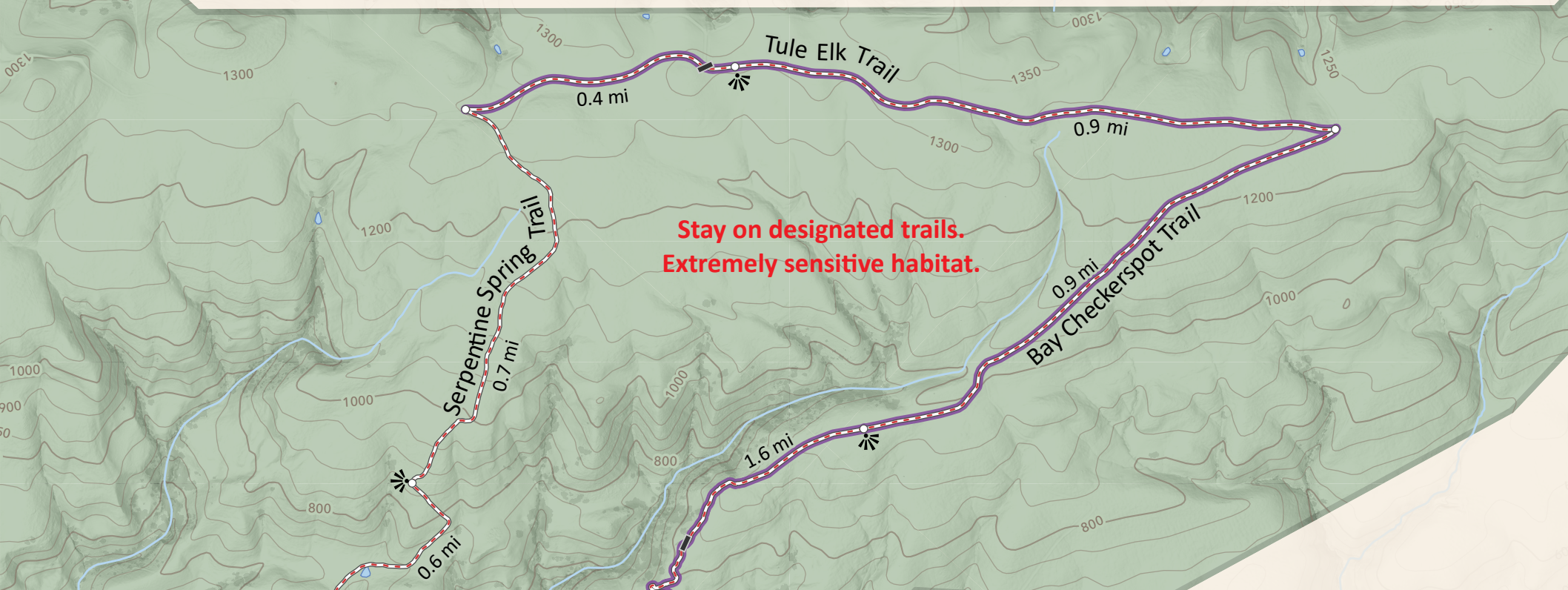


MÁYYAN 'OOYÁKMA - COYOTE RIDGE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE



