

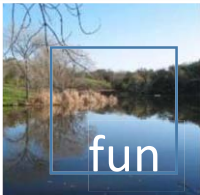
Trails of the Beautiful Village of Heritage Ranch (HR)



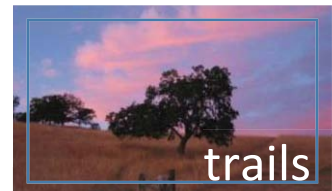
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lake vistas



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trails



sunsets



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Introduction

2020 Guide. This 2020 Guide of the Clear Mountain Trails booklet is an update of the 2004 Guide which was dedicated to Dave Chiaramonte. Without his vision, hard work, dedication, and most importantly, his magnificent heart, our beautiful Heritage Ranch trail system would not have become a reality.” The 2004 trails committee included *Chairman:* Dave Chiaramonte *Secretary:* Dottie Wallace *Committee Members:* Ed Patterson, Jim Colsell, Barbara Smith Jerry Wallace.

Mission: *It is the mission of the Trail Sub-Committee to promote healthful exercise and mental well-being for all Heritage Ranch property owners by creating a comprehensive trail system that will maximize the enjoyment of the pastoral beauty of the village of Heritage Ranch for equestrian, biking, hiking and jogging enthusiasts. Your use and respect of these beautiful trails will confirm that we succeed.*

Preparation of the 2020 Guide. The Guide includes most of the trails included in the 2004 edition but has been prepared using the new Global Position System (GPS) trail software that was not readily available in 2004. The specific software is called GAIAGPS. It provides color images of terrain features, buildings, elevations, topography and a detailed photographic overlay of each trail on the satellite photograph of terrain. This information has been to develop the descriptions of individual trails in the following pages (*see trails overview on next page*).

How to Use the Guide: HR owners and residents have two options for using the Guide.

- Printed Copy: the following pages contain an overview and detailed information on each trail. Individuals can obtain a full copy from the HR office.
- Cell Phone or IPAD Access: These devices allow trail users direct access to all above noted trail information and *in addition allow a trail user to track in real time where they are on a specific trail (no getting lost or disorientated)*. Anyone with a device that has GPS software can download the GAIAGPS application at www.gaiagps.com , set up a personal account at no-cost, then request access to the HR trail files from the HR office. *Note that use of the software does not require access to any telephone carrier (i.e. ATT) and all HR GAIAGPS trail information is private, not public, and not accessible to anyone unless HR authorized.*

The 2020 Trails and Open Space Subcommittee is composed of *Chairperson:* David Fretwell, *Committee Members:* Vice Chairman Kelly Krambs, Chris Arend, Steve B, Denise Revell, Paul Forcey, Robin Bain. *It is intended that the Guide will be a “live document”, both the print and automated versions can and will be updated as needed, and at least once a year. The Subcommittee recommended the inclusion of several trails (i.e. Rim of Ranch, Broken Dam, Tennessee Walker, Tumbleweed/Connection, Barn Sour, Horse Canyon) in the 2020 Trail Book, as they were in the 2004 Book, however the HR Board declined to approve these trails for use and inclusion in the 2020 Trail Book.*

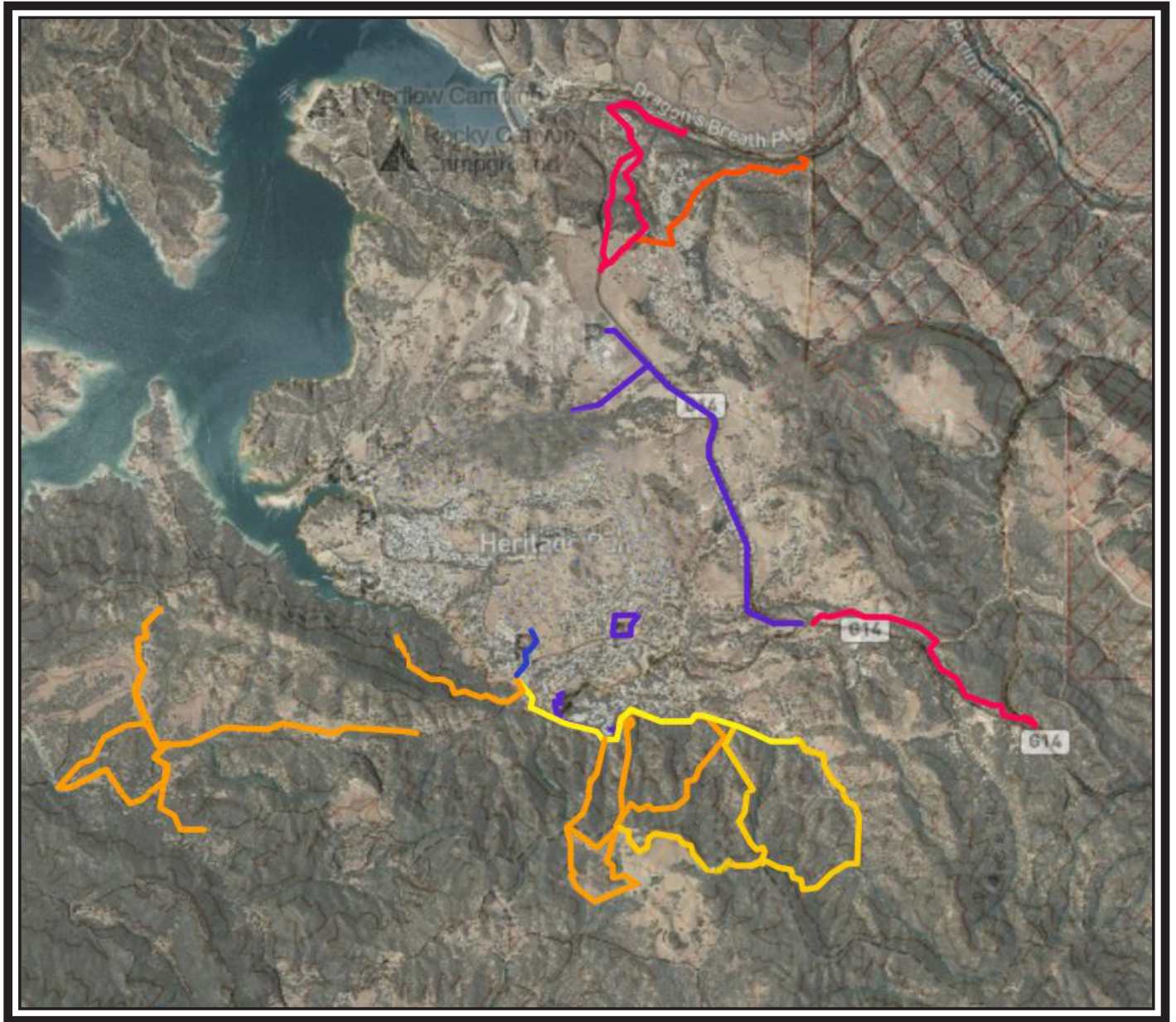
On behalf of the Trail Committee, ENJOY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OVERVIEW OF TRAILS

EAST G14 TRAILS (RED)

SOUTHERN SNAKE CREEK TRAILS (YELLOW)

CENTRAL/WEST G14 TRAILS (PURPLE)



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TRAIL ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

Please respect trail etiquette by obeying all signs

Remember that:

- ✓ **Equestrians have right of way over hikers, joggers and mountain bikers.**
- ✓ Mountain Bikers must yield to both pedestrians and horses.
- ✓ **Absolutely no motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on our trails.**
- ✓ If you have dogs, please do not allow them to chase or harass horses, cows or other wildlife.
- ✓ Also remember to **keep all gates closed and stay on the trails.** This will help to keep them open and defined.
- ✓ **Take plenty of drinking water.** Leave stream, river and lake water for wildlife. Although it looks clean and refreshing, stream/lake water can make you ill. Wear good hiking shoes or boots, pants are suggested in high brush areas.
- ✓ **Let someone back at home know where you are going and when you plan to return.** Take a mobile phone for emergencies only or to let them know you have returned safely.
- ✓ **Wildlife lives in all our green belts - even near our more urban areas.** Although rare, elk, mountain lions, coyote, wild pigs and rattlesnakes may be seen. If you encounter wildlife on the trail, keep your distance back away slowly, and do not run. Report any potential dangerous animal sightings to the HROA. Ticks, fleas, and spiders may also live in tall grass. Please leave wildlife alone and take precautions to ensure your safety.
- ✓ **We suggest using the buddy system. Hike with a friend or family member.** The companionship in the great outdoors is fun, and you can encourage one another to meet your fitness goals.
- ✓ **Poison oak is a common plant in this area.** Learn to identify its shiny, three-leaf pattern and avoid touching it.
- ✓ **Most importantly, enjoy yourself and keep our trails beautiful and pristine by taking your trash with you when you leave.**



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

A. Level of difficulty ratings for trails have been developed by multiple private and public trail use organizations. A review of several¹ which rate trails somewhat like those at HR (i.e. similar terrain, multiple users, etc.) indicate that the ratings are often subjective and include evaluation of multiple factors. These include: health & experience of participants, weather, distance traveled, accumulated elevation, condition/type of trail, signage, environmental factors etc.

