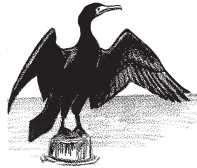


Where on the Albany Shoreline can you find...?



1. American Avocet



2. Cormorant



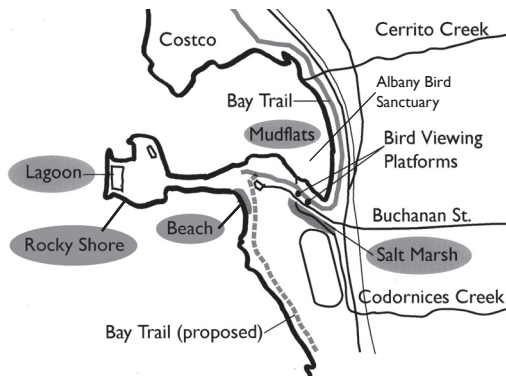
3. Barnacles



4. Pickleweed
(*Salicornia*)



5. Gum plant
(*Grindelia*)



Answers

1. mudflats 2. lagoon 3. rocky shore 4. salt marsh 5. beach

The Shoreline is Ours to Protect

To Help, You Can:

- Pick up litter
- Scoop your dog's poop
- Don't disturb the wildlife
- Join Coastal Cleanup each fall

Learn More

Alameda Co. Clean Water Program
www.cleanwaterprogram.com

Alameda Co. Waste Mgt. Authority
www.stopwaste.org

Bay Interpretive Training
<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinaexp/volunteer.html>

Bay Model
www.baymodel.org

Friends of Five Creeks
www.fivecreeks.org

Friends of Albany Beach
510-525-3125

Save the Bay
www.savesfbay.org

SF Bay Trail
<http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov>

San Francisco Estuary Institute
www.sfei.org

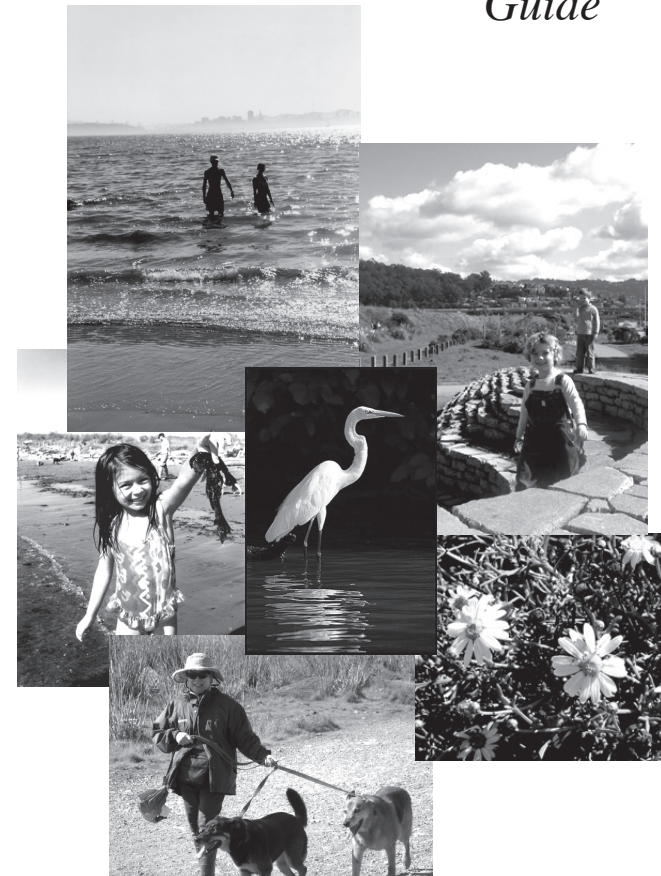
The Watershed Project
www.aoinstitute.org

Volunteer!

The Albany Waterfront Trail is maintained by the city with volunteer assistance. For community service opportunities for individuals, schools, or community groups, call the Albany Adopt-a-Trail Program: (510) 528-5760.

The Albany Shoreline

A Visitor's Guide





Albany Hill (l), Fleming Pt. (far r) from north, 1861.



