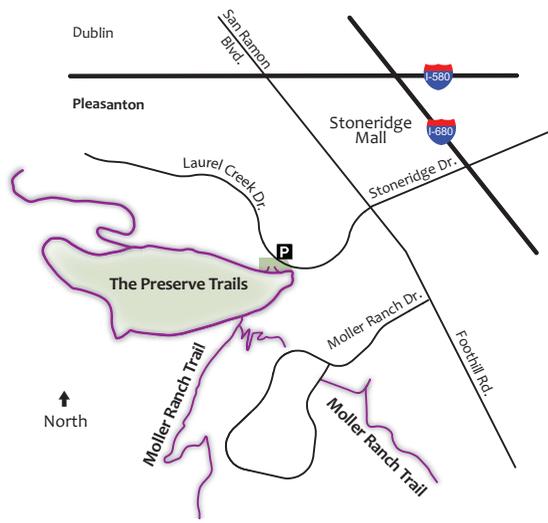


THE PRESERVE AND MOLLER RANCH TRAILS

TRAIL MAP

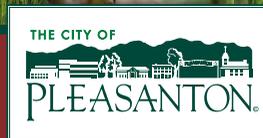


ACCESS—The Preserve trails may be accessed by parking in the staging area located at 5850 Laurel Creek Drive. From that point, the trail can be hiked in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction with adjacent Moller Ranch trails connecting at the south side of the trails.

PARK RULES

- The trail is open during daylight hours to pedestrians and equestrians.
- Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times on the trail.
- No fires, fireworks, firearms or other weapons are permitted on the trail.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the trail.
- Do not disturb, remove or damage any tree, plant, or other natural materials found along the trail.
- Do not disturb, remove or harm any bird or animal, either wild or domesticated, along the trail.
- No overnight camping is allowed, unless specially permitted by the Community Services Director.

You are responsible for obeying all trail rules. For a complete copy of the City of Pleasanton Municipal Code, Chapter 13.08, Parks and Recreation Facilities, contact the Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.



WELCOME - The Preserve and Moller Trails are located within the 38-acre Gold Creek Open Space, a natural area south of The Preserve housing development on the west side of Foothill Road. This public open space is adjacent to additional private open space owned and operated by both The Preserve and Moller Ranch subdivisions. The Preserve Staging Area includes a paved parking lot, public restroom and trailheads. Public trails crisscrossing the open space and the restroom are open to the public year round. Gold Creek Open Space includes grassy hillsides, oak woodlands with related understory plants, seasonal creeks and springs, wooden bridges and riparian vegetation.

History – On March 27, 1991, the Planning Commission approved a PUD (planned unit development) for Presley Homes (now called The Preserve) to subdivide a 271-acre lot into 100 single family homes with the condition that 189 acres would remain as natural open space, with hiking trails available to the public. In 1993 a trail easement was dedicated to the City of Pleasanton. This dedication allows Pleasanton residents to hike on private lands connecting the Moller Ranch trails with the Preserve Trails in Gold Creek Open Space. A picnic area and additional parking are located in Laurel Creek Park at 5875 Laurel Creek Drive. While The Preserve is a residential development, all Pleasanton residents have access to the network of trails, open space, and views that were protected as a condition of development.

Vegetation and Habitat – In 1991 a wildlife corridor with permanent access to Gold and Laurel Creek was established by the City. While many non-native grasses persist, one may still find native plants including soaproot, stinging nettle and sticky monkey flower. Red-tailed hawks and white-tailed kites soar above sycamore, valley oak, laurel and buckeye trees and maidenhair ferns grow in the canyon. California newts and the western fence lizard sun themselves on warm rocks and earth. Mountain lions, while seldom seen, also hunt in the area.

Wild Turkeys – Wild turkeys may be seen along the trails, and in oak savannahs of the foothills where they survive on insects, spiders, snails, slugs, salamanders, small lizards, small frogs, millipedes, grasshoppers, very small snakes, worms, grasses, vines, flowers, acorns, buds, seeds, fruits, clovers and other vegetation. While the wild turkeys we see today are considered non-native species, they have been linked to fossilized turkeys from 10,000 years ago and might very well be considered a reintroduced species!



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White-tailed Kite – This bird was rendered almost extinct in California in the 1930s and 1940s but has since returned to a healthy population. They can be identified by red eyes and white body with black markings on the shoulders and wing tips. The white-tailed kite patrols lowland scrub and grasslands in search of rodents.



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Bobcat – The bobcat earns its common name from the “bobbed” or stubbed appearance of its tail and is about twice the size of a house cat with black tipped ears. This elusive predator hunts rabbits, hares, deer, insects and rodents and is classified as part of the genus Lynx.

