The San Mateo County Parks Foundation raises funds to improve the quality of County Parks for our community. For information, visit www.SupportParks.org.

The Department manages parks, trails, and historic sites to preserve public lands and provide opportunities for recreation and education. The system’s 18 parks, regional, county, and local trails, and two historic sites are located throughout the County and encompass nearly 16,000 acres. The parks represent the region’s wondrously diverse natural settings, from rugged tidepools, lush mountain forests, and remote coastlines to Bayfront shoreline, sunny picnic areas, and popular playgrounds.

The Department sells annual passes, offering unlimited entrances to all County Parks for a year.

Support your parks
You can volunteer to help rangers protect and improve parklands and serve park visitors through ongoing volunteer programs, including Trail Patrol, Volunteer Horse Patrol, Trail work days, and special events.

For more information and other volunteer opportunities,
contact your local park or call 650-363-4021.

Wildlife

The variety of wildlife found along the Crystal Springs Regional Trail includes such species as a wide variety of birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and fish. For more information on the wildlife found along the Crystal Springs Regional Trail, visit www.SMCoParks.org.

A San Mateo County Regional Trail

Crystal Springs
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Trail segments

Crystal Springs Regional Trail
The Crystal Springs Regional Trail is comprised of three contiguous segments – San Andreas, Sawyer Camp and Crystal Springs – that begin in the City of San Bruno and continue south for more than 15 miles into the Town of Woodside and Huddart County Park.

The trail has numerous access points (see map), many of which have nearby parking.

Various trail surfaces, including paved, natural soil and gravel, are used by hikers, bikers, skaters and equestrians. Crystal Springs Regional Trail offers views of San Andreas Lake, Crystal Springs Reservoir and the chance to travel parallel to the San Andreas Fault.

San Andreas segment
San Andreas segment of the trail begins at San Bruno Ave. and Skyline Blvd. in San Bruno, and follows the eastern edge of San Andreas Lake. To the west is a view of Sweeney Ridge. While the majority of this trail is paved, a half-mile section at the south end is unpaved. Bicyclists may take an alternate route from Larkspur Drive on the east side of Highway 35 and continuing to Hillcrest Blvd., where the Sawyer Camp segment begins. The 6-mile segment begins at Hillcrest Blvd. in Millbrae and continues to Crystal Springs Road in San Mateo. This portion of the trail is associated with 1800s landowner Leander Sawyer, who offered food and lodging to travelers. This trail offers views of the Crystal Springs Reservoir and the Peninsula Watershed.

Sawyer Camp segment
Sawyer Camp segment of the trail begins at Highway 92 and continues south on the west side of Cañada Road for 6.7 miles. This segment of the trail veers west away from the road and offers beautiful views of the Crystal Springs Reservoir. Small trails – Ralston Bike Trail, Sheep Camp Trail, and Latimer Bike Trail – connect to this segment as it continues west towards Huddart County Park, parallel to Raymundo Drive in Woodside. The segment is the most popular, used by bicyclists, joggers, skaters and equestrians. The 6.0-mile segment is the most popular and is posted.

Crystal Springs segment
Crystal Springs segment of the trail offers views of San Andreas Reservoir – connected from the Crystal Springs Reservoir and the Crystal Springs Reservoir Road. The segment is the most popular, used by bicyclists, joggers, skaters and equestrians. The segment is the most popular, used by bicyclists, joggers, skaters and equestrians. The segment is the most popular, used by bicyclists, joggers, skaters and equestrians.

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