



Welcome to Moore Creek Preserve

A 246-acre natural area, Moore Creek Preserve lies within the most pristine watershed in the City of Santa Cruz. Because the Preserve supports numerous threatened and endangered species and other sensitive resources, public use is limited to hiking only.

The City of Santa Cruz acquitted the Preserve in 1998. Funding for the purchase included a 1998 bond measure, City funds, and State Grants. Management of Moore Creek Preserve is a cooperative effort of the City of Santa Cruz and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County. The Land Trust manages a conservation easement for the State of California.

Moore Creek Preserve features high quality habitats, including wildflower fields, coastal prairie, rare examples of coast live oak, and riparian forest. A number of rare, threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species inhabit the property, including the red-legged frog, Ohlone tiger beetle, and the San Francisco popcorn flower.



Ohlone tiger beetle

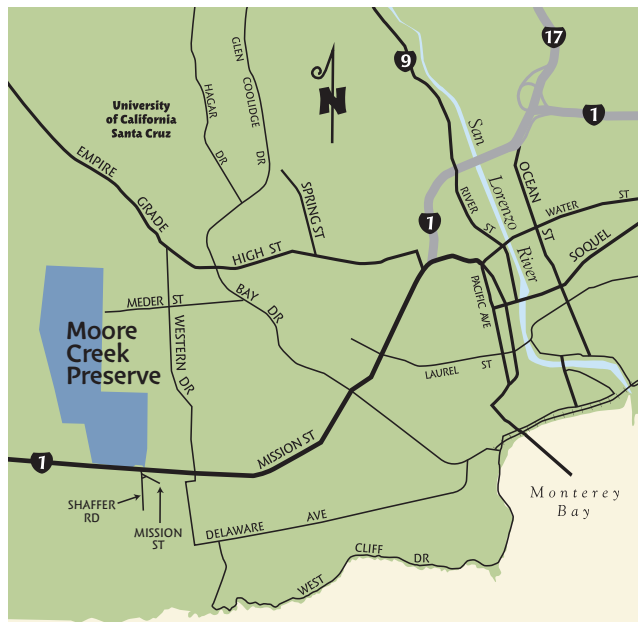


Red-legged frog



San Francisco popcorn flower

The Ohlone Tiger Beetle is a colorful, predatory, and endangered insect endemic to Santa Cruz and occurs in only five remnant patches of coastal terrace prairie, Moore Creek Preserve being one of these.



PARKING AND ENTRANCES

No on-site parking

- Highway 1 at Shaffer Road
 - Limited on-street parking on south side of Highway 1
 - Access to approximately 2 ½ miles of trails (round-trip)
- Meder Street
 - No Parking to the west of Western Drive
 - Existing trail access very limited (one ¼ mile trail)

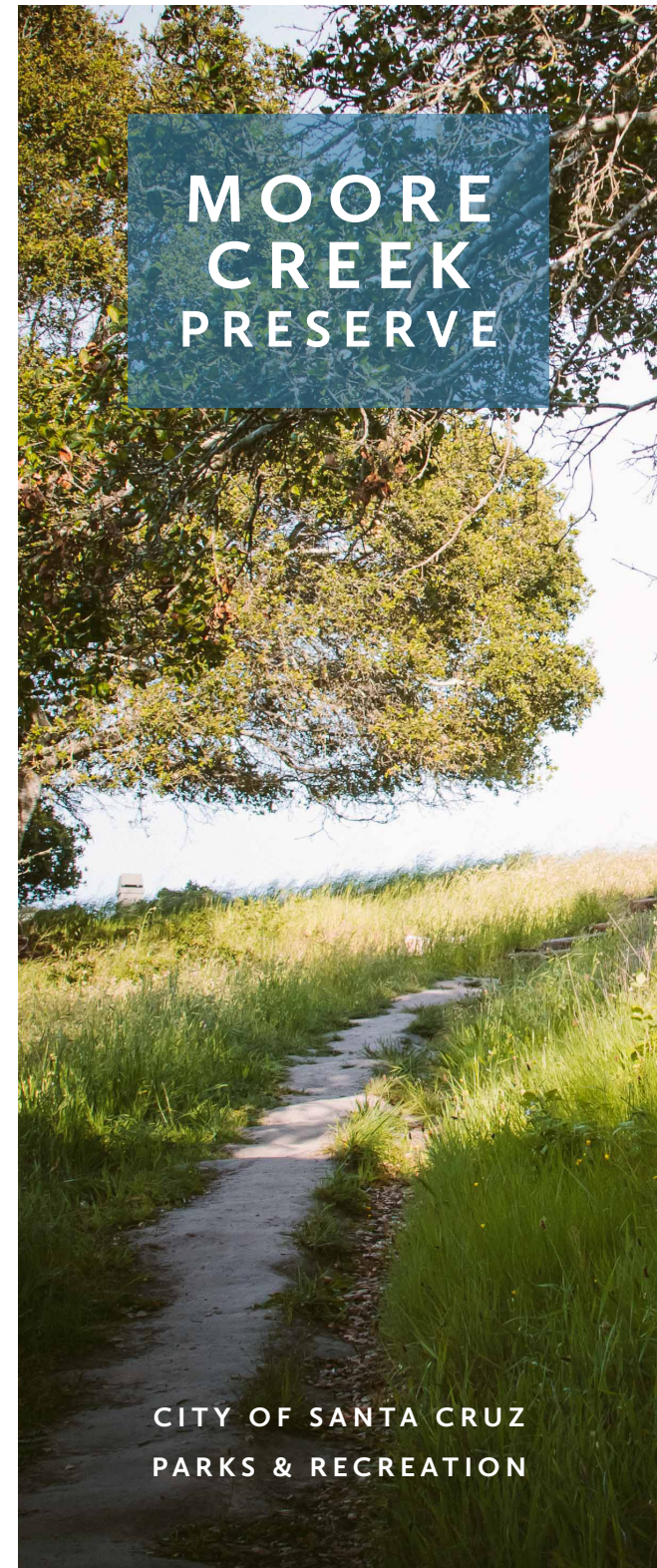
VISITOR HOURS

Summer (April – October), Sunrise to 7 pm
Winter (November – March), Sunrise to 4 pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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A FEW REMINDERS...

PRACTICE GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Please do not disturb wildlife or collect plants or animals. Take care not to trample wildflower fields or pick flowers.

CATTLE are grazed on the Preserve to benefit native plant and animal species and to reduce the fire hazard. Please do not harass or feed the livestock.

TICKS are part of the wildlife at the preserve. An attached tick should be removed as soon as possible and the wound washed with soap and water. If you become ill after being bitten by a tick, consult a physician.

Be aware this is **MOUNTAIN LION** habitat. If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run, raise your arms to appear larger, speak in a loud voice and pick up small children. Report the sighting to the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

TRAIL MILEAGE

Prairie View Trail 1.1 mile

Coast Vista Trail 0.3 mile

Terrace Loop Trail 0.4 mile

Vernal Ridge Trail 0.3 mile

East Meadow Trail 0.25 mile

Moore Creek Trail 0.5 mile

VISITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KNOW AND COMPLY WITH HIKING REGULATIONS

- Hiking only on all trails
- **DOGS AND BICYCLES ARE PROHIBITED**
- Do not harass or feed livestock
- The following activities are prohibited:
 - Alcohol
 - Smoking
 - Camping
 - Fires
 - Wood gathering
 - Collection of plants or animals
 - Archery/hunting

