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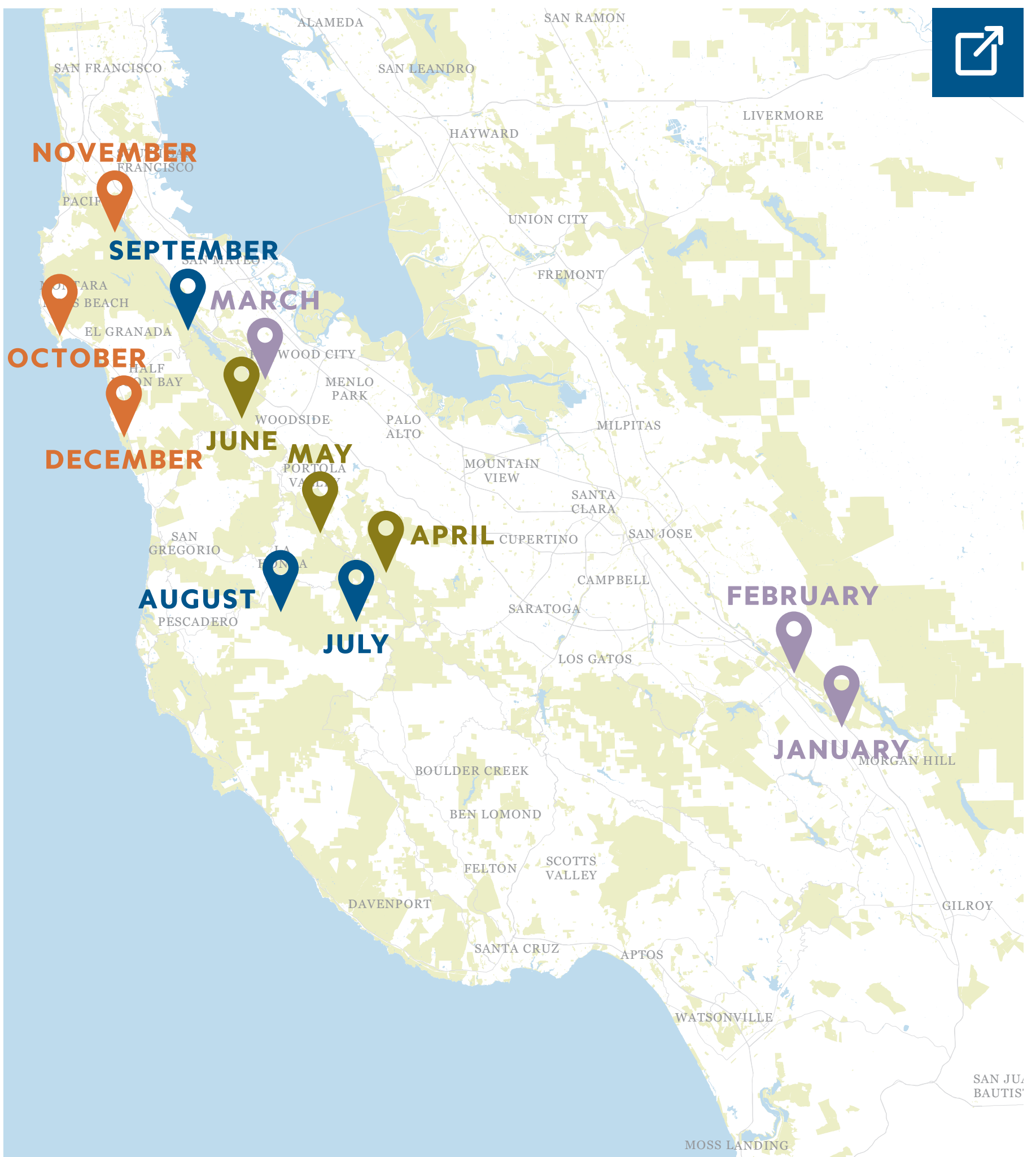
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A SEASONAL GUIDE TO SIX REGIONAL  
TRAILS IN THE BAY AREA



It's always a good time to explore our regional trails, but some-times of year are better than others. With this calendar, you will experience them at just the right time – it recommends the best trails for each month of the year.

