

Tidelands Trail Hike **Sept 19, 2026.**

If you are looking for a beautiful coastal escape, the **Tidelands Trail** at the **Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge** in Newark is an absolute must-visit. This scenic path offers stunning panoramic views of the expansive salt marshes, vibrant wetlands, and local wildlife, making it the perfect spot for a peaceful walk, birdwatching, or catching a breathtaking sunset over the bay.

Dogs on leash are allowed. We will be able to hike it easily in 1.5 hours (2.5 miles).

Where and when: Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge in Newark

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/don-edwards-san-francisco-bay>), 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont.

Once you turn in from Thornton Ave, take the first parking area on your left. **P**

Parking is free. There are portable toilets up the road. Drive past the gate, the toilet will be in the 1st parking lot on your right. **GO** there first before coming to the Parking meeting area. We will not pass it on the start of our hike.

Trail map (see below)



Lunch: Good Neighbor Seafood Restaurant, 35122 Newark Blvd., Newark. If you love Good Neighbor, you'll be happy that we are eating there again! <https://www.yelp.com/biz/good-neighbor-seafood-restaurant-newark>

From Amy Tsuhako: All this time, I thought that the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge was simply the refuge in Fremont. Not! The refuge is a series of preserves along the southern end of San Francisco Bay. It is comprised of four preserves: the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge in Fremont, the Alviso Environmental Education Center in San Jose, Bair Island in Redwood City, and Ravenswood in Menlo Park.

Don Edwards is the nation's first urban national wildlife refuge and was created in 1972. It was largely the result of grassroots efforts by the local community to protect the San Francisco Bay ecosystem. Here's a link to a virtual tour of Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge Habitats: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=873ox31rqEA>. This video was made by Interpretive Specialist of the San Francisco Wildlife Society and covers the Fremont and Alviso refuges. Starting at 8:00, the video talks about the salt ponds.

Please RSVP by Sept 16, 2026

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