

# Discover Morgan Territory

**NATIVE AMERICANS** 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. Their way of life was characterized by a rich heritage of social, political, economic, and religious tradition—tradition built upon thousands of years of living with the land, during which new ideas, technologies, and Indian groups came into the area.

Their world changed dramatically after 1772, when the Spanish began to explore the East Bay. Diseases of European origin killed large numbers of people. The Volvon were among the Native American groups who resisted Spanish missionization, but by 1806 the resistance had crumbled.

**RANCHING** Morgan Territory is named for Jeremiah Morgan, who was born in 1818 on the banks of the Tennessee River in Alabama. Morgan and six companions crossed the plains to California by ox-drawn wagon in 1849. After a brief stint as a gold miner, Morgan left California for Iowa, but returned with his family in 1853. In 1857 he started a ranch in today's Morgan Territory after having seen the land while on a hunting expedition.

**TRAIL NAMES** According to Native American tradition, at the dawn of time, Tuyshtak (Mount Diablo) was the sacred birthplace of the world. The First People (supernatural beings) lived here. The First People are often designated with the names of the animals whose attributes are reflected in their personalities, animals such as Condor (Mollok, mol'-luk), Prairie Falcon, Eagle, and Coyote. These personages created Native Americans and gave them a bountiful, beautiful world. Most of the park's trails are named to commemorate these First People (Coyote, Fox, and Eagle trails), while other names refer to natural features (Valley View, Blue Oak, and Highland Ridge trails). Hog Canyon and Jeremiah trails harken back to the park's ranching past.

**NATURAL FEATURES** Morgan Territory's sandstone hills are adorned in spring with more than 90 species of wildflowers, including the Diablo sunflower (*Helianthella castanea*), which grows only in the foot-

hills of Mount Diablo. Deer, coyote, and the elusive mountain lion may be seen here, and a variety of raptors soar overhead. Expansive ridgetop views reveal Mount Diablo to the west, Mount St. Helena to the north, and the snow-covered Sierra to the east. Lowland valleys cradle the headwaters of Marsh Creek.

## PARKLAND RULES

Welcome to your Regional Parklands. Help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone by complying with these rules and any posted regulations. The Park District's Ordinance 38, which is summarized below, lists specific rules for use and protection of Regional Parklands. Violators will be subject to citation or arrest. For further information, ask a Park Ranger, Police Officer, Volunteer Trail Patrol member, or telephone (510) 881-1833.

**PARK GATES ARE OPEN** to the public during hours posted at the park entrance. Unless otherwise posted, **CURFEW** is between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., except for persons possessing a permit to remain on parklands.

**MOTOR VEHICLES** are restricted to designated parking areas and paved public roads. **BICYCLES** may be ridden on designated bicycle trails, and on fire or service roads, unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are not permitted, either ridden, walked, or carried, off designated trails or in areas posted "No Bicycles," or on narrow hiking or riding trails. State law requires that all bicyclists under age 18 wear an approved helmet while riding on trails and roadways. Riders should call out or sound a warning when overtaking other trail users.

**DOGS** must be leashed (six-foot maximum) and under control at any posted area, parking lot, picnic site, lawn, or developed area. No dogs or other animals are permitted at any swimming pool, beach, wetland, or marsh. Owners must always carry a leash (six-foot maximum). Dogs may be off-leash in open space and undeveloped areas of parklands, provided they are under control at all times. Dangerous animals are not allowed in the parks. Please dispose of your dog's waste by placing it in a garbage can. Persons who walk more than three dogs at a time on Regional Parks trails must obtain a permit; commercial dog walkers are required to obtain a permit regardless of how many dogs they walk at one time (limit of six). Please call (510) 690-6508 for information.

**SWIMMING, WADING,** and other water contact activities are permitted only in designated areas. **DIVING** is permitted only from designated diving boards and swim platforms. **SCUBA** diving is prohibited in any District lake or inland waters unless authorized by the District.

**PLANTS, ANIMALS, GEOLOGIC, ARCHAEOLOGIC, OR HISTORIC OBJECTS** are protected by law. Please do not disturb or remove any of these features.

**HELP PROTECT OUR PARK WILDLIFE** by not releasing or feeding ducks, cats, or other animals. Do not feed wild park animals; enjoy them from a distance.

**FIRES** and barbecues are not permitted. Campstoves are permitted in designated camps only and must be placed at least 30 feet from flammable materials.

**FIREWORKS** are not permitted in any Regional Park.

**CAMPING** is not permitted within District parklands without a permit.

A state license is required to **FISH** at all Regional Parks. A District fishing permit is also required when posted.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not permitted at pools, swim beaches, on any Regional Trail, or within 50 feet of paved roads, parking lots, or posted areas. Alcohol is not permitted in specific parks where alcohol has been prohibited or within 50 feet of paved roads, parking lots, or posted areas. Otherwise, beer and wine are permitted at picnic areas and elsewhere on parklands.

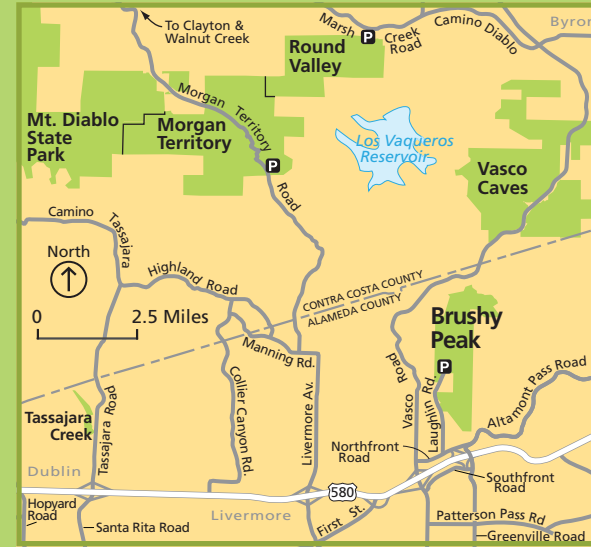
**GAMES** and **ACTIVITIES**, including model rockets, model airplanes, hang gliding, golf, and other activities with potential risk to property or park visitors, are permitted only in designated areas.

**ASSEMBLIES, PERFORMANCES, SPECIAL EVENTS,** or similar gatherings require a permit.

Please be considerate of other park visitors if you use a **RADIO**. A permit is required for **AMPLIFICATION** of voice, music, or other sounds. **GENERATORS** may not be used without a permit.

**FIREARMS** or **BOWS AND ARROWS** are not permitted on Regional Parklands except at established ranges. Crossbows, spears, slingshots, air pistols, or rifles, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited anywhere on Regional Parklands.

**PARK VISITORS** are responsible for knowing and following park rules.



### To Reach Morgan Territory:

From I-580 in Livermore, exit onto N. Livermore Avenue and turn north. Shortly after North Livermore curves left (to the west), turn right onto Morgan Territory Road and follow it to the staging area on the right. From Walnut Creek/Concord, take Clayton Road to Clayton. Clayton Road becomes Marsh Creek Road in Clayton. About three miles outside Clayton, turn right onto Morgan Territory Road. The staging area is 9.4 miles from Marsh Creek Road. Note: Morgan Territory Road is narrow and curvy on its way to the staging area. Drive with caution.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the EBRPD Public Affairs Department at (510) 544-2200, fax (510) 635-3478, TDD (510) 633-0460, or [info@ebparks.org](mailto:info@ebparks.org).

**PLEASE LET US KNOW** how this map may be improved to help you use this park. Write, email, or call with your suggestions: 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605; [info@ebparks.org](mailto:info@ebparks.org); (510) 544-2210.



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