San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail

Site Description for

Riverview Park

Location, Ownership, and Management: Riverview Park is located at the end of River View Park Drive off of Bay Side Drive, to the east of the Pittsburg Marina. The 4 acre park is owned and managed by the City of Pittsburg.

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<th>“Kiteboard Zone”</th>
<th>Water Access Ramp</th>
<th>Riverview Park</th>
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Facility Description: Riverview Park is a popular kiteboarding launch due to the ideal wind direction and frequency. The water access features two cement ramps from the top of the riprap jetty that extends north from Riverview Park and protects the Pittsburg Marina to the east. Kiteboarders are able to rig on the top of the wide levee and there is a sandy shoulder area that provides sufficient width for layingdown kites. Along the path near the launch "kiteboarding zone" has been stenciled on the path, letting others know that kiters have priority in this area. There are two launch assist posts to help with self launch.

Riverview Park is a 4-acre park located along the edge of the San Joaquin / Sacramento River. There is a large picnic area with five picnic tables and a large bbq pit. Additional facilities include restrooms with an outdoor shower, lawns, a playground, and walking trails.

The park hosts an annual kiteboarding competition – The Delta Board Meeting - run by the City of Pittsburg Waterfront Division and seasoned professional kiteboarders and event coordinators.
Other Identifying or General Information:

| Site ID: CC27 | Home of a Club: No |
| In WT Plan: No | Used by a Program that Assists Persons with Disabilities: No |
| Existing or Planned: Existing | Appreciated for Windy Conditions: Yes |
| Ownership: Public | Near Food or Drink: No |
| County: Contra Costa | Proximity to Other Sites: Riverview Park is located immediately west of the Pittsburg Marina. Bay Point Regional Shoreline is located approximately 4 miles to the west and the Antioch Marina is located approximately 4 miles to the east. |
| Geo-Region: Carquinez Strait |  |
| SF Bay Plan Region: Carquinez Strait |  |
### Description of Launch/Landing:

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<td>Water Entry Path</td>
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<td>Fixed Dock/Pier Launch/Landing</td>
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<td>Float</td>
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<td>Transfer/Launch Assistance System</td>
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<td>Gangway</td>
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<td>Boat/Trailer Ramp</td>
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<td>Mudflats Affect Site Usability</td>
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<td>Fee for Launch or Parking</td>
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<td>Beach Wheelchair Available</td>
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<td>Stair Water Entry</td>
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<td>Beach</td>
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<td>Firm-Surface Beach Crossing</td>
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<td>Restrictions</td>
<td>Park hours are dawn to dusk and the gate at the park entrance is closed 30 minute after dusk.</td>
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*The cement launch ramps can get slippery, so these have been designed with ladder steps in the intertidal portion to provide traction for boardsailors entering and exiting the water.*
Site Appears to be Suitable For:

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<td>Kayak</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Canoe</td>
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<td>Windsurfer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Outrigger Canoe</td>
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<td>Kiteboard</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Sculling</td>
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<td>Whaleboat</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Rowboat/Dinghy</td>
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<td>Stand Up Paddleboard</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Dragonboat</td>
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Notes: The site is intended for boardsailing use. Due to the slope of the water access ramp and the distance from the parking area, as well as high-quality nearby facilities in the Pittsburg Marina, it is anticipated that this site receives negligible use from other non-motorized small boaters.

Path of Travel:

- Distance to Launch from Parking Area (feet): **800**
- Distance to Launch from ADA Parking (feet): **800**
- Distance to Launch from ADA Restrooms (feet): **615**
- Distance from ADA Restrooms to ADA Parking (feet): **160**
- Path of Travel Exists: Yes

The path of travel from the parking area is paved through the park and along the top of the jetty. Blown sand can affect the path on the jetty. The path near the ramps is marked as a kiteboard zone and the general public is advised to give right-of-way to kiters.
**Transportation and Parking:**

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<th>General Spaces (number): ~50</th>
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<td>ADA Parking Spaces (number): 2</td>
<td>Loading/Unloading Area: Yes, there is a roundabout at the entrance of the park that could be used to unload.</td>
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| ADA Parking Description: Two van accessible ADA spaces located closest to the park. | Public Transportation: The 387 Tri Delta Transit bus line stops near the marina, approximately 1 mile from the park. This bus route connects riders to the Pittsburg Center BART station located approximately two miles south of the Marina. |
| Duration (hours): **No time restrictions** | |
| Overnight Parking Allowed: **No** | |
| Overnight Parking Description: Park gate is closed 30 minutes after sunset. | |

*There is a large vehicle turn-around that can serve as a loading/unloading zone for equipment.*
Other Site Amenities:

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<th>Total Restrooms: 2</th>
<th>Boat Washing: Yes</th>
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<td>Total ADA Restrooms: 2</td>
<td>Rigging/Staging Area: Yes</td>
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<td>Restroom Description: ADA compliant restrooms with running water and outdoor shower.</td>
<td>Picnic Tables: Yes</td>
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<td>Benches: Yes</td>
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<td>BBQ: Yes</td>
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<td>Boat Storage: No</td>
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ADA restrooms with running water are open during park hours.