B. The objectives of rating systems are to: help trail users make informed decisions, encourage visitors to use trails that match their skill level, manage risk and minimize injuries, improving the outdoor experience for a wide variety of participants, aiding in the planning of trails and trail systems etc. *The final decision to hike/ride is the participant. Participants hike at their own risk.*

C. The 2006 CMT Booklet included trail ratings of easy, moderate, and difficult. At that time the 2006 authors did not have GPS tracking tools to identify precise trail tracks, get satellite images of key features on trails, measure distance, elevation change/topography lines, etc. This information is now available in the 2020 CMT booklet and on a GAIAGPS Cell Phone Application.

D. The 2018 updated CMT generally retains the three categories in C above, and do not vary much from the 2006 CMT. Each trail was reviewed in relation to the factors in A above. It is noted that HR trails are in general shorter than two miles, do not have elevation changes over 500', large obstacles, or rocky/slippery terrain. Most HR trails fall into the easy or moderate categories and not the more difficult or extreme categories sometimes used in other rating systems. However, HR trails are on rolling terrain. While most trails are easy and/or moderate, some have short "more difficult" sections due to more elevation changes and a few softer trail conditions. These are noted in descriptions and reflected by multiple trail ratings for some trails. In addition, some trails have "unimproved sections" ratings in addition to the three basic trail ratings. *Not: it is recommended that trails marked moderate or difficult should not be used immediately following significant rain as portions of the trail may be slippery and require high water crossings on creeks.*

- **Easy trails (GREEN dot on trailhead sign):** moderately healthy person with limited experience on trails, well-marked low risk trail, firm footing in generally good condition and short (about a mile), little overall altitude change over trail (up to 150', 5% or less grade), good signage.
- **Moderate trails (BLUE dot):** healthy experienced person, trail generally in good condition with firm footing, length 2-3 miles, moderate overall elevation change (up to 500', 10% or less), good signage.
- **Difficult trails (BLACK dot):** healthy person with considerable experience on trails, trail in generally good condition but may have some variable footing, some narrow single-track sections and short rapid elevation changes (250+-, 20% or less), good signage.

Unimproved trail sections: Some trails offer the option of passing thru sections of grassland and/or trees where the trail may not have a distinct track. Trails with this designation also have alternate routes that are "improved" with a distinct track. *"Unimproved" trail sections are usually easy or moderate, noted in trail descriptions, may have more limited signage, but are often scenic and used by participants who want to get off the "beaten track".*

¹ Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Difficulty Rating System, Irvine Ranch National Landmarks ratings, Northwest Hiking Difficulty Calculator, Finnish National Parks, California Department of Parks and Recreation.

1 EAST NACIMIENTO

Distance/Time: 2 miles & 1.25 hours from Bluegill, 3 miles & 2 hours if you start at Windmill Rd.

Type: Loop or in/out

Difficulty: Easy to moderate, part unimproved

Trailhead: The trail can be accessed several points. You can join the trail on the East side of Nacimiento Road (G14) starting at Windmill Road, Reservoir Road, Steelhead or Bluegill Road. Proceed North along the frontage road and utility easement/trail on the East side of G14. The trailhead formally begins at the intersection of G14 and Bluegill across G14 from the shopping center.

Description and key features: The trail winds its way downhill through the trees from Blue Gill to the Water Treatment Plant, past the plant to the river and about ¼ of a mile along the river front. During the trip, especially in the early morning, you may see water fowl, deer, perhaps hawks and a bald eagle, and even elk as they take an early morning drink. At Bluegill you need to decide if you want to travel the loop, or just do an in/out trip.

- The loop trail is easy/ moderate. If you take it in a clockwise direction starting at Bluegill you will follow near the fence on the east side of G14 down thru the trees and grassland to the river. This part of the trail is unimproved and not that well defined but by using the GAIAGPS track one can work his/her way north and down the hill toward the Water Plant. You can join the paved utility road just before the water plant and follow it down behind the Plant and thru a hiking gate and east the along the river. You can then return up the hill from the Plant on the paved utility road to Bluegill where you turn right and South to Steelhead/ Reservoir/ Windmill Road depending on where you started.

- The in/out option is the one to choose if you want an easily and better-defined trail. Just follow Bluegill east from G14 and take the first left turn which is the paved utility road to the Water Plant and River, then you can take the same way back to G14 and onwards to Steelhead, Reservoir, or Windmill Road depending where you started.

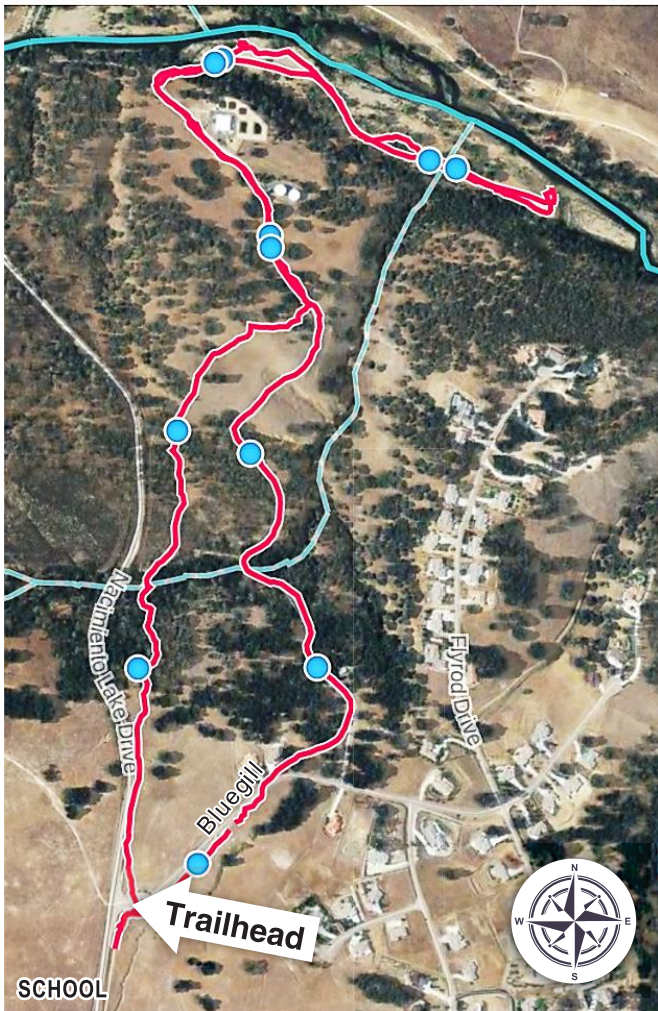


East of G14, crossing Reservoir & Steelhead, South of Bluegill thru trees to water plant



Utility Road before plant, gate to river, river, utility road back up to Bluegill

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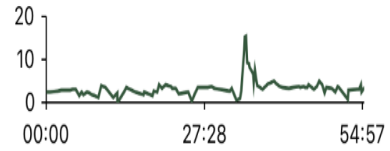


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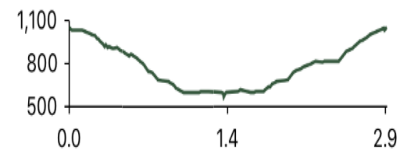
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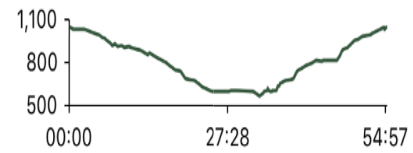
Speed Profile (mph)



Altitude Profile (ft)



Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance 2.87 mi

Ascent 400 ft (-397)

Profile is clockwise around loop

2 RIVER VIEW

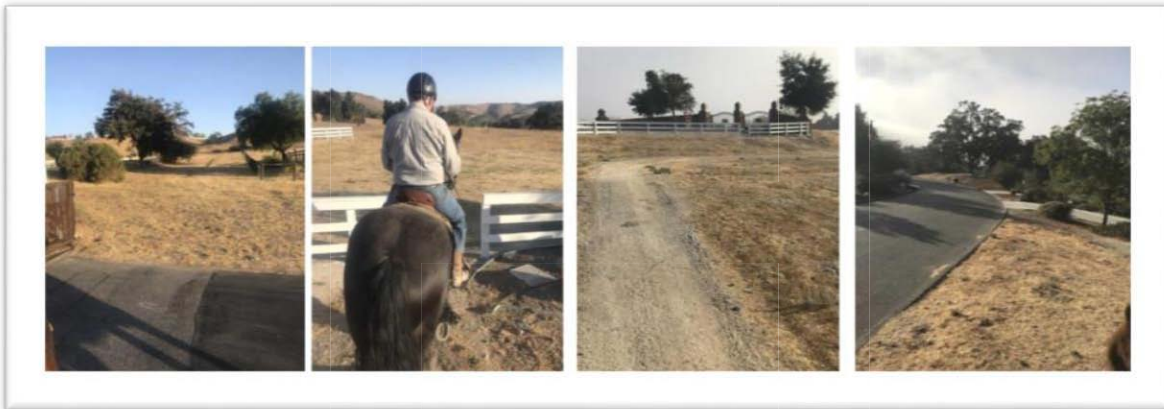
Distance/Time: 1 hour, 2.4 miles in/out starting at Bluegill. or 2 hours/5 miles from Windmill Rd.