**Happy trails and enjoy the seasons!**



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For over forty years, we have been working to support the development of regional trails through our open spaces. These trails are for you to explore and connect with over 75,500 acres of POST-protected open space. There's still work to be done, but we've made great progress on these six priority projects in our working area:

## **BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL**

68% complete | Connects the highest points around the Bay for 375 miles of adventure.

## **BAY TO SEA TRAIL**

50% complete | Will connect the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean.

## **CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL**

50% complete | Will offer a 1,200-mile-long trail experience along California's coastline.

## **COYOTE CREEK TRAIL**

70% complete | A multiple-use trail connecting downtown San Jose to Coyote Valley.

## **LONG RIDGE TO POMPONIO TRAIL**

56% complete | Will connect Skyline Ridge with the Pacific Ocean.

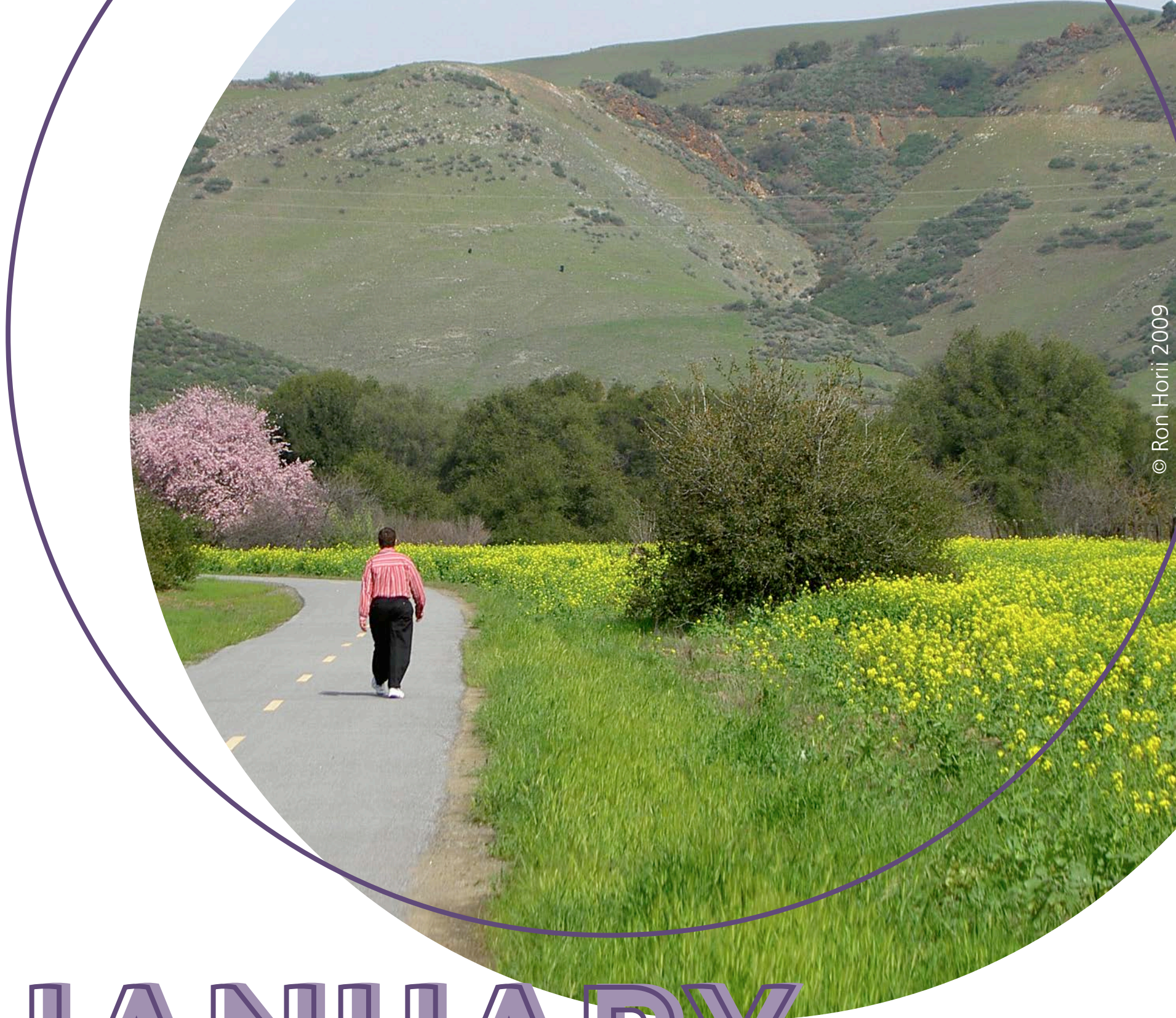
## **OHLONE-PORTOLA HERITAGE TRAIL**

TBA | Celebrates the historic routes used by the Ohlone People and early explorers.

Visit our blog for more information on these regional trails. [↗](#)



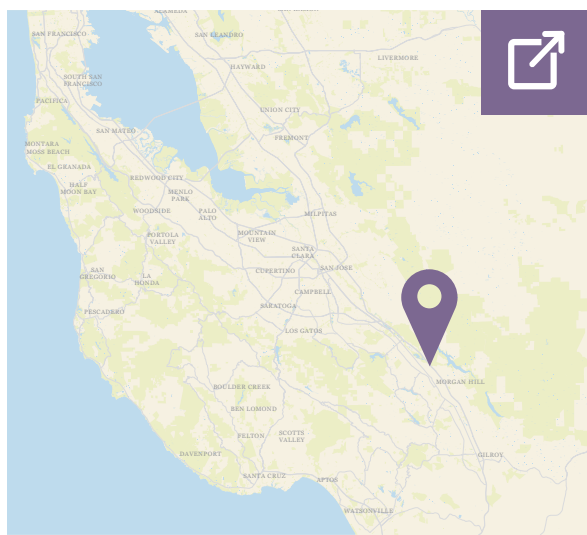




# JANUARY

## COYOTE CREEK TRAIL (SOUTH)

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

