

## 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](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=483) and

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=21883](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](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](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](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](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](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=481)

**Trione–Annadel State Park**, Santa Rosa, [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=480](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](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](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](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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<http://tuleyome.org/trails/>

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

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=458](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=538)

**Henry W. Coe State Park**, Morgan Hill, [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=561](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](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](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](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](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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=551)

**Indian Grinding Rock State Park**, Pine Grove,  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=553](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](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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=616)

**Point Mugu State Park**, Malibu, [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=630](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=630)

**Topanga State Park**, Topanga, [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=629](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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=644)

**Descanso Gardens**, La Canada Flintridge, [www.descansogardens.org](http://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](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](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](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](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](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>