Type: In/out

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: The formal trailhead is found off Flyrod on the east side of G14. You can access this trailhead from Windmill, Reservoir, Steelhead or Bluegill roads by following the frontage road and utility/trail easements northbound along the east side of Nacimiento Road (G14). At the intersection of G14 and Bluegill follow Bluegill east, make left turn onto Flyrod, then in about 300 feet turn right at the trailhead sign.

Description and key features: Following the trail down to the river, especially in the early morning, you may see water fowl, deer, perhaps hawks and a bald eagle, and even elk as they take an early morning drink. Near the River you will see a fence and road on your right which is the perimeter of Camp Roberts and it is time to turn back . Do not enter Camp Roberts.



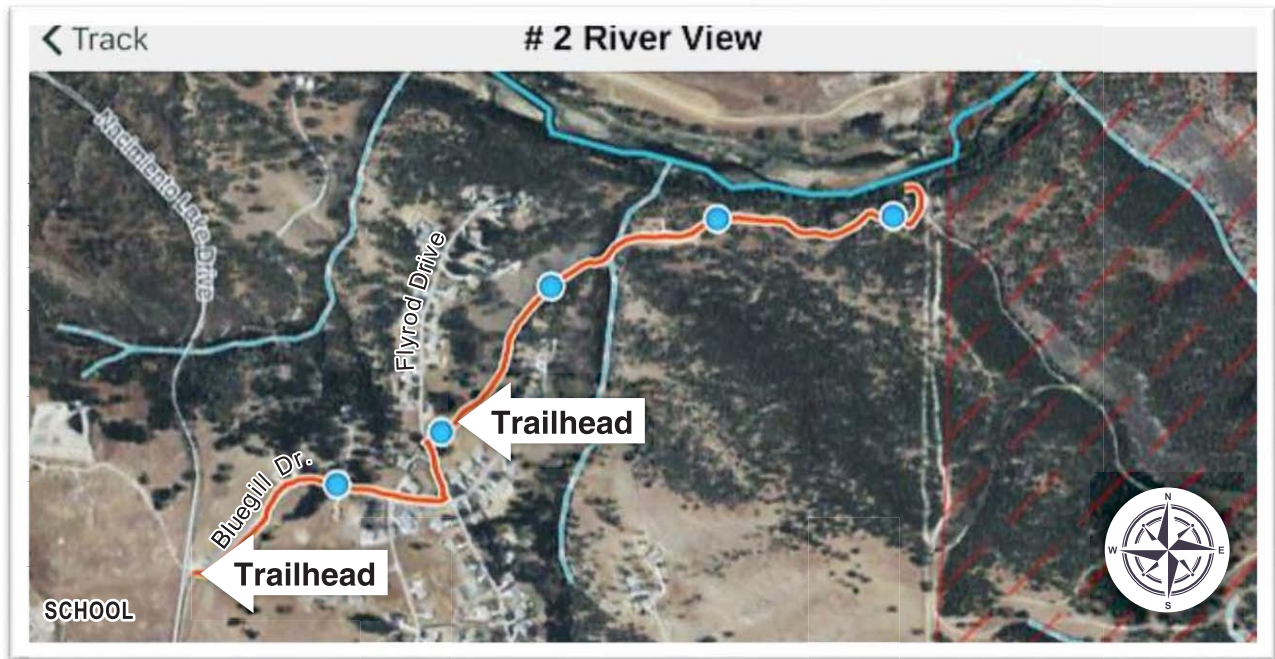
East side G14 crossing Reservoir to Steelhead to Bluegill

East on Bluegill to Flyrod

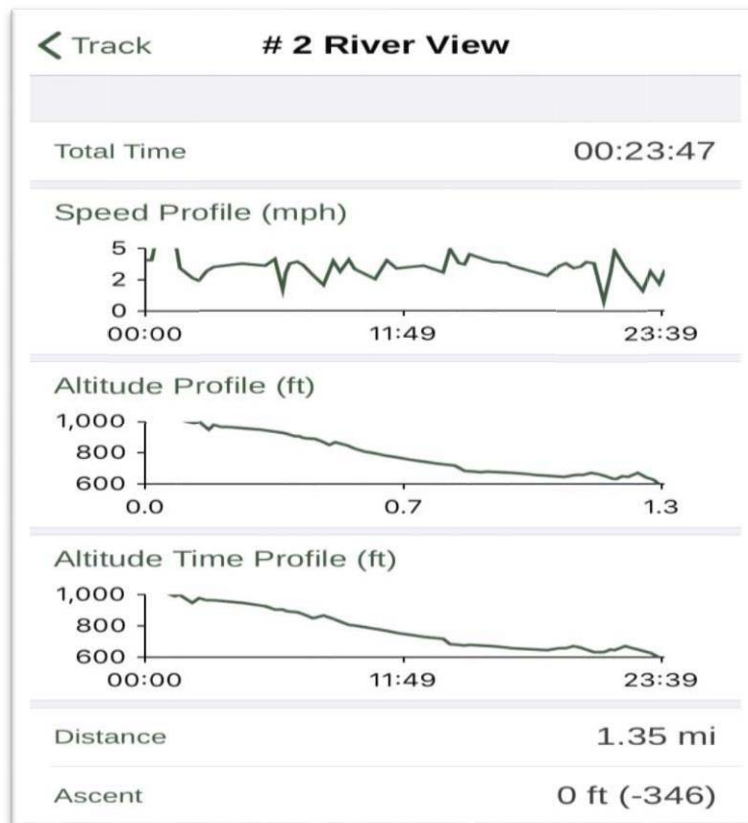


Trailhead – go east off Flyrod down to the river

Trail near river, and at the river



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3 WILD PIG

Distance/Time: 3 miles round trip, about 1.5 hours

Type: In/out

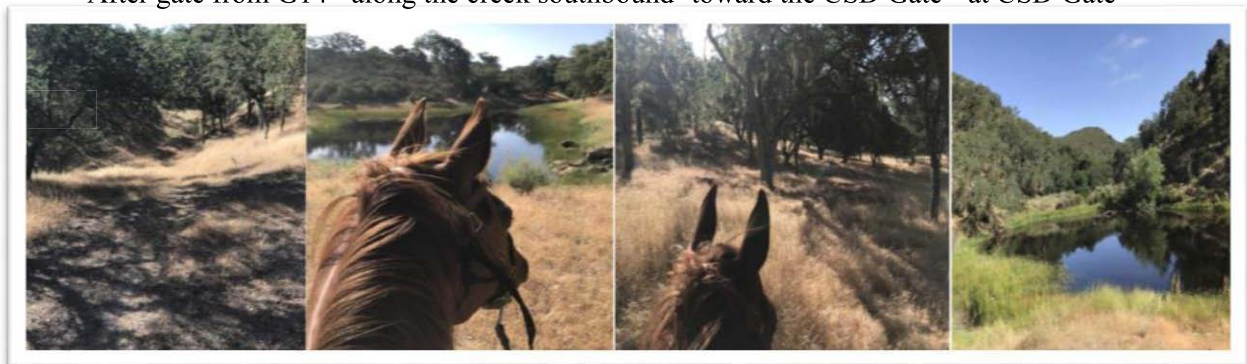
Difficulty: Rating: easy

Trailhead: This is a largely unimproved trail in the open/common space east and south of the main gate to Heritage Ranch on G14. The trail starts near the Telephone Building on G14 and there is a wire gate about 200 feet South of the Telephone Building you can open and pass thru.

Description and key features: Once thru the gate the trail goes south along the creek and old G14 roadbed with some just travel thru the oaks where you can wander as you as you see fit. Key features are two ponds, and you may get lucky and see ducks, a fox, deer or even elk. Keep heading south and you will be in-sight of G14 most of the time. About ½ mile from where you cross the dry creek keep south along the fence on your left (don't go up the old road on the left or up the old road on the right), and you will soon see the CSD access road which has a foot/equestrian side opening. Go thru the gate, turn right on CSD road for about 70 feet toward G14, then turn left off the CSD road and continue south on the trail which again parallels G14. About 500 yards past the second pond, you will see a fence and steep terrain and it is time to turn around and go back. On the way back, you may want veer to the east thru the oaks to the top of the ridge as the view is great. The photos were taken heading south on the trail.



