




San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail
Site Description for
Dunphy Park / Cass Gidley Marina

Location, Ownership, and Management: Dunphy Park is a shoreline park owned and managed by the City of Sausalito. The small beach within the park has long served as a popular launch for paddling on Richardson Bay, to Angel Island, and beyond. The historic Cass Gidley Marina is located along the northern side of the park. Dunphy Park is currently undergoing major renovations anticipated to be completed in 2020. Similarly, the Cass Gidley Marina is being redeveloped into the Sausalito Community Boating Center, which will provide access for paddlers and programs for small sailing craft.

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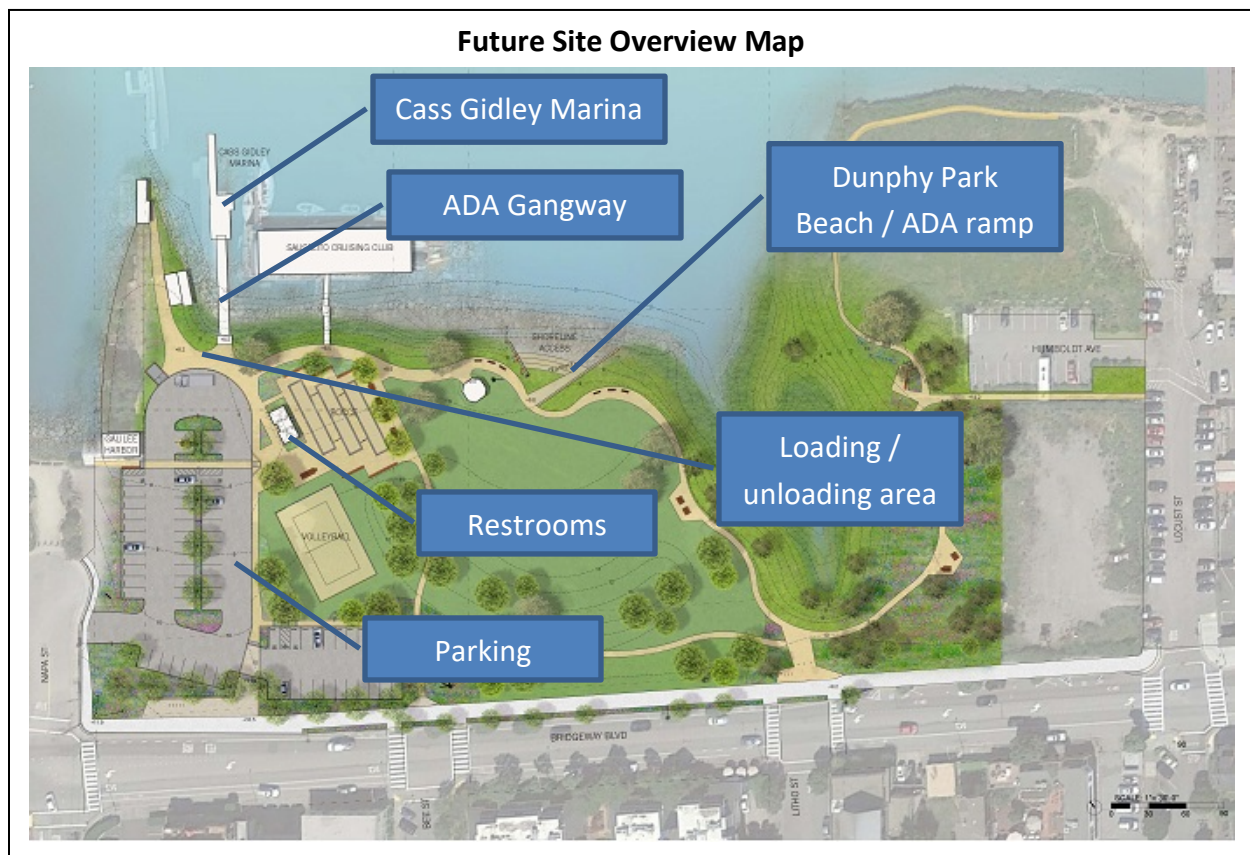
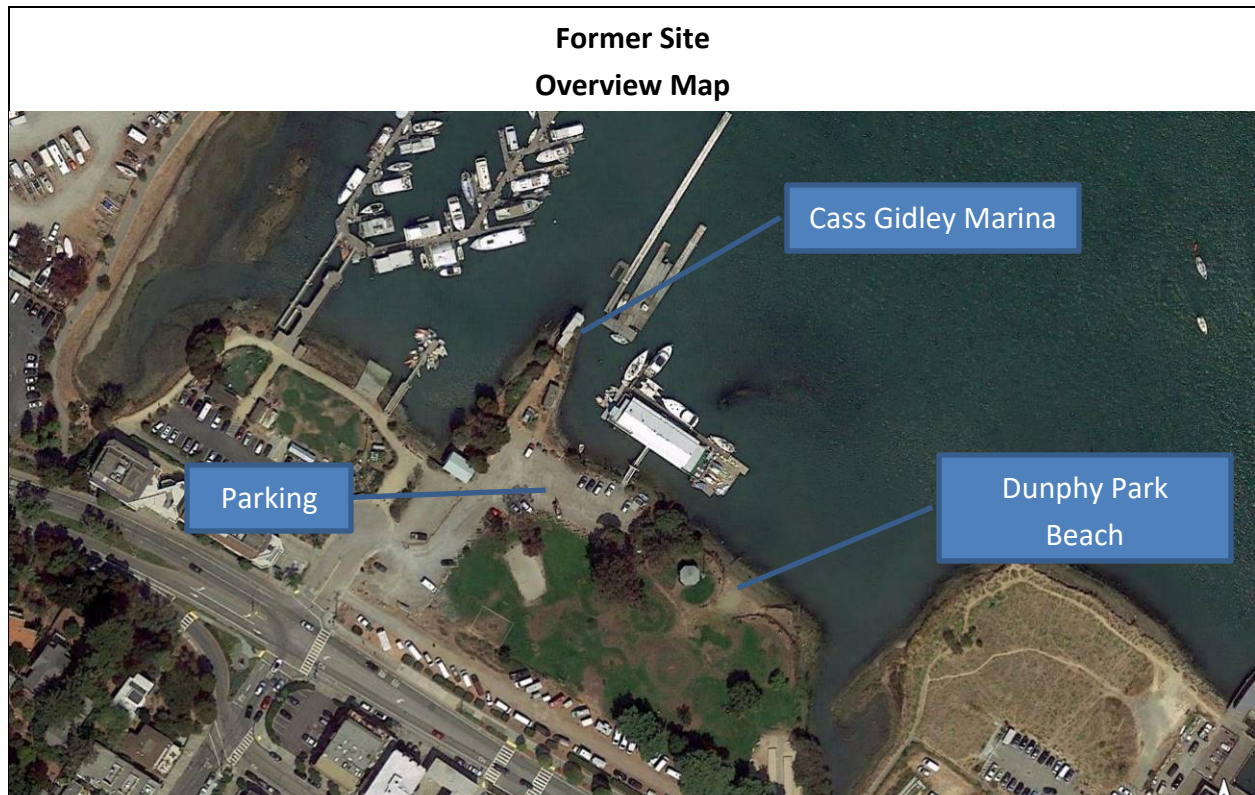
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Dunphy Park Beach (2019)	Dunphy Park Beach (2005)	Cass Gidley Marina

Facility Description: The non-motorized small boat (NMSB) community has long used the beach at Dunphy Park for launching and landing. Historically, users would park in the unpaved parking area and use adjacent lawn areas to laydown equipment before launching from the small beach. Dunphy Park is currently being redesigned (Fall 2019), which will include improved water access facilities. As part of the Dunphy Park redesign, an ADA ramp and path of travel for beach access will be installed. Steps down to the shoreline will also be provided adjacent to the ramp. Additionally, new ADA restrooms will replace existing portables and parking will be reconfigured to expand capacity and allow better flow. A boat washdown and drinking fountain will also be installed. Open areas near the vehicle turnaround will accommodate gear loading/unloading before or after paddling.

