

**V**olunteers are needed to build, repair and maintain trails, lead hikes, and assist with education and restoration projects. Contact Solano Land Trust at (707) 432-0150 x200 or [volunteer@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:volunteer@solanolandtrust.org) for more information.



# Lynch Canyon Open Space Park

*This land is your land*

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## **Emergencies – 911**

A daily parking fee is required as posted. Annual parking passes are also available through County Parks. Call (707) 784-6765 for details.

*Solano County and Solano Land Trust  
welcome you and your family to  
Lynch Canyon Open Space Park*



Park hours vary, please check  
[www.solanocounty.com/parks](http://www.solanocounty.com/parks)  
for current schedule



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**E**nter into Lynch Canyon's 1,039 acres to explore rolling grasslands, spring wildflowers, oak woodlands and spectacular views. Explore nearly ten miles of multi-use trails designed for hikers, runners, horseback riders and mountain bike riders. Traversing the northern edge of the property is a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a 580-mile trail that will eventually form a continuous ring around Bay Area ridges. Inviting picnic tables dot the trails of this pastoral landscape.

## **Wildlife**

Some of the grassland species found at Lynch Canyon include western meadowlark, horned lark, meadow vole, pocket gopher, California ground squirrel, black-tailed jackrabbit, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, and gopher snakes.

Birds of prey include red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, white-tailed kites and American kestrels. Soaring turkey vultures are also a familiar sight. Riparian species include western bluebirds, barn owls, great horned owls, northern flickers, ruby-crowned kinglets and California newts. Muskrats and American coots may be seen year-round at the reservoir, with waterfowl arriving in winter.

## **Cattle at Lynch Canyon**

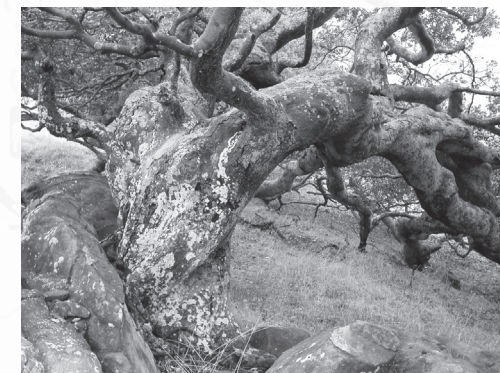
Animals have grazed Lynch Canyon for thousands of years. Solano Land Trust continues this historic land-use tradition by using controlled grazing as a resource-management tool. Grazing minimizes the risk of uncontrolled wildfires, controls invasive plants and encourages native plant growth.

Cows are not aggressive by nature. If you encounter cattle on the trail, keep your distance and walk around groups of cows. Never approach a calf and its mother. Cows are protective of their young.

## **Cultural History**

The first inhabitants of Lynch Canyon were the Patwin Suisunes, the southernmost group of the Wintuns. The Patwin likely hunted deer, elk and bear on the property and gathered acorns in late summer. When General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo acquired the property in 1844, he began a long history of sheep and cattle grazing on the land. When the title of his land grant was disputed in 1863, the Supreme Court ruled against him and sold the land for \$1.25 an acre.

Several families have owned the land since Vallejo, including the Lynch family. In the early 1980s, a company purchased the property to build a landfill, but voters rejected the proposal. Solano Land Trust acquired the property in two parcels, completing the purchase in 1996. Lynch Canyon now serves as an important buffer zone between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo, providing recreational opportunities and a welcome refuge to the residents and visitors of Solano County.



## **The Partnership**

Lynch Canyon is owned by Solano Land Trust, a 501(c)3 public benefit organization that has protected agricultural lands and open space in Solano County since 1986. In a historic agreement, Solano County has partnered with Solano Land Trust to open Lynch Canyon Open Space Park to the public. Solano County Parks provides ranger services, including public safety and maintenance of park facilities. Solano Land Trust permanently protects Lynch Canyon and supervises cattle grazing, habitat restoration and volunteer activities.

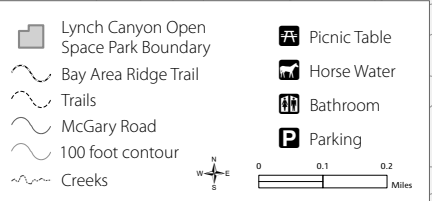




is owned and managed by Solano Land Trust, a 501(c)(3) public-benefit organization whose mission is to permanently protect natural areas, working farms, and ranchlands in Solano County and connect our community to these lands. Since 1986, Solano Land Trust has protected over 22,000 acres to ensure the land remains in ranching and farming, and to ensure that there are accessible natural areas for our community – forever.

Newell Open Space  
(Owned and operated by the  
City of American Canyon)

*Follow McGary Rd. to Lynch Rd. (at I-80 underpass) and proceed through gate.*



(0.8 miles – difficult) passes through a eucalyptus grove before climbing steeply to Prairie Ridge Trail.

**(0.7 miles – easy)** parallels Lynch Creek to the reservoir overlook.

(1.5 miles – moderate) follows the south fork of Lynch Creek with short but steep climbs. Shade is frequent and a picnic table is located about halfway. **Bobcat Trail** (0.2 miles – easy) provides an easy, alternate route that is less steep than Middle Valley Trail.

(1.6 miles – difficult) traces the ridge top with steep climbs and great views. Picnic tables along the way provide a secluded rest. Part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

(1.7 miles – difficult) provides fantastic views after a difficult climb, but is fairly level atop the ridge. The wind is severe on the exposed ridge, as evidenced by the leaning trees. Part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

(0.3 miles – easy) connects the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

(2.2 miles – moderate) slowly increases in elevation with little shade.

(1.0 miles – difficult) climbs steeply to the North Ridge Trail with no shade. Great views.

*Potable drinking water is not available. Please bring your own.*

*Help protect Lynch Canyon Open Space Park  
and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone by  
following these rules and posted regulations.*

- Dogs are not allowed within Lynch Canyon boundaries, for the protection of wildlife and livestock.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within Lynch Canyon boundaries.
- All trails are multiple use. Speed limit is 15 MPH. Reckless riding will result in a citation. Bicyclists shall reduce speed and call out or ring bell before passing. Bicyclists yield to hikers. Bicyclists and hikers yield to equestrians.
- Removing or collecting artifacts, plants, rocks or wildlife is prohibited by law.
- Camping, fishing and hunting are not permitted.
- Firearms, archery equipment, slingshots, air pistols, rifles, paintball guns and other weapons are not permitted.
- Due to high fire risk, smoking, campfires, barbecues and fireworks are not permitted.
- Deposit all trash in receptacles, or carry it out with you.
- Do not leave designated trails or climb fences. Obey no trespassing signs.
- Trail construction is not allowed unless under the supervision of authorized personnel.
- State law requires that a helmet be worn by all persons under 18 years of age using a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, skateboard or in-line or roller skates. Solano County Parks also strongly recommends that all adults wear a helmet while biking to reduce or prevent the risk of serious head injury or death.
- No swimming or wading in the reservoir.
- No feeding wild animals or harassing livestock.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only inside the staging area.