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 learning, 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 except 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 leads 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 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. At our Welcome Kiosk or before you visit, download our self-guided tour 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, watersheds 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 encourages 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 us on Instagram.

**Hidden Villa**

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

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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 1843 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 (1867), the first consciously multicultural summer camp in the United States (1946) and Hidden Villa’s Outdoor Education Program (1970). The Trust for Hidden Villa was established as a nonprofit in 1980. 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 20,000 children with its programs across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties while engaging almost 600 volunteers. Efforts are partially funded by income generating programs and services, with donations from individuals, corporations and foundations accounting for approximately 40% 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 3.5 miles; the entrance is on your left.

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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— mostly cool and shady
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 with switchbacks
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
Climate— patchy sunny woodland
Directions— Connects Pipeline Trail to the Hostel Trail.

PIPELINE TRAIL
Length— 0.6 miles
Elevation gain— slight uphill climb
Climate— patchy sunny woodland
Directions— Stays 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.

TOYON HILL LOOP
Length— 1.06 miles
Elevation gain— 230’, steep climb that levels out
Climate— mostly cool and shady
Directions— A shorter version of Long Bunny Loop.

WINDMILL PASTURE LOOP
Length— 4.7 miles round-trip
Rating— Moderate-Difficult
Time— 2.5 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.

BLACK MOUNTAIN TREK
Length— 10.5 miles round-trip
Rating— Difficult
Time— 5 hours, at steady pace
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 steep uphill climb. As you near the summit, head for the airway beacons at the top. Reverse directions to return to Hidden Villa.

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.

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• 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.