

# PATHFINDER HIKE PROGRAM

## MISSION PEAK

### Mission Peak

Fremont, CA

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Trail Length: 6.1 miles

Average Elevation: 1,428'

Elevation Change: 2,089'



### Overview

Rising steeply to the east of the city of Fremont, Mission and Monument peaks form a dramatic backdrop to the South Bay. The determined and conditioned hiker who reaches the top of Mission Peak will be rewarded with views of Mount Hamilton to the south, the Santa Cruz Mountains to the west, Mt. Tamalpais to the north, and Mt. Diablo and the Sierra Nevada to the northeast. Hawks and vultures share the summit airspace with sailplanes riding the thermals, and a down-to-earth herd of feral goats roams the cliffs. This well used park, particularly on weekends. About five hours are required to reach the summit and return. This parkland's 3,023 acres are accessible from parking lots at Ohlone College (slightly longer hike, but more gradual ascent; plenty of parking on weekends) or from a small staging area at the east end of Stanford Avenue in Fremont (steep climb to the summit; parking lot is extremely congested on weekends). There is no access to the park from Mill Creek Road.

### How To Get There

West Bay: Take BART to end of line, Fremont. Then take AC Transit bus #24 or #28 to Ohlone College.

Cross SF/Oakland Bay Bridge, south on Highway 880 to Durham Road exit. East on Durham Road to Mission Blvd. Turn left on Mission Blvd. to either entrance of Ohlone College. Buy parking permit at lot D or H, or turn onto Stanford Ave. and drive east to the staging area.

East Bay: From Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore areas, take Highway 680 south to Mission Blvd. exit. Turn left on Mission Blvd. and drive to Ohlone College or Stanford Ave. as above.

From Oakland, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward, take BART as above, or Highway 880 as above.

[Google Maps Driving Directions - Hidden Valley](#)

[Google Maps Driving Directions - Peak Trail](#)

### The Hike

Peak Trail: From parking lot at Ohlone College, hike to site of the campus swimming pool at back of campus. Looking toward the hills, you will see a hiker's stile. Climb over the stile and take PEAK TRAIL to Mission Peak.

Hidden Valley Trail: From the staging area at the east end of Stanford Ave., take the Hidden Valley Trail. From the map, this appears to have many switchbacks, and although only .2 miles longer than Peak Trail, seems less inviting. There are two summits; the second, about 100 yards distance, is the highest.







