

Wildlife Refuge Levee, Trails and Habitat Enhancement to Bring Trucks through Bedwell Bayfront Park

Starting as early as June 11, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge will launch levee maintenance work at its Ravenswood Ponds in Menlo Park. This effort will be followed by Phase 1 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, which will build a new public trail, create almost 300 acres of new tidal marsh and enhance ponds for ducks and shorebirds. The work will result in truck traffic through the City of Menlo Park's Bedwell Bayfront Park, with construction activities expected to take 2 years to complete.

The work will enhance habitat and require importing large quantities of soil. Trucks will need to drive through the Park entrance and on part of a San Francisco Bay Trail/Park perimeter trail that loops around the edge of the Park to reach Refuge lands. They will use the Park's front parking area. To protect public safety, the trail segments near the Park entrance will be closed when trucks are present on weekdays, with trails open to the public after 5 p.m. and on weekends. The trail closures will be limited to the entrance and will not impact the extensive trail network in the Park. The entrance to the Park will remain open through the construction activities and flaggers will direct the truck traffic, however, delays may be experienced.

The Refuge and the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project will strive to keep the public informed on the status of construction and potential impacts to the Park and area streets. You can sign up to get regular email updates on the construction work, and can learn more information from the Refuge's website.

- To stay informed on the construction, you can sign up to receive e-blasts here (select the box in front of Ravenswood/Bedwell Bayfront Park updates):
http://www.southbayrestoration.org/news/e-newsletters/newsletter_signup.html
- For more information, see the Refuge website at
https://www.fws.gov/refuge/don_edwards_san_francisco_bay/news/ravenswood.html