Multi-use Trail

Habitat Protection Area
BUTTERFLY PASS REQUIRED

Multi-use Trail

Accessible Trail
Smooth, avg <5% Grade

Authority Preserve

Parking Area

ADA Parking

MALECH GATEWAY

Multi-use Trail

Bay Area Ridge Trail

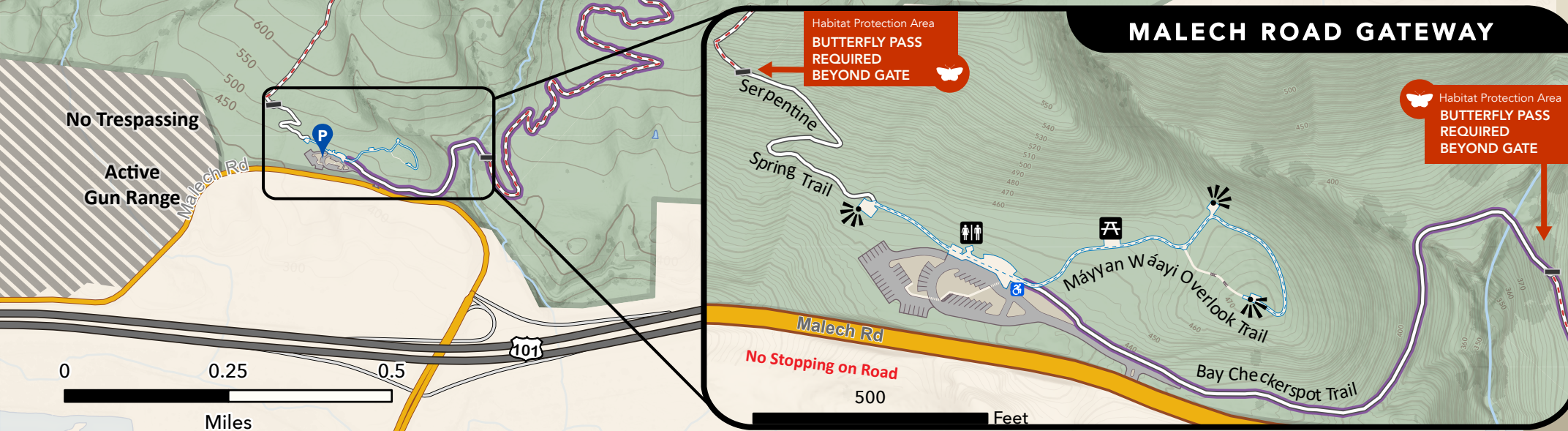
Scenic Overlook

Picnic Table

Restroom

Gate

Contour Interval 50 feet



No Picking Flowers or Plants

No Harassing Wildlife

No Dogs

No Drones

No Smoking

For emergencies call 911

To contact the Open Space Authority, call (408)224-7476 or visit our website.

Email ada@openspaceauthority.org for specific accessibility resource requests, questions, or concerns.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Máyyan Wáayi (Coyote Valley) Overlook Trail

Distance: 1,000 feet | Average Grade: 5%
Surface Type: Firm, Stabilized Decomposed Granite
Máyyan Wáayi, 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.

Serpentine Spring Trail

BUTTERFLY PASS REQUIRED

Distance: 1.3 miles | Elevation change: 1,000 feet
This challenging climb is worth the stunning views! Shortly past the main trailhead, take in views of Coyote Valley and San José. Look for shining green serpentine rock, essential for the area's native wildflowers. After a freshwater spring, which supports rare Mount Hamilton thistle, the trail rises again, with an interpretive overlook and rest area after some of the steepest sections. You may see cow trails crossing the landscape, but don't be fooled, these narrow paths are not for human travel.

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.

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.

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.

BE 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

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- From Hwy 101 or Hwy 85
- East on Bailey Avenue
- Continue on to Malech Road
- Free public parking area will be on the right

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Welcome

Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve is comprised of rare, sensitive serpentine grasslands that provide habitat to a variety of species that depend on the unique landscape. Scientific research on the plant and animal communities found here continues today.

Total, there are 3.8 miles of trail here designated as a portion of Bay Area Ridge Trail, a regional trail system that will someday stretch more than 550 miles along the ridge lines that encircle San Francisco Bay.

Máyyan 'Ooyákma (pronounced *My-yahn Oiy-yahk-mah*) directly translates to Coyote Ridge in the Chochenyo language. Chochenyo is the language stewarded by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, whose members trace their ancestry to the Indigenous Peoples, or aboriginal inhabitants, of this region. The Open Space Authority is partnering with the Muwekma Ohlone to raise awareness about the importance of the protection of irreplaceable landscapes.



ABOUT THE OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY

Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected over 30,000 acres of open space, natural areas, watersheds, and wildlife habitat—providing outdoor recreation opportunities and preserving the natural beauty and environmental health of Santa Clara County.

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