OAK WALKS

Some of the oak woodland and oak-forested 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). Some were provided by Sacramento Tree Foundation. The list, which is by no means complete, also includes some areas that have been preserved since “Oaks of California” was published.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

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

Tuleyome’s website lists 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

Laguna de Santa Rosa, the largest tributary of the Russian River, drains a 254-square-mile watershed, which encompasses nearly the entire Santa Rosa Plain and includes all or part of the cities of Windsor, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol and the unincorporated community of Forestville.
http://www.lagunafoundation.org/about_recreation.html

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: 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: https://chico.ca.us/bidwell-park

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.)

Deer Creek Hills Preserve, springtime is an especially wonderful time at the preserve:
https://sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/deer-creek-hills-preserve/

William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park, Red Bluff
https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=458

Johnson-Springview Park, City of Rocklin
https://www.rocklin.ca.us/location/johnson-springview-park

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

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

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http://tuleyome.org/trails/

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

Brown's Valley Open Space, City of Vacaville
https://www.visitvacaville.com/directory/browns-valley-open-space/

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/
Miwok Park, City of Elk Grove—beautiful trees and a fun playground
https://www.yourcsd.com/640/Miwok-Park

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

Osborn Hill Trail, Empire Mine State Historic Park, Grass Valley
https://www.bylt.org/trail/osborne-hill-trail-area/ or

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

Pleasant Grove Creek Trail, Roseville
https://www.roseville.ca.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=7964922&pageId=17192020

Peter J. Shields Oak Grove, University of California, Davis Arboretum-Largest oak collection west of the Mississippi: https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/peter-j-shields-oak-grove

Ray and Judy Tretheway Oak Preserve, City of Sacramento
https://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Parks/Park-Directory/South-Natomas/Natomas-Oaks-Park

Tuleyome’s website lists trails in Colusa, Lake, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo counties, many of which provide opportunities to view oaks:
http://tuleyome.org/trails/

Effie Yeaw Nature Center Preserve, American River Parkway, Carmichael
https://www.sacnaturecenter.net/

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

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

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco (also see Strybing Arboretum, below)
https://sfrecpark.org/facilities/facility/details/Oak-Woodlands-Natural-Area-413

Indian Valley Open Space Preserve, Novato
https://www.parks.marincounty.org/parkspreserves/preserves/indian-valley

Junipero Serra County Park, San Mateo County Parks and Recreation, between Millbrae and San Bruno: 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.
https://www.parks.marincounty.org/parkspreserves/location-list

Mount Diablo State Park, Access through Concord/Walnut Creek, Danville, Alamo, and Clayton: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=517

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

Ohlone Regional Wilderness, East Bay Regional Park District. Access through Del Valle Regional Park, Sunol Regional Wilderness, or Mission Peak Regional Preserve: 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. Tilden Regional Park, East Bay Regional Park District, Berkeley: https://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden/botanic_garden.htm

Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Santa Cruz Mountains in San Mateo County
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, East Bay Regional Park District, Sunol
http://www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol

Tilden Regional Park, East Bay Regional Park District, Berkeley
https://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden/

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, East Bay Regional Park District, Richmond
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, Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation, San Jose: https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/JosephDGrant.aspx

Visit the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) website for a listing of many hikes.
https://openspacetrust.org/hikes/

Visit Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority’s website for a listing of hikes 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](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/UvasCanyon.aspx)

**MONTEREY/SALINAS VALLEY AREA**

Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Castroville

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](https://www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm)

Royal Oaks Park, Monterey County Department of Parks, Watsonville
[https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/list-of-county-parks/royal-oaks-park](https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/list-of-county-parks/royal-oaks-park)

**TORO COUNTY PARK, Monterey County Department of Parks, Salinas**

[https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/list-of-county-parks/toro-park](https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/list-of-county-parks/toro-park)

**SAN LUIS OBISPO AREA**

City Park, Recreation Department, Paso Robles [https://www.prcity.com/804/Downtown-City-Park](https://www.prcity.com/804/Downtown-City-Park)

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


Fiscalini Ranch, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Cambria
[http://www.ffrpcambria.org/visitors.html](http://www.ffrpcambria.org/visitors.html)

Los Osos Oaks State Reserve, just outside 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**

Poly Canyon, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo campus

Reservoir Canyon Nature Reserve, accessible on Reservoir Canyon Road, north of San Luis Obispo, via Highway 101: [http://www.slocounty.info/blog/reservoir-canyon-trail](http://www.slocounty.info/blog/reservoir-canyon-trail)
also see: [http://www.sanluisobispo.com/sports/article91806812.html#storylink=cpy](http://www.sanluisobispo.com/sports/article91806812.html#storylink=cpy)

Santa Margarita Lake Natural Area, San Luis Obispo County Parks, outside of Santa Margarita:
Three Bridges Oak Preserve, Atascadero Land Preservation Society, approximately 2 miles to the west of Atascadero: http://www.supportalps.org/properties/three-bridges-oak-preserve/

**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

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: https://www.lodi.gov/982/Trails-and-Pathways

Kaweah Oaks Preserve, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, east of Visalia
https://sequoiariverlands.org/what-you-can-do-see/preserves/kaweah-oaks-preserve.html

Mooney Grove Park, Tulare County Department of Buildings and Parks, Visalia
http://www.tularecountyparkstreasures.org/mooney-grove-park.html

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

Visit the Tulare County Parks website for a listing of county parks
https://tularecountyparks.org/

**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:
https://www.countyofsb.org/parks/day-use/toro-canyon.sbc

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS**

Charmlee Park, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and City of Santa Monica https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/charmleewilderness.htm also see: https://www.malibucity.org/561/Charmlee-Wilderness-Park
**Cheeseboro Canyon**, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Agoura
  [https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/cheeseboropalocomado.htm](https://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/cheeseboropalocomado.htm)

**Cold Creek Canyon Preserve**, between Malibu and Calabasas
  [https://www.treepeoplelandtrust.org/cold-creek-preserve/](https://www.treepeoplelandtrust.org/cold-creek-preserve/)

**Malibu Creek State Park**, Cornell: [http://www.malibucreekstatepark.org/](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**

**Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park**, San Juan Capistrano

**Crystal Cove State Park**, Laguna Beach: [http://www.crystalcovestatepark.org](http://www.crystalcovestatepark.org) or [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=644](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=644)

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


**Fullerton Arboretum**, California State University, Fullerton
  [https://fullertonarboretum.org/](https://fullertonarboretum.org/)


**Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden**, Arcata


**O’Neil Regional Park**, Trabuco Canyon, Orange County


**TEHACHAPI, SAN GABRIEL, AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS**

**Chilao**, Angeles National Forest, 27 miles north of La Cañada Flintridge
  [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/about-forest/?cid=stelprdb5162107](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
  [https://hparboretum.com/](https://hparboretum.com/)

**Placerita Canyon Park**, Newhall: [http://www.placerita.org](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: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=622](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=622)
Seven Oaks Trail, San Bernadino National Forest
https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sbnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=71959&actid=50

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: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=667

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

William Heise Park, San Diego County Department of Parks & Recreation, Julian

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

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, City and County of San Diego, between Rancho Peñasquitos and Sorrento Hills to the north and Mira Mesa to the south

Love Valley Trail, Palomar Mountain, Cleveland National Forest

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 Murrietta: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Santa-Rosa-Plateau-ER

Wilderness Gardens Preserve, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation, Pala