It's the middle of the wet season, but that doesn't mean you can't stretch your legs. Head to the Coyote Creek Trail. It's paved so you don't need to worry about mud.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 250 feet

**Route** Follow the trail north to the Santa Clara County Model Airplane Park. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#)

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- 2** Supermoon (good for night hiking) [+ Calendar](#)
- 5** National Bird Day [+ Calendar](#)
- 31** Total Lunar Eclipse [+ Calendar](#)



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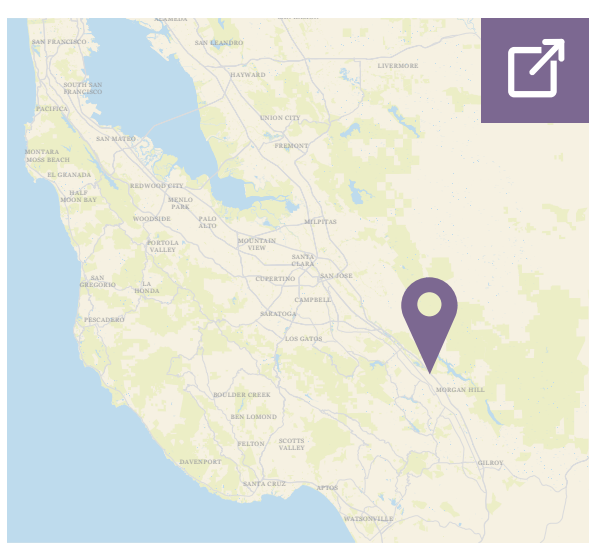


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# FEBRUARY

## COYOTE CREEK TRAIL (NORTH)

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

The winter rains have renewed the land. Enjoy the verdant green hills and the sounds of Coyote Creek as it rushes toward the Bay.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 200 feet

**Route** Follow the trail south to the Coyote Creek Golf Club. Retrace your steps.

Click here for more on this trail 

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

				1	<b>2</b>	3	<b>2</b> World Wetlands Day	+ Calendar
4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>	9	10	<b>8</b> Kite Flying Day	+ Calendar
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	<b>27</b> Strawberry Day	+ Calendar
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25	26	<b>27</b>	28				<b>All Month</b> Spring bloom begins	+ Calendar



