

# Get Out to Your Local Wild

Welcome to the first BART + Bay Area Ridge Trail crossroad. Explore nearby nature with a network of trails and transit.



**Reduce your carbon footprint, skip the traffic, and explore this emerging network of trails without ever getting in your car. BART and you're there!**

Once the Ridge Trail is connected, you'll have access to Mt. Umunhum, the Golden Gate Bridge, or even Mount St. Helena—at 4,386', it's the tallest peak in the Bay Area!

Visit [ridgetrail.org](http://ridgetrail.org) to find trail maps, trail apps and information about curated adventures.

Points of interest on the Penitencia Creek Trail (see map on other side) include:

- 1 Berryessa/North San José BART**  
This is the first BART + Bay Area Ridge Trail crossroad—a trail and transit network linking San José with local parks, creeks, wilderness and the Bay. You will be able to hike or ride a bike from the new BART station to these exciting destinations:  
1 mile: *Penitencia Creek County Park*  
3 miles: *Silicon Valley Wildlife Center*  
4 miles: *Alum Rock Park* and historic Mineral Hot Springs  
8 miles: The sweeping views of *Sierra Vista Point*
- 2 Penitencia Creek County Park/Gardens**  
Part of the 4-mile Penitencia Creek Parkway, the future vision is to expand the Penitencia Creek Trail to connect Alum Rock Park to the Coyote Creek confluence. This area is rich in Native American and Spanish colonial history. The Ohlone Indians inhabited the area for centuries before 1778 when King Charles III of Spain granted the land to the settlers of the Pueblo of San José de Guadalupe. Open year-round from 8:00am until sunset.
- 3 Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley**  
Provides free high-quality care, rehabilitation, and opportunity for release to sick,

injured and orphaned wildlife. With over 200 annual volunteers, they care for over 5,000 birds, mammals, and reptiles from over 150 different species each year. Open 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week.

- 4 Youth Science Institute**  
Delivers hands-on science and experiential environmental education programs in Alum Rock Park as well as two other locations. Each year, YSI serves inquiry-based life, physical, earth, and social science to nearly 30,000 pre-K to sixth-grade students.
- 5 Alum Rock Park**  
Founded in 1872, Alum Rock is one of California's oldest municipal parks. Nestled within the Alum Rock Canyon in the foothills of the Diablo Range, the park's 720 acres of natural, rugged beauty provide visitors with outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and group picnicking. Picnic tables, barbecue pits, water, restrooms, and a children's playground are located in the mid-canyon area. Open year-round from 8am until 30 minutes after sunset.
- 6 Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve**  
Perched above Alum Rock Park in the Eastern foothills of the Diablo Range, the Preserve provides watershed protection for Penitencia Creek and is home to a number of protected wildlife species including the California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, American badger, Western burrowing owl and other species such as golden eagle, mountain lion, bobcat, and gray fox. It offers sweeping views of the Valley and the opportunity to stroll through diverse landscapes including oak woodlands, rolling grassland, and chaparral communities. Open year-round from 8am until sunset.



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# Penitencia Creek Trail Map



**KEY**

- Bay Area Ridge Trail
- Ridge Trail Multiuse Trail
- Ridge Trail Bike/Hiking
- Connector Trail
- Other Trail
- 0.1 Miles Between Points
- Segment Start/End

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