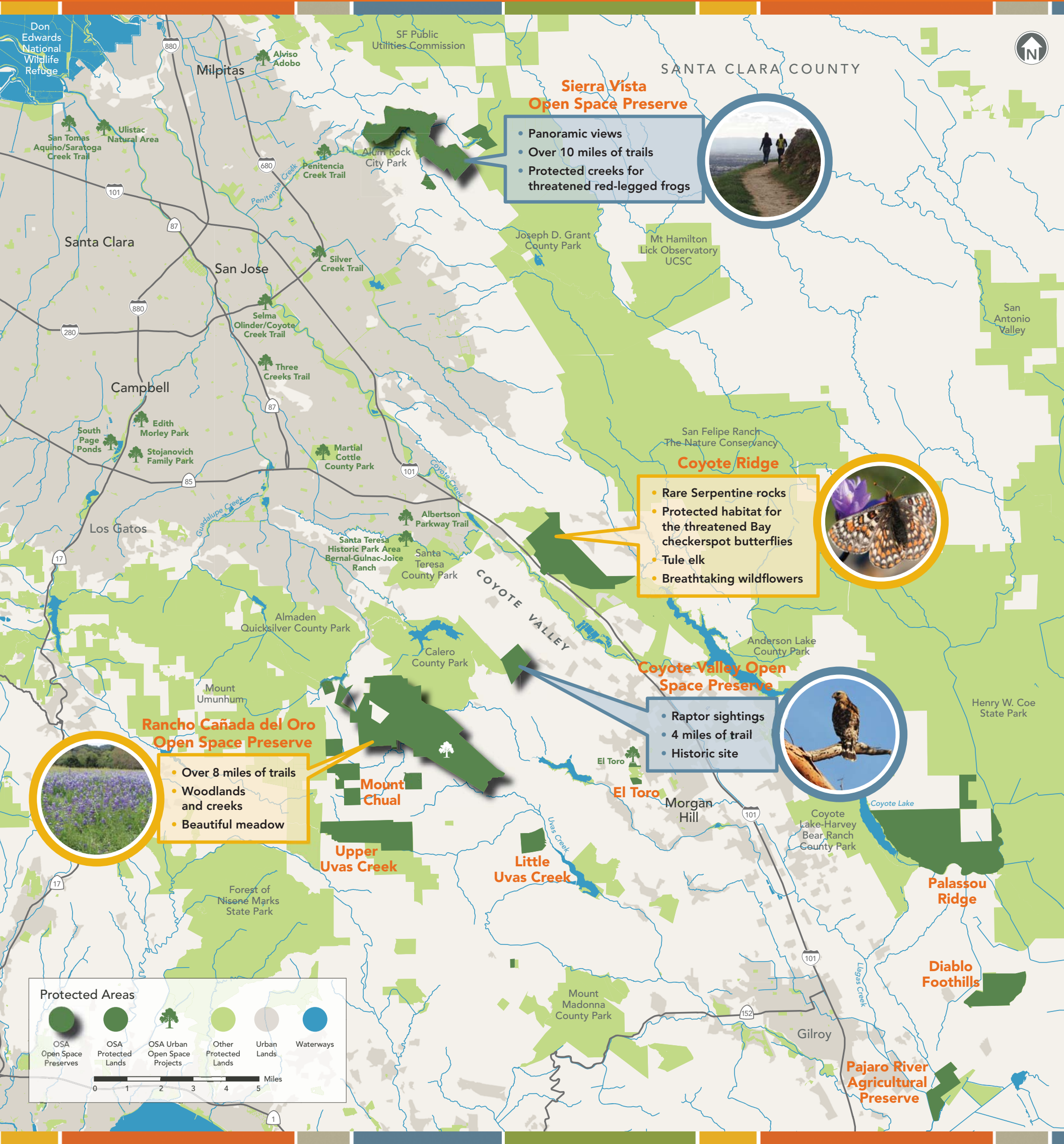


Discover Your Open Space Preserves



Open Space Preserves



The best way to discover our open space lands is to visit them! Come to hike, mountain bike or ride your horse! Our preserves are open year-round, free to visit, and offer great opportunities to connect with nature, spend quality time with your friends and family or just take some time for yourself.

