

Morgan Territory Regional Preserve

Clyma/Highland Ridge/Raven/Highland Ridge/Clyma Trails

Length: 9-mile loop **Elevation:** Approximately 1,840 feet

Location: Livermore

GPS: 37.818964, -121.795850

Intensity: Challenging



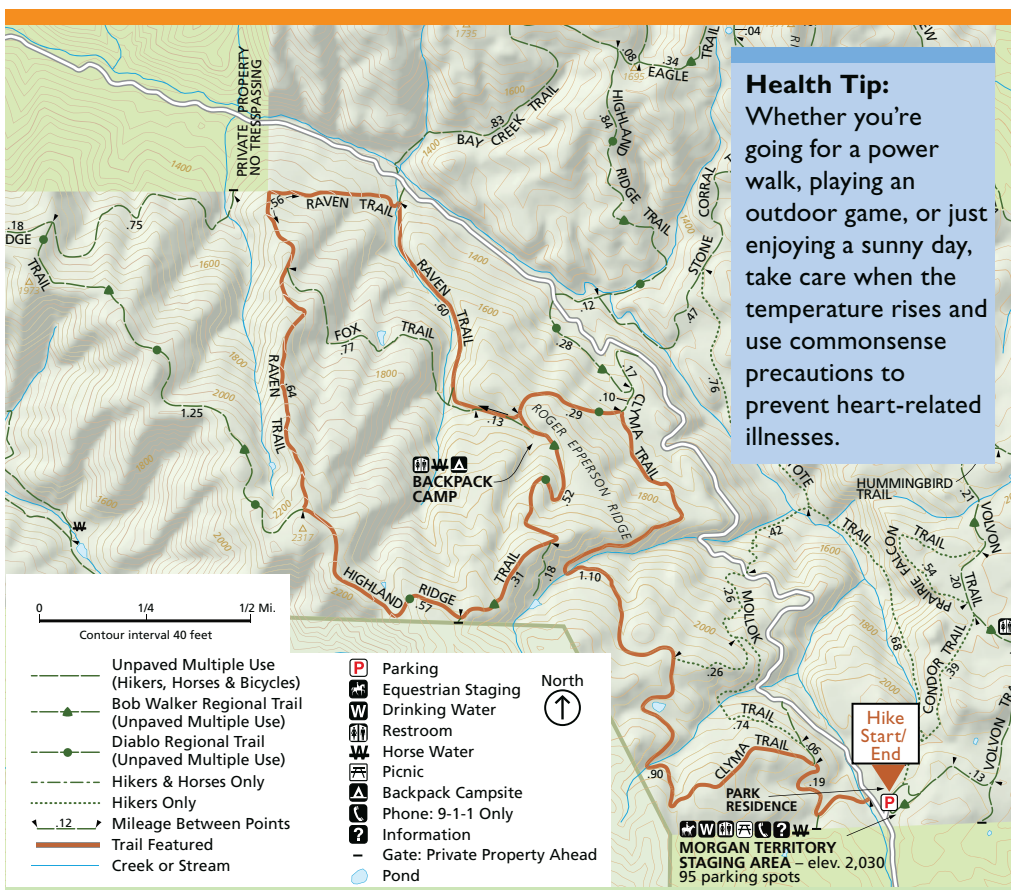
Park Features: Morgan Territory is named for Jeremiah Morgan a former gold miner who started ranching the area in 1857. Morgan Territory is located within the traditional homeland of the Volvon, one of five Native American nations in the Diablo area who spoke dialects of the Bay Miwok language. Today, the sandstone hills within the park's 4,708 acres are seasonally adorned with more than 90 species of wildflowers, including the endemic Diablo Sunflower. Deer, coyote and even the elusive mountain lion may be seen here, and a variety of raptors frequently soar overhead. Carry a map; it's a remote park.

Trails Highlights: This trail begins in a heavily shaded, narrow wooded canyon and then passes through rolling hills and an old orchard. Raven Trail leads you to the top of the hill where you can see Mt. Diablo to the west, Mount St. Helena to the north, and the Delta, Central Valley, and the Sierra to the east. Take a moment at the top of Raven Trail to look around and take in the beautiful panoramic views. This trail is a very steep climb and there isn't water available on the trails, so be sure to bring plenty. Ample parking, restrooms and water fountains are available at the Morgan Territory Road staging area.

Trail Directions: Park at the Morgan Territory Road staging area and walk towards the street-side of the parking lot. Near the park residence, there will be a sign for Clyma Trail. Follow the trail, crossing Morgan Territory Road. Go through the gate and across the small wooden footbridge. Stay on Clyma Trail



Photo: Marc Crumpler



for the next two miles. At the fork, make a left onto Highland Ridge and head uphill. At the next trail post, turn right onto the Raven Trail and at the next fork in the trail stay on the higher path, continuing on Raven Trail. At the next fork, turn left, in a switchback, remaining on Raven Trail. Follow Raven Trail steeply to the top of the hill. At the top of the hill turn left on Highland Ridge Trail. Take Highland Ridge Trail all the way down the hill. Keep following Highland Trail and turn right onto Clyma Trail. Clyma Trail will take you back to the staging area.

Driving Directions: From I-580 in Livermore, exit onto North Livermore Ave. and turn north. Shortly after North Livermore curves left (west), turn right onto Morgan Territory Rd. and follow it for about 5.5 miles to the staging area.

From Walnut Creek/Concord, take Clayton Rd. to Marsh Creek Rd., then turn right onto Morgan Territory Rd. The staging area is 9.4 miles from Marsh Creek Rd.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Fees: No fees

Website: ebparks.org/parks/morgan