Dynamite plant on Fleming Pt., Albany Hill in background.

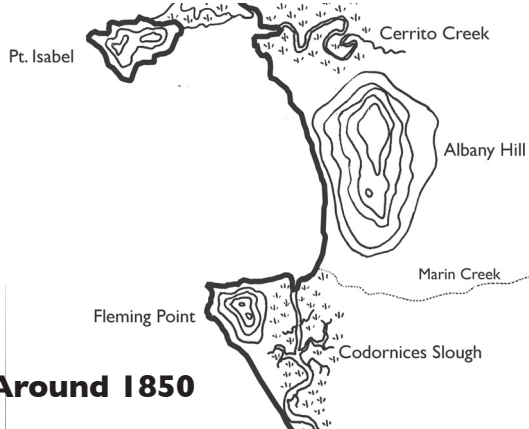


Albany Beach today.

Ohlone Days:

Salmon, Shellmounds and Tule Boats

During the last ice age, the shore lay 35 miles west of Albany. As sea levels rose, the Bay began to resemble its current form about 6,000 years ago. Rich wetlands ringed the estuary, and sand dunes formed south of Fleming Point. A group of Ohlone Indians lived on the north flank of Albany Hill, where their grinding stones can still be seen. Salmon, oysters and birds provided a rich diet. Huge shellmounds of discarded oysters and clams left an early human mark on the shoreline.

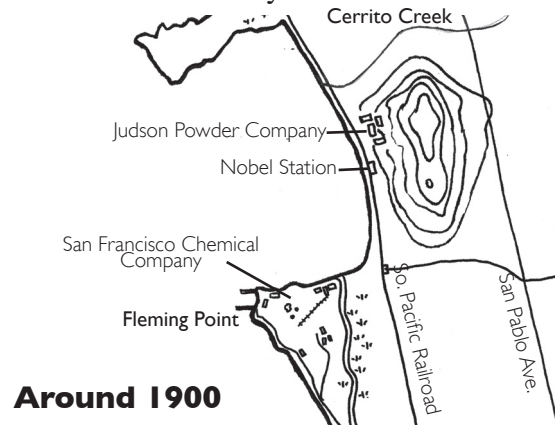


Around 1850

The Industrial Age:

Cattle, Dynamite and Railroads

The Gold Rush brought immigrants from Europe and Asia and river-borne sediment from hydraulic mining in the Sierra Nevada. Cattle grazed on Fleming Point, and wharves were built to transport them to San Francisco. Marsh land was filled for railroad tracks, and dynamite and chemical plants operated on Fleming Point and Albany Hill. The Albany waterfront was dotted with factory buildings, warehouses and fuel tanks. Explosions killed dozens of workers and rattled windows as far away as San Francisco.

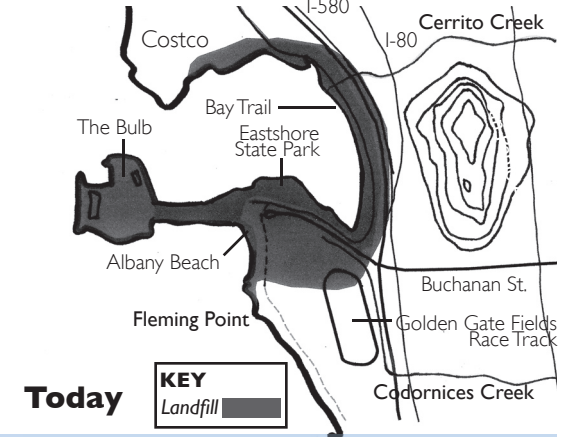


Around 1900

The Bay Metropolis:

Dumps, Parks and Freeways

Fleming Point's distinctive round top was blasted off to fill Codornices Slough to build a race track in 1939. A beach formed west of the fill. The Navy temporarily used the site during World War II to repair landing craft. More shoreline was filled for I-80 and I-580, and despite local protests, landfill began forming the neck and the bulb in 1963. The dumping of construction debris stopped in the 1980s. In 2002, the plateau, beach and mudflats became part of the new Eastshore State Park.



Today

Timeline

