

Where to Enjoy Urban Creeks

Walk, Relax, Picnic, Play by Creeks in Friends of Five Creeks' Area

1. CERRITO CREEK between Talbot and Kains, at the south edge of El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, was restored in 2003 with native plants, a more natural channel, and a trail with seating walls. Enjoy shops and Tuesday and Saturday farmers' market. #72 bus on San Pablo; El Cerrito Plaza BART.

2. Two blocks west, follow CERRITO Creek as it slips quietly toward the Bay north of Albany Hill. From Adams Street one block west of San Pablo, follow the trail on the north side of the creek through Creekside Park, with children's play equipment, to Pierce Street and Pacific East Mall. Albany Hill Park on the south bank, an urban refuge of restored oak savannah and willow marsh at the mouth of tributary Middle Creek, is reached from Pierce St., the north end of Madison St., or by fording at Creekside Park. Grinding rocks show Indians lived here. #72 bus on San Pablo to Carlson.

3. BLACKBERRY CREEK at Colusa and Tacoma, Berkeley, is hidden by willows and dogwood for most of its short exposure to daylight between Thousand Oaks School and Ensenada Ave, but convenient steps lead to stepping stones. Next to fenced, attractive playground and picnic tables under towering redwoods. Entry off Tacoma; 1 block to Solano coffee & shopping, #18 bus.

4. CODORNICES CREEK in Live Oak Park off Shattuck, Berkeley, burbles for two blocks over its rock-dotted bed in dappled shade of huge live oaks, redwoods, and bay trees. The creek is walkable along both sides and spanned by bridges and stepping stones. In the park are picnic, playground, & washroom facilities; Berkeley Art Center; & Live Oak Community Center. One block from North Shattuck coffee & shopping, #7, 9, 67 bus.

5. CODORNICES CREEK in Codornices Park at Euclid and Eunice, Berkeley, runs through varied terrain in a narrow, rock-strewn channel with ivied banks under a high canopy of trees. Paths flanking forks of the creek that meet here lead past shady glades, sunny playing fields, picnic & barbecue areas. Path off Tamalpais Steps on north side of



Codornices Creek between 9th and 10th Streets

park above Euclid leads to waterfall. Rose Garden is on other side of Euclid. #65 bus.

6. CODORNICES CREEK at the Ohlone Greenway (BART right of way), on the Berkeley-Albany border, runs between steep banks laced with native shrubs beneath cottonwoods, box elder and redwoods. Enjoy benches, railing with quail sculptures and informative plaques. Coffee within 1 block at Gilman. Access opposite 1200 Masonic or Ohlone Greenway north of Gilman; # 9 bus.

7. CODORNICES CREEK from 6th Street west to the railroad tracks has been restored with a new meandering channel between busy sports fields. From 10th Street to 8th Street (north edge of University Village, on the Berkeley-Albany border), a reach awaiting restoration, stroll through elms to young willows along the reach of creek daylighted in 1995. Access from the north end of 5th, 6th, 8th, or 10th Street (north of Harrison). #9 or 72 bus.



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