

CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB – HIKING SCHEDULE

October, November, December 2026 **V07**

Selected Guidelines: **LEADERS:** Appoint a rear leader; wait at intersections for all to catch up. If you cancel or change your hike, please inform hike coordinators Jim Baranowski or Marilyn Vihman so the change can be communicated to all members. **HIKERS:** Let the leader lead. Report to leader if dropping out before end of hike. **EVERYONE:** Bring water & drink it. Bring lunch unless stated otherwise. Sticks & boots advised on hilly trails. Some hikes may not need a reservation, but if a reservation is requested, please contact the hike leader. If you are sick, please wear a mask or consider sitting out the hike! **INCIDENTS:** It is good to carry a first aid kit with you in case someone is injured. Submit a filled-out Incident Form available from the hike leader or the club website. **Signups on Hikes** If you plan to lead a hike and are wondering about having members signup ahead of time, remember that signups are not required except in the case of carpool pickups, museum or luncheon reservations, or similar events where a headcount is necessary. Otherwise, no advance signup is needed, as it is the hiker's responsibility to contact the leaders.

CARPOOLING: Be prepared to wear a mask if requested. Discuss with the hike leader when signing up. New suggested rate for the entire car (including driver) is 72.5 cents per mile plus share of bridge tolls & entrance fees. For example, 2 persons including driver: 36 cents/mile, 3 pers: 24 cents/mi, 4 pers: 18 cents/mi, 5 pers: 15 cents/mi.

For most agencies, call 511 & state agency for which you need information.

Please carefully note the starting times. If transferring from BART to a bus or other public transit, the time given is the departure of the bus, etc. Please allow at least 15 minutes to get from the BART train to the other transportation.

This Schedule is posted on our website: www.contracostahills.org

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CONSULT THE WEBSITE FOR CHANGES! Hikes may change. We will update as conditions evolve.

Thursday, October 1

REDWOOD PARK, OAKLAND

9:30 Meet at Rockridge BART station where **cars are needed**, or **10:00** at Canyon Meadows Staging Area, Reinhart Redwood Regional Park. Take Canyon, East Ridge, Prince, and Stream trails. 4 mi, 574' climb on dirt and paved trails. Sticks recommended, restrooms at start. **Drivers and riders, contact Jim.**

LEADER: Jim Baranowski, brnw_th@yahoo.com, 925-577-1022

Sunday, October 4

OPEN DATE

Thursday, October 8

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TO SAUSALITO

8:44 Board Golden Gate Transit #120 Strawberry-bound bus at Larkin and Grove by the Main Library. Use Civic Center BART exit A2 or A3 escalator (UN Plaza) and walk to Grove and Hyde. Walk one block on Grove to Larkin. **9:05** Offboard at GGB Toll Plaza, walk to GGB Welcome Center, restrooms. **9:15** Walk across GGB and to the Sausalito Ferry. About 5 mi, 101 total stairs, 295' climb on concrete, asphalt, boardwalk, and packed dirt trails. Outhouses along the route. Dress in layers. FOG? SUN? RAIN CANCELS! Bring water, lunch/snack. Return on 1:35, 3:35, 5:05, or 6:35 ferry to SF or, at 1:29, board Golden Gate Transit #120 bus at Bridgeway and El Portal in Sausalito back to Polk St and Golden Gate Ave (arrives 2:00, walk to Civic Center BART). Bus runs twice an hour. **RSVP RITA** Oct. 2–7 (text preferred). [Editor's note: this is Fleet Week - zoom zoom!]

LEADERS: Rita Poppenk 510-329-9826, Dexter Barker 510-329-9825

Sunday, October 11

SF VIEWING OF BLUE ANGELS

12 noon Meet at SF Main Library (Civic Center BART) Grove St entrance (bathrooms available). Walk to Larkin St to catch Muni Bus #19 (Polk line) to Francisco and Polk. Those coming from SF can meet us at Francisco and Polk (be there by 12:45). From there we will walk to Tunnel Tops by way of Crissy Field to have late lunch and watch the Blue Angels (restrooms along the way and at Tunnel Tops). Blue Angels show 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. You may elect to watch from Crissy Field. After the show, you may elect to return via the Presidio GO Shuttle (at Presidio Transit Center) to Embarcadero BART or the Stockton #30 (at Tunnel Tops and Mason) to Powell St BART. Distance is 3 miles. For a longer hike, you can walk back along Embarcadero. If you are coming from SF, please notify the leaders ahead of that day.

