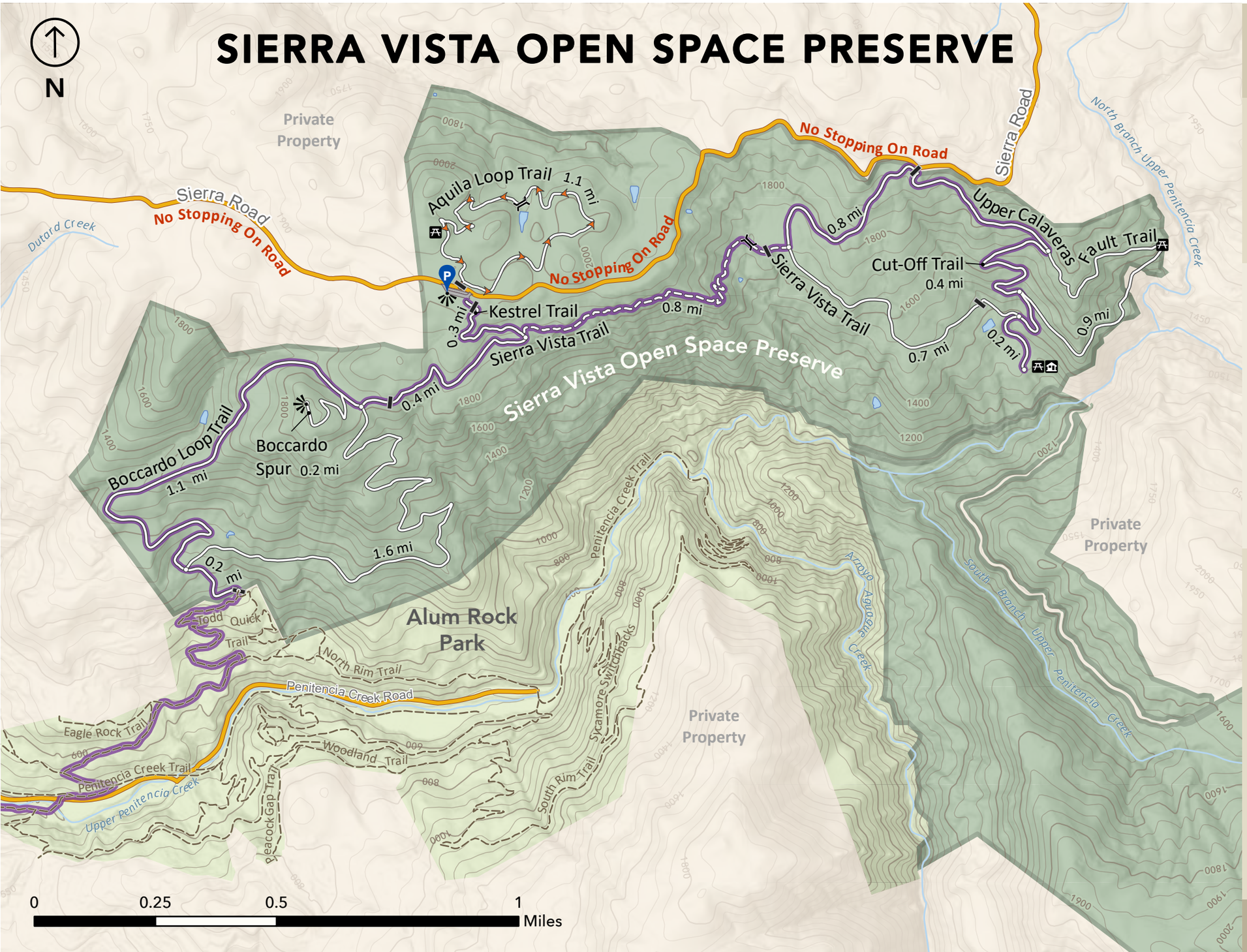
SIERRA VISTA OPEN SPACE PRESERVE



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Dual-use Trail

Multi-use Trail

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Multi-use Trail
Hike & Bike Trail
One-Way Trail
Bay Area Ridge Trail
Alum Rock

