

OAK WALKS

Spend time in an oak woodland or forest. Some of these areas listed below are described in "Oaks of California" (Pavlik, B.M., Muick, P., Johnson, S., and Popper, M., published by Chacuma Press and California Oak Foundation, 1991, rev. 2006). The list, which is by no means complete, also includes areas that have been preserved since "Oaks of California" was published.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

NORTH COAST RANGES

Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, Clear Lake

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=483 and

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21883

Angelo Coast Range Reserve, University of California, Branscomb,

<http://angelo.berkeley.edu/>

Richardson Grove State Park, Garberville, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=422

Rodman Preserve and Nature Education Center, north end of Clear Lake,

<http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org/rodman-preserve.html>

Schoolhouse Peak, Redwood National Park, near Orick,

https://www.nps.gov/redw/planyourvisit/upload/RNSP_VG14-6-19.pdf

(Information about the trail is in the *Bald Hills Road* section on page 7.)

Tuleyome's website has a listing of trails in Colusa, Lake, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo counties, many of which provide opportunities to view oaks:

<http://tuleyome.org/trails/>

SONOMA AND NAPA COUNTIES

Jack London State Historic Park, Glen Ellen,

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=478

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (a number of parks and open spaces with hiking <http://napaoutdoors.org/parks-trails/>, including Moore Creek Park, Napa River Ecological Reserve, Oat Mine Trail, and Robert Louis Stevenson State Park)

Napa Valley State Parks, <http://napavalleystateparks.org/>

Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area, east of Yountville,

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Rector-Reservoir-WA>

Sonoma County Regional Parks, <http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/>

Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Glen Ellen (Also see the link above for other regional parks with oak woodlands and oak-forested lands)

http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Get_Outdoors/Parks/Sonoma_Valley_Regional_Park.aspx

Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, Kenwood, CA https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=481

Trione–Annadel State Park, Santa Rosa, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=480

Westwood Hills Park, City of Napa,

<https://www.visitnapavalley.com/listing/westwood-hills-park/328/>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INLAND

UPPER SACRAMENTO VALLEY/CASCADE RANGE

Bidwell Park, Chico, <http://bidwellpark.org/>

Gray Davis Dye Creek Preserve, east of Corning,

<http://www.millcreekconservancy.com/dye-creek.html> (Individuals or organized groups may participate in scheduled docent-led hikes in the fall and spring. To obtain information about these tours, or if you have other questions about Dye Creek Preserve, contact the preserve manager at 530-527-4261.)

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, northeast of Burney,

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=455

Paynes Creek, Bureau of Land Management, Redding Resource Area,

<http://www.norcalequest.com/PaynesCreek.html> and

http://publiclands.org/pdf/CA/SacramentoRiverBend_Brochure.pdf

Sacramento River Canyon, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Siskiyou, Shasta, and Trinity counties,

http://www.sacramentoriver.org/access_site.php?access_site_id=221 and

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/stnf/recreation/?cid=stelprdb5322042&width=full>

Spenceville Wildlife Area, 18 miles east of Marysville,

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Spenceville-WA>

Tehama Wildlife Area, 3 miles south of Paynes Creek,

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Tehama-WA>

Tower House Historic District, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, west of Little Shasta,

<https://www.nps.gov/whis/planyourvisit/upload/CamdenWtr%20Ditch%20FINAL.pdf>

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William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park, Red Bluff,

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=458

Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area, between Chico and Red Bluff,

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=459

SACRAMENTO AREA

American River Parkway, Sacramento,

<http://www.regionalparks.saccounty.net/Parks/Pages/AmericanRiverParkway.aspx>

Cosumnes River Preserve, Galt, <http://www.cosumnes.org/>

Independence Trail, Bear Yuba Land Trust, between Nevada City and Downieville,
<http://www.bylt.org/trail/independence-trail-west/>

Osborn Hill Trail, Empire Mine State Historic Park, Grass Valley,
https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=499