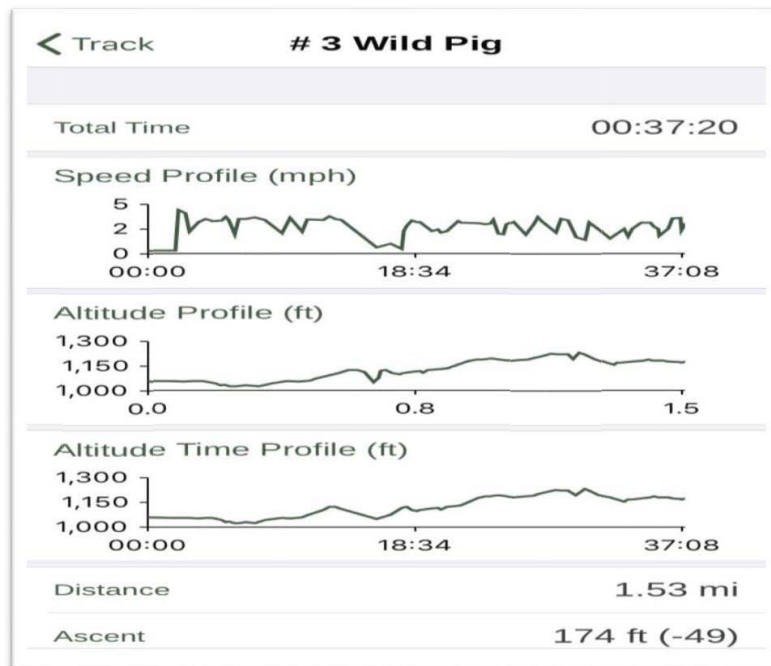
After gate from G14 - along the creek southbound toward the CSD Gate - at CSD Gate



South of CSD Road -- first pond --- thru oaks and pasture -- second pond



Red Dots are
Photos available
on GAIA Cell
Phone APP



#6 SNAKE CREEK

Distance: 3.6 miles/1.5 hours loop, or less if using other trailhead access points

Type: In/out, or loop if used as a connector to Sunrise, Sunset, or Horseshoe Trail loops

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Trailhead: One at end of Gateway Drive thru unlocked pedestrian gate. Another access is off Comanche Way at Happy Hunting Circle.

Description: Snake Creek Trail runs East and West behind the RV section of Heritage Ranch. Starting at the West end of Gateway Drive pedestrian gate you will travel the DG road down & over Snake Creek. Where the road curves and starts to go up, take the single-track trail which veers left. You'll pass through a cow pasture, down & over Snake Creek again finding yourself heading east amongst the majestic oaks as the trail runs along a fence. You'll pass the Bluebird Pond trailhead gate on the left. You'll pass the Sunset Ridge trailhead to the right and soon after to the left is the trailhead access to Happy Hunting Circle. Continuing east, the trail follows the seasonal creek to the Comanche Way locked gate. Continuing east from this point, the trail continues along the creek behind the homes off South Fork Place and the Nacimientto Research Center. When you reach the cattle paddocks and water trough at the Center Snake Creek Trail ends. To return, follow same trail west back to one of the three trailheads.



Starting at Gateway

veer left to trail

along the trail

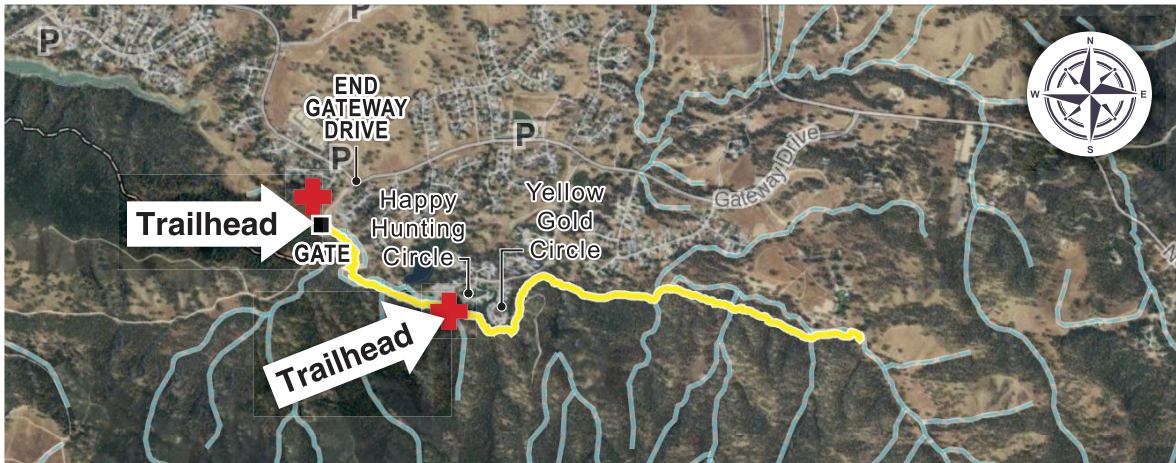


Trail near Bluebird Pond Gate on Right

End of trail at Nacimientto Research Center

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6 Snake Creek

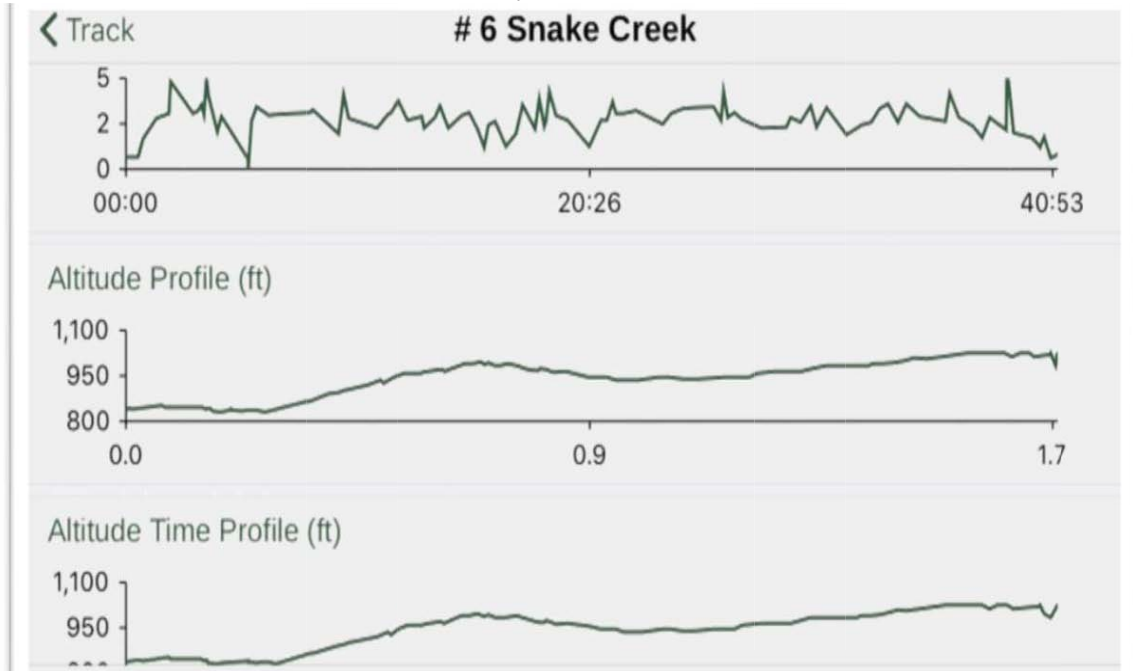


+ Links to other trails

West

track and profile west to east

East



#7 COLT'S

Distance: 1 mile round trip, about 35 Minutes.

Type: in/out

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: At end of Gateway Drive at Pinto Lane thru unlocked pedestrian gate

Description: Colt's Trail is a beautiful short trail hidden amongst oak trees running along the hillside south of the Lake's Snake Creek arm. Starting at the Gateway Drive unlocked pedestrian gate, you will travel the DG road down & over Snake Creek. Where the road curves to the right, continue up a couple hundred feet where you'll see a wide trail veering to the right. This is Colt's Trail. The wide trail meanders up allowing views of the lake and mountains surrounding and the Heritage Ranch Village. Poison oak grows in abundance along this trail. You will see a "Posted" and an "End Trail" sign on the left about 1/2 mile along the trail. At this point one must turn around traveling Colt's Trail in opposite direction.



