

Pine Meadow (the Last Martinez Park*) Is “Connected”!

In our continuing effort to make Pine Meadow Permanent Open Space/Recreation a real open space/park for all of Martinez, we’ve done a walking survey of how well it is connected to a variety of other recreation places----parks, open spaces and trails.

- ❖ It is literally across the street from the path to Freitas Open Space.
- ❖ It’s connected to the California Hiking and Riding Trail extending from Carquinez Regional Shoreline through Martinez to the Contra Costa Canal trail and beyond.
- ❖ It is connected to both Hidden Lakes and Hidden Valley parks.
- ❖ These connections lead to all over the Bay Area: westward to Mt. Wanda and the Franklin Hills, to Mt. Diablo and all points east and south, to Benicia and Vallejo in the north, and beyond.

From Pine Meadow, just cross Center Avenue to bring you to the tree-shaded paved path down Vine Hill Way. On your left is a wooded area and a piece of open space along a creek bed (this is very probably the wildlife corridor that brings the deer to Pine Meadow).



The path runs along the bottom of the Freitas Open Space on your right. Freitas is connected to the California Hiking and Riding Trail that meanders through some of our most interesting and little-used open spaces in Martinez, including Macalvey Drive and Center Avenue open spaces----and twists and turns to Mt. Wanda and the Franklin Hills.



The California Hiking and Riding Trail also brings you to Hidden Lakes Park (the way is uphill for a while, but worth the effort in stunning vistas), or you can get there by following the path or bike lane or sidewalk that all skirt Morello Avenue from Vine Hill Way. (There may even be a more direct open space route, but that will require some research.)



Of course our deer and other wild animals know all these byways and others, and that is why they show up at Pine Meadows.

Pine Meadow is certainly “connected”. And that is one of the many reasons we are continuing to try to convince our City Council to support buying this Permanent Open Space/Recreation area for use as open space/park for all of Martinez.

P.S. You can help by forwarding this to friends and family. Or follow us on Facebook under Friends of

Pine Meadow, and “like” and “share” us to let more people know what we are trying to do.

Go to our website for more information, www.keepouropenspace.org, and volunteer to help or make a donation, if you can.

*Pine Meadow, designated Permanent Open Space/Recreation since the family asked to be annexed to Martinez over 40 years ago, is the last best site for a major park for Martinez. That is why we are trying to convince the City Council to support buying the site from the family, and keeping it as an open space/park use.