Along the northern side of Dunphy Park, Cass Gidley Marina is being redeveloped with an ADA gangway to low-freeboard and high-freeboard docks. A gate will be located at the top of the gangway, but facilities will be open to the public when the Marina is open.




Other Identifying or General Information:

Site ID: <u>M5</u> In WT Plan: <u>Yes</u> Existing or Planned: <u>Existing</u> Ownership: <u>Public</u> County: <u>Marin</u> Geo-Region: <u>Richardson Bay and Vicinity</u> SF Bay Plan Region: <u>Central Bay</u> Launch or Destination: <u>Launch</u>	Home of a Club: <u>Yes</u> Used by a Program that Assists Persons with Disabilities: <u>No</u> Appreciated for Windy Conditions: <u>No</u> Near Food or Drink: <u>There are several restaurants and shops within short walking distance of Dunphy Park</u> Proximity to Other Sites: Dunphy Park is close to several launches within Sausalito including Turney Street Boat Ramp (0.34 miles south), Schoonmaker Beach (0.42 miles north), Clipper Yacht Harbor (0.85 miles north), and Swede's Beach (1.3 miles south). Angel Island's Ayala Cove is located 3.2 miles east.
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Description of Launch/Landing:

Fixed Dock/Pier Launch/Landing: <u>Yes</u> Float: <u>Yes</u> Freeboard Level: <u>High (9" and above)</u> Transfer/Launch Assistance System: <u>No</u> Gangway: <u>Yes</u> Gangway Length (feet): <u>80</u> Gangway Width (inches): <u>96</u> Gangway Slope Description: Designed to meet ADA slopes at all tides Boat/Trailer Ramp: <u>No</u> Mudflats Affect Site Usability: <u>Yes</u> Beach Wheelchair Available: <u>No</u> Stair Water Entry: <u>No</u>	Beach: <u>Yes</u> Firm-Surface Beach Crossing: <u>Yes</u> Fee for Launch or Parking: <u>No</u> Water Entry Path: <u>Yes</u> Other Launch/Landing Notes: Beach substrate is sand and gravel leading to mud. Restrictions: The beach launch will be open when the park is open, generally 5am to 11pm. Cass Gidley Marina docks will be open to the public while the marina is open.
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Site Appears to be Suitable For:

Kayak: <u>Yes</u> Windsurfer: <u>No</u> Kiteboard: <u>No</u> Whaleboat: <u>No</u> Stand Up Paddleboard: <u>Yes</u>	Canoe: <u>Yes</u> Outrigger Canoe: <u>No</u> Sculling: <u>Yes</u> Rowboat/Dinghy: <u>Yes</u> Dragonboat: <u>No</u>
 <p><i>Dunphy Park Beach Launch (Under construction September 2019)</i></p>	

Transportation and Parking:

General Spaces (number): <u>70</u> ADA Parking Spaces (number): <u>4</u> ADA Parking Description: Formerly, there were 66 parking spaces between Galilee Harbor and the City lots with no marked ADA spaces. Because the lots were unmarked, the parking of 66 cars was only be achieved when cars park perfectly not allowing for extra space in-between and 10 vehicles park in the middle of the lot. This was rarely achieved and usually fewer than 55 cars fit in the combined lots. Planned improvements include a total of 70 marked spots between Galilee Harbor and the City lots including 4 marked ADA spaces.	Duration (hours): To be determined Overnight Parking Allowed: <u>No</u> Overnight Parking Description: Dunphy Park is closed from 11PM - 5AM. Loading/Unloading Area: <u>Yes</u> Bay Trail: <u>Yes</u> Public Transportation: Marin Transit offers regular bus service (17, 30, 71x), including a stop at Bridgway and Napa Street at the entrance to the Park.
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Path of Travel:

Distance to Launch from Parking Area (feet): 140

Distance to Launch from ADA Parking (feet): 140

Distance to Launch from ADA Restrooms (feet): 150

Distance from ADA Restrooms to ADA Parking (feet): 30

Path of Travel Exists: No

Path of Travel Description: Paths within the redesigned park will provide for pedestrian circulation and ADA accessibility. The project is designed to bring the existing park into compliance with ADA codes to ensure improved access and adequate health and safety.

