

ABOUT THE PRESERVE

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) and the City of Healdsburg invite you to explore the new Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. Since July 1996, the District has protected the prominent ridgeline east of Healdsburg through the purchase of three conservation easements. In 2003, the District had the opportunity to purchase the remaining fee title interest in two of those parcels to create the 155-acre Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. By partnering with the City of Healdsburg, the District now offers public access to a wildland area right outside the City of Healdsburg.

The Preserve consists of a wide variety of natural communities including wetlands and oak woodlands, rocky serpentine chaparral and open grasslands. These communities support animals such as deer, jackrabbit, bobcat, coyote, mountain lion, and more than 40 species of birds.

Visitors are invited to explore the current trail network and check out the spectacular vistas throughout the property. Trails are easy to moderate hiking (2-3 miles) taking in views of Fitch Mountain, the Russian River, and the Mayacamas Mountains.

The intent of the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve is to protect and enhance its natural and visual resources and to provide “passive” recreational activities for public use. The City of Healdsburg’s Community Services Department is working with LandPaths, a local non-profit organization, to provide maintenance and management, educational outings, and to help organize volunteers to monitor the property and keep the trails and trailhead clean.

Learn about our outings and events at:
www.sonomaopenspace.org

PERMITTED USAGE

Please enjoy this Open Space Preserve in a manner that ensures the protection of plants and animals that live here.

- Visitors are welcome to walk, hike or jog, observe birds, animals, plants and nature.
- Dogs are welcome to the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve on paved trails only.
- All dogs must remain on a leash at all times and owners are required to clean up after their pets.
- Please stay on designated trails and out of sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian areas, and the serpentine chaparral.

DIRECTIONS

- From Highway 101, take the Dry Creek exit and go east.
- Turn left (north) on Healdsburg Avenue and go about 1 mile.
- Turn right (east) onto Parkland Farms Boulevard and travel to the eastern end of the road (about ¾ miles).
- Turn right onto Bridle Path and look for on-street parking.
- Trailhead is at the eastern end of Arabian Way.

CONTACT INFO


Healdsburg Park and Recreation Department
707-431-3301

Fire or Medical Emergency
911 or 707-431-3360

Resource Management—Open Space District
707-565-7360

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Volunteer Patrol Opportunities—LandPaths
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HIGHLIGHTS/FEATURES

- Views of **Fitch Mountain Bend** at the Russian River Overlook
- Views of **Mayacama Mountains** to the east at Fox Pond Overlook
- **Fox Pond** wetland area
- **Oak Woodlands** and **Grasslands**
- Serpentine **Chaparral**

MAP KEY

- Dirt Hiking Trail (Dogs Not Allowed)
- Paved Hiking Trail (Dogs Allowed on Leash)
- P** Parking
- V** Vista Point
- E** Preserve Entrance
- G** Gate

Distances between trail intersections (●) in miles.

