \$102,700 grant to the District to fund ADA improvements.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier:** Designated

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Add water trail signage; 2) Should use of parking lot become exceedingly popular, consider the use of designated drop-off and pick-up parking.



*The boat launch is a sheltered sandy beach, located near the parking lot and accessible trail from the park.*



*The park is a scenic location to enjoy a picnic after a paddle to the numerous destinations located within an hour paddle.*



*Establishing a designated pick-up/drop-off area near the beach should be included in planned summer 2016 improvements.*



*Recent improvements to the parking area and restrooms have upgraded ADA access to garner a wider range of visitors.*

## Big Break Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Sheltered beach launch located approximately ¼ mile from the parking area. Wheeled kayak carts are provided free for use from the Visitor Center.

**Users:** The site is popular primarily with kayakers and canoeists for its access to the rivers and sloughs of the Inland Coast. It is a particularly popular launch for kayak fishers.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore nearby islands and shorelines, exceptional bird watching, and to view cultural sites including flooded agricultural equipment.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The nearest location is the Antioch Marina, located approximately 5.5 miles west on the San Joaquin River. Bay Point Regional Shoreline, which does not currently have water access facilities, is located 9.0 miles further west. A popular kayak and camp location, Sherman Island, is located just adjacent to Big Break, 1.5 miles to the north.

**Paddling Program:** Big Break's kayak program regularly leads group paddles for residents, visitors, and schools.

**Challenges:** No ADA access across the beach; invasive species can clog the boat launch area.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing accessible restrooms.

**Parking:** Free day parking (8am-5pm) – no overnight parking currently permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing. Groups have been allowed to camp on park lawns with prior coordination with Park District staff, but overall this is discouraged by staff due to proximity to local neighborhood. A permitting process would be needed to develop such a program.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking, restrooms and path of travel; however, the beach launch surface and slope may limit access for those with mobility impairments.

### Planning

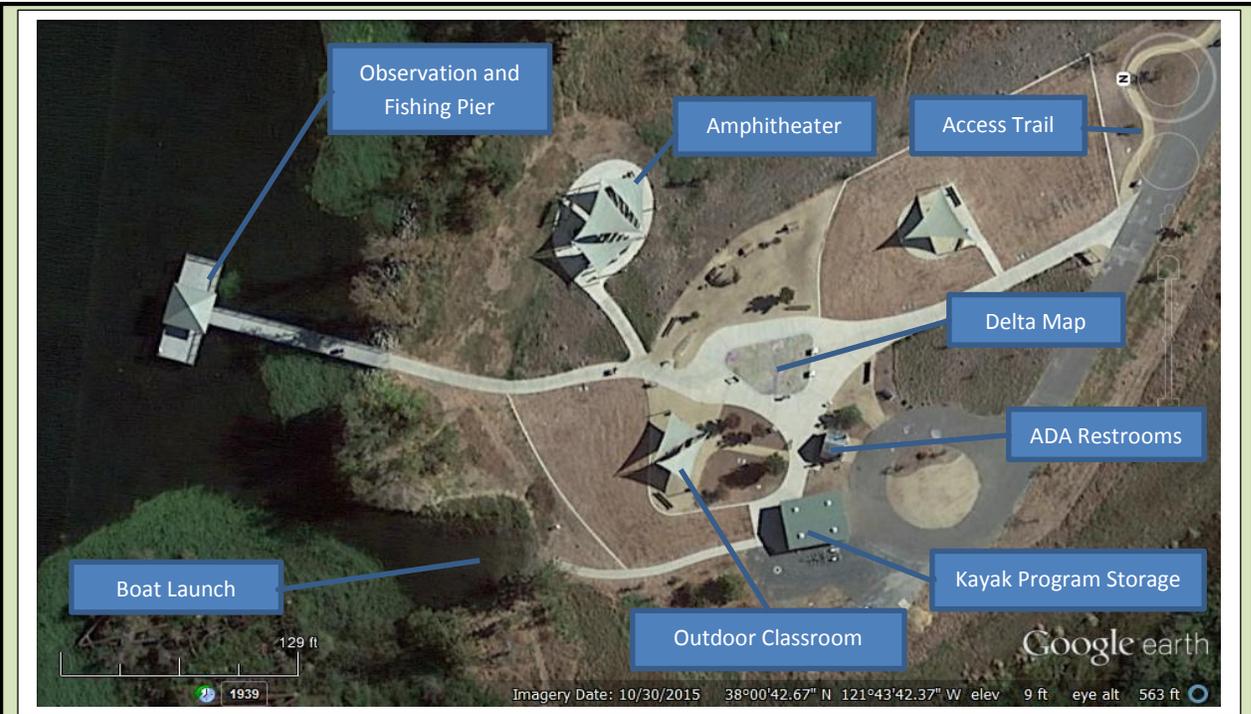
**District Management Plan:** Master Plan (2013); Camping Program Update (2014)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier I:** Big Break provides sheltered access and numerous facilities for paddlers that make it eligible for designation into the Water Trail.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) mobi-mat or similar system installed to enhance accessibility across the beach; 2) larger/additional storage area for kayak program equipment.



*The boat launch is a sheltered sandy beach, accessible from ADA trails within the park.*



*The Kayak Program Storage is nearly at capacity, holding over 15 kayaks, paddles, life jackets and associated equipment.*



*ADA restrooms and the Kayak Program Storage are well-sited for paddlers, located near the boat launch.*



*The Delta Map and visitor center, as well as kayak programs, enhance understanding and appreciation of Inland Coast resources.*

## Crown Memorial State Beach



### Water Access

**Access Description:** With 2.5 miles of sandy beach, Crown Beach is a popular launch and destination for paddlers and boardsailors. ADA water access is available via concrete ramp near the Crab Cove Visitor's Center. The ADA ramp is not a suitable launch site due to rip rap and boulders in the water.

**Users:** Crown Beach is popular with kayakers and paddle boarders when conditions are calm. Frequent winds and the wide beach combine to make Crown Beach a premier windsurfing and kiteboarding destination. Boardsailors typically launch from informally designated areas in the central portion of the beach, limiting conflict between user groups.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to paddle the Alameda and Oakland waterfront, explore San Leandro Bay, Bay Farm Island, or cruise in the open waters of the Bay. The Oakland Estuary attracts a variety of avian species for opportune bird watching.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The closest potential Water Trail site is approximately one mile west at the Encinal Launching and Fishing Facility, adjacent to the Ballena Isle Marina. Tidewater Boating Center, a designated Water Trail site that features a plethora of amenities for non-motorized boaters and kayakers, is located approximately three miles northeast on the Oakland Estuary.

**Paddling Program:** A concessionaire provides rental equipment and lessons on spring weekends and daily during the summer.