A ramp for beach access will be installed that complies with ADA standards. The path adjacent to the shoreline is at an elevation of 9 feet. Steps down to the shoreline will be provided adjacent to the ramp.



Future location of ADA water access ramp to the beach (Under construction September 2019)

Other Site Amenities:

Total Restrooms: 2
 Total ADA Restrooms: 2
 Restroom Description: Dunphy Park currently has portable restrooms. A new permanent ADA restroom building will be located at the northwest corner of Dunphy Park. The prefabricated structure is approximately 392 square feet.

Boat Washing: Yes
 Rigging/Staging Area: No formal staging area, but open areas adjacent to the vehicle turnaround can be used for this purpose.
 Picnic Tables: Yes
 Benches: Yes
 BBQ: No
 Boat Storage: No public storage



*New restrooms awaiting additional park improvements to open
 (Under construction September 2019).*

Overnight Accommodations:

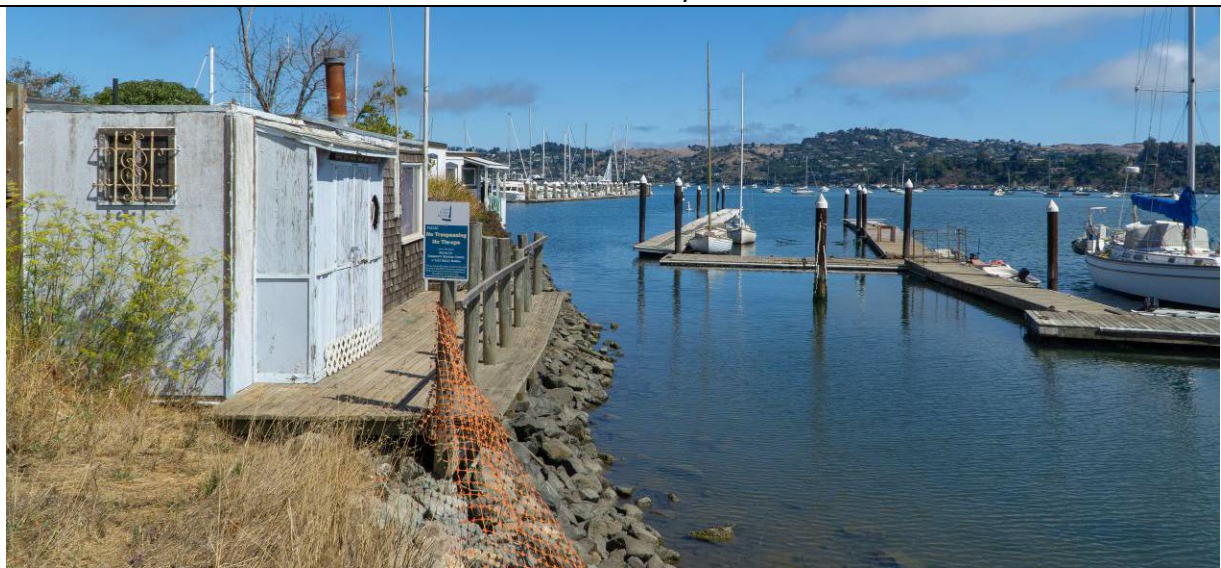
Hotel: <u>No</u>	Hostel: <u>No</u>	Ship: <u>No</u>	Camping: <u>No</u>	Other: <u>No</u>

Additional Notes Related to Accessibility:

Proposed improvements to Dunphy Park and the Cass Gidley Marina will be ADA accessible. Dunphy Park will expanded ADA accessible parking area and permanent restrooms, as well as ADA paths to the beach. The Cass Gidley Marina will offer an ADA gangway to a dock.