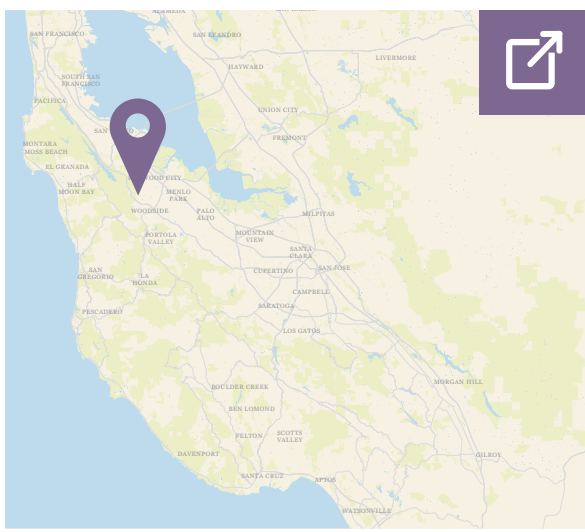




# MARCH

## BAY TO SEA TRAIL – EDGEWOOD COUNTY PARK

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

The serpentine soils at Edgewood Park have some of the best early spring wildflowers. But these shallow soils dry out quickly, so plan to visit in March.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 1,200 feet

**Route** Follow the Sylvan Trail south, turn left on the Serpentine Trail, right on the Sunset Trail, left onto the Clarkia Trail to Cañada Road. Retrace your steps.

Click here for more on this trail 

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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3	World Wildlife Day	+ Calendar
20	Vernal Equinox	+ Calendar
22	World Water Day	+ Calendar
30	Take a Walk in the Park Day	+ Calendar
All Month	Spring bloom begins	+ Calendar



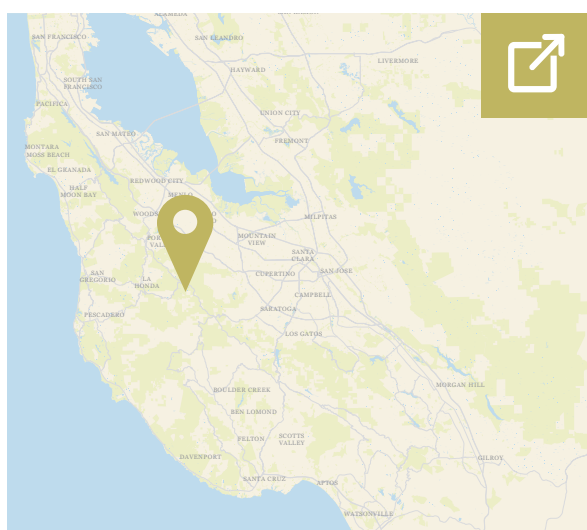


# APRIL

## BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL – SKYLINE OSP



### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

It's peak season for wildflowers. Time to head to Skyline Ridge for one of the Bay Area's most vibrant displays.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 1,400 feet

**Route** Follow the Ridge Trail south to the Tree Farm Trail, turn right onto the Chestnut Trail and follow it to the junction with Castanea Ridge Road. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#)

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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**6** Walk to Work Day [+ Calendar](#)

**11** Pet Day [+ Calendar](#)

**22** Earth Day [+ Calendar](#)

**All Month** Spring bloom peaking [+ Calendar](#)

**All Month** Wet season ending; time to get your bike tuned up if you haven't been riding [+ Calendar](#)





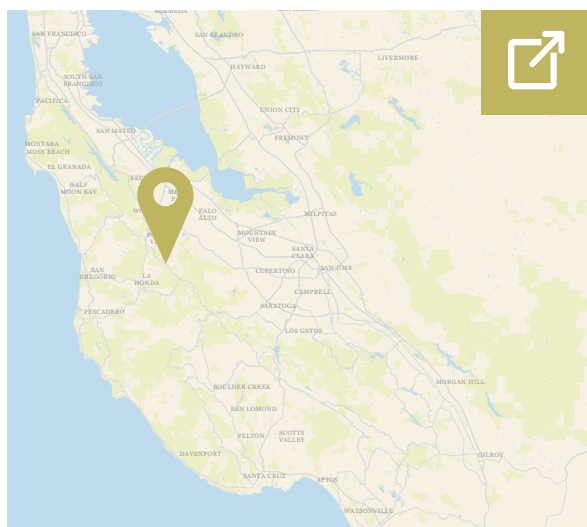


# MAY

## BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL – WINDY HILL OSP



### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

Didn't find time to see the wildflowers in bloom yet? No worries! Catch the last of the spring color from the top of Windy Hill, the site of POST's first land acquisition.