Start at end of Gateway drive

Veer right off Road to trail



Pass thru gate

View along the trail

End of Trail

< Track

#7 Colts Trail

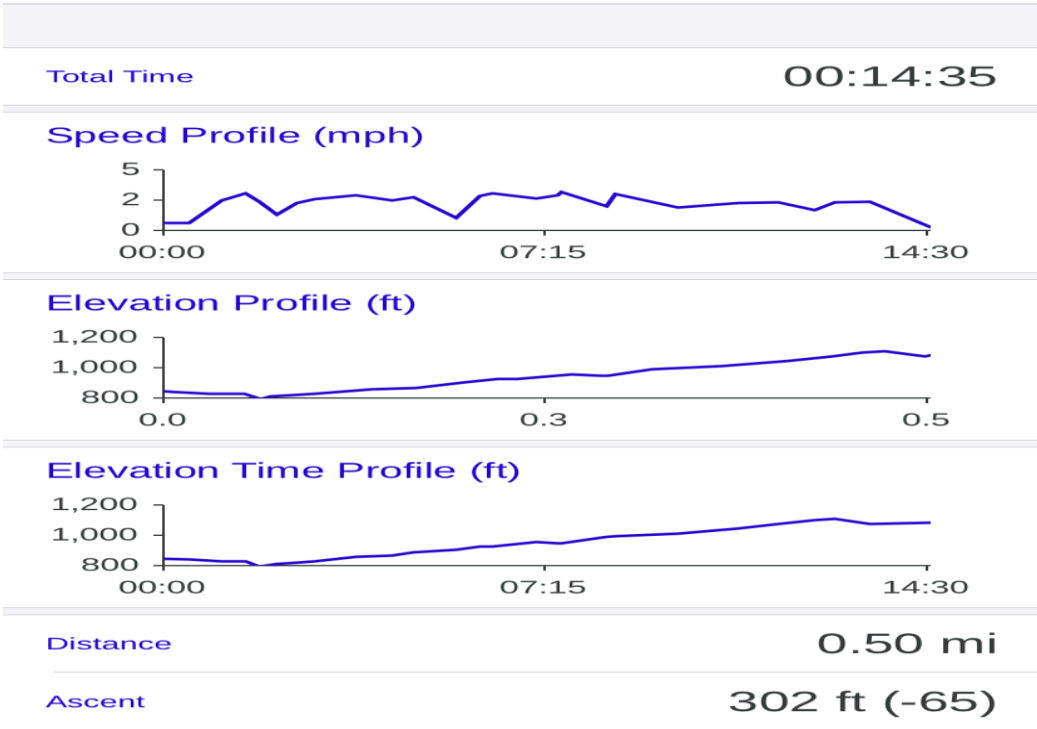


West

East

< Track

#7 Colts Trail



Profile above is traveling westbound starting at Gateway drive

8. SUNSET

Distance/Time: 2 miles one way, 1.5 hours

Type: In/out or loop, depending on which part of the trail you use

Difficulty: Easy to moderate, west part of loop is unimproved

Trailhead: The trailhead is off #1 Snake Creek Trail which you can enter from Happy Hunting Circle gate in the RV part of the ranch. Turn right, westbound, on Snake Creek for about 600 feet and you will see the #8 Sunset trailhead on your left heading up the hill on an old road. Or you can enter Snake Creek trail from the Gateway Drive, travel east for about ¾ mile to the Sunset Trailhead

Description and key features: The trail basically follows an old road to the top of the ridge where there are beautiful views of the hills and the coastal mountains. At the top of the ridge there is a hiking gate you can pass thru then continue south down the hill on a loop to what is an old homestead site or turn back to the trailhead. The southern part of the loop trail has two options.

- First, after going thru the hiking gate at the top of Sunset Trail, you can immediately veer left, east, over the hill on an unimproved trail. In about ½ mile you will encounter the road going south to the old homestead site described above and can return home via the Horseshoe or Sunset Trails.

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- Second, you can continue straight south from the hiking gate down the valley on an unimproved trail thru the trees. Along the way you may see well an old cabin. At the bottom of the valley you will veer left for about ¼ mile and will see the old homestead site. At the homestead site you can follow an old road back north to the top of the ridge where you can go thru a hiking gate and can return to Snake Creek via #10 Horseshoe Trail, or at the top of the ridge just before the hiking gate veer left over the hill and return to the hiking gate at the of the #8 Sunset Trail and back home.□

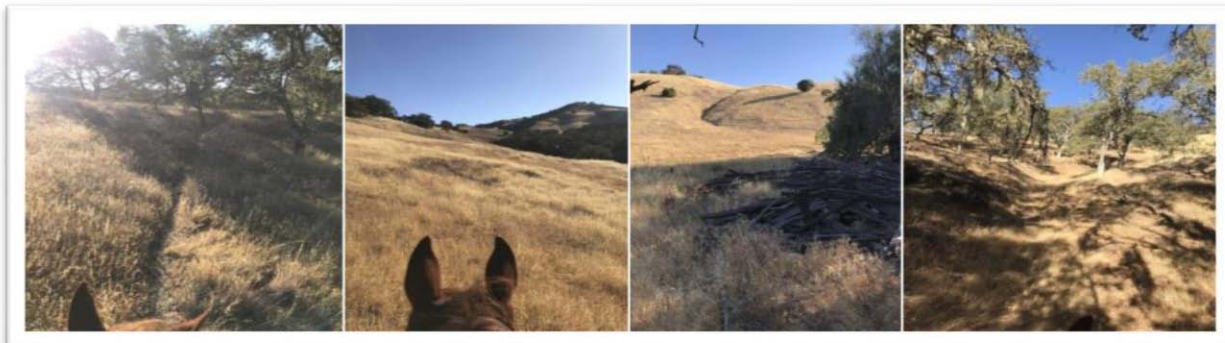


Trailhead

up trail

gate at top of ridge

south on unimproved trail



South thru trees

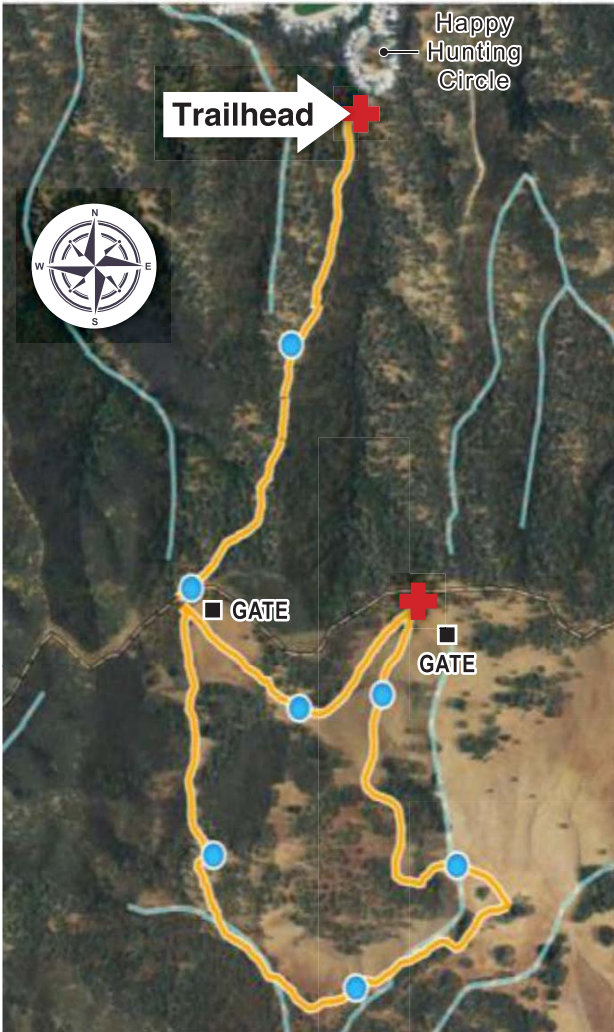
west toward Homestead

Homestead area

road north to gate at top of ridge

< Track

#8 Sunset



Blue dots are 1/4 mile markers

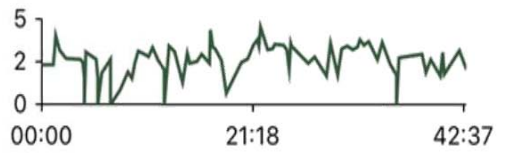
+ Links to other trails

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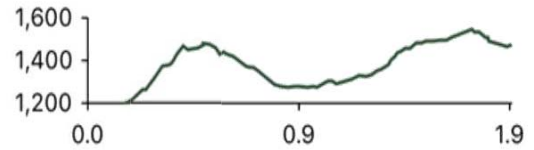
#8 Sunset

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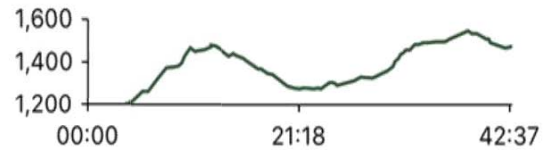
Speed Profile (mph)



Altitude Profile (ft)



Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance 1.90 mi

Ascent 634 ft (-244)

#9 SUNRISE AND SUNRISE RIDGE

Distance/Time: 2.25 mile, about 1 hour

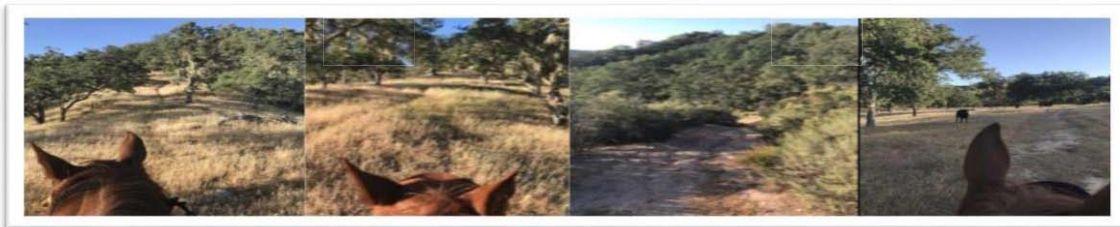
Type: Sunrise and Sunrise Ridge can both be loops

Difficulty: Easy to moderate on Sunrise, difficult on Sunrise Ridge to Horseshoe

Trailhead: This trail can be accessed via the trail gate in the RV section of the ranch off Happy Hunting Circle or at the end of Comanche at Yellow Gold Circle thru locked gate requiring master trail key. Parking is available at the restrooms on Comanche Way. After going thru the Happy Hunting Circle gate or Yellow Gold Circle continue straight ahead about 100 feet until you enter the #1 Snake Creek Trail. Turn left and continue for about 3/4 mile on Snake Creek Trail you will pass the trailhead sign to Horseshoe loop on your right, continue about 1000 feet Snake Creek Trail then turn right, south, up the hill at the Sunrise Trailhead sign.

