

# Edgewood County Park & Natural Preserve Wants *YOUR* Help!

Though just 467 acres, Edgewood is widely known for fabulous wildflowers and amazing diversity. But did you know it's also an official Natural Preserve, and the only one in the San Mateo County park system? As a Natural Preserve, its goal is to *protect native species*, including *over 300 native plants!* And that's where *YOU* can help...

Invasive, non-native "weeds" displace native plants and reduce diversity. But dedicated park staff and volunteers, in a collaboration between San Mateo County Parks & Recreation, The California Native Plant Society (CNPS), and Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve, work to control the weeds so natives have *plenty* of room to flourish.

## **Want to help preserve this natural treasure? *VOLUNTEER* with our Habitat Restoration team!**

You'll be able to:

- *Learn about native plants, weeds, and ecology from local experts*
- *View rarely seen plants up close at our work sites*
- *Meet other volunteers with similar interests*
- *Keep Edgewood native while getting fresh air and exercise in a BEAUTIFUL setting!*

When we work:

- *Wednesday evenings ..... Starting at 5:30pm ..... Daylight savings time (Mar-Nov)*
- *Friday mornings ..... Starting at 9am ..... Throughout the year*
- *Saturday mornings ..... Starting at 9am ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month, Mar-July*

For more info:

- *Paul Heiple ..... General info ..... 650-854-7125, pheiple@gmail.com*
- *John Allen ..... Friday info ..... jakwa@comcast.net*
- *Drew Shell ..... Wednesday/Saturday info ..... shell@corp.webtv.net*
- *John Trewin..... Park Ranger ..... 650-368-6283, JTrewin@co.sanmateo.ca.us*
- *Weed Warriors ..... Weeding info website ..... edgewood.thinkersrus.net*

There's lots to do so *EVERYONE* is welcome, whether every week, occasionally, or just once. No experience is necessary, just volunteer spirit and an interest in Edgewood.

***Hope to see you soon at one of our work outings!***

### **- IMPORTANT NOTES -**

- ***DON'T DO THIS ON YOUR OWN!*** Plant removal & going off trail require a permit (and only CNPS has one).
- Teens must each be accompanied by one of their own parents; unaccompanied adult students must have proof of age.
- Large groups should call ahead to make special arrangements.
- Sturdy gloves are recommended; you might also want: sunscreen, water, a hat, layered clothing, long sleeves/pants.

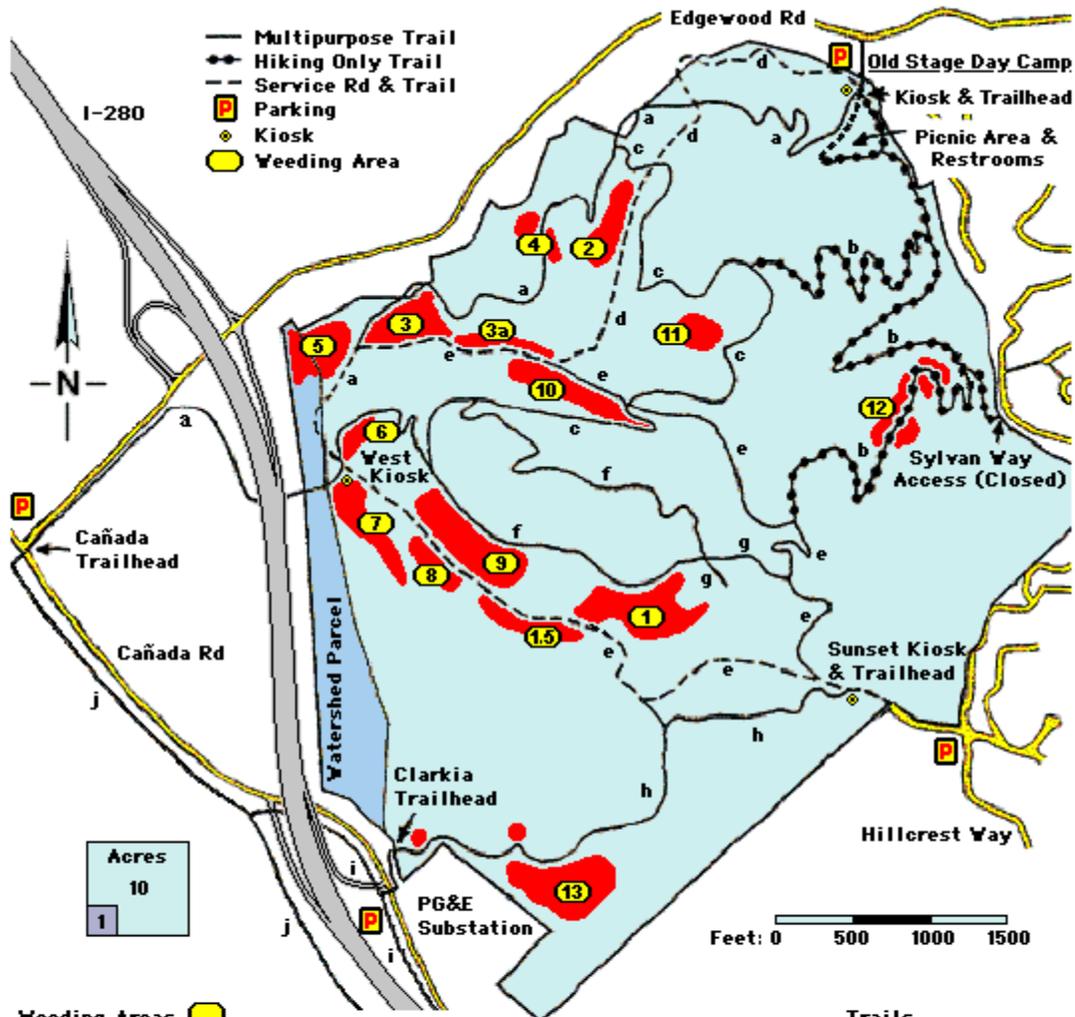
How to get there:

Edgewood County Park & Natural Preserve is located at the intersection of I-280 and Edgewood Rd in San Mateo County (on the western edge of San Carlos and Redwood City).

**From I-280:** - Simply exit at Edgewood Road

**From Highway 101:** - Exit onto Whipple Ave, heading west  
 - After about 2 miles, turn right onto Alameda de las Pulgas  
 - After ¼ mile, turn left onto Edgewood Rd  
 - Proceed about 2 more miles to the park

Work sites vary from session to session, so please call ahead or visit the website for meeting locations.



**Weeding Areas** 

- 1,1.5: Mow Site 1,1.5
- 2: Mow Site 2
- 3,3a: Mow Site 3,3annex
- 4: Bush Mallow Site, Roger's Knoll
- 5: Elly's Meadow
- 6: Carex Meadow
- 7: Yampah Meadow
- 8: Mule Ears Meadow
- 9: South Ridge
- 10: North Ridge

- 11: North Hill
- 12: Sylvan Loop Trail, South wing
- 13: West Clarkia Trail

**Trails**

- a: Edgewood
- b: Sylvan Loop
- c: Franciscan
- d: Service Road
- e: Serpentine Loop
- f: Ridgeview Loop
- g: Live Oak
- h: Clarkia
- i: Cañada
- j: Crystal Springs