



Alameda County



**Parks,
Recreation
&
Historic Sites
Directory**



Dear Fellow Citizens,

On behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Historical Commission, and the Alameda County Community Development Agency, we are proud to present this Sesquicentennial edition of the Alameda County Parks Recreation and Historic Sites Directory.

The Spanish word 'Alameda' means 'avenue lined with trees' and records show the new county was created from sections of Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties, two of the state's original counties. Our historical archives reveal that the act of incorporation of Alameda County was signed on April 6, 1853 by Governor John Bigler and that the first court of sessions took place on June 6, 1853 in the township of Alvarado, the first county seat. By 1860 more than 465 residents lived in Alameda. Today over 1.4 million people live here and our diverse population makes this a special place to live and work.

We wish to express specific thanks to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and Mr. James Sorensen, Alameda County Planning Director. Without their support and dedication of significant staff resources, the updating of this Directory would have been impossible. Also thanks to Lisa Asche, our Commission staff person who was project manager on the directory update and oversaw all aspects of creating this new document.

Please join us in celebrating Alameda County's 150th Birthday by visiting and exploring our beautiful parks, recreational sites and unique historical landmarks.

Signed,



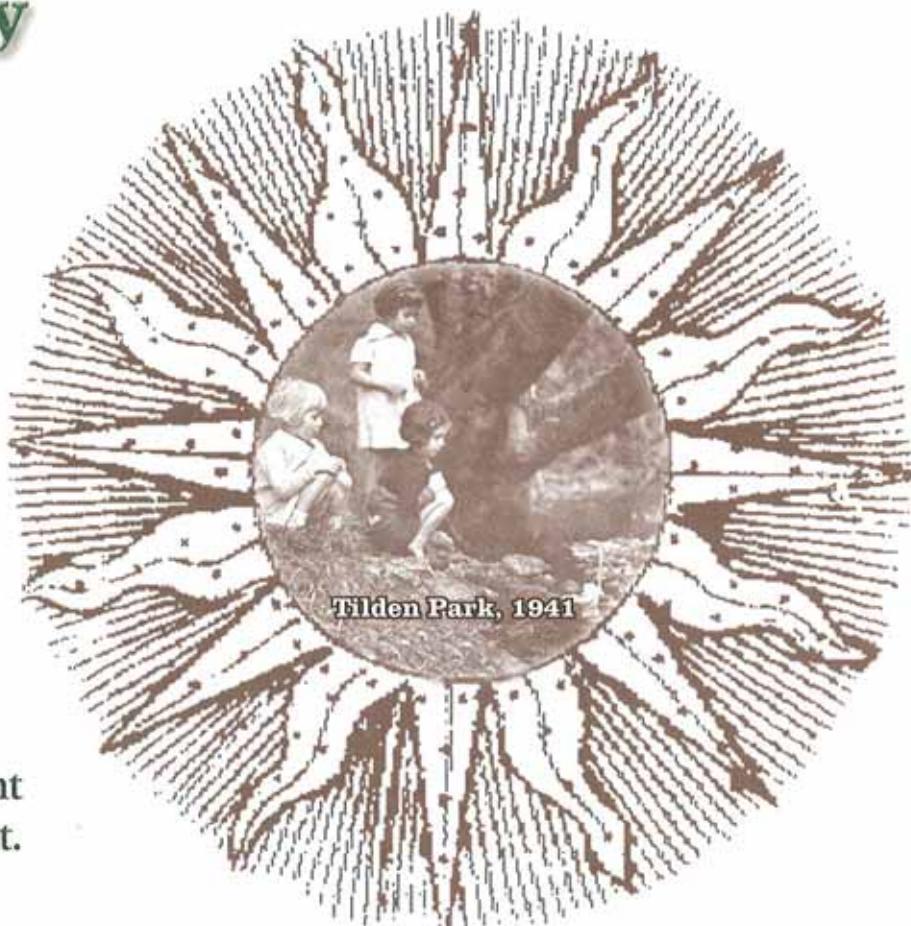
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This book is dedicated to the people of Alameda County, California, for the continued enjoyment of their environment.



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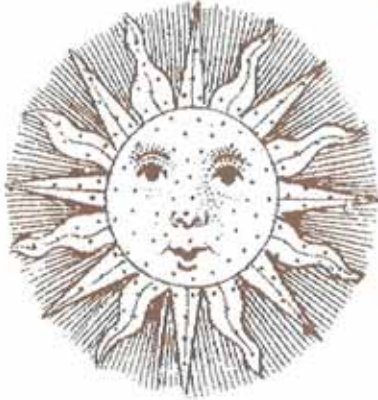
A county mapper using an odometer. Originally created for the Bates Harrington, How 'Tis Done (Chicago, 1879) and reproduced in the New Historical Atlas of Alameda Co., California, Illustrated, Thompson & West, 1878.

History

The area we now know as Alameda County has been the beneficiary of a number of diverse cultures and each has left its distinctive mark. The Native Americans left shell mounds scattered at various sites along the Bay and grinding rocks at Berkeley's Mortar Rock Park. The Spanish-Mexicans left Mission San Jose and the large ranchos of the 1830's and early 1840's whose memories are largely in name only, along with a few adobe ranch houses. The Gold Rush Argonauts brought, in sharp contrast to the agricultural and rural Spanish era, a bustling, urban commercialism. Joining these early settlers were, among others, African Americans, Asians, Irish and the Portuguese.

Time has wrought many changes. The original Mexican ranchos are now almost completely covered with homes instead of cattle and sheep. Dublin crossroads, once a stop on the Gold Rush land route, is now a fast-growing community. Recreation now takes place where once-tall San Antonio redwoods grew in the Oakland hills. The orchards of the Fruitvale district have been replaced with housing tracts. When you reach your chosen place through the maps that follow, close your eyes and envision how that place may have looked a hundred or more years ago. When you open them, the evidence of an earlier time may still be there today.

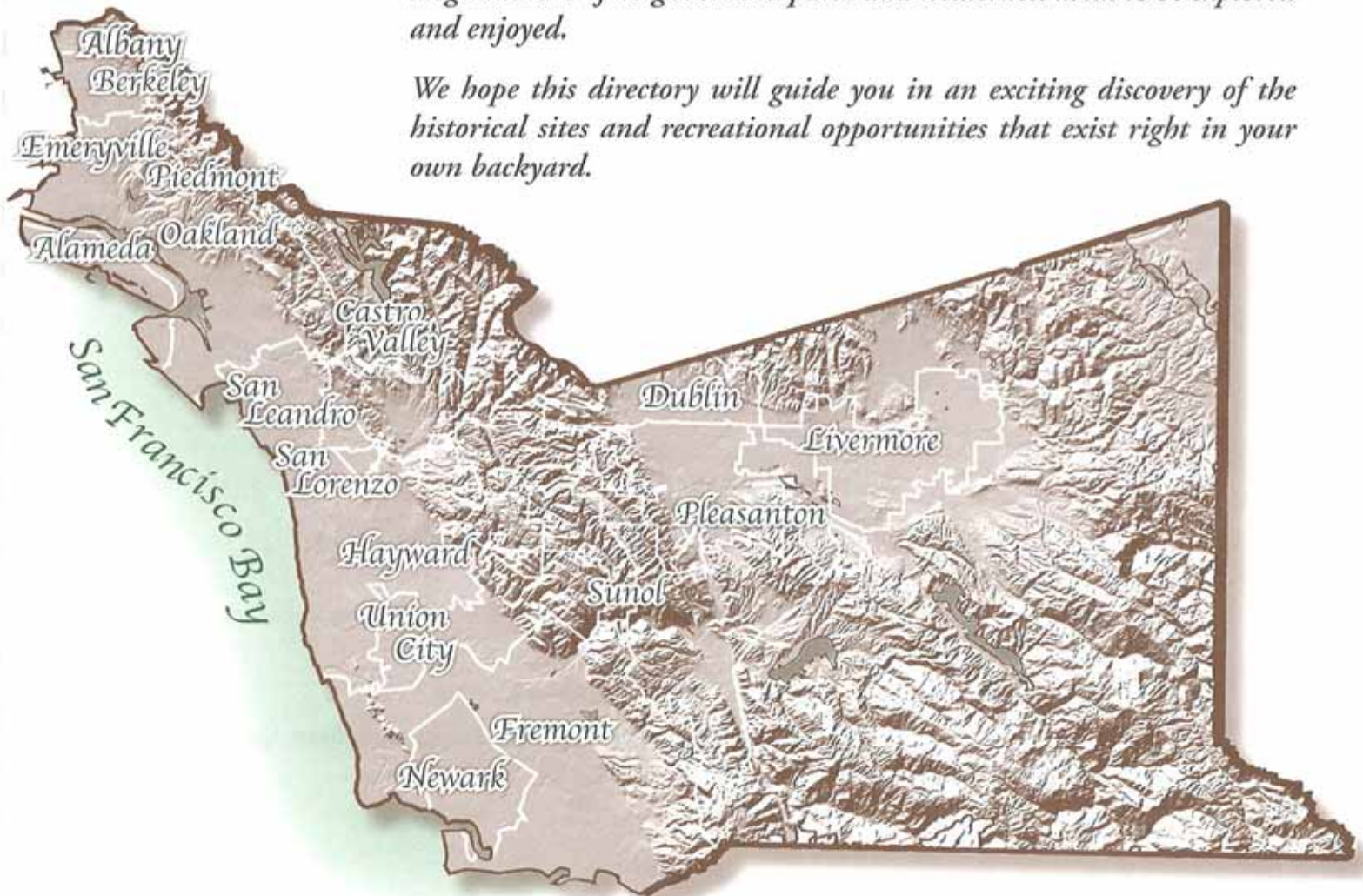
Welcome to Alameda County



- Did you know there is overnight camping in Alameda County?
- Did you know that there are over 7,300 acres of urban park land and over 53,000 acres of state and regional park land in Alameda County?
- Did you know that Lake Merritt in downtown Oakland was the first wild fowl refuge in the United States?
- Are you looking for a tennis court or a senior center in your neighborhood?

Alameda County is blessed with an extraordinary geographical setting from the bay shoreline and beaches to rolling hills, mountains, redwood forests, lakes, streams and meadows full of wildflowers. In the midst of a major urban area (almost two million people?) there is an unusually large number of neighborhood parks and wilderness areas to be explored and enjoyed.

We hope this directory will guide you in an exciting discovery of the historical sites and recreational opportunities that exist right in your own backyard.



Methodology