Additional Notes on Use of Site (Boating and Non-Boating) and Existing and Planned Management:

Dunphy Park has been a popular NMSB launch for decades, with paddlers launching from the small beach to explore Richardson Bay, Angel Island, and beyond. Historically, the Cass Gidley Marina provided the first sailboat rental on the Bay. The Marina provided an important launch for people who were not members of a yacht club and didn't own a boat to be able to learn to sail and to rent a boat and be out on the Bay. The Marina closed in 2009.



Above: Existing Cass Gidley Marina (September 2019)



Above: Cass Gidley Marina Rendering. The project has all permits but is seeking final funding to complete construction

Wildlife and Habitat Considerations:

Eelgrass beds have been documented offshore Dunphy Park. There are active heron rookeries located within two miles of the launch, near the mouth of Pickleweed Inlet. Additionally, five harbor seal haulouts are located within four miles of the launch. The Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary is located approximately 1.25 miles to the northeast. The area east of Strawberry Point and along Richardson's Bay Park is off limits to boaters from October to March to protect migrating birds.

Water Trail signage includes information about giving appropriate berth to nesting birds and harbor seal haulouts. The City of Sausalito and Cass Gidley Marina have indicated an interest in developing signage that includes maps with routes paddlers can take to limit paddling in eelgrass beds or avoid getting stuck in the mud in particularly shallow areas.

Safety and Security, including Parking:

Low tides can expose mudflats at the site. Proposed signage warns that mudflats can present hazards to use at low tides. The planned public dock at the SCBC would allow access on and off the water at all tides.

Richardson Bay and Racoon Strait (between Tiburon and Angel Island) are frequented by numerous types of craft including sailboats and ferries. Currents can also be strong on Racoon Strait so all boaters need to use caution and be sure to remain within their skill level.



Dunphy Park beach at zero tide (Credit: BASK Mud Map)

Education, Outreach, and Stewardship, Including Signage:

Planned improvements to Dunphy Park will include interpretive signage at several locations.

From the SCBC website: “The SCBC mission is to preserve a gathering place on Sausalito’s waterfront to engage and educate the public about the region’s rich maritime history and small craft heritage through affordable direct experience. SCBC’s vision is that those they serve will leave educated, inspired, and with an impression of Sausalito’s past that ensures the next generation will preserve its character far into the future. The Cass Gidley Marina offered an ideal site for SCBC to develop a transformative place to connect people with affordable recreational boating, Sausalito’s rich maritime history, and a deeper understanding of the critically important Richardson Bay ecosystem.”

Accessibility of Sites within the Southern Marin Geo-Region:

There are twelve potential/existing Water Trail sites identified within this geo-region. Of these, Angel Island State Park (Ayala Cove), Turney Street Public Boat Ramp, and Bayfront Park provide a variety of accessible facilities. Dunphy Park will provide an ADA water access ramp and Cass Gidley Marina will provide an ADA gangway to low-freeboard and high-freeboard docks (anticipated completion Fall 2019 - Spring 2020). Additionally, ADA restrooms, drinking fountains, parking, and paths of travel will make this one of the most broadly accessible sites in the region.