**Mileage** 6 miles

**Elevation Gained** 2,000 feet

**Route** Follow the Anniversary Trail south, turn left onto the Lost Trail and continue to the junction with the Razorback Ridge Trail. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#) 

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- 10 World Migratory Bird Day + Calendar

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- 18 National Bike to Work Day + Calendar

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- 19 Endangered Species Day + Calendar





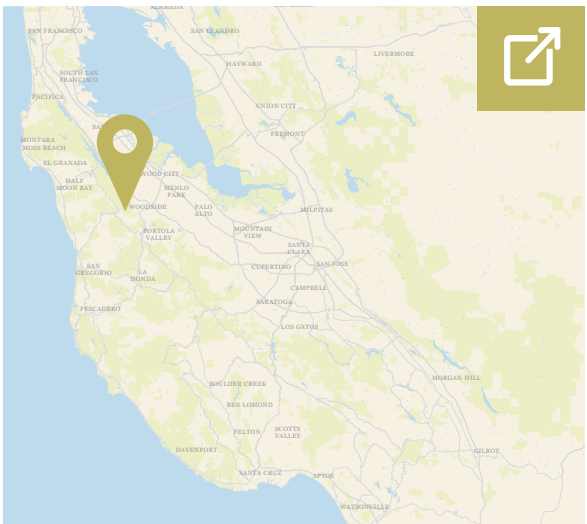


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# JUNE

## BAY TO SEA TRAIL – PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

With the creeks still flowing from the winter rains, June is a great time to visit the rushing waters of Purisima Creek.

**Mileage** 6 miles

**Elevation Gained** 1,250 feet

**Route** Follow the Purisima Creek Trail downhill along Purisima Creek to the junction with the Grabtown Gulch Trail. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#)

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- 2 National Trails Day + Calendar

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- 5 World Environment Day + Calendar

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- 10 National Get Outdoors Day + Calendar

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- 18 International Picnic Day + Calendar

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- 21 Summer solstice (celebrate the longest day of the year) + Calendar

**All Month** Beginning of the warm season; keep to the coast and forests. + Calendar



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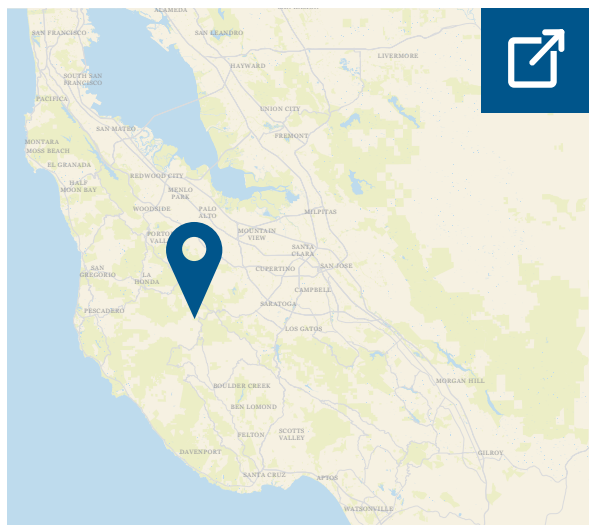


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# JULY

## LONG RIDGE TO POMPONIO TRAIL – PORTOLA REDWOODS STATE PARK

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

Escape the hottest days of July in the shade of towering coastal redwoods. And if it's really warm, dip your feet in the cool waters of Slate Creek.

**Mileage** 6 miles

**Elevation Gained** 2,500 feet

**Route** From the Old Tree Trail turn left onto the Slate Creek Trail, continue to where the trail crosses Slate Creek. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#)

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- 22** Hammock Day [+ Calendar](#)
- 28** Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower [+ Calendar](#)
- All Month** First month of extreme heat waves; pack extra water for your hikes. [+ Calendar](#)



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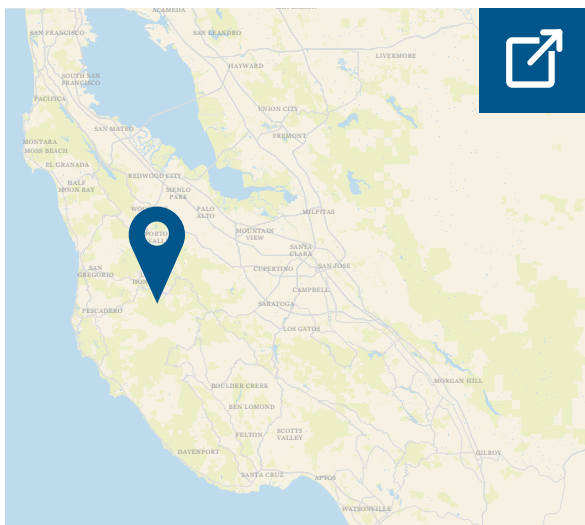
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# AUGUST

## LONG RIDGE TO POMPONIO TRAIL – PESCADERO CREEK PARK

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

August is one of the Bay Area’s hottest months, but a beautiful time along the shaded banks of Pescadero Creek.

**Mileage** 6 miles

**Elevation Gained** 1,300 feet

**Route** Follow Old Haul Road to its intersection with Rhododendron Creek. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#) 

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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- 7 Lighthouse Day + Calendar

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- 12 Perseids Meteor Shower + Calendar

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- 18 International Geocaching Day + Calendar



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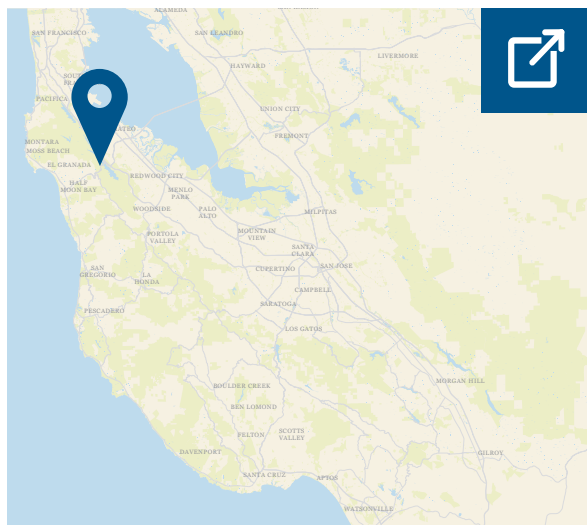




# SEPTEMBER

## OHLONE-PORTOLA HERITAGE TRAIL – SAWYER CAMP TRAIL

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

It's a busy time of year in the oak woodlands near Crystal Springs as wildlife prepare for the winter season. Enjoy the sounds of fall, ripening acorns and abundant wildlife.

**Mileage** 10 miles

**Elevation Gained** 650 feet

**Route** Follow the Sawyer Camp Trail north to the top of the dam at San Andreas Lake. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#) 

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- 21** Zero Emissions Day + Calendar

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- 22** National Public Lands Day + Calendar

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- 23** Autumn Equinox + Calendar





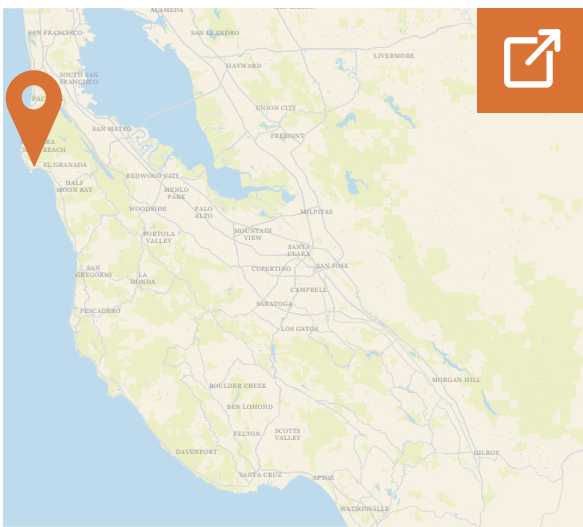


# OCTOBER



## CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL – PILLAR POINT TO MOSS BEACH

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

Fall brings clear weather to the coast and is a great time to explore the bluffs of Pillar Point and tide pools of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 600 feet

