



EDGEWOOD Park and Nature Reserve

History

The geologic history of Edgewood is traced back 35-165 million years ago when the rock that underlies much of this region was formed by two converging tectonic plates, the Farallon and North American. The Farallon plate was forced under the American plate and large amounts of rock were left behind. Once, serpentineite, is a very rare rock type that is found at Edgewood. This underlying rock is a very unique feature of the Park that can be observed in the serpentine grasslands and rock outcroppings.

The vegetative history of Edgewood reflects the geologic history and the changes in the Ranges of Northern California. The Edgewood Ranges (California Buckeye), Actonterian forest (Coastal Redwood, Douglas Fir) and Madroterian forest (Madrone, Manzanita, and Poison Oak) are found there.

The human history of the region shows that hunters were in the region 6,000 years ago. About 500 A.D. Ohlone speaking peoples came to the bay area. Two Ohlone archeological sites have been found nearby, one at Filoli Estates and one at Phleger Estates. In 1769, the Spanish exploring party of Gaspar de Portola marched through the region and made the first Ohlone-Spanish encounter.

Trails

There are 5 trails throughout Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve: Edgewood Trail (1.93 Miles),

Serpentine Loop (1.94 miles), Ridgeview Loop (1.38 miles), Clarkia Trail (.74 Mile), and the Sylvan Loop (2.5 Miles). The Sylvan Trail is an exercise loop for runners, joggers, and hikers. No horses are allowed on this trail.

Trails leading into the park are located at Edgewood and Canada Road (Canada Trail Head), on Sunset and Hillcrest (Sunset Trail head), on Sylvan Way, closed at this time (Sylvan Way Access), and at the main entrance of Edgewood (Old Stage Trail Head).

It is always required that equestrians and hikers stay on the marked trails, particularly in the open meadow and grassland areas where endangered plants and animals may exist. Please respect your fellow trail users and follow the guidelines for safe and courteous trail use.

Facilities

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve has one main area where facilities are located. Located within this area are restrooms, a meadow area, an amphitheater, and three drop-in family picnic areas. An interpretative center is planned in the future for the Old Stage Day Camp area.

Activities

Docent-lead wildflower walks, provided by the Friends of Edgewood, are held in the spring of each year. These walks explore the magnificent flower displays of Edgewood, including many rare species. The walks take place on Saturdays and Sundays, generally from mid-March through mid-June.

Monthly bird walks, led by a Sequoia Audubon Society docent, also take place at Edgewood throughout the year. The dates change each



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