

Morgan Territory Regional Preserve

Clyma/Highland Ridge/Eagle/Volvon Loop/Valley View/Volvon/Blue Oak/Hummingbird/Volvon/Condor Trails Loop

Length: 7.8-mile loop Elevation Gain: 1,404 feet

Location: Eastern Contra Costa County

GPS Coordinates: 37.818653,-121.795925

Intensity: Challenging



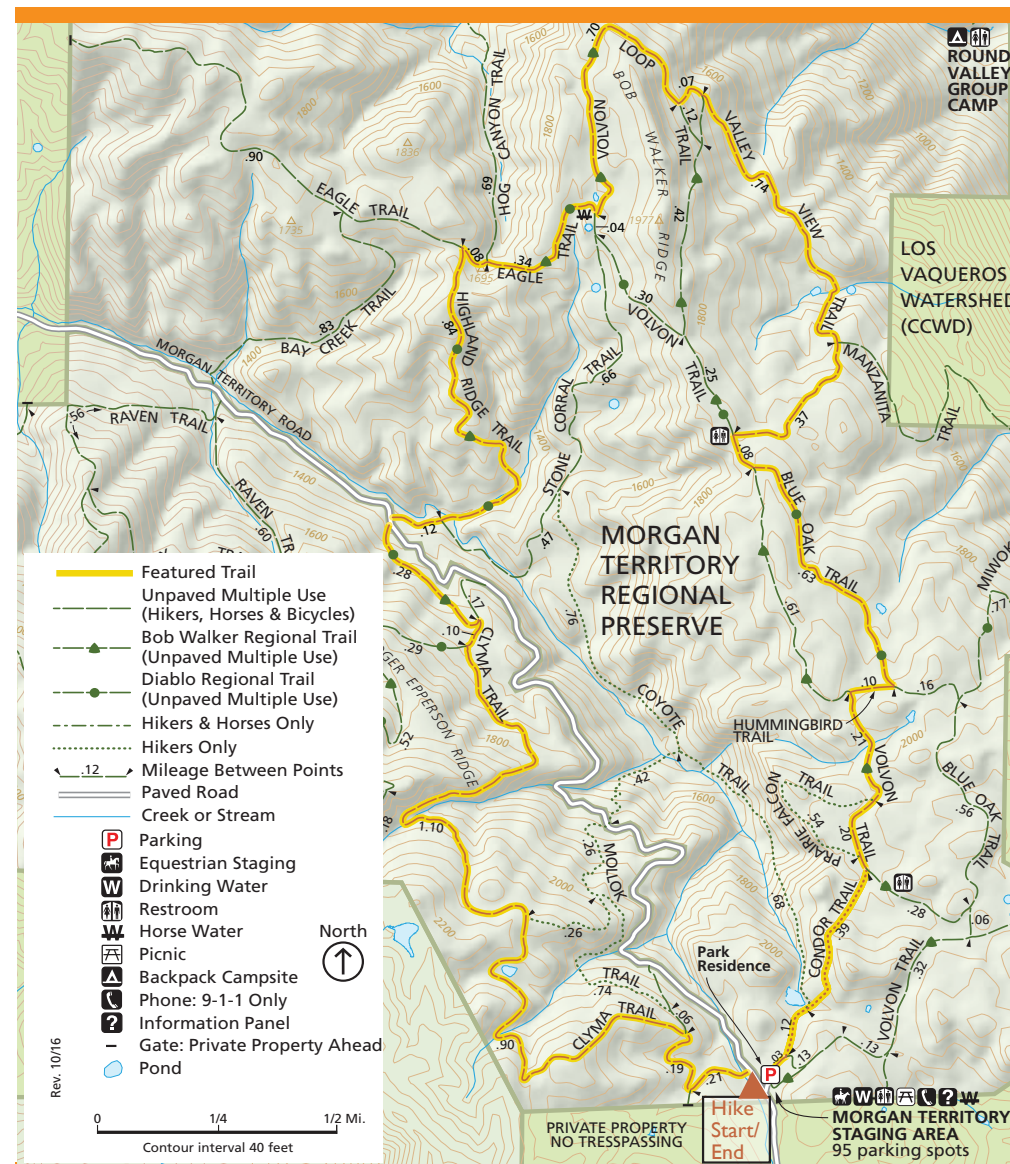
Park Features: Nestled in the Diablo Foothills, Morgan Territory is a stunning and remote 4,708 acre preserve with plenty of opportunities for exploration. Hiking and horseback riding are the park's premier activities. For intrepid visitors, the park also features a backpacking campground. Sandstone outcrops, lowland valleys, and expansive ridgetop views make for a varied experience. Make sure to pack plenty of water and a map or trail app; you may not come across many other hikers.

Trail Highlights: The hike begins with breathtaking views of Mt. Diablo in the distance. As the trail descends into the valley, it becomes beautifully rugged and wooded. By the time it crosses Morgan Territory Road, it parallels a creek and is lush and green. After a long climb up Highland Ridge and Eagle Trails, the Valley View trail rewards you with sweeping views of Round Valley Regional Park below as well as the Los Vaqueros watershed lands and reservoir to the south.

Trail Directions: From Morgan Territory Road Staging Area, cross Morgan Territory Road using the path marked Clyma Trail.. Once across the road, head through the cattle gate and follow Clyma Trail. After .4 miles, pass intersection for Mollusk Trail, and continue on Clyma Trail. After about 2 miles, you'll reach a junction with many trails. Head right and downhill for .1 miles, then, at the signpost, take the left fork, following signs for the Diablo and Bob Walker Regional Trails. Walk .28 miles until you come to Morgan Territory Road. Safely cross the road and enter the gate on the other side. Walk for .12 miles, then head straight at the fork to take Highland Ridge Trail. After .84 miles, head right on Eagle Trail and continue for .42 miles. At the signpost, turn left to follow Volvon Loop Trail for .7 miles, then turn left to take Valley View Trail. After .74 miles, continue straight to stay on Valley View for another .37 miles. Then, turn left on Volvon Trail and cross through the cattle gate. Continue for .08 miles, then turn left on Blue Oak Trail. In .63 miles, turn right on Hummingbird Trail to head back to Volvon Trail. After .1 miles, turn left. Follow Volvon Trail for .41 miles, then turn right on Condor Trail. After .39 miles, cross through the cattle gate and continue straight for .12 miles to return to Morgan Territory Road Staging Area.



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Driving Directions: From I-580 in Livermore, exit onto N. Livermore Ave. and turn north. Shortly after N. Livermore curves left (west), turn right onto Morgan Territory Road and follow it for about 5.5 miles to the staging area. From Walnut Creek/Concord, take Clayton Road to Marsh Creek Road, then turn right onto Morgan Territory Road. The staging area is 9.4 miles from Marsh Creek Road.

Park Hours: 8am-sunset (varies seasonally).

Fees: No fee.

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/morgan