**Route** Follow the Jean Lauer Trail north along the bluffs, continue onto Ocean Blvd and then Beach Way, turn left onto the Bluff Trail and continue to the lookout point. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#) 

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**1** World Habitat Day [+ Calendar](#)

**16** World Food Day [+ Calendar](#)

**All Month** Wet season begins; get your rain gear ready. [+ Calendar](#)



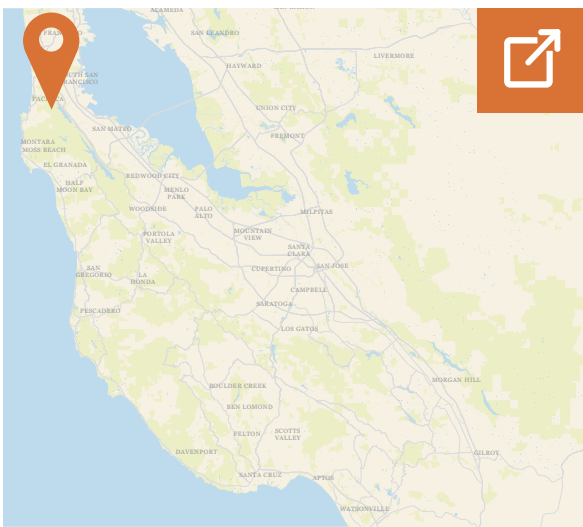




# NOVEMBER

## OHLONE-PORTOLA HERITAGE TRAIL – S.F. BAY DISCOVERY SITE AT SWEENEY RIDGE

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

The views are incredible from the top of Sweeney Ridge and, now deep into autumn, the worst of the fog season has past.

**Mileage** 4 miles

**Elevation Gained** 1,000 feet

**Route** Pass through the gate at the end of Sneath Lane, continue onto the Sneath Lane Trail, turn left at the Sweeney Ridge Trail and continue to the Portola Expedition Discovery Site. Retrace your steps.

[Click here for more on this trail](#) 

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3 Ridge Trail Day [+ Calendar](#)

17 Take a Hike Day [+ Calendar](#)

23 #OptOutside for Black Friday [+ Calendar](#)

**All Month** Winter migratory birds begin to return. [+ Calendar](#)







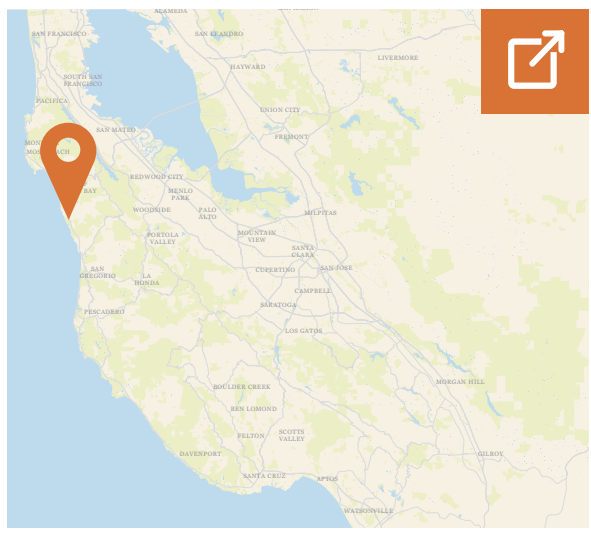
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# DECEMBER



## CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL – COWELL-PURISIMA TRAIL

### MAP



### ROUTE DETAILS

The gray whale migration is now underway. Head to the coast to see whales cruising south for the winter.

**Mileage** 8 miles

**Elevation Gained** 650 feet

**Route** Follow the Cowell-Purisima Trail south to the lookout point. Retrace your steps. (Trail open weekends only)

[Click here for more on this trail](#)

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- 21** Winter solstice (shortest day of the year) [+ Calendar](#)
- Late Dec** Christmas Bird Count [+ Calendar](#)







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