MÁYYAN ’OYYÁKMA - COYOTE RIDGE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

Stay on designated trails. Extremely sensitive habitat.

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Máyyan Wáayí (Coyote Valley) Overlook Trail
Distance: 1.000 feet | Average Grade: 5%  
Surface Type: Firm, Stabilized Decomposed Granite  
Máyyan Wáayí, pronounced My-yahn Why-yee, is the Chochenyo translation for Coyote Valley. This gentle trail starts at the central gathering area, passes through an open meadow, and climbs to an overlook of Coyote Valley, nestled in a serpentine rock outcropping strewn with lichen-covered boulders. Rest at a shaded picnic area or bench with quiet views, listen for Western meadowlarks, or enjoy the wildflowers in the spring.

Bay Checkerspot Trail
BUTTERFLY PASS REQUIRED  
Distance: 2.5 miles | Elevation change: 1,000 feet  
This trail drops down to cross a tributary of Coyote Creek before rising up through serpentine grasslands. As you climb, the trail follows a steep ravine passing through oak and manzanita, before bringing you back into the grasslands with views of Coyote Valley and Morgan Hill. The trail continues its rise, bringing you to the ridgetop.

Tule Elk Trail
BUTTERFLY PASS REQUIRED  
Distance: 1.3 miles | Elevation change: <50 feet  
Following this gentle trail across the ridgetop, take in stunning views of southern Santa Clara Valley and the Santa Cruz Mountains to the west and an area known as Shingle Valley within the Diablo Range to the east. Keep an eye out for golden eagles and other raptors soaring over the mix of serpentine and California annual grasslands.

Serpentine Spring Trail
TRAIL RULES & SAFETY  
- To protect the rare plant and animal species found at this preserve, a Butterfly Pass is required to access restricted trails. Get your Butterfly Pass through this link: bit.ly/osa-butterfly-pass.  
- Mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding are permitted only on designated trails.  
- Pets are not permitted in the preserve at any time.  
- Fires, fireworks, and smoking are strictly prohibited.  
- Do not feed, disturb, or kill wildlife. Hunting, trapping, and fishing are not allowed.  
- Do not collect, remove, destroy, or deface any natural or human-made object.  
- No water is available at trailheads, at the parking lot, or along the trails.  
- If you see grazing cattle on the trail, give them a few minutes to move. Don’t chase or harass them; they will move on their own.

Prepared
Always carry water. For maximum comfort, dress in layers for a range of weather conditions. Pack snacks or lunch, especially if you’re visiting with children. Bring a hat, sunblock, and a simple first aid kit. Horseback riders and cyclists should also plan for the care and maintenance of their transportation. Finally, be aware of your fitness level and abilities, especially when venturing out alone or on especially challenging hikes or rides.

Directions
Máyyan ‘Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve
- From Hwy 101 or Hwy 85  
- East on Bailey Avenue  
- Continue on to Malech Road  
- Free public parking area will be on the right

About the Open Space Authority
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