

Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserve

**Coach Dr. Staging Area/Sobrante Ridge/Manzanita/Manzanita Loop/
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Length: 4.42-mile round trip

Location: Richmond

Intensity: Moderate



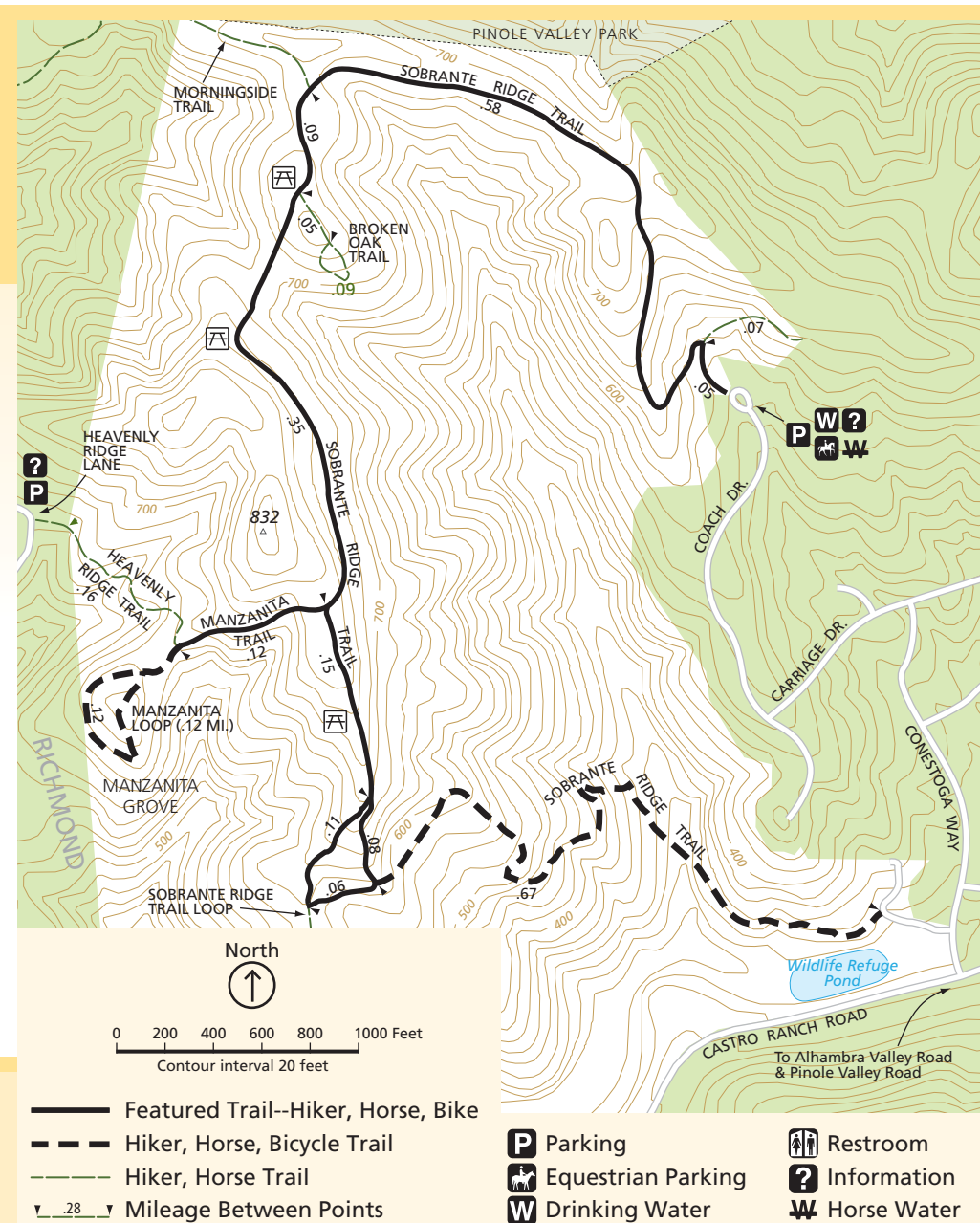
Park Features: Sobrante Ridge is a small regional preserve situated in the hills near San Pablo Dam Rd. There are only 13 known populations of Alameda Manzanita left in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, one of which is the grove preserved at Sobrante Ridge. EBRPD maintains the nearby Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area which offers facilities for large picnic groups and events; plan your next event with EBRPD and take a group on a hike at Sobrante Ridge.

Trail Highlights: This hike features a number of well-maintained picnic benches with great views of San Pablo Bay or Mt. Diablo. Take note, there is a water fountain at the Coach Drive Staging Area, but no water in the park's interior.

Trail Directions: From the staging area at Coach Dr., head up the winding hill onto the Sobrante Ridge Trail; stay left at the first fork, avoiding the turn off for Morningside Trail which is maintained by the City of Pinole. Make a right at the fork for the Manzanita Trail and head down towards the Manzanita grove; go left at the next fork, as the right leads out the park's Heavenly Ridge Entrance; once you are in the grove, enjoy unique views of the endangered Alameda Manzanita, complete the loop, and head back up Manzanita Trail to the Sobrante Ridge Trail. Take a right onto the Sobrante Ridge Trail and continue straight until the fork for the Sobrante Ridge Trail Loop; either direction on the loop will work, just make sure you go left at your next fork to hit the last section of the Sobrante Ridge Trail. The last section of trail is downhill through a riparian corridor which drops you on Conestoga Way; if you are seeking a longer workout, simply turn around and hike in reverse back to your car at Coach Dr.; if you would like to finish, go left on Conestoga Way, left on Carriage Dr. and right on Coach Dr.

Driving Directions: From the Richmond/Oakland area: Take I-80 to the San Pablo Dam Rd. exit in Richmond; turn south on San Pablo Dam Rd. and proceed through El Sobrante to Castro Ranch Rd.; turn left on Castro Ranch Rd., left on Conestoga Way, left on Carriage Dr., and right on Coach Dr.; the entrance is at the end of Coach Dr.

From the Diablo Valley area: From Taylor Blvd. in Pleasant Hill turn right onto Grayson Rd.; turn right onto Reliez Valley Rd.; go straight on Alhambra Valley Rd. at its intersection with Reliez Valley Rd.; turn left onto Castro Ranch Rd., right onto Conestoga Way and follow directions above.



Park Hours: 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fees: None.

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/sobrante_ridge