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### **It's Time to Hike, Bike, Hoof or Roll on New OSA Trails**

San Jose, CA May 21, 2007 – With more than five miles of new trails to share and National Trails Day to celebrate, the Open Space Authority is inviting the public to Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve on Saturday, June 2, for a day of fun. Festivities will include a community picnic, guided walks, children's activities, and information booths.

*Hike, Bike, Hoof & Roll* begins at 10:30 a.m. at the staging area on Casa Loma Road. Activities will run until 1:30 p.m. and the preserve and trails will be open until sunset. There will be plenty of parking for vehicles, horse trailers and visitors with handicap placards. Directions to the preserve are available on the OSA website, [www.openspaceauthority.org](http://www.openspaceauthority.org), or by calling 408-224-7476.

The new trails add more than additional miles. They create access to the preserve for bicycles and extend recreational options for visitors using mobility aids.

Llagas Creek Loop is a paved nature trail with adjoining wheelchair-adapted picnic tables. It's situated in a meadow next to Llagas Creek to take advantage of the paved parking and all-access restroom provided in the adjacent staging area.

Visitors who use wheelchairs, families with children in strollers, and others looking for a gentle walk and the chance to enjoy the quiet sounds and sights of nature will find this a great place to visit.

“Llagas Creek Loop Trail offers a welcome opportunity for all visitors and supports the use of park and open space lands as a way to meet local health and fitness needs,” said OSA general manager Patrick Congdon. “The setting is beautiful and it’s one of only a few facilities like this in the bay area.”

The other new trails at Rancho Cañada del Oro invites bicyclists to explore the preserve for the first time. The 1.7-mile Catamount Trail and the 3.1-mile Mayfair Ranch Trail enable visitors on bikes to reach other OSA trails that had only been accessible through Calero County Park, where bicycles are prohibited.

The Open Space Authority has purchased six properties since December of 2000 to assemble the 3,017-acre Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve. It protects the Llagas Creek and Baldy Ryan Creek watersheds and contains several important areas of serpentine soils.

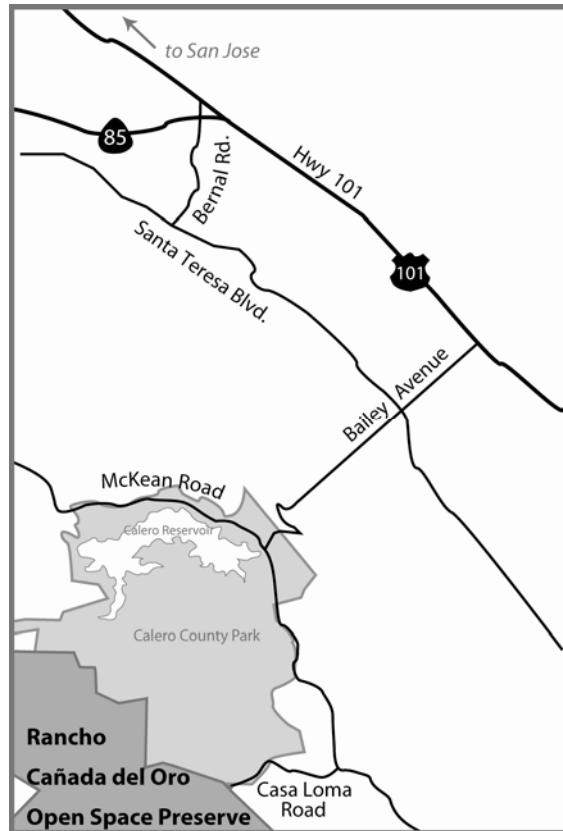
Over 50 species of birds have been sighted on the preserve and every spring the grasslands are studded with a profusion of wildflowers. Native tree species include coast live oak, blue oak, California walnut and California sycamore. Many of the slopes are covered with sagebrush, manzanita and other native chaparral plants.

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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) is an independent special district created in 1993 to help preserve, protect and manage urban and non-urban open space in the areas of Campbell, Milpitas, Santa Clara, San Jose, Morgan Hill, and southern Santa Clara County.

The OSA has protected over 10,000 acres of land through purchase or easement and contributed to conservation easements covering an additional 2,180 acres.

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