Nimbus Flat and Lake Natoma, Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, 25 miles east
of Sacramento, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=500

Placer Land Trust's website lists hiking trails in Placer County on lands that the
Trust has preserved: <http://www.placerlandtrust.org/trails/>

Peter J. Shields Oak Grove, University of California, Davis
<http://publicgarden.ucdavis.edu/public-garden/explore-the-oak-grove>

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counties, many of which provide opportunities to view oaks:
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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Bear Valley, Point Reyes National Seashore
https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/hiking_guide.htm

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, East Bay Regional Park District
http://www.ebparks.org/parks/black_diamond

Briones Regional Park, East Bay Regional Park District
<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/briones>

Del Valle Regional Park, outside Livermore, East Bay Regional Park District,
http://www.ebparks.org/parks/del_valle

Fioli Estate, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Woodside,
<http://www.filoli.org/>

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco Recreation & Parks (also see Strybing Arboretum,
below), <http://sfrecpark.org/destination/golden-gate-park/oak-woodlands-natural-areas/>

Indian Valley Open Space Preserve, Novato,
<https://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/divisions/open-space/indian-valley>

Junipero Serra County Park, Between Millbrae and San Bruno, San Mateo County
Parks and Recreation, <http://parks.smcgov.org/junipero-serra-park>

Visit **Marin County Parks and Open Space's** website for a listing of trails, many of
which provide oak viewing opportunities,
<http://www.marincountyparks.org/Depts/PK/Divisions/Open-Space>

Mount Diablo State Park, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=517

Oakwood Valley Trail, Marin Headlands District, Golden Gate National Recreation
Area, near Waldo, <http://www.parksconservancy.org/visit/park-sites/oakwood-valley.html>

Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Access through Del Valle Regional Park, Sunol
Regional Wilderness, or Mission Peak Regional Preserve, East Bay Regional Park
District, <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/ohlone>

Olompali State Park, Novato, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=465

Putah Creek Wildlife Area, 10 miles to the west of Winters,
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Putah-Creek-WA>

Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Berkeley, East Bay Regional Park District,
<http://www.ebparks.org/page156.aspx>

Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, Santa Cruz Mountains in San Mateo County,
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District,
<http://www.openspace.org/preserves/russian-ridge> (Visit Midpeninsula Open
Space District's website for additional hiking ideas:
<https://www.openspace.org/preserves>)

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/>

Sunol Regional Wilderness, Sunol, East Bay Regional Park District,
<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol>

Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley, East Bay Regional Park District,
<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden.htm>

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, Richmond, East Bay Regional Park District,
<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/wildcat>

SAN JOSE AREA

Almaden Quicksilver County Park, Santa Clara County Department of Parks and
Recreation, San Jose,
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/AlmadenPark.aspx>

Castle Rock State Park, Los Gatos, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=538

Henry W. Coe State Park, Morgan Hill, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=561

Joseph T. Grant Park, San Jose, Santa Clara County Department of Parks and
Recreation,
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/JosephDGrant.aspx>

Visit the **Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)** website for a listing of hikes, many
of which offer oak viewing opportunities, <https://openspacetrust.org/hikes/>

Visit **Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's** website for a listing of hikes
through oak landscapes, including Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve, Rancho
Cañada del Oro, and Sierra Vista, <http://www.openspaceauthority.org>

Uvas Canyon Park, Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation,
Morgan Hill,
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/UvasCanyon.aspx>

MONTEREY/SALINAS VALLEY AREA

Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Castroville,
<http://www.elkhornslough.org/esnerr/>

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Big Sur, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=570

Pinnacles National Park, Paicines, <https://www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm>

Royal Oaks Park, Monterey County Department of Parks, Watsonville,
<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/parks/royaloaks.html>

Toro County Park, Monterey County Department of Parks, Salinas,
<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/parks/toro.html>

SAN LUIS OBISPO AREA

City Park, Recreation Department, Paso Robles,
<http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/recreation/facilities/city-park.asp>

