

Shoreline Open XC at Shoreline Regional Park in Martinez, CA – 4.2 miles

There is not much to say about this course other than it is flat and fast. It starts with 0.2 miles over a grass field onto a loop that you will run twice (see map below). The loop is essentially composed of 3 smaller loops, so there are a number of turns. Most of the course is on gravel trails, but there is about 1/3 to 1/2 mile of asphalt. When you finish the first loop you bypass the finish line and run on a trail that is next to the grass field you ran across to start the race. The race finishes with a small patch of grass. The only thing resembling a hill is a small arch shaped bridge that you run twice. They had mile markers out in 2013 for the inaugural race.

MARTINEZ REGIONAL SHORELINE

BICYCLING Bicycles are allowed on park trails.

HORSE ARENA During the rodeo season (May-September) the horse arena offers competition for youthful riders. The yearly schedule is available from the park office. Membership in the Martinez Horsemen's Association is available in Family, Single, and Junior categories. Membership is open to all, and horse ownership is not required. There is a fee. For more information, see www.martinezhorsemens.com.

FISHING A California state fishing license is not required to fish from the pier at the marina. The fishery in Carquinez Strait offers striped bass, sturgeon, shark, catfish, and some flounder. Licenses are available at the marina bait shop. A Park District fishing permit is not required.

THE MARSH This quiet area of the park changes with the seasons. Its residents come and go, and there are subtle changes in color and mood. Enjoy this experience independently along the Pickleweed Trail, or on a naturalist-led excursion, when available. Scheduled hikes are posted on park bulletin boards, or see [www.ebnparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) for activities information.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED in the duck pond area, marsh areas, or other interior areas of Martinez Regional Shoreline. In the parking areas, dogs must be leashed (six-foot maximum) and under control. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can.

ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED in Martinez Regional Shoreline or the adjoining City of Martinez Ferry picnic area.

CITY OF MARTINEZ FACILITIES

BOATING The Martinez Marina has a boat repair yard and fuel dock, bait shop, restaurant, and bar. There is a launching fee. For more information phone the marina at (925) 313-0942 or see www.martinez-marina.com.

SOCCER The soccer field is maintained by the city of Martinez and is available on a first-come, first-served basis during the week. It is reservable on weekends by phoning (925) 686-2824. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BOCCE BALL A heritage of the predominantly Sicilian population in the shoreline's early days, the playing of bocce ball is a traditional Martinez activity. The sport is played outdoors on wooden-sided courts lined with finely crushed oyster shells. The first Northern California Open Bocce Ball championships were hosted at the shoreline park in 1979. For team information, call (925) 295-2003.

SOFTBALL The softball complex is named for Martinez native Joe DiMaggio, a Baseball Hall of Fame inductee who played for the New York Yankees. The softball fields are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (925) 229-3884 for information.

