

Oakland & Berkeley Neighborhoods

Oakland

NOBE

North-Oakland-Berkeley-Emeryville neighborhood (NOBE) is one of the hottest neighborhoods of the East Bay. It has quickly become a highly desired destination, in particular for those who move from San Francisco. NOBE generally has very sizable homes and feature mainly Bungalows, Craftsman and Victorians. There's a great variety of restaurants, cafe's, and shopping throughout. Very centrally located, and easily accessible to BART, other public transit, and major freeways.

North Oakland

A part of NOBE, but has a place of its own I feel - living here, you are definitely in the mix and close to it all. It's also as close to Rockridge as you can get, which is considered "the ideal Oakland neighborhood."

Temescal

Located in North Oakland, Temescal is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Oakland, and as its developed over the years is now one of the hippest places to live. Temescal has a nice community feel with lots of artisan delights, from art to culinary and shopping. Wherever you are in Temescal is a short walk to BART. Most of the houses here are Craftsman, Bungalows and multi-familys along tree-lined streets.

Rockridge (Oakland) / Elmwood (Berkeley) / Claremont (Oakland)

Small area located at the foot of the Oakland hills. These 3 areas intersect with one another and are similar in feel. They are known for there cute bungalow's with gardens and craftsmen style homes. The main streets are vibrant and lined with gourmet restaurants, and neighborhood shops. Upscale , diverse, and a great neighborhood charm where people greet each other while out and about. Good schools, although each has it's different school systems they are a part of.

West Oakland

Plenty of contemporary live/work lofts that have been converted from old factories and warehouses. Homebuyers here choose to buy older Victorians and renovate them. Others prefer to move into newly converted lofts. This is a place of the old and the new, artists, young professionals and working families.

Jack London Square

Located on the waterfront, Jack London Square has great restaurants, a premier jazz club, a lively farmers market, and plenty more to fill up your weekend. Jack London Square's real estate features brick warehouses, converted lofts, and condos with waterfront views. It's also centrally located, and an easy commute for those who work in San Francisco. There is easy access to BART, Amtrak and ferries.

Montclair

Montclair Village is a charming and vibrant community, nestled in the beautiful, tree-covered Oakland Hills. The Village has a laid-back, small town feel, plenty of parking in the City-owned garage, and over 200 retailers, service providers, restaurants, and financial services.

With its close access to world-class hiking trails and bike routes, Montclair Village is the perfect spot for a sandwich, snack, bike repair, haircut, or massage before or after a day on the trails. Looking for a gift? Need a convenient place to pick up groceries or prescription drugs? Montclair Village has it all.

Maxwell Park

Maxwell Park is a quiet and picturesque neighborhood nestled in the foothills of Oakland near Mills College. Home values here nearly doubled during the real estate boom, coupled with its quaint, charming feel Maxwell Park has become a popular area to reside. A majority of development took place in the 1930's and 40's, with various styles including: Tudor, Spanish and craftsman bungalows. The craftsman bungalows resemble those found in Berkeley, Albany and other parts of Oakland. Maxwell Park offers convenient access for commuting to SF and other parts of the East Bay. Shopping and dining is nearby and plentiful in the Laurel and Grand Lake neighborhoods.

Glenview

Glenview is located just south of Trestle Glen and Crocker Highland, while also close by to Montclair and Piedmont for additional amenities. The Craftsman-style bungalows and well-tended front yards remind you of a small town somewhere far removed. Many of the homes here have been beautifully restored and feature a traditional feel with built-ins, brick patios and tiled fire places. Park Boulevard acts as the main drag in Glenview, offering a small commercial district with restaurants, small shops and a market clustered on one end of the street while the other offers a bunch of neat, two-story stucco houses.

Laurel

Laurel is a bright and vibrant neighborhood located between the foothills of Oakland and Mills college. It's a constantly growing and changing area and the real estate reflects, though there's still a classic and diverse Oakland feel that it maintains.. The downtown area has become increasingly lively with its shopping, dining and activity. Laurel district is also home to the original Farmer Joes, or if you'd like there's also a nice farmers market as well.

Berkeley

South Berkeley

A very expressive community and colorful area that is rich in history. It remains one of Berkeley's most accessible and affordable neighborhoods. Ashby BART station makes getting around the Bay Area easy. A plethora of restaurants, cafes and shopping all within walking distance. Borders North Oakland.

Berkeley / Berkeley Hills

Berkeley's many distinct neighborhoods offer something for everyone, with architectural styles such as charming Victorians, Craftsman bungalows, homes with amazing views, and period revival homes by famed architects such as Bernard Maybeck, John Hudson Thomas and Julia Morgan.

There are parks and recreation areas that include Tilden Regional Park comprised of 2,065 acres of open meadows and forests with spectacular views of the Bay Area, hiking and biking trails, a botanic garden, picnic areas, a golf course, and a beautiful lake, plus many other wonderful Berkeley Parks, Paths & Walking Tours.

North Berkeley

This picturesque neighborhood offers superior views, food and housing. Many of the area's most prominent scholars live in this lovely district. Prices are high and availability is sparse, but some feel it's well worth the cost. Great parks for walking, riding, etc.

West Berkeley

This is one of the most up and coming locales in the Bay Area Housing is available, but prices are on the rise given the area's huge remodeling boom.

Surrounding Cities

El Cerrito

Nice residential neighborhood, lots of hilly areas with wonderful views, centrally located and very close to Berkeley/Oakland/Albany. Neighborhoods range from tree lined flats to winding hills with spectacular views. Good school system, nice community feel. Very convenient to BART.

Emeryville

Somewhat similar to Jack London Square but more residential. Emeryville is nestled in between Oakland and Berkeley along the waterfront of the bay bridge. Features modern Lofts, or nice Victorians (there's plenty of diversity) Very Centrally located, with thriving businesses, dining, shopping, and everything in between. Near BART.

Richmond Annex

Central location, nice tree lined streets, small town home feel, and more affordable home prices than its surrounding cities - El Cerrito and Albany. The annex is very conveniently located near major freeways and public transportation. Both Oakland and Marin are as little as 15 minutes away, and San Francisco 25 minutes with no traffic (hardly the case these days!)

Albany

Has small town qualities and the convenience of a major city. Situated between North Berkeley and El Cerrito. Close to major freeways, BART and other public transportation. Oakland and San Francisco are as close as 15-20 minutes. Albany prides itself on a friendly community and an excellent school system that scores among the highest in the state. Albany's main street is Solano, with many nice little shops and restaurants serving a diversity of culinary delicacies. Albany is made up of 2-3 bedroom single family homes including charming Craftsman bungalows, McGreggor's and Mediterranean style.

Piedmont

The City of Piedmont is a charter city of approximately 11,000 residents located in the beautiful Oakland Hills, overlooking the San Francisco Bay. The city, which is virtually built out, consists of established, high-quality single family homes on quiet tree-lined streets. Piedmont boasts one of the best high schools in the state, Piedmont High. Piedmont is centrally located within a few minutes from Oakland and San Francisco on the West and Concord and Walnut Creek on the East. Within Piedmont's 1.7 square-mile area there are five city parks and numerous landscaped areas which offer wooded paths, tennis courts, children's playgrounds and picnic facilities.

Kensington

Kensington is a quiet and lovely little community nestled in the hills north of Berkeley and south of El Cerrito. Many of the homes offer panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridge. Kensington's two shopping districts, Kensington Circle and Kensington Village are home to gourmet shops and restaurants.