LEADERS: Sets Amann, setsamann@pacbell.net, 510-489-8096, day of Hike, Regis Amann 510-364-4103; and Carol Savio 415-203-8390

Thursday, October 15

PIEDMONT WALK

9:27 Take AC transit bus 12 from Ashby BART (MLK Way and Prince St) to Piedmont Av and Pleasant Valley Av, walk up Piedmont. Or **9:35** take AC Transit bus 51A from Rockridge BART (opposite side of College, under freeway). Get off at Broadway and 51 St, walk 4 blocks on Pleasant Valley, turn left on Piedmont. Chapel of the Chimes is on left before the cemetery. Hike starts in front of Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave, Oakland 94611. From there we will take a walk around Piedmont. **Contact** Kathryn at kathryn.rato@gmail.com

LEADER: Kathryn Rato 415-425-0963

Sunday, October 18

ANGEL ISLAND IMMIGRATION STATION AND

PERIMETER LOOP HIKE

8:45 Leave El Cerrito Del Norte BART (front parking lot) where cars are needed to drive to parking lot at 1527 Tiburon Blvd in Tiburon near Chase Bank (\$5 parking). Walk to 21 Main St and the Angel Island Ferry departing at **10:00**. Tickets may be purchased in advance at angelislandferry.com/schedule or buy at dock if ship is not full (Senior \$16.96, Adult \$19.08). Hike to the Immigration Station Museum to learn some history of the island and the Immigration Station, including a tour of the museum, before continuing the perimeter loop trail around the island. Six miles, 300' elevation gain. **Drivers and riders RSVP** to Harry Fong, harrymf949@gmail.com or Cathy Kong, ckong8888@gmail.com **by October 17.**

LEADERS: Harry Fong 408-772-2460; Cathy Kong, 415-845-3131

Thursday, October 22

BAY BRIDGE SCENIC WALK

9:30 Meet at Ashby BART exit into the parking lot, **drivers** please **email** leader. **10:00** Start on the Bay Bridge Trail from Sutter Regional Shoreline at the end of Burma Road in Oakland. Restrooms at the beginning and at Yerba Buena. A pure walk, just wind and the Bay, to Yerba Buena and back, 3 miles each way. See the entire walk from the start, gradual up and back down. Anyone can leave at any time, and entire walk is ADA compliant. As a pure walk, could be repeated every year, the wind and the Bay change all the time.

Directions: Driving toward San Francisco on I-80 take Exit 8A, last Oakland exit, right before the toll plaza. Cross up over freeway and back, and take first right on Maritime St. Then first right again on Burma Road, and then go one entire mile, past all the other signs and entrances, to the last driveway before the end of the road, and Park Entrance sign.

LEADER: Peter Nurkse, nurkse@gmail.com, 831-331-3671

Sunday, October 25

WILDCAT CANYON TRAILS CHALLENGE

9:30 meet at Del Norte BART, west side, where **drivers are needed**, or **10:00** at Alvarado Park Staging Area (just above the restrooms). We'll do one of EBRPD's Trails Challenge hikes for 2026: Wildcat Creek trail, up shaded Havey Canyon trail to Nimitz trail on the ridge, down Mezue and Leonard's trails, return along Wildcat Creek trail. Riparian woodlands, open grasslands with spectacular views on the ridge. 7.6 miles, 1411 ft gain. **Drivers/riders contact** Marilyn Langlois at marilynlanglois@comcast.net

LEADERS: Marilyn Langlois 510-710-4493; Jo Anne Schultz 510-734-9324.

Thursday, October 29

JINGLETOWN, FRUITVALE, OAKLAND

10:00 Meet at Fruitvale BART (restrooms). Explore nearby Jingtletown neighborhood, home to sculptors, painters, photographers, musicians, and visual and mixed media artists. Known for its mosaic tilework creations. Continue on the Embarcadero along the estuary. Restrooms at Brooklyn Basin's 9th Avenue Terminal followed by lunch at Township Commons, Oakland's newest waterfront park. Hike ends at Lake Merritt BART. Flat, paved, 4 miles. Heavy rain cancels, light rain OK. For a copy of the script, **contact Noël**.

LEADERS: Noël Siver, noelsiver2@yahoo.co.uk, 510-923-127 (landline, no texting); Roberta O'Grady, cell day of hike only 510-269-0968

Sunday November 1

GARIN REGIONAL PARK

9:00 Meet at South Hayward BART station, where cars are needed to drive to Garin Regional Park. 5 miles moderate hike with an elevation gain of 1,100 feet. Starting at the Red Barn, next to the restrooms on your left. This trail starts off strong with a hefty incline followed by a steep downhill. Hiking along the Vista Peak Loop Trail offers sparse shade. Bring water and clothing for protection from the sun. **Drivers and riders MUST sign up at:** darlenechoy@gmail.com on October 28-30.

Leaders: Isabel Rogne 510-512-8778, Darlene Choy 510-441-3825. Darlene's cell, morning of hike only 510-372-3694

Thursday, November 5

RICHMOND MARINA

LEADER: Rosemary Johnson, compasros@comcast.net, 510-948-8385

Sunday, November 8

OPEN DATE

Thursday, November 12

QUIRKY BERKELEY NORTHWEST

10:00 Meet at North Berkeley BART (restrooms). Exploration of quirky culture in Northwest Berkeley. We will see front yard sculptures, rustic birdhouses, murals, beach trash creations, unusual mailboxes, painted garage doors, and wonderful flower gardens. Lunch and porta potty at King School Park. 4.3 miles, on pavement, some easy uphill and downhills. For a copy of the script, **contact Noël**.

