

Palo Corona Regional Park

Recommended Hikes. Please remember to bring water and snacks.

A Multi-Benefit Community Trail
 This lower-level trail crosses over the Carmel River two times, allowing you to experience the tranquility of the riparian (river) habitat. Travel alongside the river, dotted with cottonwoods and sycamores. Search for glimpses of butterflies, frogs, and bobcats. This trail loops up and around, and back to the Discovery Center.
Distance: 2.5 miles.
Total elevation gain: 80 ft.

C Discovery Center to Inspiration Point
 Hug the hill side as you travel under the oak woodland canopy before ascending to Inspiration Point. Take in a bird's-eye view of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as you stop to take a breath. Add 1.4 miles and visit Animas Pond before heading back down, making the round-trip excursion 5.8 miles.
Distance: 4.4 miles.
Total elevation gain: 750 ft.

D Discovery Center to San Jose Creek Bridges (Accessible by Permit Only)
 This strenuous adventure is recommended for fit and experienced day hikers. This out-and-back hike takes you past the gates at Animas Pond to fantastic views, rich pine and chaparral habitats, and lush redwood forests. The sounds of the trickling creek and chirping birds will be your companions on this respectful journey.
Distance: 9.0 miles.
Total elevation gain: 1,290 ft.

B Oak Knoll Loop
 Get the best of both worlds on this lower-level hike with lush oak groves and grand views. Travel over the river through a majestic oak grove to a plateau overlooking historic artichoke fields. Take in views of where the river meets the sea. Then, round the oak knoll and head back the way you came.
Distance: 2.5 miles.
Total elevation gain: 60 ft.

Rancho Cañada →
Unit



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Front Ranch Unit

- Rancho Cañada Unit
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- Hiking Trail
- Multi-Benefit Trail
- South Bank Trail
- Park Entrance
- Discovery Center
- Dogs allowed on leash in Rancho Cañada Unit
- No dogs allowed in Front Ranch Unit
- Information Kiosk
- Restrooms
- Bridge
- Gate
- Parking
- No Smoking
- No Fire
- No Bikes
- No Horses
- No Overnight Camping
- Event Pad



No public access. Trespassers subject to citation.

Please stay on trails.
 Distances are in miles.



No Public Access
 Ishxenta State Park

Private Property
 No Access

No public access beyond this bridge. Trespassers subject to citation.

San Jose Creek access by permit only. Contact MPRPD for information.

Carmel River FREE Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT)