

History

Hidden Villa was founded by 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 Duvenecks established the first Hostel on the Pacific Coast (1937), the first multiracial summer camp (1945), and an Environmental Education Program (1970). The Trust for Hidden Villa was established as a nonprofit in 1960.

Hidden Villa is open Tuesday-Sunday from 9:00 am to dusk. Season Passes (which are good all year, except when the property is closed for Summer Camp) are available for \$60, or Day Passes are available for \$5.

Etiquette

Hidden Villa is a smoke-free, "pack-out" facility and does not provide public trash receptacles. Please help to ensure an enjoyable visit for all of our guests by taking out what you bring in, and by following these simple guidelines and all posted signs:

- Do not pick flowers, fruits, or vegetables. These items are grown for our programs and have intended uses.
- Leave plants and shrubs as they are.
- Dogs are welcome and must be attended and on a leash at all times. They are not allowed on our trails, in the wilderness, or in areas with free-ranging chickens.
- Our farm animals are on special diets and are fed at regular times; Please do not feed them.
- For the safety of our animals and for our guests, please do not climb on fences or enter animal pens without a guide.
- There are several private residences on site—these are not public spaces and should be respected.



How to get involved

TAKE A CLASS

We have a wide array of hands-on classes that connect you, and the entire family, to our food, watershed and eco systems. www.hiddenvilla.org

EXPLORE THE FARM & WILDERNESS

There is so much to do and see at Hidden Villa — the maps enclosed will help navigate your visit.

SHARE YOUR TIME AND BUILD A TEAM

What could be better than a day on the farm? Come make a difference and have fun all at the same time. Service projects and ropes course; Share your objectives and we will design a day to strengthen your team. For more information about volunteering and team building activities please contact volunteers@hiddenvilla.org or call (650) 949-8655.

INVEST YOUR RESOURCES

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

JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY!

Learn about upcoming events, discover opportunities and share what inspires you. Sign up for our online newsletter at www.hiddenvilla.org Like us at www.facebook.com/hiddenvilla Follow us at www.twitter.com/hiddenvilla

BECOME A SEASON PASS HOLDER

By investing in a Season Pass, you help Hidden Villa steward our land and reinforce the value this place has for you and your community. A Season Pass permits one car to skip the usual \$5 parking fee and park in our lot during our public operating season (September through May and select open weekends in the summer). They also make a great gift for hikers, joggers, families with children and regular visitors.

Hidden Villa is a nonprofit, educational organization that uses its organic farming, wilderness, and community to teach and provide opportunities to learn about the environment and social justice. Hidden Villa stretches over 1600 acres of open space in Los Altos Hills, CA, about 40 miles south of San Francisco.

Our mission is to *inspire a just and sustainable future through our programs, land, and legacy.* We work towards this in bite-sized ways each and every day: we teach young children the most basic concept that food is a natural resource; we ask older children to consider the impacts of their choices and actions; we encourage parents to be conscientious consumers and to share positive social and environmental values with their families.

We rely on the generous contributions of our friends and neighbors to serve 55,000 people annually and provide over \$550,000 in scholarship and partnership support. Hidden Villa receives no federal funding and is the largest privately owned wilderness preserve in the state of California.

Our budget is evenly comprised of program fees and contributed revenue; This model compels us to produce quality programs and to build strategic alliances. To inspire a just and sustainable future, we need to ensure a place for everyone at the table. You have an opportunity to shape tomorrow and make a lasting impact today by making a gift to Hidden Villa. Let us show you how.

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.

HIDDEN VILLA

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VISITOR GUIDE & TRAIL MAP



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

HIDDEN VILLA

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— 1.5 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— 1.0 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— 1.75 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 Big House. Turn right, cross the bridge, then turn left to return to the farm.

SHORT BUNNY LOOP

Length— 1.25 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— 0.7 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 HILL TRAIL

Length— 0.75 miles
Elevation gain— 500', steep uphill climb with switchbacks
Directions— Starts on Creek Trail just beyond the junction of the three creeks and heads uphill to the junction of Hostel Trail.

PIPELINE TRAIL

Length— 0.4 miles
Elevation gain— very slight uphill climb
Climate— patchy sunny woodland
Directions— Starts .25 miles up Toyon Hill Trail and gradually drops down to Creek Trail .4 miles from the bridges.

Recommended Hikes

HOSTEL-TOYON HILL-CREEK 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 on Toyon Hill Trail. Go up over the ridge, down to Creek Trail and turn right to return to the farm.

ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN LOOP

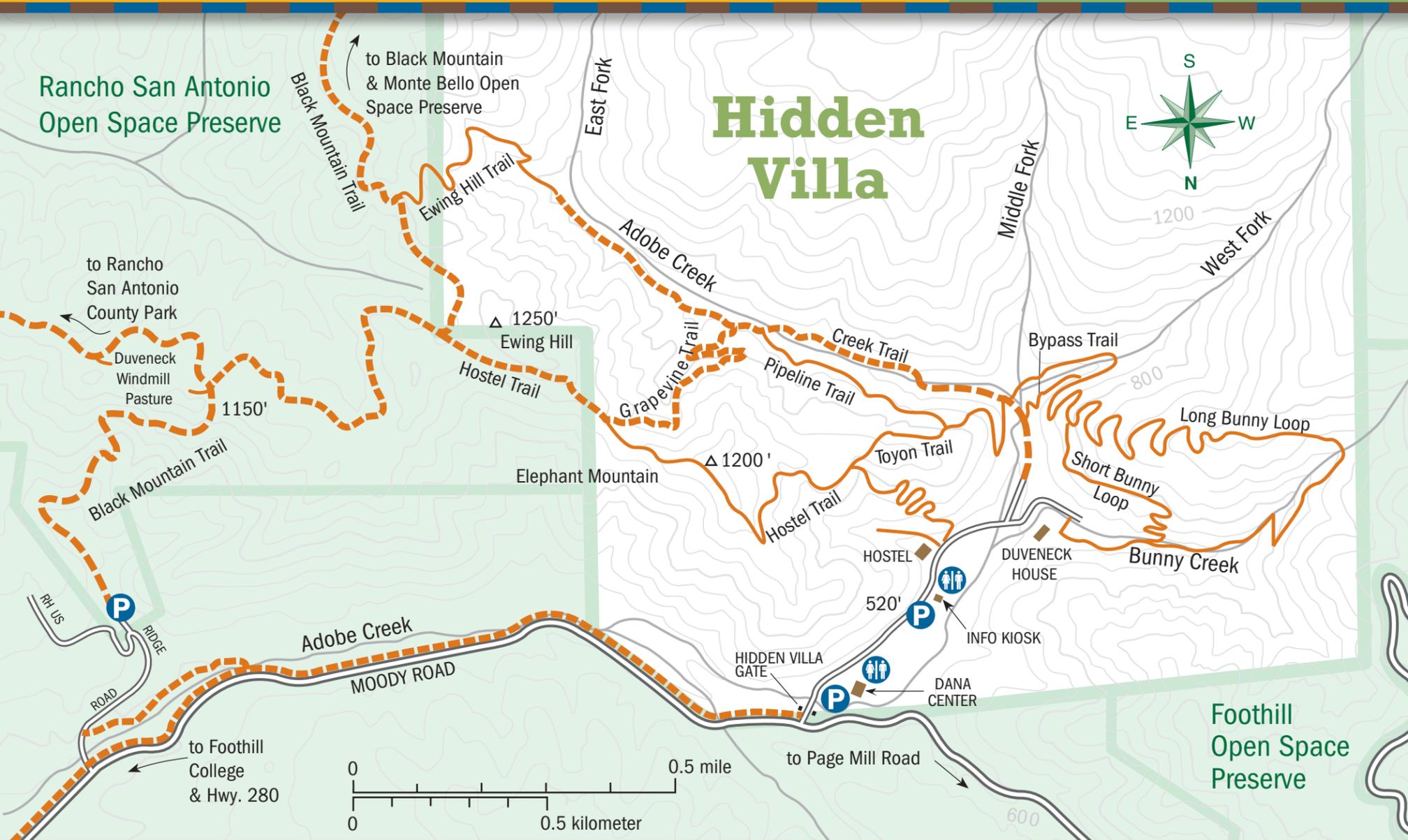
Length— 2.3 miles
Rating— Moderate
Time— 2 hours, at steady pace
Directions— Start by going up Hostel Trail. At Toyon Hill Trail, bear left to continue up Hostel Trail. The last steep climb will bring you to the highest point of Elephant Mountain, with views of Mt. Tamalpais and the Santa Clara Valley. 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, 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
 - P Parking
- Contour interval 40 feet