

Welcome! Hidden Villa is a nonprofit educational organization that uses its 1600 acre farm and wilderness area to teach and provide opportunities to learn about the environment and social justice. We are open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00 am until dusk during our regular season (mid-August through mid-June). Always check our “Visit Us” pages for upcoming closures and special open dates. Season Passes and Day Passes are available for purchase.

Safety & Etiquette

While our programs and property provide a rich variety of hands-on, experiential leaning, visitors should be aware of how to stay safe and avoid potential hazards. You can create enjoyable and safe visits by following these listed rules and etiquette and by complying with all posted signs:

**Pack-Out Facility:** Please pack out everything you bring. We do not provide public trash receptacles and we encourage no-garbage meals and snacks.

**Plants and Animals on the Farm:** Please do not pick plants. They are grown for our programs and have intended uses. Our farm animals are on special diets and are fed at regular times; Please do not feed them.

**Wild Plants, Animals, and Natural Objects:** All wildlife is protected — do not disturb wild plants, animals, or natural objects. If you are fortunate enough to encounter wildlife, do not approach, startle, or feed it.

**Closed Areas:** Please comply with all posted signs that indicate an area is closed. Animal pens are closed to visitation and should not be entered without a Hidden Villa guide. Trails segments are closed when hazards arise.

**Buildings:** Most buildings are closed to visitation apart from our programs; if you would like to speak with a staff member, visit our offices in the Wolken Education Center, Hostel, or the Duveneck House.

**Dogs:** Dogs are welcome and must be attended and on leash at all times. They are not allowed on our wilderness trails or in areas with free ranging chickens. Never leave dogs inside parked cars or tied up and unattended.

**Bicycles:** Bicycles are welcome on the farm but not on the wilderness trails. Helmets are required at all times. Please observe the 5-mph speed limit.

**Equestrians:** Helmets are recommended for all equestrians. Horses are welcome on the farm and on designated equestrian trails.

**Fires:** Fires are prohibited.

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited.

**To Report an Incident:** Please report any serious injury, safety hazard, or unsafe behavior to Hidden Villa staff.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

EXPLORE THE FARM & WILDERNESS

There is so much to do and see at Hidden Villa! Where to begin? If you’re looking for suggestions, check out the Visit Us pages at [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org). At our Welcome Kiosk or before you visit, download our self-guided tours and location aware maps on the FREE Easy2Hike app for iOS and Android.

PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM

Join our hands-on classes that connect you to your food, watershed and local ecosystems. Check out our Calendar of Events to see what’s happening and learn more about Field Trips for PreK-6th Grade and Teen groups, After School Programs, and Summer Camps. You can also taste the fruits of our Sustainable Agriculture Program as a Community Supported Agriculture Member or by visiting us at the Los Altos Farmers Market from May through September.

INVEST YOUR RESOURCES

When you make a gift to Hidden Villa, you inspire a just and sustainable future. You make our programs and scholarship opportunities possible.

VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents as a Hidden Villa docent. Support our farming and administrative operations. Group volunteering is also welcome and accomplishes team building and philanthropy at the same time! Visit our volunteer page for more information.

BECOME A SEASON PASS HOLDER

By investing in a Season Pass, you support our land stewardship and reinforce the value of this place for you and your community. A Season Pass permits one car to skip the parking fee and pass holders are invited to special activities each year! Season Passes also make a great gift for hikers, joggers, and families with children.

JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY!

Learn about upcoming events and discover opportunities and share what inspires you. Sign up for eMoos, our monthly e-newsletter, like us on Facebook, and follow on us on Instagram.

HIDDEN VILLA

Hidden Villa strives to inspire a just and sustainable future through outdoor education, regenerative agriculture, and community engagement.

Hidden Villa is a nonprofit educational organization that uses its organic farm, wilderness and community to provide opportunities to learn about the environment and social justice.

Hidden Villa sits over 1600 acres of open space in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains forty miles south of San Francisco. It was originally the home of Frank and Josephine Duveneck who purchased the land in 1924 and offered it as a gathering place for discussion, reflection and incubation of social reform.

Over the following decades, the Duveneck family established the first American Youth Hostel on the Pacific Coast (1937), the first consciously multiracial summer camp in the United States (1945) and Hidden Villa’s Outdoor Education Program (1970). The Trust for Hidden Villa was established as a nonprofit in 1960.

Hidden Villa remains true to the values and ideals modeled by the Duvenecks. A commitment to inclusion, fairness and justice transcends across program areas while environmental stewardship preserves the farm and surrounding open space.

Hidden Villa annually serves over 26,000 children with its programs across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties while engaging almost 500 volunteers. Efforts are partially funded by income generating programs and services, with donations from individuals, corporations and foundations accounting for approximately 50% of annual funding.

