FERRY POINT LOOP & SHIPYARD 3 TRAIL

Trains...trains...ferries...troops! The 40 years between trains entering Richmond's Ferry Point to send passengers and freight to San Francisco and troops emerging from Kaiser's shipyards to help defeat the nation's World War II enemies is a story of coastline transformation hardly matched in California's history. On these trails are many interpretive exhibits with historic images and compelling stories.

Map Legend:
- Bay Trail suitable for walking, biking, roller skating & wheelchair access
- Kaiser Shipyard 3 Bay Trail
- East Bay Regional Park District trails
- Bike rental and rentals between Bay Trail
- Visitor Information
- Ferry
- Restrooms
- Bike Shop / AC Transit RTVM
- Drinking Water
- Picnic
- Rental
- Pitching / Food
- Elevator
- Showers
- Interpretive Overlook
- trail:
- Ferry Point
- Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline
- Keller Beach
- Point Richmond Historic District
- Richmond Plunge
- Washington Elementary School
- Judge George O. Carroll Park
- Nicholl Knob
- East Vista Point
- Old Brick Klinit
- West Ridge Point
- Ferry Point Loop
- Shipyard 3 Canal Walk
- Shipyard 3 Home Front National Historic Park
- Richmond Inner Harbor
- S.S. Red Oak Victory

Must see, must do...
- Wade in the Bay at sandy Keller Beach.
- Fly a kite along the shorelines; fish from the Ferry Point pier.
- See remnants of historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 and visit the S.S. Red Oak Victory.
- Hike the hillside and ridgeline trails to enjoy sweeping vistas of San Francisco Bay.
- Visit the Golden State Model Railroad Museum.
- Picnic and birdwatch at Miller/Knox Lagoon; bring binoculars.
- Shop, snack and dine in Point Richmond Historic District.

Kaiser Shipyard 3 Route the Riverton/1940 Home Front National Historical Park

San Francisco Bay Trail • www.sfnorthbay.org
Golden State Model Railroad Museum • www.gsmrm.org
Richmond Connection & Visitors Bureau • www.VistRichmond.com | 510-237-1483
Richmond Museum of History • www.richmondmuseumofhistory.org | 510-235-7337
Riverton World War II Home Front, National Historical Park • www.riverton-war.org | 510-232-0060
San Francisco Bay Trail • www.sfbaytrail.com/APTBayTrail | www.baytrail.org
S.S. Red Oak Victory • www.sosredoak.org | 510-237-2933

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TIMELINE | Richmond’s Ferry Point Loop History

1900 Santa Fe Railroad completes railroad tunnel through the Petrems hills, running its tracks to Richmond Point. From there, ferries transported cargo, train cars, and passengers to San Francisco. The tracks, built on fill, enclose a small bay, which becomes a lagoon. In time, Richmond Point takes on the name by which it is known today, Ferry Point.

1907 The Los Angeles Pressed Brick Company (later the Richmond Pressed Brick Company) begins operations in the area later to be known as Richmond Ave. Supplying bricks to San Francisco, rebuilding after the disastrous earthquake of 1906, the brickyard provided bricks for many Richmond buildings. Ceasing operations in the 1960s, two kilns and a smokestack today mark the spot where this important industry was located.

1915 No date figure as prominently in the history of pre-war Richmond. With the opening of the Panama Canal, Richmond needs to tap its place as a major Pacific port, and ships enthusiastically in the festivities taking place in San Francisco, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. To handle the expected trade, a new municipal wharf, Richmond’s first, is built just to the east of Ferry Point. A new tunnel and roadway are completed, leading to the wharf. In the same year, a ferry system begins operations between Richmond and San Rafael. Construction begins on a brand-new city hall, the first to be built in the east of 24th Street.

1926 The Richmond Aquarium (the “Fish Bowl”) opens. Thousands of Richmondites learn to swim in the warm waters of this large municipal pool.

1942 Work begins on construction of Kaiser Shipyard 3, to produce troopships for the U.S. Navy during World War II. Of the four ships built in Richmond during the war, this is the only one remaining. On the National Register of Historic Places, it is also the current home of the S.S. Red Oak Victory, the only ship built in Richmond during the war that has not been scrapped.

1970 Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, part of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) opens to the public. In 1977, Keller Beach Park is transferred to the EBRPD by the City of Richmond, becoming part of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

2000 Legislation passes to create Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park that includes historic Kaiser Shipyard 3.

Trail Etiquette
As more of us enjoy the Bay Trail – walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters, wheelchair users, and families with strollers – please show courtesy and be safe by following these few simple guidelines.

- Keep to the right of the trail and save the left side for passing.
- Observe posted bike speeds. Adjust your riding speed. Call out or ring your bell when approaching other trail users, especially from behind.
- Respect the privacy of adjacent residents and stay on the trail.
- Please don’t litter. Keep your trail clean and beautiful.
- Enjoy watching wildlife from a respectful distance, and please don’t feed the animals.
- Keep your dog on a leash and pick up after your pet – rainwater washes waste into the bay.
- Follow park use and parking rules – dusk to dawn.

Directions to Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and Ferry Point
From BART: Richmond Bart/Amtrak Station: Exit to south toward Macdonald Ave.; Board AC Transit Bus #72M. Get off at the intersection of S. Garland Blvd. and W. Cutting Blvd. From the bus stop, walk south on S. Garland Blvd. Through tunnel (S. Garland Blvd. becomes Dornan Drive). Main park entrance is 1/2 mile farther south on Dornan Drive. For bus schedule visit www.511.org.

From East Bay: From 4-10 freeway, Richmond, exit at Canal Blvd. Turn left onto Canal Blvd. Turn right onto W. Cutting Blvd., then left onto S. Garland Blvd. Proceed through the tunnel (S. Garland Blvd. becomes Dornan Drive) for 1/2 mile. Turn right onto main park entrance, or drive another 1/4 mile to Ferry Point entrance.

From San Rafael: From I-80 in San Rafael, cross the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Canal Blvd. Turn right onto Canal Blvd. Turn right onto W. Cutting Blvd., then left onto S. Garland Blvd. Proceed through the tunnel (S. Garland Blvd. becomes Dornan Drive) for 1/2 mile. Turn right into main park entrance, or drive another 1/4 mile to Ferry Point entrance.