

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Location	Antioch	MODERATE HIKE	
GPS	9591236,-121.8642517		
Phone	1-888-327-2757, option 3, extension 4506		
Miles	2.3-Mile Loop		
Elevation Gain	715 feet		
Trails	Lougher Loop Trail to Lougher Ridge Trail		
Hours/Curfew	8 a.m. to Sunset Varies Seasonally		
Fees	Fees: \$5 per vehicle, see website for details		
Website	ebparks.org/parks/black-diamond		

Flat Visitor Center and park office. There are restrooms at the back of the parking lot. Cross the road and go through the cattle gate onto the Lougher Loop Trail. You will pass the park residence and some historic structures, including a windmill and water tank on your right. Behind the fenced area is a shady path adjacent to the creek. At the first trail marker continue straight. Soon the trail curves to the right and begins to climb. After roughly 0.5 mile, go left at the junction on to Lougher Ridge Trail. Continue along the ridge for another 0.5 mile. At the next trail intersection, take a left to rejoin the Lougher Loop Trail as it begins its steep descent back into Markley Canyon. Stay to the left to continue on Lougher Loop Trail. This will take you back to the park residence and cattle gate. Follow the trail back to the road where you started.

Driving Directions: Take Highway 4 East to the Somersville Road exit in Antioch, then drive south (toward the hills) on Somersville Road to the preserve entrance.

Park Features: Black Diamond Mines contains many interesting and unique natural and cultural resources in its 8,533 acres of parkland. Once home to Bay Miwok people, ranchers and coal miners, the park today offers underground mine tours, opportunities for nature study, camping, and picnicking. In Spring, some of the best wildflower displays in Contra Costa County can be found.

Trail Highlights: This trail features views of the canyon below, the surrounding hills, and the Delta to the north. On a clear day from the top of the ridge, the Sierra Nevada can be seen in the distance. Most of the trail is quite steep and the terrain is mostly open grassland. Note there are no shaded areas beyond the willows along Markley Canyon at the bottom of the trail loop.

Trail Directions: Park in the first lot on the left, just past the entrance kiosk, near the Sidney



North



0 1/4 1/2 3/4 Mi.

Contour interval 40 Feet
Contour interval 20 Feet

Hike Start/End

SIDNEY FLAT VISITOR CENTER & PARK OFFICE

ROSE HILL CEMETERY
SOMERSVILLE TOWNSITE