Rattlesnake – The Gold Creek Open Space is home to many rattlesnakes. Rattlesnakes eat mice, rats, small birds and other small animals. They infect their prey with venom through a bite. They will use the rattles at the end of their tails to ward off predators. Rattlesnakes rarely bite unless provoked.



The Preserve and Moller Ranch Trails

Park Maintenance 925-931-5565

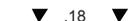
EMERGENCY 911

Trails are open during daylight hours to pedestrians. Equestrians are only permitted on the Preserve Trails. Moller Ranch trails and The Preserve trails are closed to bicyclists and any motorized vehicles with the exception of service and emergency vehicles.

LEGEND

 **The Preserve Trails**
(Hikers, Horses,
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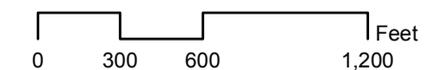
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 Restroom  Parking

 Drinking Fountain  Picnic Area

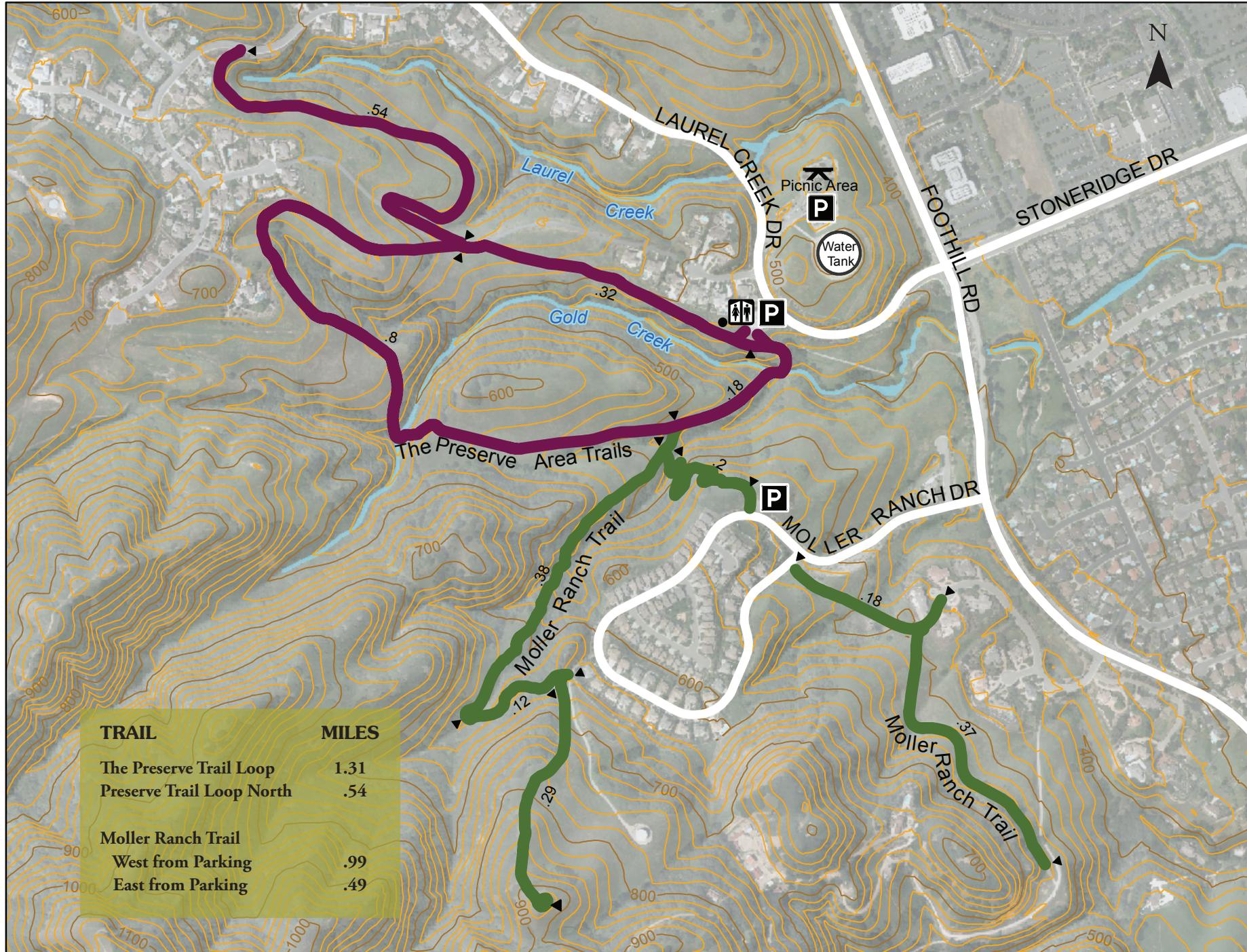
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