**Challenges:** No major challenges – the site provides high quality water access. Visitors are encouraged to stay on the west end of the beach, as there is no entry into the eastern end into the Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Nine existing restrooms (4 ADA) and a bathhouse with changing rooms. Shower towers are located near the Bathhouse and the Boardsports concession buildings.

**Parking:** Paid parking when kiosk is attended, \$5 per vehicle, \$4 per trailered vehicle. Park hours from 5 am – 10 pm. Free street parking is also available along adjacent roadways.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking, restrooms and path of travel, along with an ADA accessible ramp into the water, just outside of the Crab Cove Visitor Center.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Operated by the Park District under a cooperative agreement with the State of California and City of Alameda.

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier I:** Crown Beach provides high quality access and numerous water recreation opportunities, making it eligible for designation into the Water Trail.



*The wide beach and frequent winds make Crown Beach an ideal launch for boardsailors.*



*The ramp at Crab Cove provides ADA access. This, however, cannot be used as a kayak launch due to offshore boulders.*



*With parking, changing stations, restrooms, and shower towers, Crown Beach's facilities provide high quality water access.*



*The Crown Beach concessionaire provides rentals and lessons, enabling and promoting safe water access for residents and visitors.*

## Bay Point Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Informal access to the J Channel occurs from the existing trail that runs along the eastern edge of the park. No formal water access currently exists on site.

**Users:** The site is utilized primarily for passive recreation by visitors who walk the 1.1. mile loop trail, while existing tables provide picnicking opportunities. Bay Point is also a popular fishing destination.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore nearby shorelines and islands and bird watching.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites and Points of Interest:** Bay Point is within two miles of multiple Delta islands, including Chipps Island, Middle Ground Island, and Snag Island. Nearby potential Water Trail sites include the Martinez Marina and the Benicia Marina.

**Paddling Program:** No water programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** No existing formal access to the water. Sensitive species are known to occur in the marshes.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** An accessible restroom is located near the parking lot.

**Parking:** Free day parking (8am-5pm) – no overnight parking currently permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking, restrooms and path of travel.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Bay Point Land Use Plan (2001); Camping Program Update (2014)

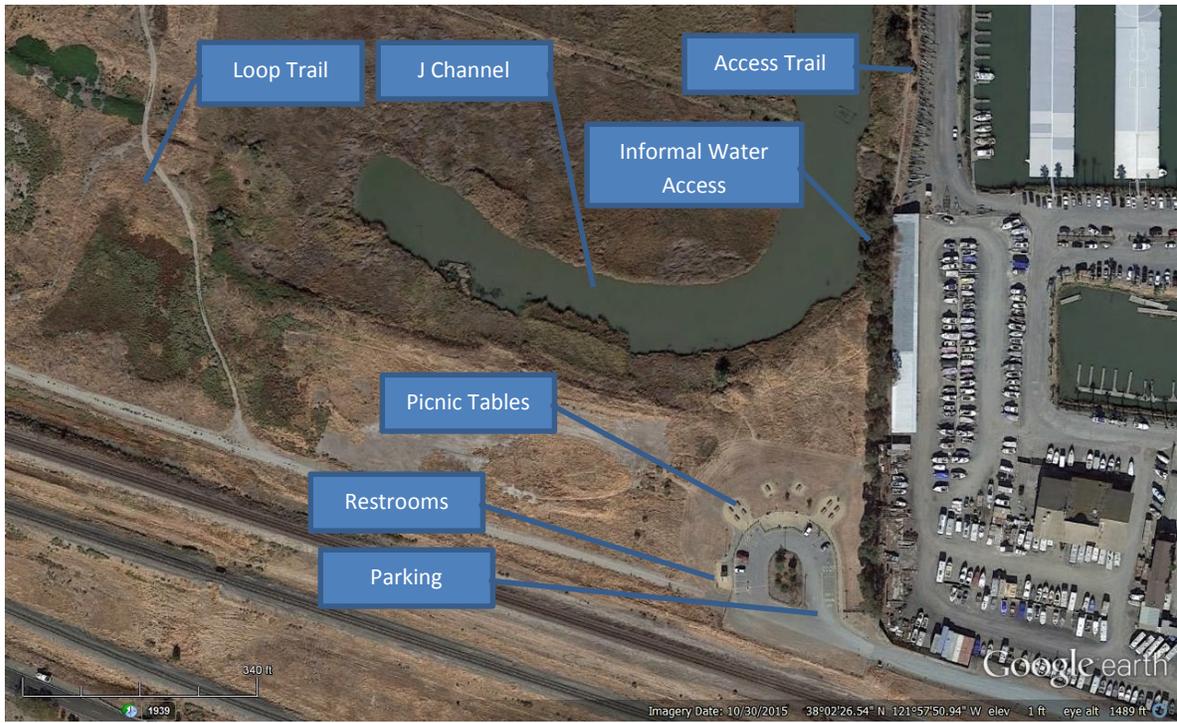
**Planned Improvements:** Site improvements, including construction of a fishing pier, water access for non-motorized water crafts, and marsh restoration are forthcoming.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Site improvements for Bay Point will likely mobilize in the 3-5 year range.

Construction of a ramp or path of travel will make Bay Point eligible for Water Trail designation.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Install floating low freeboard dock, including path of travel to the J channel from the parking area; 2) Consider kayak accessible campground.



*Existing informal water access is from a dirt/mud embankment to the J Channel from the trail in the eastern side of the park.*



*The site provides passive recreation, including picnicking and hiking. Amenities could be expanded to include camping.*



*ADA restrooms are well-sited for future paddlers, located near the boat launch.*



*The proximity of parking to the J Channel make the site ideal for expanded water access*

## Doolittle Launch, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Water access is provided from a freeboard docks (formerly two docks, as seen above) and a boat ramp (used by motorized boats and jet-skis). The dock is in poor condition.

**Users:** Users include kayakers, canoeists, and paddleboarders as well as local rowing teams. Additionally, this site is utilized by motorized boats.

**On-Water Experience:** Water is generally calm in San Leandro Bay. Paddlers can explore arrowhead marsh and the Oakland Estuary, while enjoying shoreline views of Alameda, Oakland, and San Leandro in close proximity.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** An existing launch, just across Arrowhead Marsh, exists at Elmhurst Creek, off of Edgewater Drive. Tidewater Boating Center is located approximately 1.6 miles north across San Leandro Bay.

**Paddling Program:** Currently no programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** No ADA access currently. Dock is in poor condition and gangway does not meet modern ADA standards; pilings are deteriorating.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** There is one, single flush toilet that is not ADA accessible.