Description and key features: After proceeding south about 200 feet on the trail, beside a stream bed, you will veer left and follow an old road up the hill. The trail essentially follows this road most of the way, it will become somewhat steeper, but footing is good. As you near the top you will be paralleling an old fence on the left with nice views. Near the top you will see a fork in the trail.

- On the left fork you will see the beginning of an old road (the first 150 feet is a bit steep), follow this road eastbound wending your way thru the trees for about a mile across and down the hill, then at the bottom of the hill and follow the old road or cow trails along the creek back north until you reach the water troughs and Nacimiento Research Station gate. Here you turn left and follow the fence and Snake Creek Trail back to your starting point. Do not enter Nacimiento Research Station as this is private property.
- On the right fork, you can pass thru an old wire gate, then veer right 200 feet up the hill you will see some wonderful scenery and views of the Ranch, Lake, and Coast Mountains. At this point you have two choices: (i) go back thru the old wire gate and follow the left fork down the hill as described above, or (ii) continue west for about 1 mile on the Sunset Ridge fire road trail which ends up at a gate at the top of the Horseshoe Loop. Then you can continue back down the hill to Snake Creek and Happy Hunting Circle gate. Note that Sunset Ridge is an old fire trail, clear, but it has several steep sections. You will need a HR trail master lock key, available from the HROA office, to pass through this gate in the middle of the trail, and the latter part of the trail while easy to moderate, is unimproved.

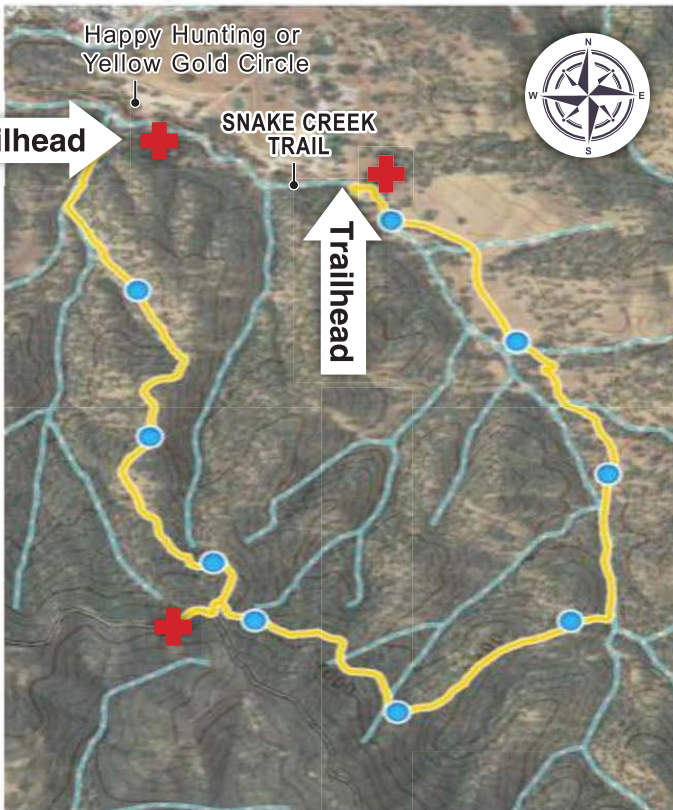


Going south up Sunrise trail near top of sunrise starting down left fork back north along creek



Thru the gate to the overlook along Sunrise Ridge westbound

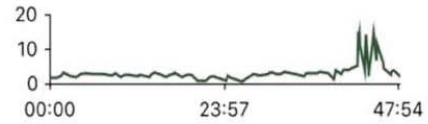
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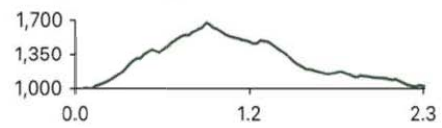
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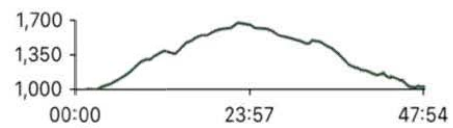
Speed Profile (mph)



Altitude Profile (ft)



Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance 2.35 mi

Ascent 625 ft (-604)

+ Links to other trails

< Track #9 Sunrise Ridge



About 1 mile to Horseshoe Trail, several difficult short steep sections but not much elevation change

+ Links to other trails

10 HORSESHOE

Distance/Time: Approximately 2 miles, about 1 hour

Type: Loop

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Trailhead: This trail can be accessed via the trail gate in the RV section of the ranch off Happy Hunting Circle. After going thru the Happy Hunting Circle gate continue straight ahead about 100 feet and you will see the Horseshoe trailhead heading South up the hill to the right. Parking is available at the restrooms on Comanche Way. Alternately you start at the end of Gateway Drive and proceed East on #1 Snake Creek Trail about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile until you see the Horseshoe trailhead sign on your right.

Description and key features: This loop trail can be done clockwise or counterclockwise (the above trailhead directions and photos are based on a counterclockwise trip). The first Southbound uphill portion of the trail is on an old road. Just before the top of the ridge the second part of the trail turns abruptly left onto a single track which transitions into an old road. This part of the trail is lovely and wends east thru the woods with lots of shade before heading south and down the hill to #1 Snake Creek trail. There are a couple of steeper places on the trail down. When you reach Snake Creek turn left back to the trailhead near Happy Hunting Circle.

Note: When you are near the top of the ridge on the initial old road part of the trail and are ready to veer left to start down the hill on the single track, you may want to continue another 100 feet on the road and you will reach a gate with a hiking pass thru. There are some beautiful views of the valley and ranch. In addition, at this point there is a connection to the #8 Sunset Trail which is described elsewhere. If you do not want to go further just go back down the road from the gate and turn right onto the single-track trail back down to Snake Creek and Happy Hunting Circle.



Start trail from Snake trail view on way up - veer left to single track near top gate at top of ridge

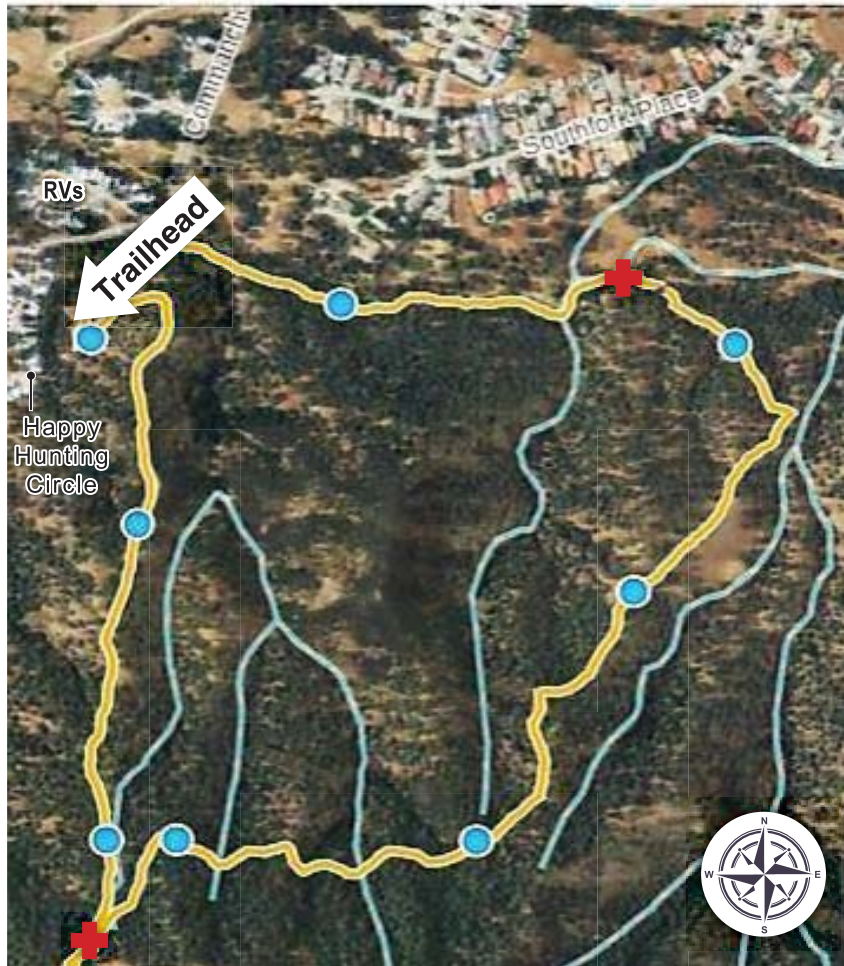


Single track on the way down

Snake Creek at bottom of trail

< Track

#10 Horseshoe



+ Links to other trails

Blue dots are 0.25-mile markers

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#10 Horseshoe

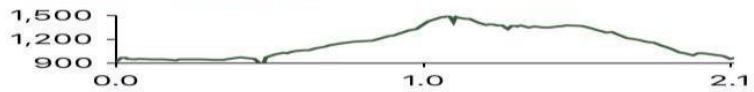
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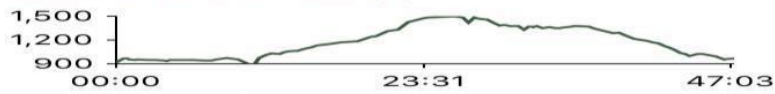
Speed Profile (mph)



Altitude Profile (ft)



Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance

2.07 mi

Ascent

418 ft (-465)

19 LINK TRAIL

Distance/Time: 0.5 Mile/15 minutes, one way

Type: In/Out

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Trailhead: There is an east & west trailhead. The west end is near the broken dam site, intersects the Broken Dam Trail, & as such has links to Tennessee Walker and Horse Canyon Trails. The east trailhead is on the west side of G14 across from Steelhead Road. There are trailhead signs.

Description and key features: The short Link Trail provides safe trail access between west and east trails without walking/riding on Loop Road. The Link Trail replaces portions of the old Loop Road Tail which is now a major roadway in Heritage Ranch. Photos are taken starting from west trailhead at the intersection of Horse Canyon and Broken Dam Trails.

The Link Trail provides access to: (i) the east/west Nacimiento Trails along G14, to the large number of trails which start in the village area; and (ii) the village trails (i.e. Broken Dam, Horse Canyon, Rim of Ranch etc.) to trails on Eastern side of G14 and the shopping center.

The trail is easy to find from the eastern Trailhead at G14, but not quite so clear if one is starting from the western Trailhead at Broken Dam. At about the center of the trail there is one steeper section, but the trail is clear and footing good. If you enter from the western end of the trail and proceed east and want to get a pizza or coffee just turn left at the east end of the Link Trail, which ends at G14, and go ¼ of a mile north on the West Nacimiento Trail to the shopping center.



Starting up from Broken dam - along the top of the ridge - going east - up the hill



Along the fence toward G14 - turn left on #20 West Nacimiento Trail to the shopping center

Track

19 Link Trail

Track

19 Link Trail



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West

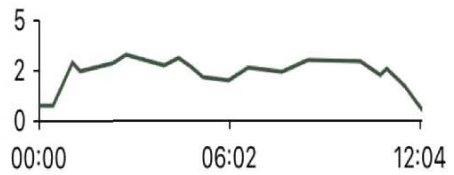
East

Elevation profile is from East to West

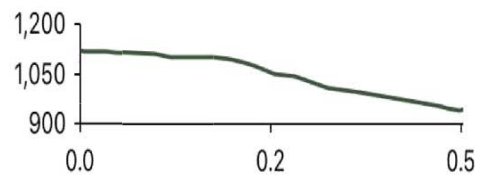
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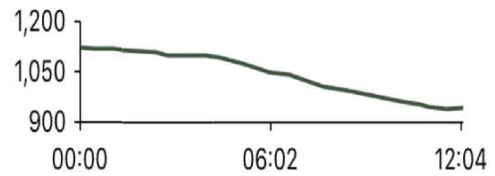
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Altitude Profile (ft)



Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance 0.50 mi

Ascent 0 ft (-178)

20 WEST NACIMIENTO

Distance/Time: 2 miles & 1 hour each way

Type: In/out

Difficulty: Easy, two short steeper parts on Frontage Road

Trailhead: The trail can be accessed from two primary points including the intersection of: (i) Loop Road and G14, or (ii) Gateway Drive and G14. Since the trail parallels the west side of G14 you can also join it at the northern end from the village trails via the # 19 Link Trail, or from Steelhead/ Reservoir/Windmill Roads on the east side of G14.

Description: The trail follows the Frontage Road/utility easement on the west side of G14. The photos of the trail were taken traveling from the north to the south trailheads. You will pass several nice horse properties, and several ponds (depending on the time of year).

- This is easy and safe way to transit from the north to the south of Heritage Ranch without hiking on the heavily trafficked G14. You can start out at the north end from the shopping Center with coffee or end up there if you start from the Gateway Drive at the South end. If you have a horse you can tie up at the Pizza place for a break.
- At the south end by Gateway Drive there is an undeveloped acreage with a hiking gate on the easement you will go through. Be sure to close the gate as there may be horses on the property.



Starting at Loop Rd & G14

going south

Frontage Road south on west side of G14



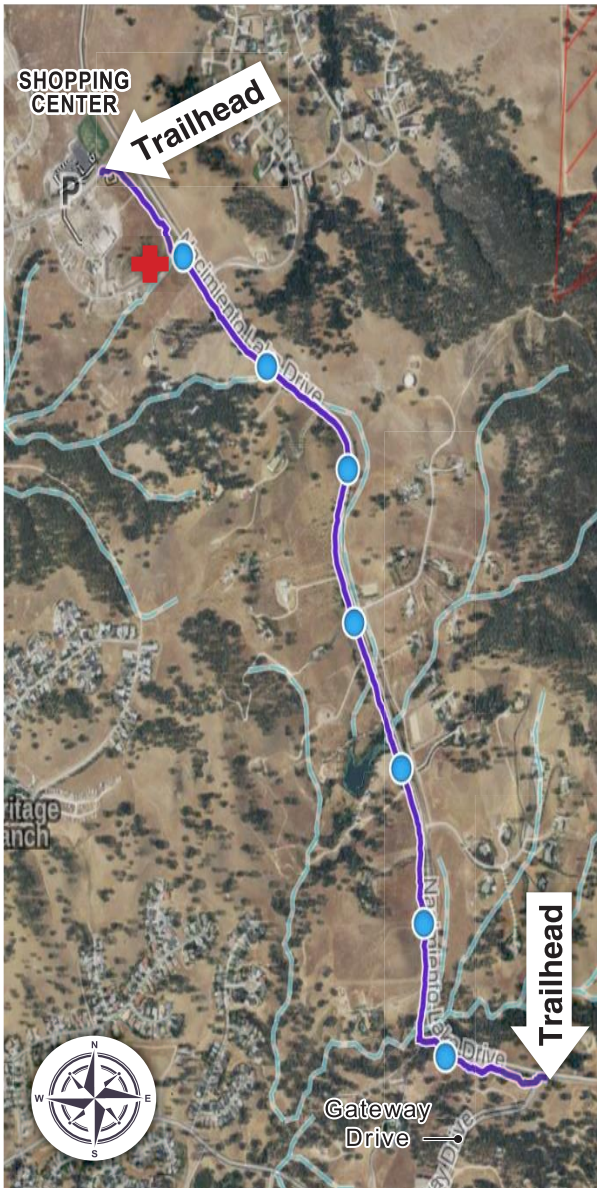
Frontage Road and easement south

easement gate

arriving at Gateway Dr.

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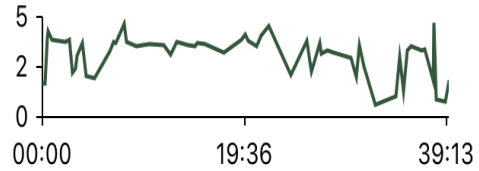


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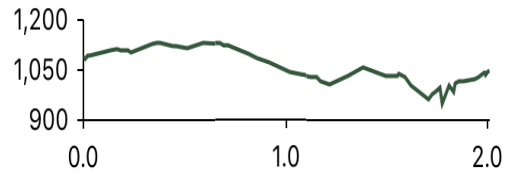
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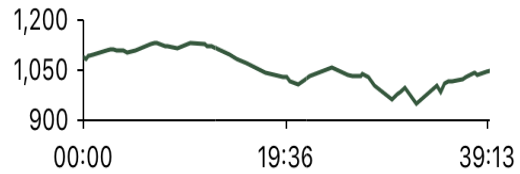
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Altitude Time Profile (ft)



Distance 1.98 mi

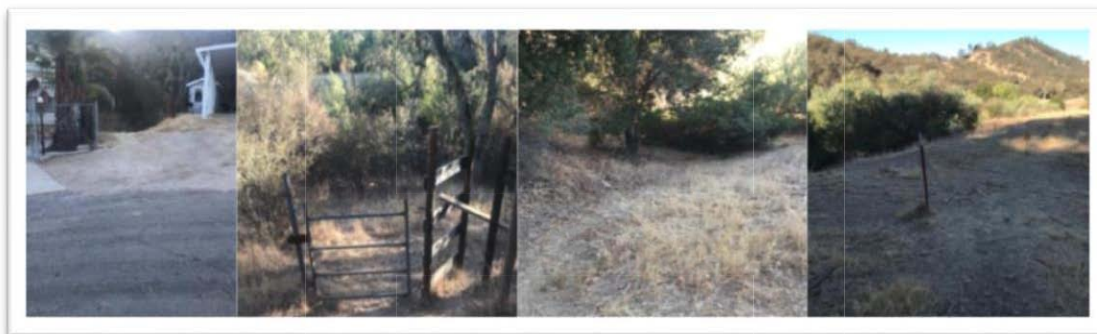
Ascent 63 ft (-132)

#21 BLUEBIRD POND

There are two trailhead access points. The first goes to the south side of the pond starting from the RV section of the ranch off Happy Hunting Circle gate. Parking is available in front of restrooms at the Comanche Way. The second access goes to the north side of the pond starting from Bluebird Circle. You cannot access the pond from the east starting at the dumpster on Comanche way, as this trail to the pond is blocked by down trees etc.

