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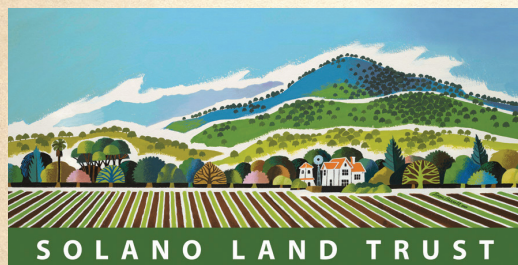
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Lynch Canyon

OPEN SPACE PARK



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protecting it today,
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This land is your land

Welcome to Lynch Canyon Open Space Park where you'll enjoy over 10 miles of trails to hike, run, horse-back ride and mountain bike. Explore the 1,039 acres to experience some of the most spectacular views in Solano County! This park, a favorite among visitors, provides cooler temperatures and breezes, even on the hottest days. Enjoy this land. It's your land.

The Wonders of Wildlife

Lynch Canyon is home to many grassland animals that include the western meadowlark, black-tailed jack-rabbit, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, and gopher snakes. Be sure to keep an eye out for western blue-birds that live in custom-made houses along the trails.

If you're lucky you might also see birds of prey, including red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, white-tailed kites, and American kestrels. Near the creeks you may find barn and great horned owls, northern flickers, and California newts. Muskrats and American coots may be seen year-round at the reservoir, while migrating waterfowl arrive in winter.

Cattle Love Lynch Canyon Too

Animals have grazed Lynch Canyon for thousands of years. Solano Land Trust continues this historic land-use tradition to keep the land healthy. The cattle here love their job and it minimizes the risk of uncontrolled wildfires, controls weeds and encourages native plants.

Cattle are not aggressive by nature, but they are curious about the visitors that share their trails. If you happen to encounter them on the trail, keep your distance and walk around them. Cows are protective of their young so please don't get between a calf and its mother.



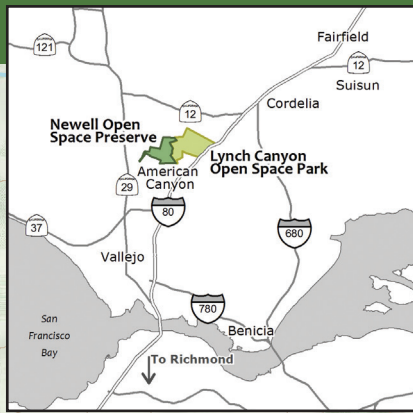
History Comes to Life

Just imagine living on this property 1000's of years ago like the Patwin Suisunes did. These native people hunted deer, elk and bear and gathered acorns in late summer. In 1844 General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo acquired the property and began a long history of sheep and cattle grazing on the land. Since that time several families have owned the land, including the Lynch family who spent their summers here as a retreat from the city. They enjoyed the same micro climate and long views that you are able to experience.

Today, Lynch Canyon serves as an important buffer between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo, providing recreational opportunities and a welcome refuge to the residents and visitors of Solano County.

Visiting Lynch Canyon

Lynch Canyon is open 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday through Monday. In order to protect the parks' natural resources and provide public safety, Lynch Canyon is subject to temporary closures due to adverse weather conditions. Potable water is not available. Please bring your own water. If you have extra time, continue west to connect with the Newell Open Space Preserve Loop Trail.