**Parking:** Free parking during park hours (5 am – 10 pm) – no overnight parking.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking and path of travel. The boat launch and restroom are currently not accessible.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan / EIR (1977)

**Planned Improvements:** The District is currently in the process of removing the docks and placing a temporary aluminum ramp at Doolittle. Long term, the ramp and dock will be renovated completely along with a larger project that will reconfigure the parking lot and possibly upgrade the restrooms. This will be in conjunction with connecting the Doolittle path to the Bay Trail.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Site improvements are planned to occur within the next decade. With completion of site improvements, the site will be eligible for Water Trail Designation.

**Recommended Improvements:** Improve or replace existing docks



*A boat ramp and two high freeboard docks provide access primarily for motorized boats to the Oakland Estuary.*



*A large parking lot, adjacent park, and location near Arrowhead marsh make Doolittle an ideal launch location.*



*Interpretive and safety signage are already present at the site. Water Trail signage would supplement education materials.*



*Existing facilities, like the restroom, are substandard. Proposed improvements will broaden the accessibility of the site.*

## Shoreline Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Water access is provided via a low freeboard dock located at the end of a 34-foot long gangway with an ADA transition plate. There is no path of travel from the existing parking lot outside of the Shoreline Center at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline to the gangway.

**Users:** The site is popular primarily with kayakers, canoeists, and paddleboarders for its easy access to the water.

**On-Water Experience:** Water is generally calm in the Oakland Estuary. Paddlers can explore Arrowhead Marsh and San Leandro Bay, while enjoying shoreline views of Alameda, Oakland, and San Leandro Bay is in close proximity.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The Tidewater Boating Center is located approximately 1.4 miles north across the Oakland Estuary. An informal beach launch site in Elmhurst Creek, off of Edgewater Drive, is also a less than a mile away.

**Paddling Program:** Currently no programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** No ADA access or path of travel.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** ADA restrooms located outside of Shoreline Center. Picnic area with BBQ, and drinking fountains available.

**Parking:** Free parking during park hours (5 am – 10 pm) – no overnight parking permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The low freeboard dock and gangway appear ADA accessible; however, no path of travel connects the dock to the parking area. The site offers accessible parking and is near accessible restrooms.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan / EIR (1977)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Due to proximity, planned improvements to the Doolittle Launch would limit the need for improvements at this location. However, creating a simple path of travel can substantially improve access to water.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Dock is substandard and needs to be replaced; 2) Accessible path of travel from the parking lot to dock



*The low freeboard dock provides quality water access; however, limited accessibility.*



*No path of travel occurs between the parking area and Shoreline Center to the dock.*



*The site offers parking near the dock and a scenic segment of Bay Trail.*



*Due to proximity, planned improvements to the Doolittle Launch would limit the need for improvements at this location.*

## Encinal Beach



### Water Access

**Access Description:** An approximately 300-foot long sandy beach on Alameda Point, adjacent to existing Encinal Boat Ramp. A short path leads from the parking area to the north end of the beach.

**Users:** The site is popular primarily with kayakers, canoeists, and paddleboarders for its easy access to the water. Encinal Boat Ramp, adjacent to the beach, is a motorized boat launch.

**On-Water Experience:** Water here is calm due the breakwater sheltering the beach. Visitors on the water can enjoy long, sweeping views of the San Francisco skyline while enjoying fairly gentle waters behind the long breakwater. For intrepid paddlers, it is a four mile paddle to McCovey Cove at AT&T Park.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The Encinal Boat Ramp, owned and operated by the City of Alameda shares the parking area and facilities with Encinal Beach. The Encinal Boat Ramp provides access primarily to motorized water craft; however, small boats can also launch from the boat ramp.

**Paddling Program:** Currently no programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** Facilities do not currently meet ADA standards.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** The City of Alameda is currently in the process of constructing new restroom facility. Currently, there are two temporary, portable restrooms. Picnic facilities are operated by the City.

**Parking:** Free parking during hours of operation

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** There is no ADA access into the water from Encinal Beach.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Operated by the District under a cooperative agreement with the State of California and City of Alameda.

**Planned Improvements:** EBRPD is working in conjunction with the City of Alameda to make a variety of improvements to the site. The District will improve the beach dunes and create a formalized kayak launch on Encinal Beach, while the City plans to improve the motorized ramp (with possible dredging), build new bathrooms, and create a fish cleaning station.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Encinal Beach is already frequented by kayakers, but with upcoming improvements it will become an even more suitable Water Trail site.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Create a paved or gravelled path of travel to the water 2) Wash-down capability 3) ADA access.



*The boat launch is a sheltered sandy beach, protected behind a long breakwater.*



*Adjacent to the beach is the Encinal Boat Ramp. Alameda is improving the ramp.*



*Existing portable restrooms will be replaced with permanent ADA restrooms as part of planned facility improvements.*



*Some local paddle shops run classes or guided trips from Encinal Beach.*

## Albany Beach, McLaughlin Eastshore State Park



### Water Access

**Access Description:** An approximately 450-foot long beach, backed by dunes.

**Users:** The site is popular with kayakers and paddleboarders when conditions are calm. Kite boarders launch from the beach when conditions are windy. This is also a very popular beach for dog owners.

**On-Water Experience:** Aside from a panoramic view of the Golden Gate Bridge across the water, water enthusiasts can enjoy sweeping views including the San Francisco cityscape, the East Bay hills, and Mount Tamalpais.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** There are a variety of Water Trail sites in close proximity, with beaches and ramps located at Berkeley Marina, and Point Isabel.

**Paddling Program:** No programs currently occur.

**Challenges:** No ADA access currently, but future development will improve.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** New restroom facilities will be constructed during current site improvements; portable toilets currently (single ADA chemical toilet at Buchanan Street).

**Parking:** Free day parking during park hours (5 am – 10 pm).

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The site offers a few accessible parking spaces on Buchanan Street; planned improvements will improve ADA accessible parking, restrooms, and access to the beach.