Description: The pond is a hidden treasure and you may spot some of its frequently visiting wildlife such as Snowy White Egrets and giant Blue Herons. There are also a wide variety of beautiful ducks and other birds that frequent the pond. In years past a beaver or two has been known to make the pond their home. Rumor also has it that there are some nice bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish living in the pond murky depths. This is a good trail to bring a camera and even your fishing pole.

You can enter from the south by following the #1 Snake Creek Trail westbound from Happy Hunting Circle for about 1/3 mile you will come to a gate on the right side that will lead you down to the Bluebird Pond south side. If you want to go to the north side of the pond you can cross the cement spillway at the west end of the pond. Note this crossing is not recommended for equestrians as the cement spillway is steep and narrow. If you want to enter the pond from the north you can enter off Bluebird Lane, and if you want to cross the cement spillway to the south side of the pond.



Entry at happy hunting - gate off # 6 Snake Creek toward pond - south side of pond



View from south side crossing dam to N. side Bluebird Lane access view from north side

← Track

#21 Bluebird Pond



West  **Links to other trails**

Blue dots are 0.25-mile markers

East

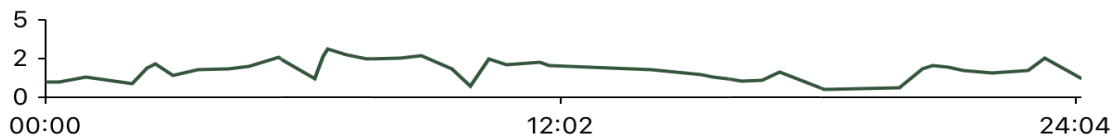
← Track

#21 Bluebird Pond

Total Time

00:24:12

Speed Profile (mph)



Altitude Profile (ft)



22 WET DREAMS

Distance: Approximately 5 miles, 2-3 hours if you do all the trail

Type: Loop

Difficulty rating: Easy to Moderate

Trailhead: Thru Gateway Drive, continue DG road about ½ mile to locked gate

Description: **This trail has limited access.** Use of these trails requires 24 prior notification to owner 805 400 0824, sign in at gate on Gateway Drive, no single riders, having a HROA employee accompany ride, and having a HROA Master Key to open the Gate, equestrian only - no bikes, quads, motorcycles or hikers. The detailed trail rules are provided at the trailhead gate kiosk (see summary below). **Users must sign in and stay on trails.** The trails follow roads that reach near to the lake thru scenic areas.

Wet Dreams LLC

Rules and Regulations Summary

1. Twenty-Four hours before entering Wet Dreams Ranch (the Property) riders will call into 1-805 400 0824 and leave a message leaving their name, a contact telephone number, date of the ride, time the ride will begin and approximate number of riders, and name and contact number of Heritage Ranch employee accompanying riders. For your convenience a recording will indicate if the trails are closed.
2. All rides are to be conducted as group rides and under the terms listed herein.
3. There will be at least (1) one Heritage Ranch employee accompanying riders at all times. The employee will be responsible for enforcing the listed "Rules and Regulations" and for unlocking and locking gates as required.
4. All riders will sign-in before entering the property and agree observe the "Rules and Regulations" as provided and posted at the entrance. Any violation of the "Rules and Regulations" will result in the responsible persons being banned from any further use of the Property.
5. Entrance to the Wet Dreams LLC property is only permitted for Heritage Ranch members and their guests solely to ride on horseback on designated trails as a group ride subject to these "Rules and Regulations."
6. No dogs, bikes, motorcycles, hiking, or any other uses is permitted except equestrian rides.
7. Riders must stay on designated riding trails at all times. A map is provided at the equestrian entry gate and riding trails are shown in red.
8. Riders shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb wildlife, land, or livestock.
9. Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the property.
10. No hunting, fishing, firearms, hiking or fires at any time.
11. All riders will sign, tear off the registration form, and deposit it into the box prior to entry.
12. Entry and exit to and from the property is only permitted at the Equestrian Gate. There are no other entrances or exits.
13. To the extent any of the "Rules and Regulations" are less stringent than the recorded Grant of Easement dated May 18, 1972 WD.LLC reserves the right to fully enforce at all times the provisions of the Grant of Easement and these Rules and Regulations shall not be admissible as evidence of modification of the provisions set forth in the Grant of Easement.
14. The right of the public or any person to make use whatsoever of the Property or any portion thereof (other than expressly permitted on the recorded Grant of Easement) is by permission, and subject to the control of Wet Dreams LLC. Section 813 California Civil Code.
15. Right to pass by permission and subject to control of Wet Dreams LLC Section 1008 California Civil Code.

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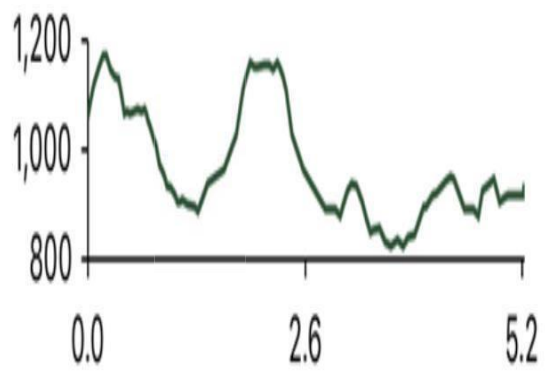
West Blue dots indicate ¼ mile markers East

< Route # 22 Wet Dreams

Distance 5.24 mi

Ascent 778 ft (-899)

Altitude Profile (ft)



#23 Fitness Trail

Distance: Approximately 0.4 miles

Type: Loop

Difficulty rating: Easy

Trailhead: North side of Heritage Road, at ball field

Description: see following pages

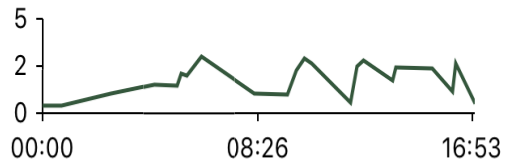
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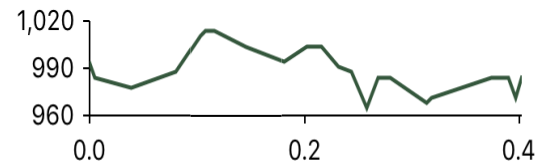


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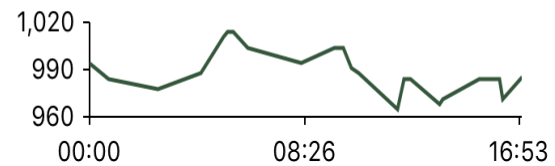
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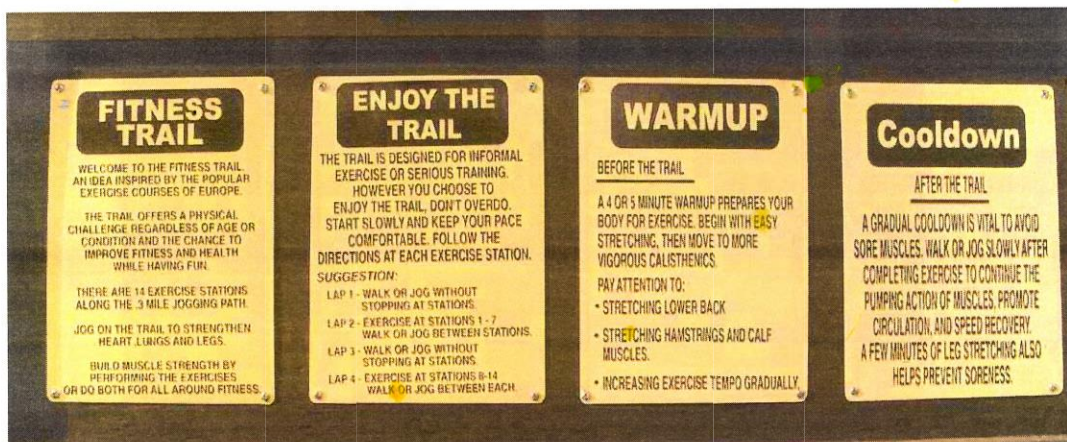


Distance 0.40 mi

Ascent 47 ft (-52)

West

East



Fitness Trail photos by Jerry Wallace

