



A Self-guided Scavenger Hunt: Find 19 Bridges along the Penitencia Creek Trail

Follow the map in the Ridge Trail brochure (available at ridgetrail.org/berryessa-bart in Spanish and English) as a guide to find the 19 bridges located along the Penitencia Creek Trail between N. King Road and Doral Drive (~4 miles).

START at the new trailhead across from the Berryessa BART station, on Berryessa Station Way. Here you will find interpretive signs and a contemplative garden. NOTE: When the Berryessa BART/ Penitencia Creek Trail eventually connects to Coyote Creek Trail there will be three more bridges along the trail. Follow the trail and cross N. King Road at Salamoni Court. To help you start, we found the first two bridges for you.

Bridge #1: is where N. King Road crosses Penitencia Creek.

Bridge #2: a foot bridge parallel to N. King Road, this bridge connects the trail to sidewalks to the North. This was previously the Western end of the Trail.

Bridge #3: This bridge was for a farmer to access his/her fields (no public access).

Location: _____

Bridge #4: This bridge takes you away from the creek.

Location: _____

Bridge #5: This bridge is between the ones that take you away and brings you back; you take an Education to see it.

Location: _____

Bridge #6: This bridge brings you back to the creek.

Location: _____

Bridge #7: This bridge is close, but the trail never crosses it and is a pair of two different types.

Location: _____

Bridge #8: This bridge is where vehicles go over your head.

Location: _____

Bridge #9: This bridge is shared by trains.

Location: _____

Bridge #10: This bridge is where you can see both sides of the valley.

Location: _____



Bridge #11: This bridge is crossed by two crosswalks. (Hint: think diagonal)

Location: _____

Bridge #12: This bridge is at the Rainbows End (Private)

Location: _____

Bridge #13: This bridge is where the street you cross changes name going to the South.

Location: _____

Bridge #14: This bridge is where water overflows from the Percolation Ponds back to the creek.

Location: _____

Bridge #15: This bridge is to the north leading to learning and information.

Location: _____

Bridge #16: This bridge you cross to get to the trail on the South side of the creek.

Location: _____

Bridge #17: These bridges save the trees. How many are there?

Location: _____

Bridge #18: The bridge to get people to and from the "Hill".

Location: _____

Bridge #19: This bridge is just beyond the end of the developed trail and is rare. (It is private)

Location: _____

Visit ridgetrail.org/penitencia-creek to learn more about this trail and nearby points of interest.

At Doral Drive trail users share Penitencia Creek Road with vehicles to enter Alum Rock Park. In Alum Rock Park there are many bridges; vehicle bridges, old railroad bridges (trains once ran from near downtown into the park), and pedestrian bridges. Some are made of concrete; some are of beautiful old stone work. See if you can find how many and of what types and materials. If you stay on the creekside trail on the South side of the creek you can discover many of these bridges, the log cabin, ranger station, Youth Science Institute, picnic areas and the old rotunda fountain with mineral spring water. Just beyond the last public vehicle parking lot are more stone bridges and stone grottos with running mineral water as well as ruins of old mineral baths.

From Alum Rock Park you can take one of the many trails up the north side of the canyon to rejoin the Ridge Trail up to Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve. There you can find more bridges on your way to the end of the trail at the Southern boundary of the Preserve. At the end of the trail there is a bench to take in the beautiful views of the valley and Bay Area.