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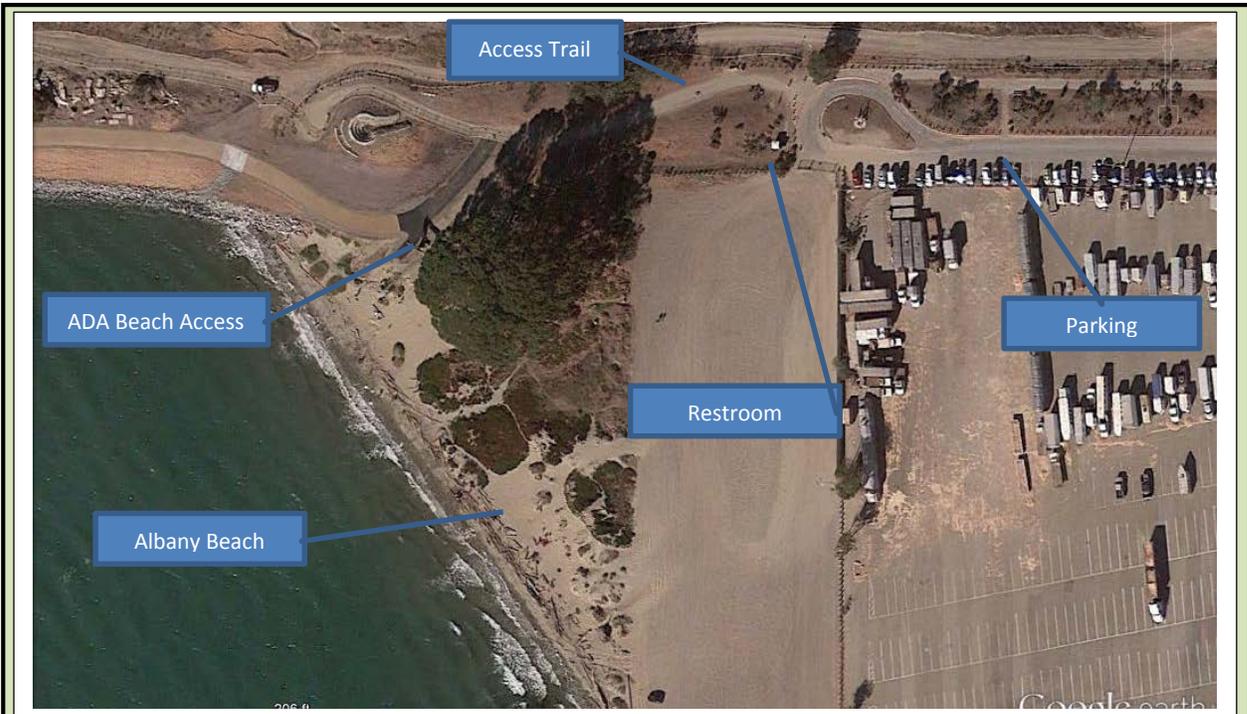
**District Management Plan:** Eastshore State Park General Plan (2002), Albany Beach Restoration and Public Access Project FEIR (2012)

**Planned Improvements:** Current and ongoing improvements in the next two years will include beach and dune enhancement/restoration, ADA access to the water, ADA restrooms, improved path of travel, and parking.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier I:** Albany Beach is currently undergoing improvements that are scheduled for completion in 2018. These improvements will make the park eligible for Water Trail designation.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Signage



*Prior to site mobilization, existing beach was mainly industrial rubble and concrete debris.*



*Recent construction has vastly improved the beach area and access to the beach.*



*A sandy beach offers visitors easy access to the water.*



*New paving, rip rap replacement, and reconstruction has improved Albany Beach.*

## Point Isabel Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** The primary water access point is via degraded cement steps lead to a small gravel beach and jetty. In addition, a small pocket beach is located at the southern edge of the park, approximately 400 feet south of the primary water access.

**Users:** The site is popular primarily with windsurfers due to the optimal wind conditions at this location. The site is also utilized by kayakers and paddleboarders when conditions are calm.

**On-Water Experience:** Excellent windsurfing along the Richmond and Berkeley waterfront. Opportunities to view the Golden Gate Bridge across the water, sweeping views of the Berkeley hills, San Francisco, Angel Island and Mt. Tamalpais. Brooks Island, approximately 1.5 miles offshore, provides great bird watching and sight-seeing.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** The nearest potential Water Trail locations are Barbara and Jay Vincent Park and Shimada Sunset Park, approximately two miles away in Richmond. Albany Beach is located approximately one mile to the south.

**Paddling Program:** No programs currently exist.

**Challenges:** No ADA access to the water. This is a very popular park amongst dog-walkers and parking is difficult to obtain on busy days.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing accessible restrooms.

**Parking:** Free day parking during hours of operation (5 am – 10pm). No overnight parking currently permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking, restrooms and path of travel, but no access to the water. Other amenities include a café and dog-wash. A gravel laydown area was recently installed.

### Planning

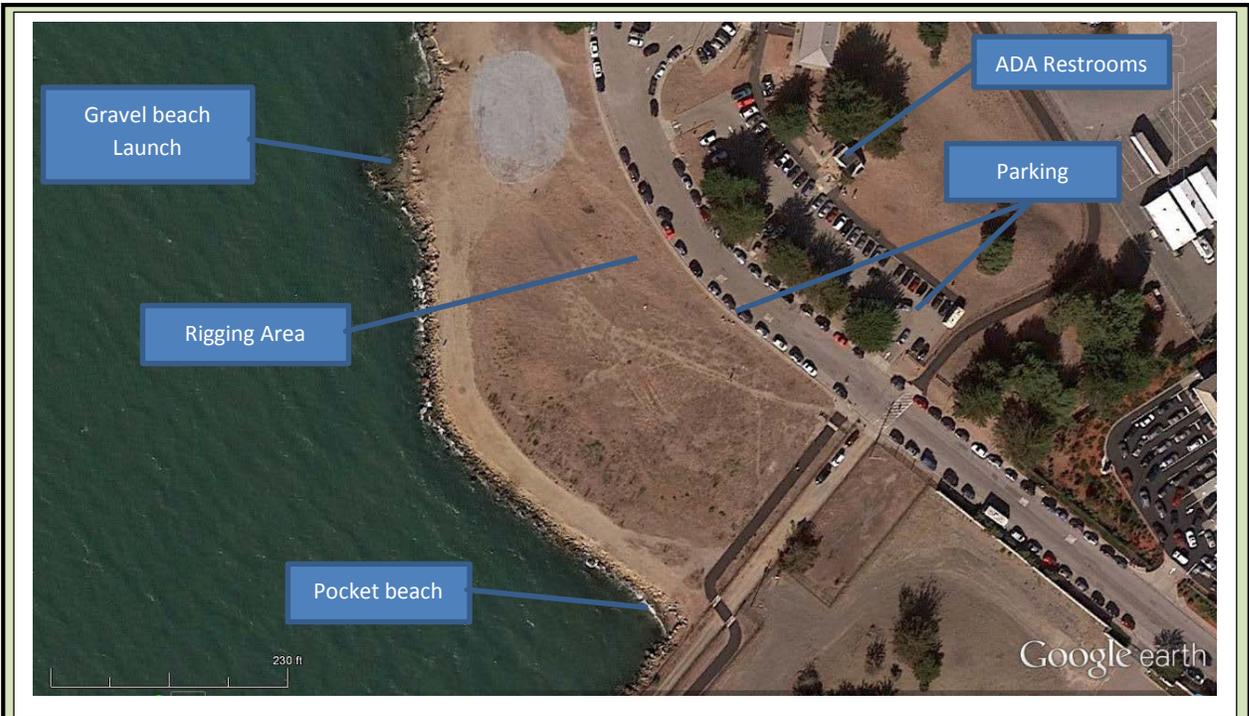
**District Management Plan:** Eastshore State Park General Plan (2002)

**Planned Improvements:** Improvements (beginning in 2018) for water access, including: reconstruction of steps and an access ramp to the gravel beach, regravelling, and removal of boulders will all improve windsurf and kayak experience. A gravelled path of travel from the parking lot and a new wash-down station will also be included in the planned improvements.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Site improvements are planned to occur in 2018. With completion of site improvements, the site will be eligible for Water Trail Designation.

