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Walking in Sunshine

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A system of Regional and Local Trails Within and Bordering the City of Lafayette



TRAIL RULES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Trails are open to the public from dawn to dusk.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted.
- Firearms, hunting, shooting, fireworks, fires of any kind, including matches and lighters, are not permitted.
- All plants, wildlife and geological features are protected by law. Do not capture, collect or harm.
- Dogs must be securely leashed and under the control of their owners at all times. Dog waste and trash must be removed out.
- With the exception of motorized wheel chairs, motorized vehicles of all types are prohibited.
- Respect private property and be considerate of neighbors and fellow trail users by keeping noise down.
- Cutting, breaking, defacing or disturbing a sign, fence, bench, or other city property located on trails is prohibited.
- Placing a rope, wire, mark, writing, or sign on a tree, plant or city structure located on, or used by, a trail is not allowed.
- Bicycles are not permitted on trails that have been posted as suitable for bicycle use.
- Bicycles shall be operated in a safe manner especially when sharing trails with pedestrians. Bicycle speed, on paved use trails shall not exceed 25 mph on straightaways and 15 mph around corners and hills. Fall out when pedestrians are ahead.

LAFAYETTE EMERGENCY & MAINTENANCE CONTACTS

Police Dispatch: 925.284.5000
Public Works: 925.934.2900
Parks, Trails & Rec. Dept.: 925.284.2233

TO REPORT A MAINTENANCE ISSUE:
Email the Parks Dept. Trails@lafaonline.org
TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:
Email the Police Dept. 945499@lafa.net

Lafayette Trail Types

- Lafayette Trail
- EBMUD Trail
- EBRPD Trail
- Lamorinda Loop Trail
- Lafayette Parks
- Public Open Space

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Both the rigorous Rim and lower trail maps of the Lafayette Reservoir, along with the East Bay Regional Park District's map of the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, can also be found on the website.

Active residents have Lafayette's trails subcommittee to thank along with whiz kid intern Emily "Chippie" Kislik. Looking for someone with a technical and mapping background, the subcommittee figured UC Berkeley might be a great resource – there they found Kislik, who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal's College of Natural Resources and is now a contractor at NASA's Applied Science DEVELOP Program at the Ames Research Center.

"Her impressive knowledge of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) was used to update several city maps including the City of Lafayette Trails Master Plan Map, a comprehensive recreational trails map and several individual trail maps," said Jennifer Russell, Parks Trails and Recreation director. "Chippie is all about earth science and she brought passion and dedication to her map-

ping project."

Upgrading Lafayette's many trails maps took over a year and required a dedicated team effort from the many volunteers on the Parks Trails and Recreation committee, staff and of course the clever intern. Each tri-fold map includes a clear topographical map with elevations marked, rules and restrictions, emergency contact phone numbers and lovely photographs from the trail. Namesake trails include a photo of the local luminary – in the case of the Walter Costa and Petar Jakovina trails, photos were provided by the Lafayette Historical Society.

With this free resource available to all, longtime Park Trails and Recreation member and avid hiker Allison Hill hopes more residents will enjoy the great outdoors. She points out that there have been no incidents on hiking trails and that even when crossing paths with fellow hikers, a rare occurrence, folks sharing the trails are generally very friendly.

When the Petar Jakovina trail was dedicated, Hill was in attendance and described him as "such a gentleman – he took us all to lunch afterward," at

Petar's, of course.

Most of the trails are on private property that the city has an easement over, which is good for property owners, explained Hill. Especially when damage occurs, such as the recent slide due to heavy rains at the Moraga-Lafayette border, in which case the cities split the cost of repairs.

With nature's local bounty beckoning, and helpful maps to guide the way, it's time to grab some comfortable shoes and help celebrate spring. For hikers looking for company the Lafayette Hiking Group welcomes all; for information about their roughly bi-monthly hikes in the area go to lafayettehiking@comcast.net. New maps and the hiking group's scheduled walks may be found on the city website at www.lovelafayette.com, go to Parks and Recreation, then Trails; maps can also be found at the Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, the city offices at 3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, #210 or at the Chamber of Commerce, 100 Lafayette Circle, suite 103.

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