

## 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

#### 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>

**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](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](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](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](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: <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](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](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](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](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

<https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/499/files/EmpireMineSHPWebLayout2016.pdf>

**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>

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<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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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**, 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>

#### **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/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>

#### **SAN LUIS OBISPO AREA**

**City Park**, Recreation Department, Paso Robles <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)

**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**, San Luis Obispo County Parks and California State Parks, Los Osos: <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 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**, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo campus  
<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 101: <http://www.slocounty.info/blog/reservoir-canyon-trail>  
also see: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/sports/article91806812.html#storylink=cpy>

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

**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](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)

**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: <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.tularecountytresures.org/mooney-grove-park.html>

**Oak Grove Regional Park**, San Joaquin County Department of Parks and Recreation, Stockton: <http://www.sjparks.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>

**Cold Creek Canyon Preserve**, between Malibu and Calabasas  
<https://www.treepeoplelandtrust.org/cold-creek-preserve/>

**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

**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 Cañada Flintridge: [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org)

**Eaton Canyon Natural Area**, Pasadena: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/eaton-canyon-natural-area-and-nature-center/>

**Fullerton Arboretum**, California State University, Fullerton  
<https://fullertonarboretum.org/>

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

**Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden**, Arcata  
<http://www.arboretum.org/>

**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/>

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

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

#### 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>

**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 Bernadino National Forest, Lake Arrowhead  
<https://hparboretum.com/>

**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: [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](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=667)

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

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

<http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/WilliamHeise.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**, 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

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

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

<http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/WildernessGardens.html>