**Recommended Improvements:** Improvements consistent with the planned construction.



*The primary launch is a small gravel beach. The breakwater has been deteriorating and currently provides limited erosion protection.*



*The site is most popular with windsurfers, who use the new gravel laydown adjacent to the parking area for rigging their equipment.*



*The cement steps to the gravel beach are severely eroded. Planned improvements include ADA access to the protected beach.*



*Point Isabel is a very popular off-leash park for dog walkers, one of the largest that allows such in the Bay Area.*

## Point Pinole Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** Small gravel beach located near the pier at Point Pinole.

**Users:** Without a landing area, kayaking is limited. Launching from Point Pinole is currently not practical without a shuttle from the parking area.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore San Pablo Bay and enjoy scenery from the East Bay and North Bay alike.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** Pinole Bay Front Park, with an existing launch site, is a 3 mile paddle northeast. Additionally, a longer 5 mile paddle across San Pablo Bay will take users to McNears Beach in Marin County.

**Paddling Program:** No programs currently occur at this location.

**Challenges:** No ADA access, steep cliffs, and distance (over 1.5-miles) from parking lot. Very shallow mudflats exist near the launch site; access will be limited to high tide. Current shuttle cannot transport kayaks.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing accessible restrooms near parking lot and campground.

**Parking:** Free parking (5 am – 10 pm) – no overnight parking currently permitted.

**Overnight Facilities:** Existing group campground which (through District reservations) will allow visitors to drive and park a limited number of vehicles. Campground can also be accessed by kayak campers.

**Accessibility:** ADA restrooms and parking. Existing water access is not accessible.

### Planning

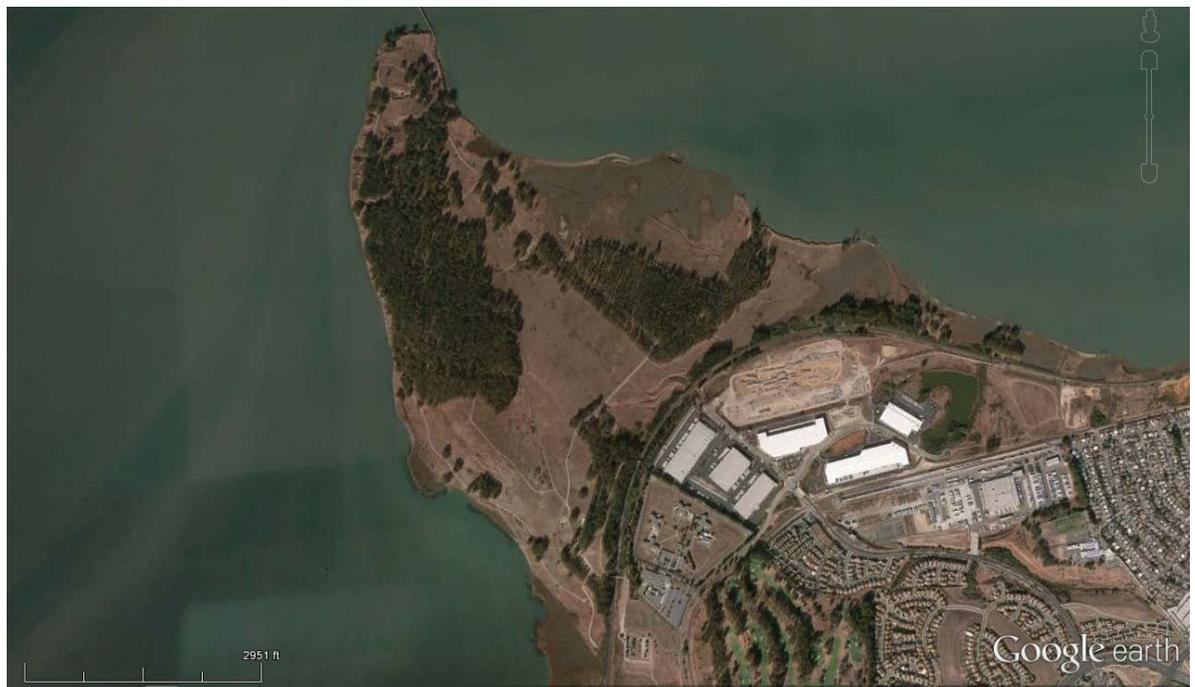
**District Management Plan:** Parks Camping Plan (2014)

**Planned Improvements:** Improvements are scheduled to begin in 2018, which will include the construction of an ADA access ramp to the water, wash down site, path of travel, and a kayak storage area for overnight camping. District will have widespread renovation to park including a new bridge over train tracks, additional parking, picnic sites, new restrooms, and a Visitor Center.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier II:** Site improvements are scheduled to occur in 2018. With completion of site improvements, the site will be eligible for Water Trail Designation.

**Recommended Improvements:** Improvements consistent with the planned construction.



*The Point Pinole pier is both a scenic vista point and a popular destination for fishing.*



*An overnight group campground provides camping opportunities near the existing boat launch.*



*The parking area for the park is located over 1.5 miles from the boat launch.*



*Trails, picnic areas, camping, and spectacular views make Point Pinole a great destination for paddlers throughout the Bay.*

## Antioch Pier, Antioch / Oakley Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** No formal access. Cement steps lead to riprap shoreline adjacent to the north and south of the Pier.

**Users:** Access for non-motorized small boats is currently limited, although it is anticipated kayakers would be the primary users of this site. The site is currently popular with visitors fishing at the Antioch Pier and those enjoying the park's lawns and picnic facilities.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore nearby wetlands, including Sherman Island and the Dow Wetlands, which offer excellent birdwatching.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites and Points of Interest:** Antioch Pier is approximately 1.5 miles west of Big Break Regional Shoreline. The Antioch Marina is located approximately 4 miles west and Bay Point Regional Shoreline is located approximately 11.5 miles to the west.

**Paddling Program:** No water programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** The launch site would be approximately 700 feet from the parking area, which would be a long but manageable distance to carry equipment. The site is also the location of an Anza Expedition Campsite, so there is potential for historic resources to occur.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing accessible restrooms located in the central portion of the park.

**Parking:** Free parking during park hours (5 am – 10 pm).

**Overnight Facilities:** No overnight camping allowed. Fishing from the pier is allowed 24 hours a day.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking, restrooms, picnic, and barbeques, as well as an accessible path of travel from the parking area to the Pier.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** None.

