

Crystal Springs Regional Trail

LEGEND

 Regional trail	 Other trails	 Parking
 Hiking and equestrian trails	 Hiking trail	 Trail access
 Hiking trail	 Trail distance (miles)	 Restrooms
 Private property	 Other public lands	 Picnic area
		 Gatehouse
		 Gate
		 Bicycle Sunday road closure
		 Rail transit station

 0 1.0 mile
0 1.0 kilometer

Juan Bautista DeAnza National Historic Trail

This 1,210-mile historic route from Arizona to San Francisco commemorates the 1775-1776 Spanish expedition that led to the founding of the Pueblo of San Jose, the Mission and Presidio of San Francisco, and the Mission in Santa Clara.

The expedition explored a portion of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail between the San Andreas and Crystal Springs reservoirs. Timber from the area was used to build the San Francisco Presidio and Mission.

Peninsula Watershed

The 23,000-acre Peninsula Watershed is owned and managed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and is designated as a State Fish and Game Refuge. The Crystal Springs Regional Trail is within the Scenic and Recreation Easement of the Watershed. Trail users are required to stay on the designated trail.

Runoff from the Watershed fills the Crystal Springs, San Andreas, and Pilarcitos reservoirs. To protect the water source, access to the Watershed is limited. However, guided tours along the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail, a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, provide a rare view of the Watershed and can be scheduled at www.sfwater.org or by calling the SFPUC at 650-652-3203.

Crystal Springs and San Andreas Reservoirs

The stunning Crystal Springs and San Andreas Reservoirs fill a rift valley formed by the San Andreas Fault. Two dams, one at the southern end of the San Andreas Reservoir and another at the midpoint of the Crystal Springs Reservoir, hold water captured from the Peninsula Watershed and water delivered from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite National Park. The reservoirs supply water to San Francisco and the Peninsula.

Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail

This planned 90-mile trail, the eastern portion of which will follow Crystal Springs Trail, will tell the story of the Ohlone people, who lived in San Mateo County for 10,000 years, and the Portolá expedition of 1769, which the Ohlone guided and supported.

Jepson Laurel

The Sawyer Camp segment is home to the state's largest and oldest California laurel tree, which is estimated to be more than 600 years old. California laurels, also known as California bay, pepperwood, and Oregon myrtle, are known for their fine-grained and exceptionally strong wood. The tree's namesake – Willis Linn Jepson – was a noted botanist and author of numerous books including *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California*, a valued resource for teachers and naturalists.

Trail users can admire the tree while using nearby picnic tables. Restrooms are also available here.

Bicycle Sunday

Bicyclists, joggers, hikers, skaters and families with strollers flock to a portion of the trail closed to vehicle traffic each Sunday, seasonally. The section runs along Cañada Road between Highway 92 and Edgewood Road. This is a great opportunity to enjoy spectacular views from this 2.5-mile stretch of road, free of cars. For information, call 650-361-1785.

Pulgas Water Temple

This dramatic landmark was built by the City of San Francisco as a monument to the engineering achievement that brought water from Hetch Hetchy to the Bay Area.

The monument, which features fluted columns, Corinthian capitals, and a reflecting pool, is managed by the SFPUC and is open weekdays 9am – 4pm. Special use permits can be obtained by calling 650-872-5900.