We also maintain protected lands that are closed to the public for habitat protection and land management. From time to time, private hikes and events are offered on these preserves to catch a glimpse of the beauty they hold. Visit openspaceauthority.org for more information on protected lands.

Year-Round Activities



We offer a vibrant activities program where you can enjoy Docent-led hikes, look through a telescope at the stars in the sky, or bring your friends and family to learn and discover all that nature has to offer. Every month brings something new to explore. Each program takes you to the great outdoors, whether it be for learning, for your health or for its exquisite beauty.

We also partner with local parks and agencies to offer programs such as the Healthy Parks Healthy People at Martial Cottle. Sign up to receive our monthly emails and start planning your outdoor adventures! Visit openspaceauthority.org.

Urban Open Space

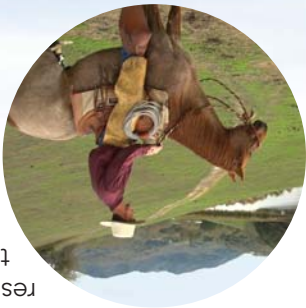


We strongly believe that everyone should have access to nature, no matter where they live. Through Measure Q we contribute to programs that create healthy and safe open spaces for city communities. These urban open spaces will give everyone access to places such as parks, community gardens and the trails that connect them.

We have contributed to projects such as Alviso Adobe, Ulistac Natural Area, Three Creeks Trail, South Page Ponds and El Toro. These urban programs are already vital to their communities and provide places for its friends and families to hike or have a picnic in a natural setting.



— Justin Fields, Rancher
"We take pride
in caring for this
land properly."



The impacts of climate change are altering the delicate balance of nature that both human and natural communities rely upon for clean air, fresh water, stable weather patterns, secure habitat and natural food sources. Climate change scenarios predict an increase in drought and flooding, spread of invasive species, intensity and frequency of wildfires and extinction of species. When we protect connected habitat, wildlife can move and adapt to changing conditions. By reducing levels of greenhouse gases through protection of farm and ranch land, the Authority can help human and natural communities become more resilient. Conservation awareness inspires us to preserve the natural resources that are essential to our well-being.

Fresh, clean water resources can never be taken for granted. The rivers, streams and creeks that flow through Santa Clara Valley are the lifblood of urban and rural communities and all natural ecosystems such as forests and grasslands. A rapidly growing population in our region coupled with the impacts of climate change require a focused effort to help maintain reliable and healthy water resources. The Open Space Authority works to protect the critical open space lands and natural systems that capture rainfall and snowmelt, act as a filter to remove toxins and pollutants, and deliver water into the reservoirs that serve our communities.

— Matt Freeman,
Assistant General Manager
"Protection of our
community's water
supply is essential
to our survival."



— Visitor at Coyote Valley
Open Space Preserve
"This is where we
come to get in touch
with nature, take a
deep breath and say
life is beautiful."



When you bite into a crisp apple, eat a handful of nuts or dig into a fresh salad, it is possible those fruits and veggies were grown locally. Ready access to fresh, nutrient-rich foods is important to our health. The Open Space Authority works with local farmers and ranchers, and invests in community gardens and urban edge agriculture to help sustain local food sources. Did you know that nature provides physical AND mental health benefits? When we hike, bike, ride or stroll through natural areas, our brain's performance improves. Studies show that a short amount of time spent outdoors can decrease the likelihood of depression. Plus, it's fun – so take advantage of open spaces and explore what nature has to offer!



OPEN SPACE is for everyone

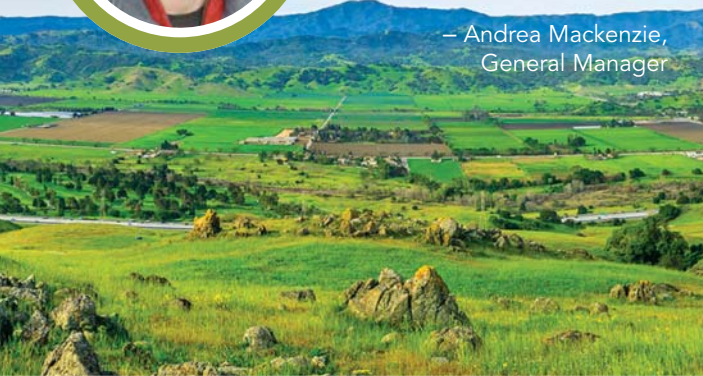
Open space lands are yours to explore and enjoy! Those of us lucky enough to live in Santa Clara Valley are surrounded by exquisite landscapes teeming with wildlife and natural beauty. The Open Space Authority works hard to provide everyone with opportunities to connect with nature by building parks and preserves, providing outdoor activities, protecting open space lands, and much more!