Cuesta Ridge Botanical Special Interest Area, Santa Margarita, Los Padres
National Forest,
https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/regions/Pacific_Southwest/CuestaRidge/index.shtml

Dune Vista Trail, Lopez Lake (San Luis Obispo County Parks), about 10 miles
outside of Arroyo Grande, <http://www.hikeslo.com/duna-vista/>

Eagle Rock Nature Trail, Choro Regional Park, between San Luis Obispo and Morro
Bay, <https://www.hikespeak.com/trails/eagle-rock-nature-trail-el-chorro/>

El Moro Elfin Forest, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County Parks and California State
Parks, <http://www.elfin-forest.org/>

Fiscalini Ranch, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Cambria,
<http://www.ffrpcambria.org/visitors.html>

Los Osos Oaks State Reserve, just outside of the town of Los Osos,
https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=597

Northern flank of Cerro San Luis, San Luis Obispo,
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/cerro-san-luis-trail>

Poly Canyon, Cal Poly Campus, San Luis Obispo,
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/poly-canyon-loop-trail>

Reservoir Canyon Nature Reserve, accessible on Reservoir Canyon Road, north of
San Luis Obispo, via Highway, <http://www.slocounty.info/blog/reservoir-canyon-trail> also see:

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/sports/article91806812.html#storylink=cpy>

Santa Margarita Lake Natural Area, outside of Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo
County Parks, <http://slocountyparks.org/camp/santa-margarita-lake/>

Three Bridges Oak Preserve (anticipated to open in spring 2017), Atascadero Land
Preservation Society, approximately 2 miles to the west of Atascadero,
http://www.supportalps.org/docs/TBOP_INFO_3_22_16.pdf

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INLAND

NORTHERN SIERRA/YOSEMITE

Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Four miles northeast of Arnold,
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=551

Indian Grinding Rock State Park, Pine Grove,
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=553

Squaw Leap, Bureau of Land Management, near Auberry,
<https://www.recreation.gov/recreationalAreaDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&recAreaId=44>

Yosemite Valley, Yosemite National Park,
<https://www.nps.gov/yose/learn/nature/plants.htm>

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Caswell Memorial State Park, Ripon, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=557

Lodi Lake Nature Area, City of Lodi, <http://www.lodi.gov/PRCS/lodilake.html>

Kaweah Oaks Preserve, east of Visalia, Sequoia Riverlands Trust,
<http://sequoiaiverlands.org/what-you-can-do-see/kaweah-oaks-preserve.html>

Mooney Grove Park, Tulare County Department of Buildings and Parks, Visalia,
<http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/cao/index.cfm/general-services/parks-and-recreation/park-information-hours/> and
<http://www.tularecountytresures.org/mooney-grove-park.html>

Oak Grove Regional Park, Stockton, San Joaquin County Department of Parks and Recreation, <http://www.sjparks.com/parks/oak-grove-regional-park.aspx>

Visit the **Tulare County Parks** website for a listing of county parks, many of which offer oak-viewing walks, <http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/cao/index.cfm/general-services/parks-and-recreation/county-parks/>

Yaudanchi Ecological Reserve, near Porterville, Tulare County
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Yaudanchi-ER>

SOUTHERN SIERRA/SEQUOIA AREA

Middle Fork Canyon of Kaweah River, Sequoia National Park,
<https://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/middle-fork-trail.htm>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SANTA BARBARA AREA

Nojoqui Falls Park, Santa Barbara County Parks, Goleta,
<https://www.countyofsb.org/parks/day-use/nojoqui-falls.sbc>

Santa Cruz Island Preserve, Channel Islands National Park,
<https://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/santa-cruz-island.htm>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, <http://www.sbbg.org/>

Toro Canyon Park, Santa Barbara County Parks, <http://www.countyofsb.org/parks>

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

Charmlee Park, Malibu, Mountains, Recreation, and Conservation Authority,
<https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/charmleewilderness.htm>

Cheeseboro Canyon, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Agoura,
<https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/cheeseboropalocomado.htm>