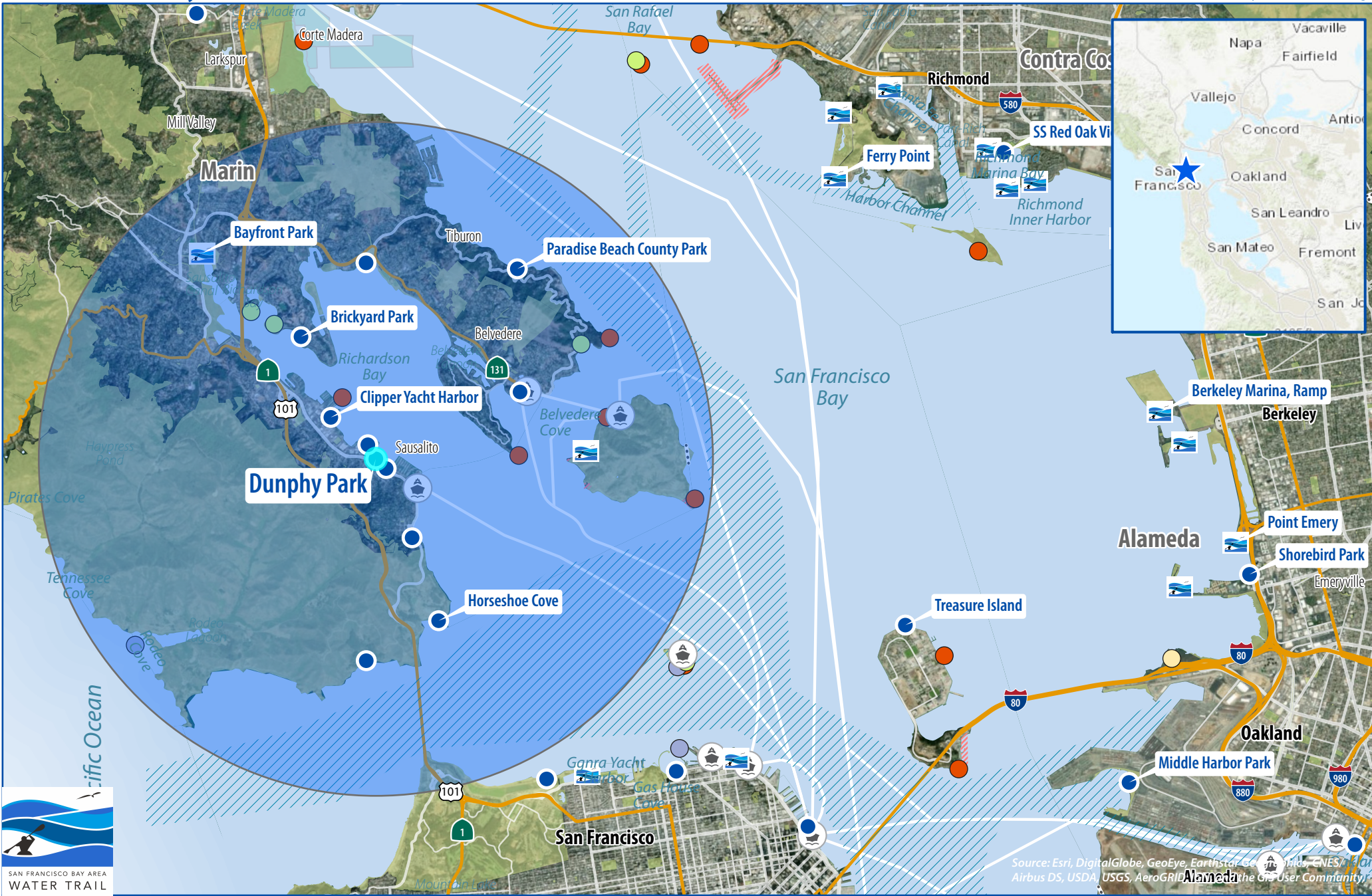
The Southern Marin Geo-Region provides opportunities to enjoy wildlife viewing, dining, and overnight accommodations. Until improvements at Dunphy Park and Cass Gidley Marina are complete, the most broadly accessible site is Bayfront Park, which offers a long gangway with resting areas, permanent accessible restrooms, accessible parking, a long low-freeboard dock and other amenities such as picnic tables, drinking fountain, and loading/unloading area. The distance from the parking area somewhat limits the accessibility of the site, but the path of travel is paved, smooth, and in good condition.