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier III:** Though Antioch Pier possesses some favorable characteristics, it will require extensive mobilization and right-of-way negotiation before water access can be implemented.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Construction of launch ramps and path of travel; and, 2) Additional signage



*Steps located to the east and west (above) of the pier provide access to the shoreline.*



*Formalized access across the riprap is necessary for enhanced water access.*

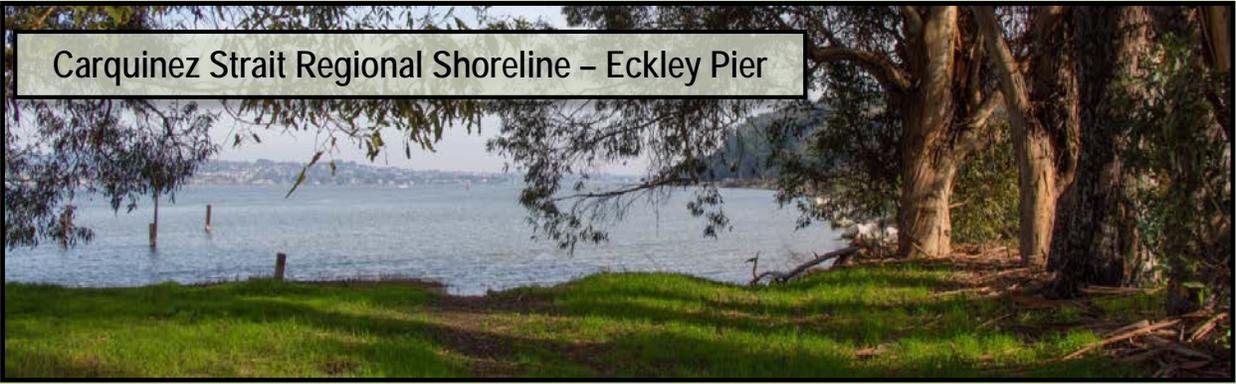


*The park provides accessible restrooms, path of travel, picnic tables and barbeques.*



*Cultural resources associated with an Anza Camp may be located within the site.*

## Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline – Eckley Pier



### Water Access

**Access Description:** No formal access. Informal access occurs on the east side of the Pier, where a small sheltered cove has developed, and adjacent to the west of the Pier on a more exposed beach. Nearby parking provides a short walk for those carrying equipment.

**Users:** Access for non-motorized small boats is currently limited, although it is anticipated kayakers would be the primary users of this site. The site is currently popular primarily with visitors fishing at Eckley Pier and hikers on the Bull Valley Trail.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore Carquinez Strait, navigate under the Carquinez Bridge, and birdwatch.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites and Points of Interest:** Eckley Pier is approximately 1.5 miles from Matthew Turner Park, in the City of Benicia. Additionally, just across from Eckley Pier, on the adjacent shoreline is the Benicia State Recreation Area.

**Paddling Program:** No water programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** There is potential for sensitive cultural resources at this location. Additionally, the railroad crossing between the parking lot and the pier needs to be formalized. Old pilings and abandoned industrial equipment present navigation hazards to the west of the Pier. Additionally, the current from the strait, along wind currents, make this a challenging location for novice kayakers.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Single-use, flush-toilet at staging area, and one chemical toilet near the pier (must cross railroad to access).

**Parking:** Free parking during park hours (5 am – 10 pm).

**Overnight Facilities:** No reservable campgrounds or camping permitted.

**Accessibility:** The site offers accessible parking.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Carquinez Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan / EIR (1993), Camping Program Update (2014)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier III:** Though Eckley Pier possesses some favorable characteristics, it will require extensive mobilization before water access can be implemented.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Construction of beach launch and path of travel; 2) Removal of submerged pilings; 3) Construct two convenience camp facilities as identified in the Camping Program Update; 4) Formalize railroad crossing and, 4) Additional signage



*Formalized railroad crossing is necessary for enhanced recreational use of the site.*



*A beach is located east of the pier, providing access sheltered from the winds and currents.*



*A small beach located west of the pier provides a more exposed access point*



*Abandoned pilings and equipment from prior development can present navigation hazards.*

## Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline – Brickyard



### Water Access

**Access Description:** The Brickyard is currently inaccessible by the public due to its land bank status by the District. There are no existing recreation facilities at the site; however, there is an existing pier and shoreline that could be designed to accommodate a boat launch in the future.

**Users:** Access for non-motorized small boats is currently limited, although it is anticipated kayakers would be the primary users of this site.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore Carquinez Strait, navigate under the Carquinez Bridge, and birdwatch.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites and Points of Interest:** The coastline off of the Brickyard is less than a mile from the pebble beach at Bencia Point Pier.

**Paddling Program:** No water programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** District only recently obtained an MOU with Union Pacific Railroad. Easement will allow access to shoreline to historic pier. District must develop a land use amendment to formally develop the site into a recreational area.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** No restrooms

**Parking:** No formal restrooms. Public, street parking only.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** No existing access or accessible features.

### Planning

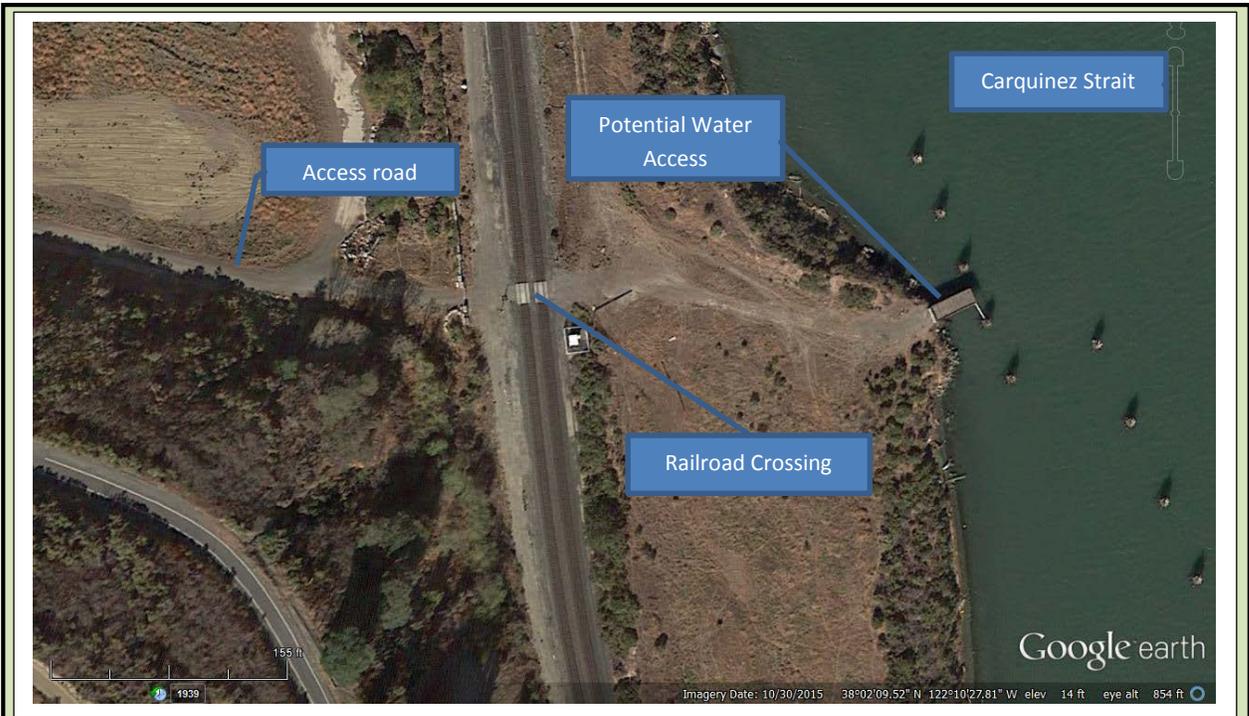
**District Management Plan:** Carquinez Regional Shoreline Land Use Plan / EIR (1993), Camping Program Update (2014)

