Discover Morgan Territory

NATIVE AMERICANS  Morgan Territory is located within the homeland of the Volvon, one of six Bay Miwok-speaking tribes whose members had a deep knowledge and understanding of the natural world, and a profound social, political, economic, and religious heritage. They were among the Native people who resisted Spanish missionization, but by 1806 that resistance had crumbled. Some of today’s Bay Miwoks honor their ancestors by working to preserve ancestral cultural sites.

RANCHING  Jeremiah Morgan, the region’s namesake, was born in 1818 in the Cherokee Nation, Alabama. He joined a wagon train to California in 1849, but, unsuccessful as a gold miner, returned to Iowa in 1850. In 1853 he relocated his family to the Ygnacio Valley. By October 1857 he had established a 10,000-acre ranch and built a home and barn 4.5 miles outside Clayton, after whom the larger region was named, ranching past (Hog Canyon). Other trail names refer to the park’s natural features (Blue Oak, Mollok, Prairie Falcon, Eagle, and Coyote. Other trail names refer to the park’s natural features (Blue Oak, Mollok, Prairie Falcon, Eagle, and Coyote.

TRAIL NAMES  Contrary to its current name (diablo means “devil”) Mount Diablo was the sacred birthplace of the world for some local tribes and others as distant as the Sierra Nevada. Their creation accounts describe the heroic acts of the First People – supernatural beings who created people and “everything everywhere so people could live.” The First People had traits and abilities of animals, for which the traits are named, such as Condor (Mollok), Prairie Falcon, Eagle, and Coyote. Other trail names refer to the park’s natural features (Blue Oak, Highland Ridge) and ranching past (Hog Canyon).

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 foothills of Mt. Diablo. Morgan Territory serves as a land bridge between the open space lands of Mt. Diablo State Park and Round Valley Regional Preserve, forming a corridor for animals with large ranges, like the golden eagle and mountain lion. Deer and coyote may be seen here, and a variety of raptors soar overhead. Great horned owls and screech owls live in the oaks. The riparian woodlands support nesting passerines, reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals.

WELCOME!  Please enjoy the Regional Parks safely, and help protect and preserve the parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

SAFETY
• Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.
• Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous and may harm the watershed.
• Carry and drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on the trail.
• Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.
• Feeding or approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal.
• Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. Horses have the right-of-way on trails.
• Keep the parks beautiful. Pack out what you pack in.
• Drones are prohibited.
• Smoking is prohibited.

RULES
Dogs must be leashed 200 feet from any trail or park entrance. Dogs must be leashed in parking lots, picnic areas, developed areas such as lawns and play fields, when livestock is present, and on some trails. They must be under voice control at all times. Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with park rules (Ordinance 38). See www.ebparks.org/rules for Los Vaqueros Watershed, see ccwater.com.
IN ORDER TO REDUCE OR PREVENT THE RISK OF SERIOUS HEAD INJURY OR DEATH, STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL BICYCLISTS UNDER AGE 18 WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET WHILE RIDING ON TRAILS AND ROADWAYS. THE DISTRICT ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL EQUESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.

To reach trailhead:
- From I-580, and I-680, take the Danville, San Ramon, to Camino Tassajara and El Camino trail.
- From Hwy 100, take the Homeland, and Hopyard trail.
- From Hwy 9, take the Livermore, and Morgan trail.

Roadside parking 3/4 miles south of trailhead; walk along roadside to reach south of trailhead; walk along roadside to reach.

TRAILHEAD:
- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Information Panel
- Picnic Area
- Backpack Campsite
- Phone: 9-1-1 Only
- Equestrian Staging
- Horse Water
- Gate: Private Property Ahead
- Pond

Unpaved Trail
- Hiker, Biker, Horse
- Diablo Regional Trail (Unpaved Multi-Use)
- Hiker, Horse Trail
- Hiker Only
- Mileage Between Points
- Paved Road
- Creek or Stream

Los Vaqueros Watershed to Round Valley Regional Preserve:
- 1.6 miles through Los Vaqueros Watershed to Round Valley Regional Preserve. For more information on Los Vaqueros call (925) 240-2360 or see www.coaster.com.

Round Valley Regional Preserve:
- 1.6 miles on Mixed-Species Trail through Los Vaqueros Watershed to Round Valley Regional Preserve. For more information on Los Vaqueros call (925) 240-2360 or see www.coaster.com.