

Ecologist/Hiker Conveys Frustration Caused by Aggressive Cows in EBRPD

Dear General Manager and Board Members:

I was hiking in Briones park near Lafayette (Lafayette Ridge Trail). I noticed the sign that warned me of mountain lions, but nothing else. So I was very surprised when three enormous cows came barelling down the trail, heading right for me. I managed to escape down the steep slope, but I was very much frightened and ran out of the park.

Last spring on some trails near Orinda, we passed upon a large group of cows as we were nearing our car. One of the cows starting to stomp its feet and threatened to charge us, like I've seen in bullfights on TV. We managed to reach the fence and the cow stopped coming after us. It was a very frightening experience, and I won't go to either park again.

One of the main reasons I moved to Lafayette was the close proximity of this park. But now there is no way I'm going to go back there, and that is very disappointing to me.

Why are there cows in our public lands and why are there no warnings?

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