**Planned Improvements:** The 2014 Camping Program Update has suggested a land use plan amendment for the Brickyard to redevelop the site as a family campground and allow for reservable overnight camping for access to the Water Trail. After May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, District will have authority to improve the railroad crossing for public access.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier IV:** The property has potential to provide high quality water access and camping; however, substantial planning – including a railroad crossing, and subsequent site development is required.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Land use plan amendment to allow access; 2) Develop formal water access; 3) Complete campground.



*Access to the water is currently limited by a Union Pacific Railroad crossing; formalized crossing should be constructed.*



*The beach will need to be redeveloped due to rubble from former brickyard.*



*A formalized trail or staging area, restrooms, picnic tables, and other amenities should be considered in land use plan amendment.*



*Overall, the site is a very promising destination or launch site.*

## Lone Tree Point, San Pablo Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** An approximately 150-foot wide sandy beach for paddlers and kayakers.  
**Users:** The site is popular amongst locals as a passive recreation and picnicking site. There is no convenient parking nearby and visitors must walk a distance to access beach, which may be inconvenient for those traveling with equipment.

**On-Water Experience:** Long, sweeping views across San Pablo Bay, birdwatching, and a dynamic waterfront of wetlands, beaches, and industrial activities.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** Approximately two miles west is Pinole Bay Front Park, with an existing launch and parking area. Further west is Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, with a kayak-in campground.

**Paddling Program:** No paddling program currently exists.

**Challenges:** No ADA access across the beach, long walk to parking, restricted, adjacent parcel with toxics (tar seeps) and abandoned equipment.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Single chemical toilet.

**Parking:** Free day parking (8am-5pm) in San Pablo Regional Shoreline staging area.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** Currently no accessible features.

### Planning

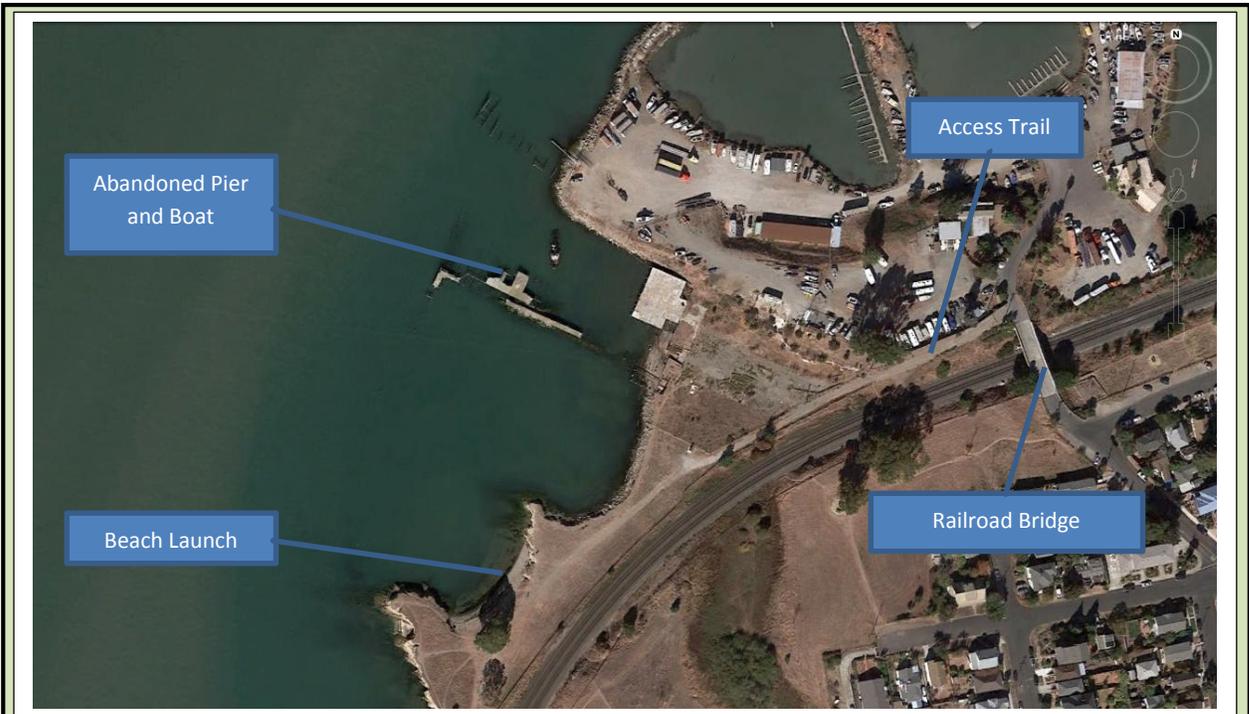
**District Management Plan:** Extension of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bay Trail at Lone Tree Point Feasibility Study (2015)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned for Lone Tree Point. EBRPD is working on currently acquiring shoreline segments for nearby Bay Trail.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier IV:** There are currently no improvements existing or planned at Lone Tree Point. Lone Tree Point has the potential to be a great launch or destination site for paddlers. With limited water access in this region, water access should be prioritized along with site restoration. Additionally, this could serve as an important launch for accessing the kayak-in camping at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Access to and across the sandy beach; 2) restrooms and picnic facilities; 3) parking area within 300 feet of beach access.