Authority Preserve
Alum Rock Park
Parking Area
Gate
Scenic Overlook
Picnic Table
Historic Ranch
Bridge

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No Picking Flowers or Plants
No Harassing Wildlife
No Dogs
No Drones
No Smoking
No Loud Music

For emergencies call 911

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RECOMMENDED HIKES

Aquila Loop Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles

This mellow hike is perfect for beginners and families with young children. Enjoy expansive views of northern Santa Clara County and Alameda County as you stroll through grasslands and rock outcroppings (that once were part of the ocean floor). Stop at one of two benches along the way to take in the views and relax. Keep your eyes peeled for local wildlife, such as red-tailed hawks, bobcats and acorn woodpeckers.

Upper Calaveras Fault Trail

Distance: 4.6 miles (round-trip)

This moderate hike for more experienced hikers takes the Kestrel Trail to the Sierra Vista Trail north-east, then along the Upper Calaveras Fault Trail with its great views of Alum Rock Canyon, Alum Rock Park and, on a clear day, the Diablo Range. Hike through grasslands, chaparral and mixed oak woodland habitats, then reconnect with the Sierra Vista Trail overlooking the canyon bottom several hundred feet below. Keep your eyes peeled for golden eagles soaring above the landscape.

Boccardo Loop Trail

Distance: 4.1 miles (round-trip)

This hike involves steep climbs paired with beautiful vistas. Take the Kestrel Trail to the Sierra Vista Trail south-west through rolling hills, then climb the Boccardo Loop Trail to circle the summit, where you'll be rewarded with stunning views of San José and the greater San Francisco Bay Area on clear days. Add on the optional 0.2-mile Boccardo Spur to reach the summit, where you can take in the views from a peaceful bench. Finish the loop and return on the Sierra Vista Trail to Kestrel Trail to finish the hike.

TRAIL RULES & SAFETY

- Hours are from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.
  Visitors who are already inside the preserve before sunset will be allowed to stay until 30 minutes after sunset.
- Mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding are permitted only on designated trails.
- Pets are not permitted in the preserve at any time.
- Fires, fireworks and smoking are strictly prohibited.
- Do not feed, disturb, harass or kill wildlife. Hunting, trapping and fishing are not allowed.
- Do not collect, remove, destroy or deface any natural or human-made object.
- No water is available at trailheads, at the parking lot or along the trails.
- Keep a respectful distance from cattle and approach slowly if they block the trail, allowing them to move on their own. Avoid loud noises, touching or close-up photos. Always close gates behind you to help keep cattle contained.

BE PREPARED

Always carry water. For maximum comfort, dress in layers for a range of weather conditions. Pack snacks or lunch, especially if hiking with children. Bring a hat, sunblock and a simple first aid kit. Horseback riders and cyclists should also plan for the care and maintenance of their transportation. Finally, be aware of your fitness level and abilities, especially when venturing out alone or on especially challenging hikes or rides.

DIRECTIONS

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- From I-680, exit east on Berryessa Road.
- Left on Piedmont Road.
- Right on Sierra Road.
- Free public parking area and equestrian parking will be on the right.

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Welcome

Located in the Eastern foothills of Santa Clara County, Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve offers sweeping views of Santa Clara Valley and the opportunity to stroll through diverse landscapes including oak woodlands, rolling grasslands and chaparral habitats. The area protects watersheds, areas of land that absorb water for it to flow into streams and reservoirs. Sierra Vista is home to protected wildlife species including the California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, American badger, Western burrowing owl and other species such as golden eagles, mountain lions, bobcats and gray foxes.

This preserve features nine miles of multi-use trails, including 6.7 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a regional trail system that will someday stretch more than 550 miles along the ridge lines that encircle San Francisco Bay.



ABOUT THE OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY

Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected approximately 30,000 acres of open space, natural areas, watersheds and wildlife habitat—providing outdoor recreation opportunities and preserving the natural beauty and environmental health of Santa Clara Valley. Your open space preserves are open seven days a week, 365 days of the year.

Learn more about the
Open Space Authority at
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