The *2003 Alameda County Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Directory* is a general reference guide to sizable areas, parks, recreation centers, historic sites, and points of interest, which focuses on enrichment for our community and improvement of the quality of life in Alameda County by providing numerous and diverse recreational opportunities.

The scope of the Directory provides the public with a comprehensive list of significant parks and their amenities, recreational facilities, and a selection of historical sites and points of interest unique to Alameda County.

Park information has been organized by city jurisdiction and districts for locales outside city limits. Each matrix serves as an index of pertinent park information. In order to qualify for the matrix, all of the following criteria had to be met:

- The municipal property or facilities must have been improved or developed in order to provide the public with passive and/or intensive recreational opportunities and services.
- 4 acres minimum.
- Public use and accessibility.
- Conform to National, State and Regional definitions, categories, guidelines and standards.
 - (N) Neighborhood Parks are 4-12 acres.
 - (C) Community Parks are 12-20 acres and are intended for local use.
 - (R) Regional Parks are 20+ acres and usually have special features, unique qualities, and amenities which serve the entire Alameda County region.

Community buildings or other recreational facilities operating under city contract to provide public access and use have been categorized as either a Recreation Center, Swim Complex, Senior Center, Youth Center, or Golf Course.

The Historic Sites section provides a sampling of significant and unique places within Alameda County, some of which are listed on the National Register of Historical Places, or as California State Landmarks.

Contacts

Please contact your local parks and recreation department for field schedules, recreation programs, and rental information.

For public transit information please contact www.TransitInfo.org or dial 511.

East Bay Regional Park District recommends making reservations for campgrounds from April-August at (510) 562-7275 or www.ebparks.org.

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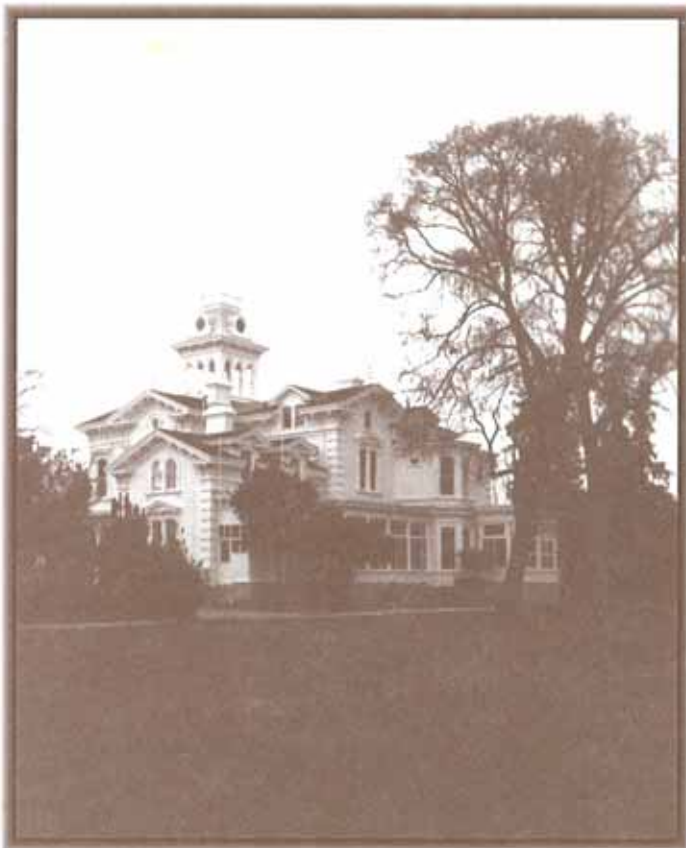
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