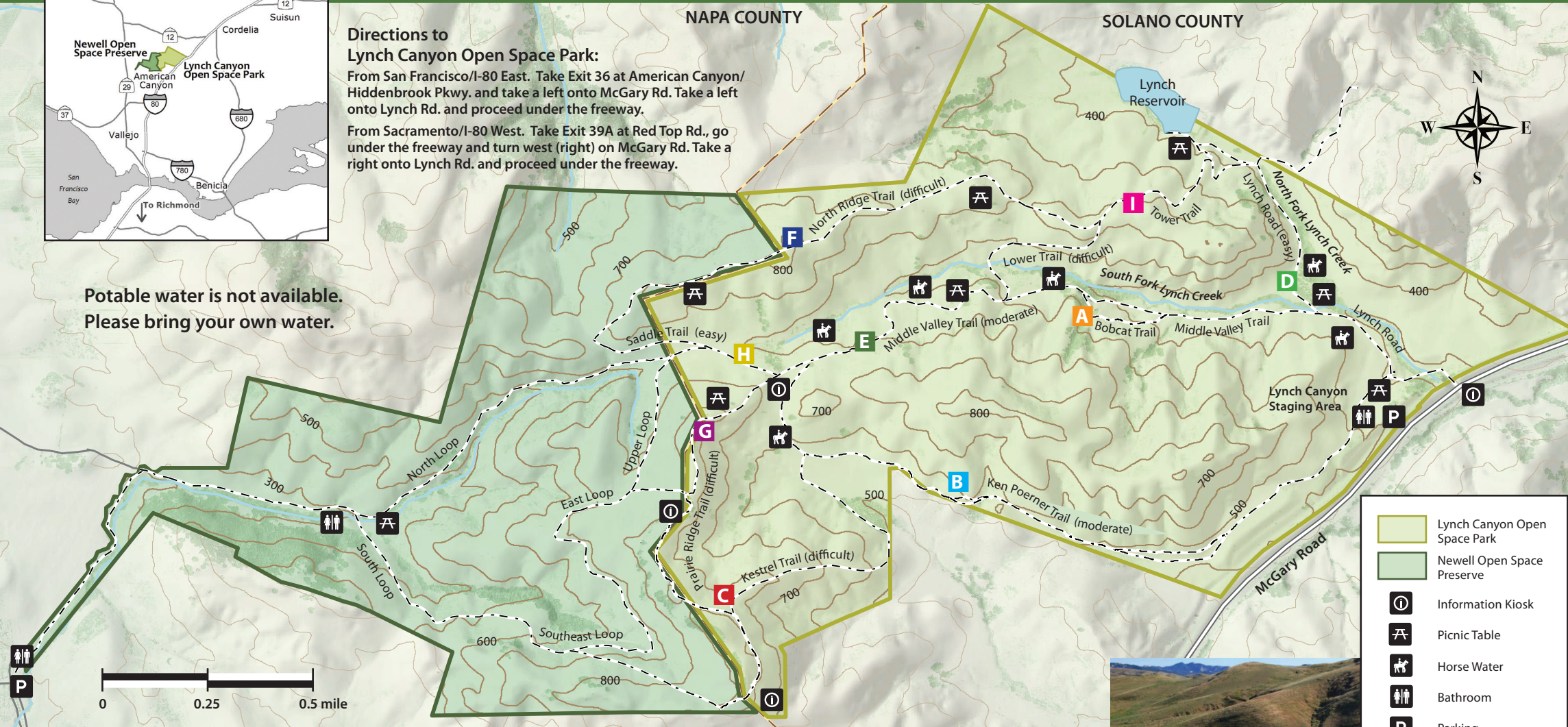


Directions to Lynch Canyon Open Space Park:

From San Francisco/I-80 East. Take Exit 36 at American Canyon/Hiddenbrook Pkwy. and take a left onto McGary Rd. Take a left onto Lynch Rd. and proceed under the freeway.

From Sacramento/I-80 West. Take Exit 39A at Red Top Rd., go under the freeway and turn west (right) on McGary Rd. Take a right onto Lynch Rd. and proceed under the freeway.

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A Bobcat Trail (0.2 miles – easy) provides an easy, alternate route that is less steep than Middle Valley Trail.

B Ken Poerner Trail (2.2 miles – moderate) slowly increases in elevation with little shade.

C Kestrel Trail (0.8 miles – difficult) passes through a eucalyptus grove before climbing steeply to Prairie Ridge Trail.

D Lynch Road (0.7 miles – easy) parallels Lynch Creek to the reservoir overlook.

E Middle Valley Trail (1.5 miles – moderate) follows the south fork of Lynch Creek with short but steep climbs. Shade is frequent and a picnic table may be located along this trail.

F North Ridge Trail (1.6 miles – difficult) is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and traces the ridge top with steep climbs and great views. Picnic tables along the way provide a secluded rest.

G Prairie Ridge Trail (1.7 miles – difficult) provides fantastic views after a difficult climb, but is fairly level atop the ridge. The wind is severe on the exposed ridge, as evidenced by the leaning trees. Part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

H Saddle Trail (0.3 miles – easy) connects the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

I Tower Trail (1.0 miles – difficult) climbs steeply to the North Ridge Trail with no shade. Great views.



The Toughest Trail Run in Solano County

The Lynch Canyon Trail Run & Community Hike is held the first Saturday of June each year. Thanks to our all-volunteer organizing committee, the proceeds from this fundraising event help keep Lynch Canyon beautiful and accessible. Sign up for the ½ marathon, 10k, 5k, or (free) 2.5 mile hike at www.lynchcanyontrailrun.org.

Take Only Pictures Leave Only Footprints

For the safety and enjoyment of all of our guests, we ask that you help protect Lynch Canyon Open Space Park by following these rules and posted regulations. Deposit all trash in receptacles, or carry it out with you. For your safety, be sure to stay on the trails. Smoking is prohibited.

Kindly leave the following at home:

- Dogs
- Drones
- Alcoholic beverages
- Guns, archery equipment, slingshots, air pistols, and paintball guns

To protect the cattle and species that call Lynch Canyon home, the following are not allowed:

- Feeding the animals
- Camping, fishing and hunting
- Swimming or wading in the reservoir
- Using any type of motorized vehicles on the trails
- Removing or collecting artifacts, plants, rocks or wildlife
- Using any type of open flame to include smoking, campfires, barbecues and fireworks

All trails are shared by hikers, cyclists and equestrians.

Please use the following protocol:

- Bicyclists yield to hikers
- Bicyclists and hikers yield to equestrians

We recommend that all cyclists and equestrians wear a helmet to reduce or prevent the risk of injury. A complete list of rules can be found at solanocountyparks.com/parks.

Working Together For You

Lynch Canyon is owned by Solano Land Trust, a 501(c)3 public benefit organization that has protected agricultural lands and open space in Solano County since 1986. Solano Land Trust permanently protects Lynch Canyon and oversees land management, habitat restoration and volunteer activities. Solano County Parks helps keep the park accessible and safe by providing funding, ranger services, public safety and facility maintenance. This park shares a border and trail connections with neighbor, Newell Open Space Preserve, which is owned and managed by the City of American Canyon. These partnerships help Solano Land Trust provide a great experience for you.