Directions: Take HWY 280 to El Monte/Moody Rd. exit. Follow signs to El Monte Rd. West and Foothill College. Get into left lane and drive past the college entrance. At first stop sign, make a left onto Moody Rd. and continue through the second stop sign, keeping left. Continue for 1.5 miles; the entrance is on your left.

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VISITOR GUIDE  
& TRAIL MAP

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*Becoming aware of the relationship  
of all living things to other living  
things is the key to knowing ourselves.  
It is the basis for understanding  
the intricate web of life.*

JOSEPHINE DUVENECK





# Trail Descriptions

Most Hidden Villa trails head up from the valley and then return back down. The exception is the relatively flat Creek Trail along Adobe Creek.

### HOSTEL TRAIL

Length— 1.54 miles  
Elevation gain— 650', steep initial climb  
Climate— shade on initial climb, exposed and sunny along the ridge  
Directions— Starts across from the hostel and climbs Elephant Mountain. Hostel Trail connects to Toyon Hill Trail (0.5 mi.), Grapevine Trail (1.2 mi.) and Black Mountain Trail (1.5 mi.).

### CREEK TRAIL

Length— 0.96 mile  
Elevation gain— 240', gentle grade  
Climate— shady, cool  
Notes— 3–5 feet wide. Great for strollers, horses, and kids.  
Directions— Look for the trailhead sign just beyond the White Barn. The trail follows Adobe Creek upstream, connecting to Toyon Hill Trail (0.1 mi. from the trailhead sign), Pipeline Trail (0.5 mi.), Grapevine Trail (0.6 mi.), and Ewing Hill Trail (1.0 mi.). Horses allowed as far as Ewing Hill Trail.

### LONG BUNNY LOOP

Length— 1.56 miles  
Elevation gain— 400', steady climb  
Climate— mostly cool and shady  
Directions— On Creek Trail, veer right after the first bridge. Cross the West Fork of Adobe Creek. After several switchbacks, you'll reach a clearing with a view of the ranch below. From here the trail narrows and descends along Bunny Creek to join the road behind the Duveneck House. Turn right, cross the bridge, then turn left to return to the farm.

### SHORT BUNNY LOOP

Length— 1.06 miles  
Elevation gain— 250', steep climb that levels out  
Climate— mostly cool and shady  
Directions— A shorter version of Long Bunny Loop. Short Bunny Loop takes off from Long Bunny Loop about 0.5 mi. from the bridges and rejoins Long Bunny Loop along Bunny Creek.

### GRAPEVINE TRAIL

Length— 0.5 miles  
Elevation gain— 430', steep climb  
Climate— exposed and sunny in places  
Directions— Steep climb from Creek Trail (0.4 mi. from the bridges) to Hostel Trail (1.2 mi. from the Hostel). Horses allowed.

### EWING HILL TRAIL

Length— 0.72 miles  
Elevation gain— 470', steep climb  
Climate— exposed and sunny in places  
Directions— Connects Creek Trail (1.0 mi. from the bridges) to Black Mountain Trail.

### TOYON TRAIL

Length— 0.54 miles  
Elevation gain— 500', steep uphill climb with switchbacks  
Directions— Connects Pipeline Trail to the Hostel Trail.

### PIPELINE TRAIL

Length— 0.6 miles  
Elevation gain— slight uphill climb  
Climate— patchy sunny woodland  
Directions— Starts ascending .15 miles up Creek Trail until it meets the Toyon Trail Junction and then gradually drops back down to Creek Trail .4 miles from where it branched off.

# Recommended Hikes

### TOYON HILL LOOP

Length— 1.5 miles round-trip from kiosk  
Rating— Moderate  
Time— 45 minutes, at steady pace  
Directions— Go up Hostel Trail near the Hostel. Turn right at Toyon Trail junction and go up and over the ridge. Take a right at the Pipeline Trail junction and then a right on Creek Trail to return to the farm.

### ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN LOOP

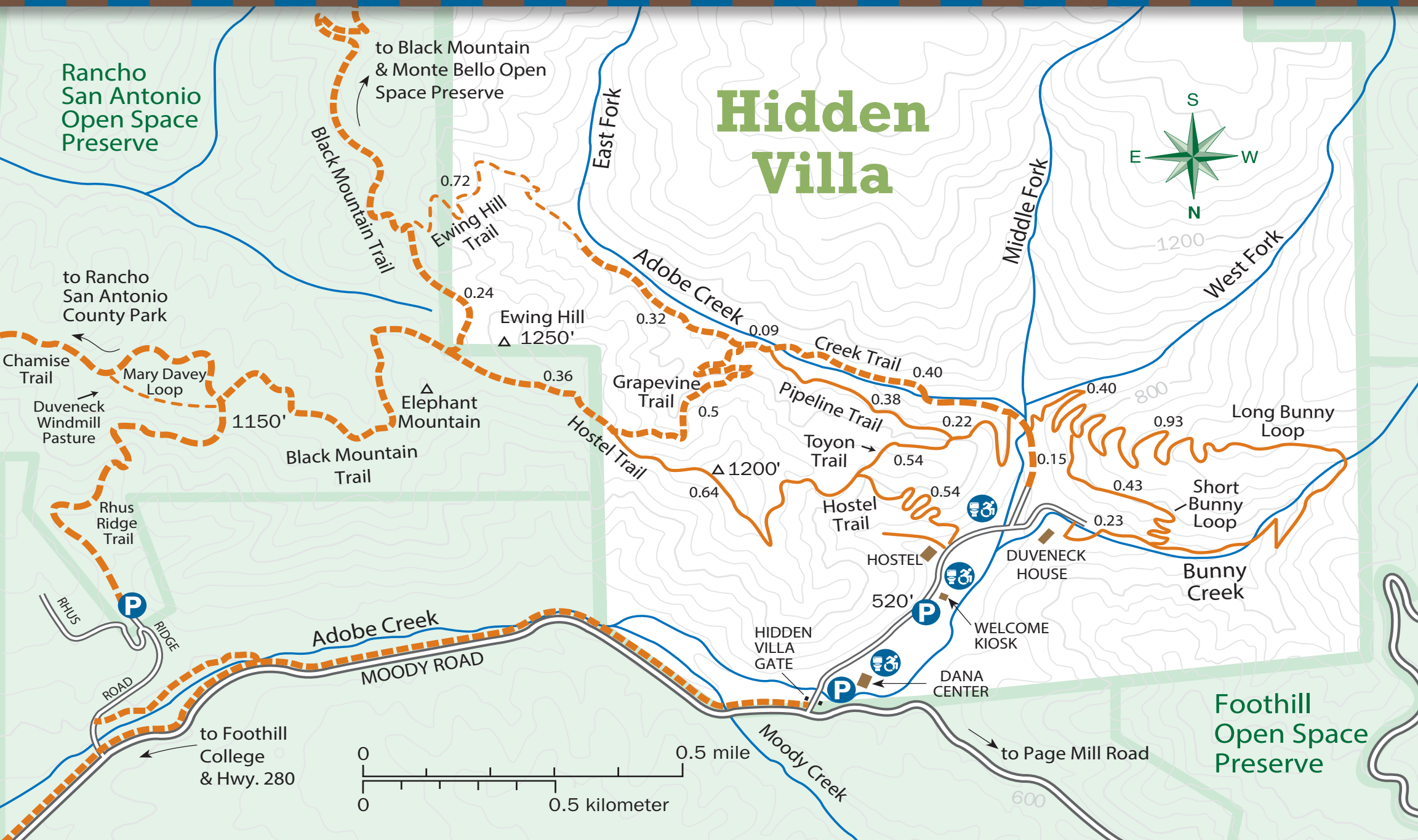
Length— 2.3 miles  
Rating— Moderate  
Time— 2 hours, at steady pace  
Directions— Start by going up Hostel Trail. At Toyon Hill Trail, bear left to continue up Hostel Trail. The last steep climb will bring you to the highest point of Elephant Mountain, with views of Mt. Tamalpais and the Santa Clara Valley. Descend along the ridge, turn right onto Grapevine Trail, then turn right again when you join Creek Trail.

### WINDMILL PASTURE LOOP

Length— 4.7 miles round-trip  
Rating— Moderate-Difficult  
Time— 2.5 hours, at steady pace  
Directions— Take Hostel Trail, pass Grapevine Trail, then turn left on Black Mountain Trail towards Windmill Pasture. To return, backtrack along Black Mountain Trail. Continue 0.25 miles past the Hostel Trail and turn right on Ewing Hill Trail. Descend to Adobe Creek and follow on Creek Trail to return to the farm.

### BLACK MOUNTAIN TREK

Length— 10.5 miles round-trip  
Rating— Difficult  
Time— 5 hours, at steady pace  
Elevation gain— 2,280'  
Directions— A long steep hike to the highest peak in the northern Santa Cruz Mountains rewards you with 360° views. Take Creek Trail to the end; it becomes Ewing Hill Trail. Turn right at Black Mountain Trail and continue the steady uphill climb. As you near the summit, head for the airway beacons at the top. Reverse directions to return to Hidden Villa.



- No dogs on trails or in wilderness areas.
- No bikes, motorcycles, or smoking permitted.
- As indicated, some trails are closed to horses. Possible closure in wet weather. Hikers should stand on uphill side of trail to let horseback riders pass.
- Stay on trails to prevent erosion—do not slide down banks.
- Respect the wilderness. Plants, rocks, downed wood, and wildflowers belong to the land.
- Please don't litter—take out what you bring in.
- A reminder: poison oak, rattlesnakes, mountain lions, and ticks are common to the area. For prevention and safety information, visit our kiosk in the main parking lot.

Hiking Trail (no bikes)

Hiking & Equestrian Trail (no bikes)

Hidden Villa

Other Public Land

Road

Buildings

Restrooms

Parking

Contour interval 40 feet