



## CNPS Chapter Council 2008 December 7 Sunday Field Trip



### Sausal Creek, Dimond Canyon Urban Restoration

Hosts: Friends of Sausal Creek ([sausalcreek.org](http://sausalcreek.org))

9:30 am – Noon

**BACKGROUND:** Join us to share successes and on-going projects of the Friends of Sausal Creek. This group has partnered with the Oakland public schools and other local volunteer groups to reverse the spread of invasive plants and to spread the growth and appreciation of native flora along this urban creek, public park interface.

**THE TOUR:** We will start from the horticultural native garden near the Dimond Park swimming pool and tot playlot, proceed to the second-growth redwoods along Monterey Road and Highway 13, and finish up at the remnant grassland area by the Friends of Sausal Creek nursery. Because areas of housing break up the continuity of the trail, we will need to carpool to the second and third sites. E-mail [janetgawthrop47@gmail.com](mailto:janetgawthrop47@gmail.com) if you can offer a ride, or need a ride. Feel free to join us even if you only have time to attend the first part of the tour in Dimond Park before you have to leave.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Exit 580 at Park in Oakland from either the north or south. Follow Park uphill and east from 580 until you reach El Centro, where you will turn right. El Centro is a small residential street, and the intersection only has stop signs for El Centro. Go downhill and south on El Centro about 2-3 blocks and look for parking where El Centro turns into the parking lot at the Dimond Park boundary.

**BUS DIRECTIONS:** For bus riders, take AC Transit bus #57 north (toward San Francisco) from Mills College (ask at the gate for the campus bus stop) until you reach Fruitvale Ave. Get off the #57 at MacArthur and Dimond, which is one short block north of Fruitvale. Walk up to the end of Dimond, which is another park boundary, and on through the tot lot to the horticultural garden at your left. Sausal Creek runs just to the left of the tot lot. AC Transit buses have bicycle racks if needed. – Dimond Park is also accessible by the # 53 AC Transit bus from the Fruitvale BART station.

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