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Restricted access on reservoir trail while EBMUD repaves

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The repaving of the trail around the reservoir is needed for the more than one million people who use the facility each year. Photo Pippa Fisher

Runners and walkers who rely on pounding the pavement on the loop around the Lafayette reservoir will have to adjust their plans as the East Bay Municipal Utility District will be closing first one side and then the other to allow for repaving of the trail known as the Lakeside Nature Trail.

The work is set to start Sept. 17 and is estimated to last through Oct. 5. EBMUD will be paving one and a half miles on the western side first, leaving the other side open to the public. Once that work is completed the utility company will be repaving the eastern side. Connecting trails to the closed portion will also be closed.

The work is necessary as part of general maintenance and upkeep on the pathway, explains EBMUD Community Affairs Spokesperson Kathryn Horn, who notes that the last time the trail was repaved was 12 years ago. The reservoir has in excess of 1 million visitors per year.

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