Your vote for Measure Q in 2014 has allowed the Authority to continue to protect open space lands, water and wildlife, and invest in urban open space projects throughout Santa Clara Valley. Since our start, we have preserved more than 20,000 acres for public benefit. The Open Space Authority was created by passionate, engaged citizens and established by the California legislature in 1993. We proudly serve the cities of San Jose, Campbell, Santa Clara, Milpitas and Morgan Hill, and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County.



"This is your open
space, so come
discover it, enjoy it,
and help protect it."

— Andrea Mackenzie,
General Manager



Get Involved



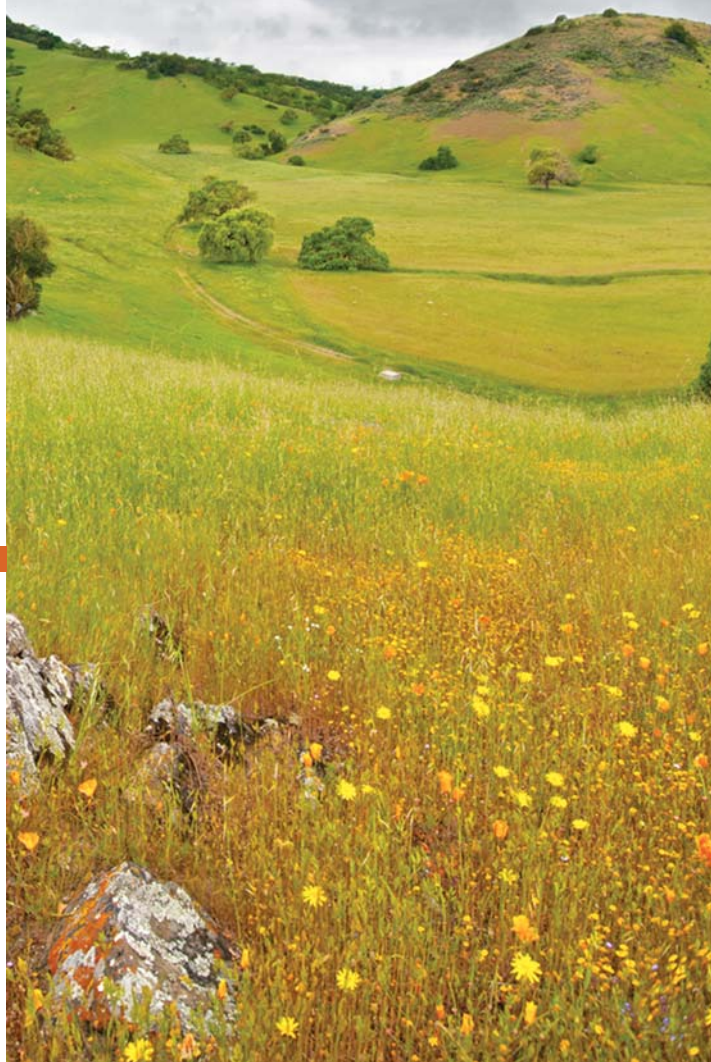
Volunteering at the Open Space Authority offers you beautiful settings in which to work and have fun. Whether helping visitors, improving habitat, or leading interpretive hikes, volunteers play a pivotal role in our mission.

There are a number of activities to choose from:

- **Docent** – Share your love of nature and outdoors as you lead special interest hikes.
- **Trail Patrol** – Get out on the trails and report on conditions and educate visitors.
- **Community Outreach** – Attend festivals and help spread the word about open space.
- **Stewardship** – Get your hands dirty while maintaining and restoring open space lands.

For more information on joining the volunteer team, visit our website at openspaceauthority.org/volunteer.

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