Cold Creek Canyon Preserve, between Malibu and Calabasas. Contact Mountains Restoration Trust, 1-818-591-1701, for information:
<http://www.mountainstrust.org/>

Malibu Creek State Park, Cornell, <http://www.malibucreekstatepark.org/>

Nicholas Flat, Leo Carrillo State Beach, 28 miles northwest of Santa Monica on Pacific Coast Highway, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=616

Point Mugu State Park, Malibu, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=630

Topanga State Park, Topanga, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=629

LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTY AREA

Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcata, <http://www.arboretum.org/>

Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park, San Juan Capistrano,
<http://www.ocparks.com/parks/ronald/>

Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach, <http://www.crystalcovestatepark.org/> or
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=644

Descanso Gardens, La Canada Flintridge, www.descansogardens.org

Fullerton Arboretum, California State University, Fullerton,
<http://fullertonarboretum.org/home.php>

Eaton Canyon Natural Area, Pasadena, <http://www.ecnca.org/index.html>

Irvine Regional Park, Orange, <http://www.ocparks.com/parks/irvine/>

Oak Canyon Nature Center, Anaheim, <http://www.anaheim.net/1096/Oak-Canyon-Nature-Center>

O'Neil Regional Park, Trabuco Canyon, Orange County,
<http://www.ocparks.com/parks/oneill/>

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, <http://www.rsabg.org/>

Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, <http://theodorepayne.org/>

TEHACHAPI, SAN GABRIEL, AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS

Barton Flats and Seven Oaks Trail, San Bernardino National Forest,
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sbnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=71959&actid=50>

Chilao, Angeles National Forest, 27 miles north of La Cañada Flintridge,
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/about-forest/?cid=stelprdb5162107>

Fort Tejon State Park, 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles, near the top of Grapevine Canyon, via the Fort Tejon exit off I-5,
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=585

Heaps Peak Arboretum, San Bernardino National Forest, Lake Arrowhead,
<http://www.heapspeakarboretum.com/>

Libre-Sawmill Place, Angeles National Forest (*This area is generally accessed from major entries along California State Highway 138 and County Road N2.*),

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5329364> (Angeles National Forest offers many other opportunities to view oaks: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>)

Placerita Canyon Park, Newhall, <http://www.placerita.org> (Please note the Sand Fire of August 2016, and subsequent landslides, did considerable damage to the trails at Placerita Canyon Natural Area.)

Placerita Canyon State Park, Calabasas CA, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=622

RIVERSIDE AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES

Crestridge Ecological Reserve, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Endangered Habitats Conservancy, between El Cajon and Alpine, <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Crestridge-ER>

Cuymaca Rancho State Park, Julian, CA, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=667

Dos Picos County Park, Ramona, <http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/DosPicos.html>

Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Reserve Area, approximately 5 miles east of Jamul, <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Hollenbeck-Canyon-WA>

Inaja Trail, 6 miles west of Julian, Cleveland National Forest, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cleveland/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD481881>

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, between Rancho Peñasquitos and Sorrento Hills to the north and Mira Mesa to the south, City and County of San Diego, <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/osp/lospenasquitos/>

Love Valley Trail, Palomar Mountain, Cleveland National Forest, <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-1sz12hike21261-love-valley-meadow-offers-romantic--2009feb12-htmlstory.html> also see https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5277346.pdf

Otay Mountain Ecological Preserve, south of Jamul, <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Otay-Mountain-ER>

Palomar Mountain State Park, Palomar, http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=637 and <http://www.friendsofpalomarsp.org>

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Riverside County Park & Open Space District, near Murietta, <http://www.rivcoparks.org/education/santa-rosa-plateau/santa-rosa-plateau/> and <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Santa-Rosa-Plateau-ER>

Wilderness Gardens Preserve, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation, Pala, CA, <http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/WildernessGardens.html>

William Heise Park, San Diego County Department of Parks & Recreation, Julian, <http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/WilliamHeise.html>

