Park Features: These lands have been ranch lands since the early 1800s. Today, camping, picnicking, hiking, backpacking, and equestrian trails attract thousands of visitors every year. From the visitor center in the valley, park naturalists lead programs to teach about the park’s special features. Cave Rocks provides a challenge to rock climbers. Little Yosemite is a scenic gorge on the creek. Cattle also graze within this 6,859-acre wilderness.

Trail Highlights: This trail takes you across rolling hills, through scattered oak woodlands, and through scenic valleys dotted with wildflowers in spring. You’ll pass the giant boulders at Cave Rocks, traverse breathtaking ridgelines, and finally descend to Alameda Creek near Little Yosemite. The trails are steep and the weather can be hot, so make sure to pack plenty of water and protection from the sun. Enjoy expansive views in every direction from the crest of the hills. Keep an eye out for acorn woodpeckers on Indian Joe Trail and western pond turtles sunning in High Valley Pond alongside Cave Rocks Road. With grueling climbs and stunning descents, there is never a dull moment on this trail.

Trail Directions: After passing the entrance kiosk, follow the road to the last parking lot. Cross the bridge and follow Camp Ohlone Road. Take the first left onto McCorkle Trail, make a right after the cattle gate (post 41), and continue for .6 miles. Turn sharply left onto Canyon View Trail (post 15) and follow for .5 miles, then turn right on Indian Joe Creek Trail. This trail is a narrow footpath that heads uphill. Climb steeply up Indian Joe Creek Trail until you reach the Cave Rocks after about 1.2 miles. You may wish to explore the area but use caution. Continue uphill for another .25 miles and make a left on Cave Rocks Road (post 24). At High Valley Camp, next to the barn, you will find water and a restroom. Continue to the right on Hayfield Road, then make a right on Vista Grande Trail (stone monument 4). Follow Vista Grande a little over a mile to the ridgetop. At the top, turn right on Eagle View Trail (stone monument 28). After .84 miles on Eagle View Trail, make a left on Cave Rocks Road and climb for .58 miles to the Cerro Este Overlook (stone monument 33). Take a right on Cerro Este Road and follow it for 1.7 miles. Make sure to follow signs for Cerro Este as there are several branching trails. Cerro Este Road will take you to Little Yosemite and Ohlone Road. Turn right on Ohlone Road (there is an outhouse on the left) and continue for .85 miles to return to the parking lot.

Driving Directions: From Fremont, take I-680 North and exit at Calaveras Road. Turn right onto Calaveras Road, then left onto Geary Road. Follow Geary Road into the park.

From Oakland/Berkeley, take I-580 East to the junction with I-680 in Pleasanton. Head south on I-680, and exit at Calaveras Road/Highway 84 just south of Pleasanton. Turn left onto Calaveras Road, then left onto Geary Road. Follow Geary Road into the park.

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

Fees: Parking: $5/seasonal, weekends and holidays. $4/trailerized vehicle. $25/bus.

Dogs: $2/dog; guide/service dogs free.

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