**Summary of Environmental Review (Water Trail Final EIR)
For
Dunphy Park, City of Sausalito
September 2019**

Resource Area	Impacts Analysis	Notes
Recreation <i>References: WT FEIR text.</i>	The site is not within the four mile buffer from a hunting location.	The WT sign will include safety information about hunting and the WT website to find more information.
Navigational Safety <i>References: WT FEIR text and Figures 3.4.2-1 and 3.4.2-2.</i>	The site is within the southern portion of Richardson Bay, which is prone to mudflats at low tides. This area is also popular for a variety of recreational boating craft including live-aboard boats just offshore.	The WT sign on-site will include language for users to be aware of tides, currents and weather. Additionally, the sign will include information on ferry routes, shipping channels, and larger vessels. WT educational materials (maps, website and brochure) include emergency preparedness and response information, a map of shipping channels, and links to the "Rules of the Road."
Aesthetics: <i>References: WT FEIR text</i>	Water Trail signage is not expected to have adverse aesthetic impacts.	The Water Trail sign would be appropriately located along with other interpretive signage.
Biology-Vegetation <i>References: WT FEIR text and Table 3.7.2-1</i>	The project site supports shoreline, saltmarsh plants, and tidal flats. These tidal water and wetland habitats are considered sensitive resources and regulated by a number of resource agencies. Eelgrass beds are known to occur within the Richardson Bay and documented outside the project footprint. Most of the rest of the nearby shoreline is heavily developed.	The WT educational sign and website will be inform to only land at specified launches and landing sites.

<p>Biology – Birds <i>References: WT FEIR text and map</i></p>	<p>There are active heron rookeries located within two miles of the launch, near the mouth of Pickleweed Inlet. Construction will occur outside of the critical breeding period (Feb 15 – Aug 15).</p> <p>The Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary is located approximately two miles to the northeast. The area east of Strawberry Point and along Richardson's Bay Park is off limits to boaters from October to March to protect migrating birds.</p>	<p>The standard WT educational sign includes information about how to paddle responsibly around wildlife and to maintain a buffer distance from sensitive species. Water Trail maps include information about off limit areas.</p>
<p>Biology – Harbor Seals <i>References: WT FEIR text, Figure 3.9.2-1, and Tables 3.9.5-1 and 3.9.5-2</i></p>	<p>A harbor seal haul-out is located near the Sausalito Clipper Yacht Harbor, two are on Angel Island, and two are on Tiburon.</p>	<p>The standard WT educational sign includes information about how to paddle responsibly around wildlife and to maintain a buffer distance from harbor seal haul-outs. Construction mitigations include a 200-foot safety zone around the construction site should for all marine mammals. Work would be halted if a marine mammal enters the 200- foot safety zone.</p>
<p>Cultural Resources <i>References: WT FEIR text</i></p>	<p>Cultural resources were discovered during Dunphy Park construction and appropriate measures are being implemented. Those resources were discovered outside of the water-access project footprint.</p>	<p>The WT website includes information about avoiding disturbance to cultural artifacts.</p>
<p>Hydrology <i>References: WT FEIR text</i></p>	<p>A variety of best practices are being implemented to contain runoff during construction, such as temporary silt fence or turbidity curtain to be installed between the work area and shoreline. Work would not occur within 72 hours of a predicted rain event. Additionally, the project improvements include installation of a trash capture devise and bioswales.</p>	<p>Improved water treatment prior to discharge into the Bay, as compared to existing conditions.</p>

<p>Transportation, Circulation, and Parking</p> <p><i>References: WT FEIR text</i></p>	<p>Parking capacity will be expanded under the park redesign and are anticipated to be sufficient to accommodate users on all but the busiest days.</p>	<p>Increased use is not expected to be great enough to overwhelm parking with Dunphy Park redesign.</p>
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Dunphy Park / Cassidyle Marina

- Potential Water Trail Site
- Designated Water Trail Site
- 4-Mile Site Buffer
- Active Nesting Sites
- California Least Tern
- Ridgeway's/Black Rail
- Pelican Roosts
- Harbor Seal Haulouts
- Ferry Terminal
- Hunting / Security Exclusion Area
- Shipping Channels



CA Harbor Seal data from Water Trail FEIR.
Ridgeway's and black rail, Western snowy plover,
and heronry data generalized from 2015 California
Natural Diversity Database
Map Author: BB, September 2019