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Guides



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Ridge Trail**  
*California*



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Sweeping views of the surrounding hills and the Pacific Ocean in the near distance bring hordes of visitors to the trail. Two destinations also attract hikers and cyclists: the Portolá Discovery Site marks the approximate location where a Spanish explorer discovered the San Francisco Bay in 1769, while the remnants of a Cold War era Nike missile site commemorate a very different time in history. The Sweeney Ridge Trail is paved between the two landmarks, while a natural surface welcomes the same



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**States:** California

**Counties:** San Mateo

Length: 2.17miles

**Trail end points:** Notch Trail and Mori Ridge Trail to locked gate at Portola Rd.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Dirt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Horseback Riding,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Sweeney Ridge Trail can only be reached on foot, horse or bicycle. Park at one of the trailheads for the Sneath Lane Trail, Baquiano Trail or Mori Ridge Trail to access the scenic path by car. (Refer to the individual TrailLink pages for exact parking locations.)



# Sweeney Ridge Trail

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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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