Overnight Accommodations:

| Hotel: No | Hostel: No | Ship: No | Camping: No | Other: No |

Additional Notes Related to Accessibility:

Water access consists of steep access ramps over the riprap jetty, which are not accessible.
Additional Notes on Use of Site (Boating and Non-Boating) and Existing and Planned Management:

The site hosts the Delta Board Meeting kiteboarding competition every year. This event draws kiteboarders from across the country to compete in a variety of challenges, including slalom races, big air, freestyle, and poker runs. There are bleachers set up for the public to watch.

Safety and Security, including Parking:

The site is for experienced kiters only. The riprap that comprises the jetty can be hazardous. Kiters are advised to have safety equipment including a life vest, impact vest, helmet, waterproof phone or VHG radio, strobe light, and whistle.

There is frequent ship traffic on this section of river, so kiters need to always be aware of other craft and stay out of shipping lanes when they are in use.

Wildlife and Habitat Considerations:

Because the site is intended for kiteboarding use, water trail users would not land on nearby islands or in areas that may have sensitive wildlife.

Education, Outreach, and Stewardship, Including Signage:

Signs are located at the entrance to the jetty, which provide clear guidance to kiteboarders and other using the jetty. This signage makes it very clear that this site is for advanced boardsailors and includes a variety of safety measures to be adhered to. Additionally, non-kiters are warned not to stay within the Kiteboarding Zone and to give kiters the right of way.

Videos of Kiteboarding from Riverview Park

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwyfZxu1Qgk
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laByvZ1gl5s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOoYRxvyMm
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPu6v8EyaMM
Accessibility of Sites within the Suisun / Delta Geo-Region:

There are six potential/existing Water Trail sites identified within this geo-region: Suisun City Marina (Designated); Downtown Suisun City (Designated); Belden’s Landing; Antioch Marina (Designated); Big Break Regional Shoreline (Designated); and, Bay Point Regional Shoreline. Of these, the Suisun City Marina, Downtown Suisun, Antioch Marina, and Big Break Regional Shoreline provide a variety of accessible facilities.

The experiences that are available in the Suisun / Delta Geo-Region are primarily more rural experiences in slough environments. There are several sites that offer a variety of accessible features. With the new EZ-Dock, the Pittsburg Marina has the most accessible launch in this geo-region. Given the proximity to the Pittsburg Marina, design of water access at Riverview Park, and the intended use for kiteboarders, this site does not appear to be a good candidate for investment for accessibility enhancements.
### Summary of Environmental Review
#### based on the
San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan Final Environmental Impact Report

#### Pittsburg Marina and Riverview Park
June 15, 2018

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<td>Recreational</td>
<td>The Pittsburg Marina and Riverview Park are a developed facilities with boat launching available from several locations, parking, restrooms, restaurant, and a picnic area and trails. Facilities are well maintained and have sufficient capacity to accommodate increased levels of use.</td>
<td>Water Trail users may submit comments to Water Trail staff through the website if they witness or experience recreational conflict at any designated site. The Water Trail educational sign would include warnings about seasonal hunting in the Bay (Oct – Jan) and includes the State Fish and Wildlife website for specific information.</td>
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<td>Hunting is allowed in several of the marshes within four miles of the site, although hunting is not allowed in any of the marshes immediately adjacent to the site.</td>
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<td>Navigational and Personal Safety</td>
<td>Small boat users should be aware of winds, tides, and currents and how to boat near other vessels on the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers.</td>
<td>The Water Trail educational sign that would be installed provides information related to navigational and personal boating safety.</td>
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<td>Aesthetics</td>
<td>The Pittsburg Marina and Riverview Park are considered an urban/wildland interface site, characterized by the public marina and park adjacent to industrial facilities, backed by views of marshes across the San Joaquin River and rising hills beyond.</td>
<td>The Water Trail will require the inclusion of a Water Trail identification sign at the sites as well as the educational sign. A “sign program” will be developed with the City of Pittsburg to ensure that the I.D. signs and educational signs do not result in sign clutter at the site.</td>
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<td>Biology- Vegetation References: WT DREIR pp. 3-69 to 3-92 and Table 3.7.2-1 and Table 3.7.2-2.</td>
<td>Extensive marshes known to contain sensitive species and habitats occur on islands and along the shoreline of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers in the vicinity of the Pittsburg Marina. Browns Island Regional Shoreline is located across New York Slough from the Marina. Browns Island is managed by the East Bay Regional Park District and contains six rare and endangered plant species and habitat for a variety of birds.</td>
<td>There is no public access to Browns Island. Preventing the inadvertent spread of exotic, invasive plant species is important at all launch sites. The WT educational sign and website ask WT users to help prevent the spread of invasive species by rinsing boats and equipment immediately after use and by not landing in marshes or on levees.</td>
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<td>Biology – Birds References: WT FEIR text and map</td>
<td>There is currently one active heron or egret rookery located across the River within four miles of the site.</td>
<td>The WT educational sign includes information about how to paddle responsibly around wildlife and to maintain a buffer distance from nesting herons and egrets, and to avoid landing in the marsh or on levees. The WT website and brochure include more detailed information about not disturbing nesting birds.</td>
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<td>Biology – Rafting Waterfowl References: WT DREIR pp. 3-93 to 3-131 and Table 3.8.2-1, Figure 3.8.2-1.</td>
<td>This site provides access to areas where rafting waterfowl may congregate.</td>
<td>Avoiding disturbance of rafting waterfowl is addressed in the Water Trail educational sign, brochure, and website.</td>
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| **Biology – Ridgway’s rail and California black rail and high tide refugia**  
References: WT DREIR pp. 3-93 to 3-131 and Figure 3.8.2-2  
Personal Communication with CDFW | Black rail and Ridgway’s rail habitat are not known to be present in the nearby marshes. | Signage is needed to emphasize the importance of keeping a 50-foot buffer from rail habitat (not entering channels less than 100 feet wide) and staying clear of high-tide refugia, and that landing in marshes and on levees is prohibited. The Water Trail educational sign, brochure and website include this information. |
| **Biology – Western Snowy Plover and California Least Tern**  
References: WT DREIR pp. 3-93 to 3-131 and Figures 3.8.2-3, Personal Communication with CDFW | Unique or important western snowy plover or least tern habitat does not exist in the vicinity of the Pittsburg Marina or Riverview Park. | Signage is needed to emphasize the importance of keeping a 650-foot buffer from snowy plover habitat and staying clear of high-tide refugia, and that landing in marshes and on levees is prohibited. The Water Trail educational sign, brochure and website include this information. |
| **Biology – Northwestern Pond Turtles:**  
References Water Trail DREIR, Personal Communication with CDFW | Northwestern pond turtles are generally found in freshwater ponds, not in sloughs. There is suitable woody debris where the turtles would bask along the San Joaquin River. | Boaters are advised through the WT brochure and website to not disembark in any undesignated areas or trample sensitive habitats, including marshes. The WT educational sign emphasizes that boaters should not land in marshes or on levees. |
| **Biology – Harbor Seals**  
References: WT DREIR pp. 3-132 to 3-156, Figure 3.9.2-1, and Tables 3.9.2-1, 3.9.2-2, 3.9.5-1, and 3.9.5-2 | There are no primary or secondary harbor seal haul-out sites within four miles of the sites. | The WT educational sign, brochure, and website all advise boaters not to land at haul-out sites and to always stay at least 330’ away from hauled-out harbor seals and at least 500’ away from March to July when seals are pupping. |
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<td>Biology – Other Species References: WT DREIR pp. 3-132 to 3-156 San Francisco Estuary Institute Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse Data</td>
<td>Habitat for salt marsh harvest mouse occurs throughout the nearby marshes.</td>
<td>Boaters are advised through the WT brochure and website to not disembark in any undesignated areas or trample sensitive habitats, including marshes. The WT educational sign emphasizes that boaters should not land in marshes or on levees.</td>
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<td>Cultural Resources References: WT DREIR pp. 3-163</td>
<td>No WT-related construction is planned at this time. NMSB users are advised not to land in adjacent wetland habitat, which would prevent potential disturbance of cultural artifacts.</td>
<td>The WT website includes information about avoiding disturbance to cultural artifacts.</td>
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<td>Hydrology</td>
<td>No WT-related construction is planned at this time.</td>
<td>No hydrological changes would occur from existing conditions.</td>
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<td>Transportation, Circulation, and Parking</td>
<td>The sites have a large parking lots that can accommodate users.</td>
<td>Increased use by non-motorized small boat users is not expected to overwhelm parking or road capacity.</td>
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Ridgway's and black rail, Western snowy plover, and herony data generalized from 2015 California Natural Diversity Database.

Potential Water Trail Site
Designated Water Trail Site
Active Nesting Sites
California Least Tern
Pelican Roosts
Harbor Seal Haulouts
Ferry Terminal
4-Mile Site Buffer
Security Exclusion Area
Shipping Channels

Sources: ESRI, HERE, GeoNames, Intermap, increment P Corp., USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey.

CA Harbor Seal data from Water Trail FEIR.

Ridgway's and black rail, Western snowy plover, and herony data generalized from 2015 California Natural Diversity Database.

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