*A small cove with a sandy / gravel beach provides an ideal destination for lunch at the picnic table under the tree.*



*A paved road/path leads along the shoreline side of the railroad from the current parking area to the beach and shoreline park.*



*Abandoned pier and an old boat are located north of the beach. Other submerged structures could result in navigation hazards.*



*Nearest parking to Lone Tree Point is at the San Pablo Bay Regional Shoreline staging area, approximately 0.2 miles away.*

## Keller Beach, Miller Knox Regional Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** An approximately 250-foot wide sandy cove near the entrance to Miller Knox Regional Shoreline. A steep path, a considerable distance from the roadside parking, leads to the beach.

**Users:** Keller Beach is primarily used by swimmers, picnickers, and other passive recreationalists. The distance and steep access to the beach limit small boat use.

**On-Water Experience:** Opportunities to explore the coastline of Point Richmond, paddle out to Red Rock, and enjoy views of Angel Island and Tiburon.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** Ferry Point is a designated Water Trail site located less than a mile south of Keller Beach at Miller Knox Regional Shoreline.

**Paddling Program:** Currently no paddling program exists.

**Challenges:** No ADA access to or across the beach.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** Existing restrooms and shower tower.

**Parking:** Free roadside parking

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** Lack of accessible facilities and path of travel to the beach create extensive limitations for those with physical impairments.

### Planning

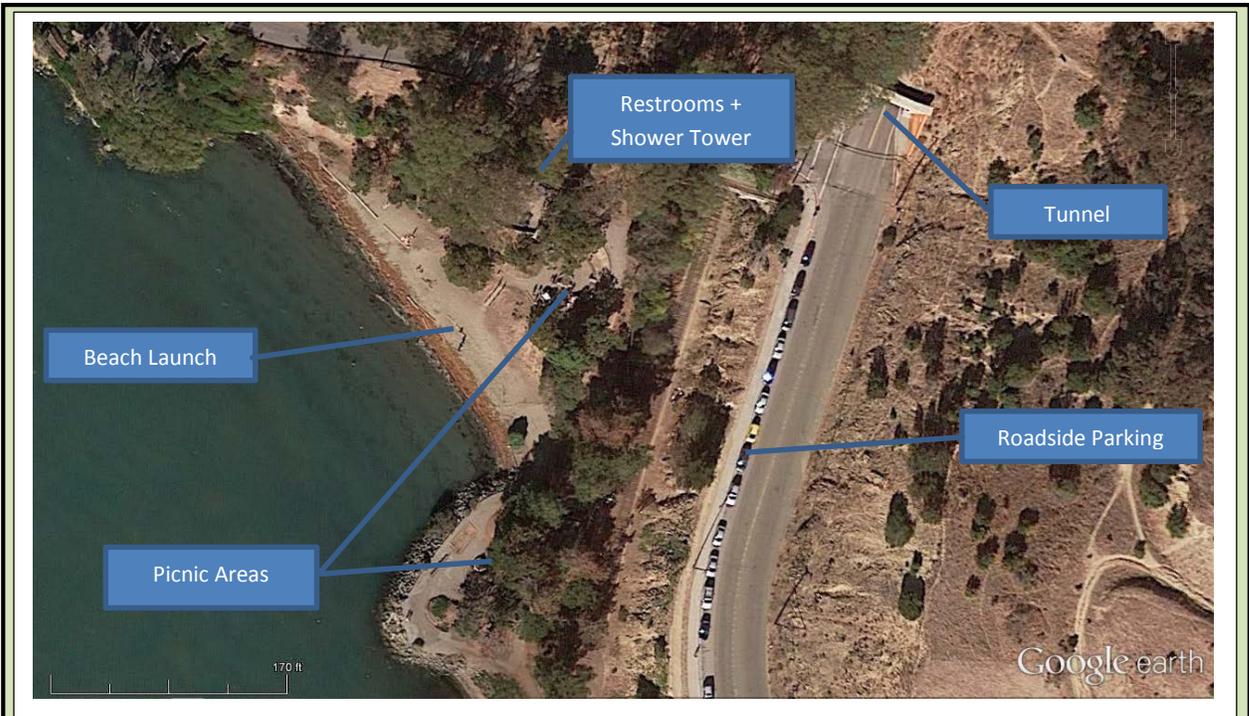
**District Management Plan:** Point Isabel to Miller-Knox Park Shoreline Corridor Feasibility Study (1988)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned for Keller's Beach.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier V:** There is currently no improvements planned for Keller's Beach. Ferry Point will become the prominent launch location in the area; however, Keller's beach is a great destination site for paddlers, with a wide beach, restrooms and picnic facilities making it a great stopover location.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Signage



*The boat launch is a sheltered sandy beach, accessible primarily as a destination site.*



*Due to the distance and steep path leading from the roadside parking to Keller's Beach, this site will primarily be a destination.*



*Abundant picnic facilities and great views make this an ideal destination for paddlers.*



*Restrooms and a shower tower allow boaters to rinse off after a paddle.*

## Edgewater Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline



### Water Access

**Access Description:** A short walk from a public parking area on Edgewater Drive, this site offers an informal pebble beach launch site onto Elmhurst Creek, which empties into San Leandro Bay.

**Users:** This site is utilized by kayakers and paddle boarders, although due to its location in a business park it is not known by many users.

**On-Water Experience:** Calm waters are well-suited for beginners as well as advanced boaters. Clear days provide views of the Oakland and Berkeley Hills, as well as the Alameda shoreline. Visitors can also view a multitude of shoreline birds rafting in the calm waters and estuaries of the San Leandro Bay. Protected species, such as Ridgeways Rail, are found in nearby Arrowhead Marsh, making it a birdwatcher's paradise.

**Proximity to other Identified Water Trail Sites:** Kayakers and others in non-motorized water can easily access the Doolittle Launch on the shore of the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline. A 1.5 mile paddle north along the shore will take visitors to the Tidewater Boating Center.

**Paddling Program:** No paddling programs occur at this location.

**Challenges:** Launch is informal and would require constructed shoreline improvements. No ADA path of travel or ADA access to the water.

### Facilities

**Restrooms:** No restroom at this location.

**Parking:** Public and street parking.

**Overnight Facilities:** None existing.

**Accessibility:** ADA is limited. Though the nearby parking lot offers ADA parking, the path of travel to the water is unpaved. The launch is not ADA compliant.

### Planning

**District Management Plan:** Master Plan (2013); Draft Camping Program Update (2014)

**Planned Improvements:** No improvements are currently planned.

### Designation Recommendation

**Tier III:** Despite ADA limitations, minor improvements could make this site a favorable Water Trail location.

**Recommended Improvements:** 1) Define path of travel; 2) Formalize access with small ramp; 3) Formalize and develop parking at trail head off of Edgewater Drive.



*The boat launch is an informal gravel grade that leads from the trail to Elmhurst Creek.*



*The launch is located adjacent to an existing pedestrian bridge.*



*The site's obscure location and limited facilities discourage public use.*



*Elmhurst Creek has sufficient water at most tides to allow access to San Leandro Bay.*