

Morgan Territory Regional Preserve

Condor/Coyote/Stone Corral/Valley View/Manzanita/Miwok/Blue Oak/
Hummingbird/Volvon/Prairie Falcon/Volvon/Condor Trails

Length: 7.38-mile loop Elevation Gain: Approximately 1,640 ft.

Location: Eastern Contra Costa County

GPS Coordinates: 37.818559, -121.795721

Intensity: Challenging

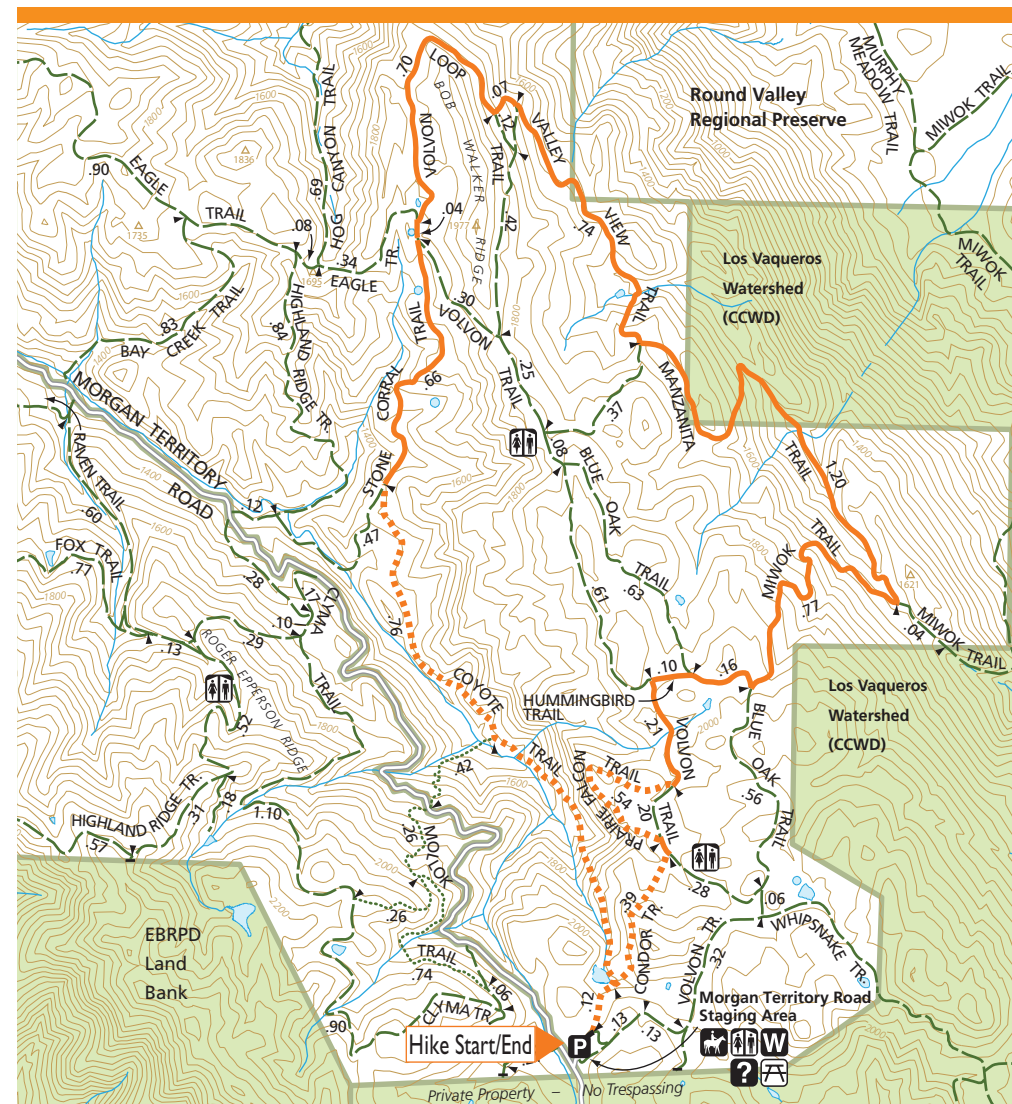


Park Features: Acquired in 1976, this park is a key section of a much larger multi-agency open space corridor that protects Mount Diablo and its foothills. Sandstone hills within the park's 4,708 acres are adorned in spring with more than 90 species of wildflowers, including the Diablo sunflower which grows only in the foothills of Mount Diablo. Deer, coyote and even the elusive mountain lion may be seen here, and a variety of raptors frequently soar overhead. The staging area at 9601 Morgan Territory Road has picnic tables, restrooms and drinking water.

Trail Highlights: This route features a number of unique habitats, from a creek to chaparral-filled hillsides and grasslands to ridge-top oak woodland. Expansive views of Mount Diablo and the eastern slope of the Roger Epperson Ridge lie to the west. Mount St. Helena can be seen to the north, and to the east, the Bay-Delta, Round Valley Regional Park, Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and the snow-covered Sierra Nevada. Although the difference between the highest point (2,046') and lowest point (1,346') is only 700 feet, the total elevation gain on this hike is 1,640 feet. All hikers are advised to bring a couple liters of water. The best time to hike this trail is in the spring, when temperatures are cool, and wildflowers are beginning to bloom.

Trail Directions: Begin at the staging area information board, starting on Condor Trail. Quickly veer left onto the Coyote Trail after .12 miles, descending to a creek bed. As you come out of the shaded area after .68 miles, continue on the wide Coyote Trail. After .76 miles, continue straight onto Stone Corral Trail. Pass by Volvon Trail on your right and Eagle Trail on your left, as you loop north to southeast. Go left at Valley View Trail. Hike .74 miles and go left onto Manzanita Trail. Continue for 1.2 mile, then turn right onto Miwok Trail. Head uphill for .77 miles then turn right onto Blue Oak Trail. After a short while, turn left onto Hummingbird Trail and a then quick left onto Volvon/Bob Walker Trail. Hike .21 miles and turn right on Prairie Falcon Trail, an exciting, scenic loop. After the loop, turn right onto the Volvon/Bob Walker Trail. Turn right again onto the Condor Trail and follow this trail back to the parking lot.

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 on the right. From I-680 in Walnut Creek, take Ygnacio Valley Road east to Clayton Road. Turn right. Clayton Road will turn into Marsh Creek Road. Turn right onto Morgan Territory Road. Drive 9.4 miles to the staging area.



- Featured Trail--Hiker, Horse, Bike
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- 28 Mileage Between Points

- P** Parking
- W** Drinking Water
- TR** Restrooms
- TR** Reservable Picnic
- TR** Picnic
- TR** Phone
- ?** Information
- Gate

Park Hours: 8 a.m. to sunset; seasonal hours vary

Fees: None

Website: www.ebparks.org/parks/morgan