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Life is full of destinations. Go Green, Go Greenway.

Tired of waiting for the bus to go to work everyday? Tired of being stuck on I-880 and rising gas prices?

Riding and walking along the Greenway will be a sustainable and healthy way to see the cities of the East Bay. It will also provide people with a greener travel alternative to using cars, thus creating less pollution while they gain health benefits from exercise.

The East Bay Greenway will be a pedestrian - and cyclist-friendly path providing regional connections within the existing East Bay bicycle network. The East Bay Greenway runs parallel to the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Ridge Trail and is an urban counterpart to these two existing recreational routes. Along the entire stretch of the Greenway, local bike routes link the East Bay Greenway to the Bay and Ridge trails; cyclists and walkers can create their own loops by combining portions of each of these paths.
Take a Tour of the East Bay Greenway

1. E 12th Street at 18th Avenue in Oakland is the gateway of the East Bay Greenway. From here the East Bay Greenway runs along E 12th Street to the southeast. Following the city’s proposed bike lanes north on E 12th Street, you can connect to Downtown Oakland, the Estuary, and the Lake Merritt Waterfront. You will notice a number of auto shops dotting E 12th Street.

At 23rd Avenue, you can head west to the 2. Bay Trail where you can fish with your family, surrounded by cool sea breezes.

Traveling west on 29th Avenue, you will come to 3. Jingletown, historically a collection of cotton factories, where workers would “jingle” their wages in their pockets, it is now a colorful, growing, local art community. Jingletown holds monthly art events within the neighborhood where bookstores, yoga studios, and art shops thrive. More than 25 artists open their studios for the Jingletown Art Walk.

One block east of the East Bay Greenway, 4. International Boulevard is home to many taco trucks and down-home Mexican restaurants. Feel like taking a walk to burn off those calories? No problem, International Boulevard is also scattered with historical buildings, and it’s a fun way to explore historic Oakland.

5. Fruitvale Village, located next to the Fruitvale BART station, is a transit-oriented village that hosts a Farmer’s Market on Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. throughout the year; Fruitvale Village has an outdoor plaza with seating, which is a nice place to enjoy a cup of coffee, churros, or homemade ice-cream. At 45th Street, 6. Vulcan Thai Café, a popular gathering spot, welcomes you. And next to the café is a SoFA artist studio, which is worth a visit for its collection of community-produced art.

Near 54th Avenue, there is a site where you can take a rest and catch a 7. view of the Oakland hills.

The Oakland Coliseum is another place worth a stop if you are a sports fan. 8. The McAfee Oakland Stadium has held football and baseball games throughout the year since 1966; nearby is the “Jewel Box,” home of the NRAs Golden State Warriors.

If you are interested in local waterways, you can bike or walk along 66th Avenue westbound, which will lead you to 9. Damon Slough. The slough is on the list of the Bay Area’s trashiest creeks, though this 9.8 acres of wetland has begun to be restored. And to the east, the Lion Creek Crossing housing development has restored a portion of the creek than runs into the Damon Slough. From here, you can bike or take a long walk along the 1.7-mile 10. Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline. Soon there will be a BART to Bay Trail that will connect the Coliseum BART station with the MLK, Jr. Shoreline.

At the shoreline, you can visit Roger Berry’s sculpture Duplex Cone, which stands inside the park at Doolittle Drive and Swan Way. The sculpture is site specific on the winter solstice, the sun follows along the edge of the smaller cone; on the summer solstice, the sun follows along the edge of the larger cone. The shoreline can lead you to the 50-acre 11. Arrowhead Marsh, which is a stopover on the Pacific Flyway and is part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. The Bay Trail continues past the marsh along Airport Channel.
Following the East Bay Greenway from the Coliseum to the south, you pass through a gritty, less crowded, industrial neighborhood, which is filled with factory buildings, some of them converted into artist studios. Bargain shoppers can find used items at 12. Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore and St. Vincent De Paul’s Thrift Store near 98th Avenue.

At the southern edge of Oakland 105th Avenue is 13. Stonehurst Park (and a heritage Oak Tree across the road). In the City of San Leandro, at the junction between San Leandro Boulevard and Park Street, is Siempre Verde Park. San Leandro Creek passes through the neighborhood. You can get a close-up view of the creek in Root Park at East 14th Street and Chumalia Street.

Then you arrive at 14. Downtown San Leandro, which is located next to the San Leandro BART Station. The downtown has a strong historic preservation effort under way; you can walk around the neighborhood on a newly implemented history walk that points out historic sites and buildings. If you want to learn more about the local history, visit the San Leandro History Museum and Art Gallery on Estudillo Avenue.

From the East Bay Greenway, you can take either Davis Street or Marina Boulevard west to the 15. Oyster Bay and Oyster Lighthouse. It is the historic site of the former Oyster Bay Beds, the largest oyster fishery in the Americas. Continuing along Monarch Bay Drive to the west, you will come to 16. San Leandro Marina and Shoreline, a city park and San Leandro’s only city shoreline. One of the city’s four water recreational facilities hosted the Cherry Festival until 2007, when it was moved to the main library.

Further south, at 139th Avenue on the east side of the Greenway, you can find the 17. Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory Store and Headquarters, where you can get delicious world-famous chocolate at discount prices.

At 143rd Avenue, there is a historic tank house, and at 147th Avenue you can take a break at 18. Halcyon Park.

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- Water tower near 98th Avenue
- Tankhouse near San Leandro creek
- Tankhouse near Castro Street
- Tankhouse near 143rd Avenue

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If you bike east to Fairmont Drive, you can get to **19. Chabot Regional Park**, one of the largest regional parks in Northern California. This park offers you and your family great views, picnic areas, boat trips on the lake, a coffee shop, golf, fishing, bird viewing, camping, and sightseeing. It is also home to Chabot Dam – the first Dam built in northern California.

The next intersection along the Greenway is Hesperian Road, which connects to **20. Hayward Shoreline Park**.

Next you arrive at the Bay Fair BART Station and the **21. Bay Fair Shopping Center**. The center currently contains stores such as Target, Kohl's, Bed Bath and Beyond, Old Navy, and Staples, along with a Century Theatres multiplex. It’s fun to stop to shop, eat, and watch a movie as you take a break from touring the East Bay Greenway. Past Bay Fair BART is Elgin Street, a quiet residential neighborhood. Many children use these streets every day to walk to and from the schools and parks in this neighborhood.

Along Hampton Road to the east, you can find Meek Park. Standing in the park is **22. Meek Mansion**, an Italian-style villa built in 1869 by William Meek. San Lorenzo Creek flows along Hampton Road throughout the neighborhood, marking the boundary between Ashland and Cherryland.

Crossing the creek, the Cherryland neighborhood welcomes you with blooming cherry trees in the spring. The East Bay Greenway runs along Western Boulevard, which is a nice, quiet area for a bike ride.

The final destination of the East Bay Greenway is Hayward. At Sunset Boulevard you can take a rest at Sunset Park; the Hayward BART Station is located at B Street. Nearby, **23. Downtown Hayward** includes historical buildings, shops, a restaurant, a public library with a WPA mural, a supermarket, and a history museum. Hayward BART Station is the end of East Bay Greenway. However, this does not have to be end of your trip, you can follow local bike routes to regional destinations such as CSU East Bay, the Eden Greenway and Fremont.