LEADERS: Noël Siver, noelsiver2@yahoo.co.uk, 510-923-1327 (landline, no texting); Regis Amann cell day of hike, 510-364-4103

Sunday, November 15

OPEN DATE

Thursday, November 19

TBD

LEADER: Carol Savio, carol.savio.sf@gmail.com, 415-203-8390

SATURDAY, November 21 MAGUIRE PEAKS LOOP, SUNOL WILDERNESS

8:30 Meet at West Dublin/Pleasanton BART, south side, where **cars are needed**, or **9:00** meet at Sunol Visitor's Center (bathrooms), 1895 Geary Rd., to pay \$5 parking permit, and take as few cars as possible to the trailhead, because of limited parking. Caravan to Upper Maguire Peaks Trailhead, mile marker 1.28 Welch Creek Rd. Hike 6 miles, 1200' elevation gain/loss. Sticks helpful. Open, grassy hills, woodlands, rewarding views to the north of San Antonio Reservoir and Mt. Diablo. Rain/mud cancels. **Call Diane** by 11/20 to sign up.

LEADERS: Diane Cannon 406-465-9873 and Colette Cussary

Friday, November 27 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON WALK IN BERKELEY

12:45 Meet at North Berkeley BART. We will walk up thru North Berkeley neighborhoods to Indian Rock and Mortar Rock Parks. Then we will start our return to North Berkeley BART walking down Solano, stopping at Squabisch for an artisanal German pretzel. About 4.5 miles and 500 feet elevation. Mostly concrete, but there will be some uneven steps and dirt trails with rocks and roots to navigate on the very short paths in the parks. Rain cancels.

LEADER: Lois Switzer 510-526-4376 (home), 510-542-7183 (cell, day of hike only), la61switzer@gmail.com

Sunday, November 29 OPEN DATE

Thursday, December 3 EMERYVILLE PUBLIC ART

9:50 Meet Noël at MacArthur BART. At 10:00 a.m. take Emery Go-Round shuttle (Shellmound-Powell) to Emeryville Public Market. Meet Celeste in front of Guitar Center, 5925 Shellmound St. Restrooms at market. Option to buy takeout lunch at market. Explore dozens of varied works of public art and learn how Emeryville evolved from the "Rottenest city on the west coast" (Earl Warren) to a CA Cultural District today. 4 miles, flat, paved. Heavy rain cancels.

LEADERS: Celeste Burrows, celesteburrows@sbcglobal.net, 510-388-5129; Noël Siver, noelsiver2@yahoo.co.uk, 510-923-1327 (landline, no texting)

Sunday, December 6 SF HOLIDAY HIKE-LET'S GLOW SF

5:00 p.m. Meet at Embarcadero BART station beside the Hyatt Regency Hotel. We will walk to a restaurant for an early dinner. After dinner we will walk through Chinatown to Union Square to see the holiday tree and ice rink; the St. Francis Hotel's gingerbread house; then on into the Financial District for the light and music projections on various buildings. The final projection we will visit is on the Ferry Building. **MUST RSVP** for the hike and dinner **between Nov. 1 and 20**.

LEADERS: Sets Amann, setsamann@pacbell.net, 510-489-8096 day of hike; Carol Savio, carol.savio.sf@gmail.com, 415-203-8390

Thursday, December 10 UC BERKELEY TOUR (Continued)

10:00 Meet at Downtown BART entrance, at Shattuck and Center. The August UC Berkeley Tour finished only halfway, there was so much to see and discuss. Walk up the campus to Founders Rock. Then Hearst Mining Museum (massive restoration) and the Nobel winners parking places. Reading rooms at the Doe Library, and the intimate Morrison Library, where all electronic devices prohibited. McCone Hall display, geology. Side trip to Mulford Hall, trees. Finally, lunch at new Gateway Cafe, order lunch or bring it. Rain cancels, call leader if question.

LEADER: Peter Nurkse, 831-331-3671

Sunday, December 13 OPEN DATE

Thursday, December 17 OPEN DATE

Sunday, December 20 OPEN DATE

Thursday, December 24 OPEN DATE

Sunday, December 27 OPEN DATE

Thursday, December 31 NEW YEARS HIKE

10:00 Meet at Union City BART where **drivers are needed** to take hikers to Coyote Hills Regional Park. Let's celebrate the coming New Year with caring friends. It will be a leisurely hike (less than 3 miles), followed by some bubbly, chocolate, and whatever else shows up. Hikers are encouraged to bring goodies to share. Restrooms available at BART and at park. \$5 fee per vehicle. **Drivers and hikers, contact** Stew Perlman by 6 p.m., December 29 to RSVP.

LEADERS: Stew Perlman, stewiep@aol.com, 510-490-3256; Jerry Ford, jerry_ford@hotmail.com, 510-921-1739; Frank Martin, norpaco@comcast.net, 510-657-5810