FIFIELD-CAHILL RIDGE TRAIL GUIDE

Trailhead Locations:
1) Skyline Quarry — access at Skyline Quarry Gate, which is 0.7 miles west of the intersection of lower Skyline Boulevard and Highway 92. Look for the sign.
2) Cemetery Gate — access via Skylawn Cemetery.
3) Portola Gate — access via Army Road from the terminus of Sneath Lane.

Activities: Trail excursions on foot, bicycle, or horseback.

Trail Length: Trail is 10 miles long and is the SFPUC-managed segment of the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail from Highway 92 to Sweeney Ridge.

Trail Connections: Fifield-Cahill Ridge connects with the 3.7 miles of the Sweeney Ridge Trail open to the public. Visitors interested in connecting their trek on the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail with Sweeney Ridge can contact the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at 415-561-4700.

Trail Condition: The trail is a gravel service road, with periods of loose base rock. Grades range from 0% to 21%. The steepest grade stretches 1.3 miles from Skyline Quarry (elevation 400 ft.) to Cemetery Gate (elevation 1,050 ft.) on Cahill Ridge, with a vertical elevation change of 650 ft.

Time: Approximately 5-7 hours to complete the entire 10 miles on foot, with shorter events to be scheduled as needed.

Weather Conditions: Vary greatly over the length of the trail. Prepare for potential extremes in temperature and conditions due to microclimatic influences particularly in the summer. Trail users can expect as much as 20°F variations in temperature.

Trail Amenities: Toilets at approximately 2-mile intervals along the trail, starting at Skyline Quarry.

NO WATER IS AVAILABLE ON THE TRAIL. You must bring your own water. At least 1½ quarts per person is recommended.

Persons with Special Needs: Trail users with disabilities may access the trail at Cemetery Gate. The accessible portion of the trail stretches 1.4 miles north of Cemetery Gate to a rest area with accessible restroom facilities. Accessible trail event opportunities will be available for independent use for persons of all abilities. Please call 650-872-5934 for information on special needs access to the trail.

Vegetation: Primarily coastal scrub, old growth Douglas Fir, and mixed hardwood/Douglas Fir woodland.

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This trail segment is the SFPUC-managed component of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The entire 400-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will circle the entire Bay along the ridgelines, connecting parks, open spaces, and watershed lands to nearby communities.

The newly opened 10-mile trail starts at Skyline Quarry at Highway 92 and extends northward to the watershed boundary at the Portola Ridge Gate. There it connects with the SFPUC-managed Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail. The Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail opens to the general public in the summer of 2003. Visitors can now make reservations for a guided tour of the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail that passes through the San Francisco Peninsula Watershed west of Lower Crystal Springs and San Andreas Reservoirs.

Local nature lovers can enjoy the rare opportunity to hike, bike, or ride their horses through stands of pristine old growth Douglas Fir, evergreen hardwood woodlands and fragrant coastal scrub ... will carefully monitor trail use by the public to ensure that there are no significant impacts to the fragile ecosystem.

RESERVATIONS
Small groups of hikers, bicyclists, or equestrians can now make reservations for a guided excursion through the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail. Because of environmental restrictions, groups must be scheduled no more than three times a day on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. To arrange for a guided tour of the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail, register on-line at trail.sfwater.org, via e-mail at RidgeTrail@sfwater.org, or call 650-652-3203.

BE A VOLUNTEER TRAIL LEADER
Volunteer opportunities are a vital part of the trails program. Trail leaders will accompany all trail tours and people with diverse skills such as naturalists, artists, students, gardeners, and many others will find a place to share their knowledge and experience. Your contribution can make a big difference and help protect the watershed's unique natural wonders while enjoying the great outdoors.

For more information on becoming a volunteer trail leader, please visit our volunteer web page at volunteer.sfwater.org, e-mail us at RidgeTrail@sfwater.org, or call 650-652-3203 for more information.

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- **BIRDS**
  - Cooper’s Hawk
  - Sharp-shinned Hawk
  - Great Blue Heron
  - Marbled Murrelet
  - Northern Harrier
  - Merlin
  - Peregrine Falcon
  - Bald Eagle
  - Osprey
  - American White Pelican

- **AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**
  - California Tiger Salamander
  - California Red-legged Frog
  - Footstool Yellow-legged Frog
  - Western Spadefoot Toad
  - Western Pond Turtle
  - San Francisco Garter Snake

- **MAMMALS**
  - Pallid Bat
  - Western Mastiff Bat
  - Small-footed Myotis
  - Long-eared Myotis
  - Fringed Myotis
  - Townsend’s Big-eared Bat
  - Badger
  - Mountain Lion

- **INVERTEBRATES**
  - Opler’s Longhorn Moth
  - Edgewood Blind Harvestman
  - Serpentine Phalangid
  - Monarch Butterfly
  - Bay Checkerspot Butterfly
  - Mission Blue Butterfly
  - San Francisco Fork-tailed Damselfly
  - Unsilvered Fritillary Butterfly
  - Callipe Silverspot Butterfly

- **PLANTS**
  - San Mateo Thorn-mint
  - Edgewood Blind Harvestman
  - Serpentine Phalangid
  - Monarch Butterfly
  - Bay Checkerspot Butterfly
  - Mission Blue Butterfly
  - San Francisco Fork-tailed Damselfly
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Floral communities thrive along the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail.