

ENJOY YOUR COASTSIDE OPEN SPACE



Karl Gohl



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Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve



This preserve's centerpiece is Purisima Creek Canyon, with towering redwoods, rushing creeks and an understory of ferns, berries and wildflowers. Surrounding coastal scrub and mixed hardwood forests offer magnificent views of the coast. More than 24 miles of trails provide opportunities for visitors of all abilities.

La Honda Creek Preserve



This preserve offers 10 miles of trails through ranchland alongside grazing cattle and shaded creeks. Rolling grasslands to the south provide spectacular panoramic views, while the northern area features redwood forests. The preserve's size and diversity provide excellent wildlife habitat, making it a popular birding destination.

*Dog access by permit only on designated trails.



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Jack Gescheidt

Mindego Gateway Russian Ridge Preserve



The Mindego Hill Trail winds through a working cattle ranch and up to the summit of this iconic landmark, with sweeping 360-degree vistas of the coast and Santa Cruz Mountains. Views can also be enjoyed near the parking area from a wheelchair-accessible terrace. Reach this coastal area of Russian Ridge Preserve, known for its showy spring wildflowers, from Alpine Road.

Daniels Nature Center Skyline Ridge Preserve



The David C. Daniels Nature Center is open weekends spring through fall. Volunteers help you explore touchable wildlife skulls, skins and engaging displays about the surrounding environment. A self-guided tour and interpretive signs connect you with nature along the easy-access trail around Alpine Pond. Afterward, enjoy a picnic or explore the surrounding Skyline Ridge Preserve.

CONNECT

Free Nature Activities

Midpen offers free docent-led activities year round, including nature walks, hikes, mountain bike and equestrian rides. Activities are posted at preserves, online and in our newsletter.



Michael Chen

Volunteer

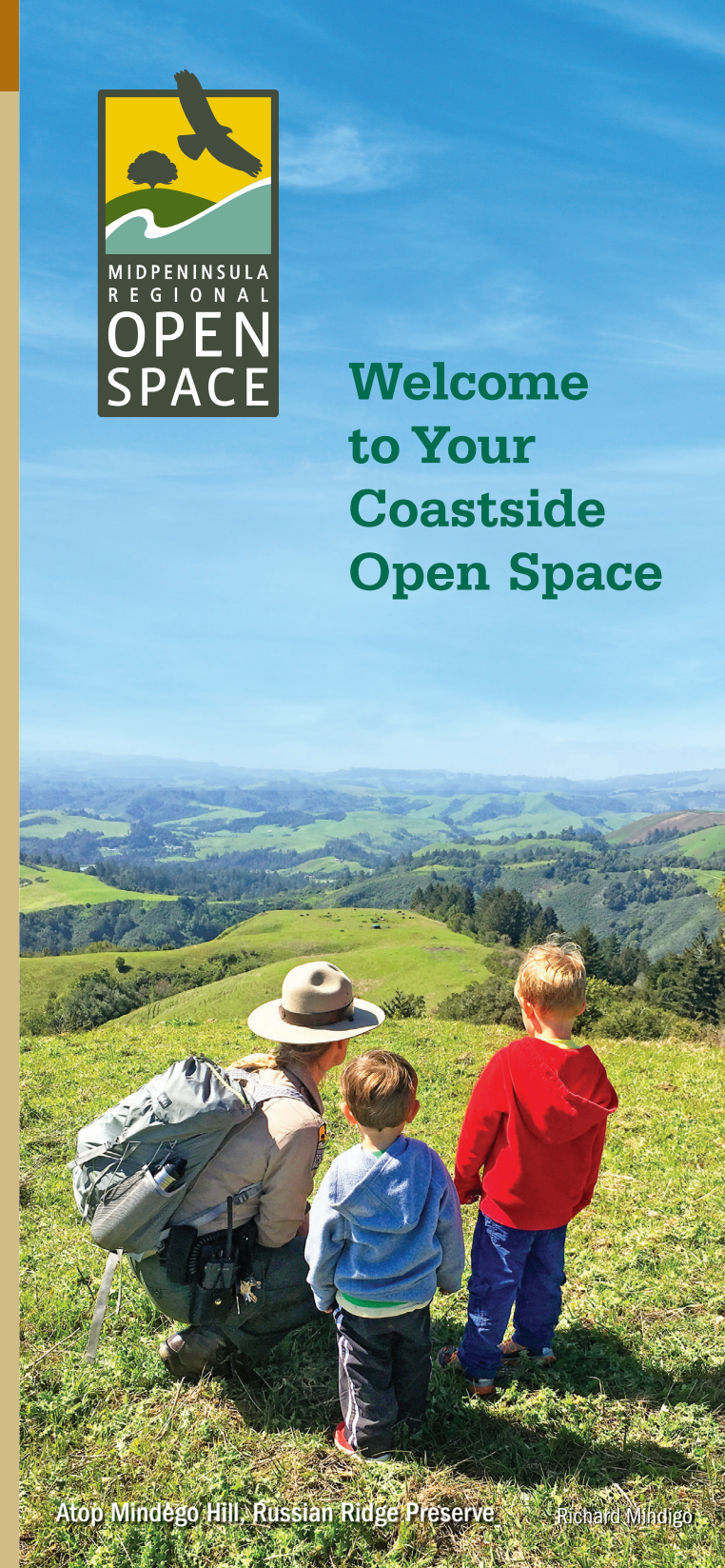
Over 600 volunteers support Midpen each year by guiding activities and school field trips, patrolling trails, assisting with land stewardship and trail maintenance, and more.

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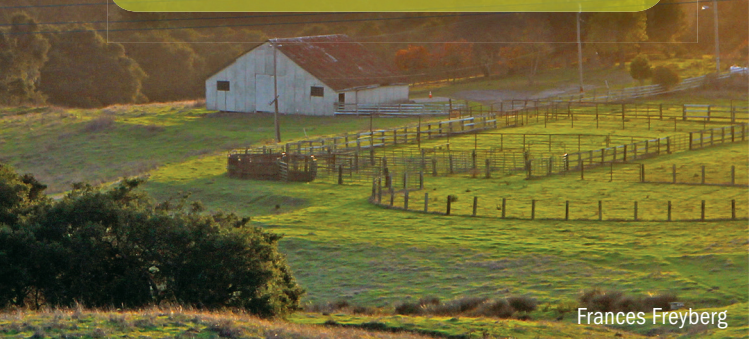


Atop Mindego Hill, Russian Ridge Preserve

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MIDPEN COASTSIDE MISSION

To acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.



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Funding

In 2014, voters passed Measure AA, a 30-year, \$300 million bond funding open space projects in Midpen's community-supported Vision Plan, including dozens of Coastsides preservation, restoration and public access projects. Coastsides property tax payers contribute to Measure AA. Midpen's remaining funding comes from a small share of property tax on ridgeline and bayside properties within our service area.



WELCOME



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is a public agency created by voters in 1972; the result of a grassroots effort by local citizens who wanted to preserve "room to breathe" after seeing the Santa Clara Valley filled in by development.

Decades later, as development pressure threatened the Coastsides scenic beauty, rural character and agricultural heritage, Coastsiders expressed their support for extending Midpen's boundaries to include the San Mateo County Coast. The Midpen Coastsides Protection Area became final in 2004.

Today, Midpen manages nearly 65,000 acres of public open space land in 26 preserves across parts of Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties. We work on behalf of the public to preserve a regional greenbelt in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and to provide opportunities for public enjoyment and education. Our unique Coastsides mission includes preserving rural character and viable agriculture.

Public access areas of Midpen preserves are free and open daily from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset. Use this map brochure to discover how you can enjoy your Coastsides open space.

HOW MIDPEN SERVES THE COASTSIDE



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PRESERVATION

Protecting more than 11,000 acres of Coastsides open space, watershed and agricultural lands.



Frances Freyberg

AGRICULTURE

Supporting and expanding sustainable, viable farming and conservation grazing.



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RESTORATION

Caring for grasslands, forests and waterways so people, plants and wildlife can thrive.



Jack Gescheidt

ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Providing immersive experiences in nature with trails, free hikes and activities, and environmental education.

EXPLORE



- Midpen Preserve
- District Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- Other Protected Land
- County Boundary
- Coastside Protection Area

Midpen's district boundary expanded to include the Coastside Protection Area in 2004.

Legend

	Hiking		All trails
	Equestrian		Designated trails only
	Cycling		By permit only
	Dog walking		No public access at this time
	Easy-access trails		
	Restrooms		

Preserves						
Bear Creek Redwoods	●	●	●	●	●	●
Coal Creek	●	●	●	●	●	●
El Corte de Madera Creek	●	●	●	●	●	●
El Sereno	●	●	●	●	●	●
Foothills	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fremont Older	●	●	●	●	●	●
La Honda Creek	●	●	●	●	●	●
Long Ridge	●	●	●	●	●	●
Los Trancos	●	●	●	●	●	●

Preserves						
Miramontes Ridge*	●	●	●	●	●	●
Monte Bello	●	●	●	●	●	●
Picchetti Ranch	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pulgas Ridges	●	●	●	●	●	●
Purisima Creek Redwoods	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rancho San Antonio	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ravenswood	●	●	●	●	●	●
Russian Ridge	●	●	●	●	●	●
Saratoga Gap	●	●	●	●	●	●

Preserves						
Sierra Azul	●	●	●	●	●	●
Skyline Ridge	●	●	●	●	●	●
St. Joseph's Hill	●	●	●	●	●	●
Stevens Creek Shoreline Nature Study Area	●	●	●	●	●	●
Teague Hill	●	●	●	●	●	●
Thornewood	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tunitas Creek*	●	●	●	●	●	●
Windy Hill	●	●	●	●	●	●

MEASURE AA-FUNDED COASTSIDE PROJECTS

See the complete list of Measure AA Vision Plan projects at openspace.org/top25.

1 MIRAMONTES RIDGE PRESERVE
Create access, restore streams, enhance agriculture



3 PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS PRESERVE
Build Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail, protect watersheds, expand grazing



7 LA HONDA CREEK PRESERVE
Protect endangered wildlife, expand public access and grazing



8 RUSSIAN RIDGE PRESERVE
Preserve San Gregorio watershed, extend Bay Area Ridge Trail



15 FOREST, SALMON AND WATERSHED PROTECTION
Protect redwoods, Pescadero Creek watershed, wildlife habitat



14 TRAIL CONNECTIONS
Connect surrounding regional trail systems



13 CLOVERDALE RANCH
Protect endangered wildlife, expand grazing, connect trails



9 RUSSIAN RIDGE PRESERVE
Expand trails and grazing, interpret history, improve wildlife habitat

