Skyline Ridge and Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve
San Mateo County

Horseshoe Lake and Alpine Pond

Skyline Ridge Preserve

Monte Bello Open Space Preserve

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Distance: 4.8 miles:
Wheelchair trails around Horseshoe and Alpine lakes, about 1 mile.

From: Horseshoe Lake
To: Rapley Ranch Road

Enjoy the Peninsula’s finest views and most spectacular spring wildflower displays on these ridge-line trails through Skyline Ridge and Russian Ridge Open Space Preserves. Climb through open grasslands to high knolls on trails that vary in surface from duffcovered to gravelly or rocky, and in width from narrow (hikers only) to wide, paved and unpaved ranch roads. Expect gradual ridgetop elevation gains and loses. These exposed ridgetops can be foggy and windy; trails on south- and west-facing slopes offer only intermittent shade.