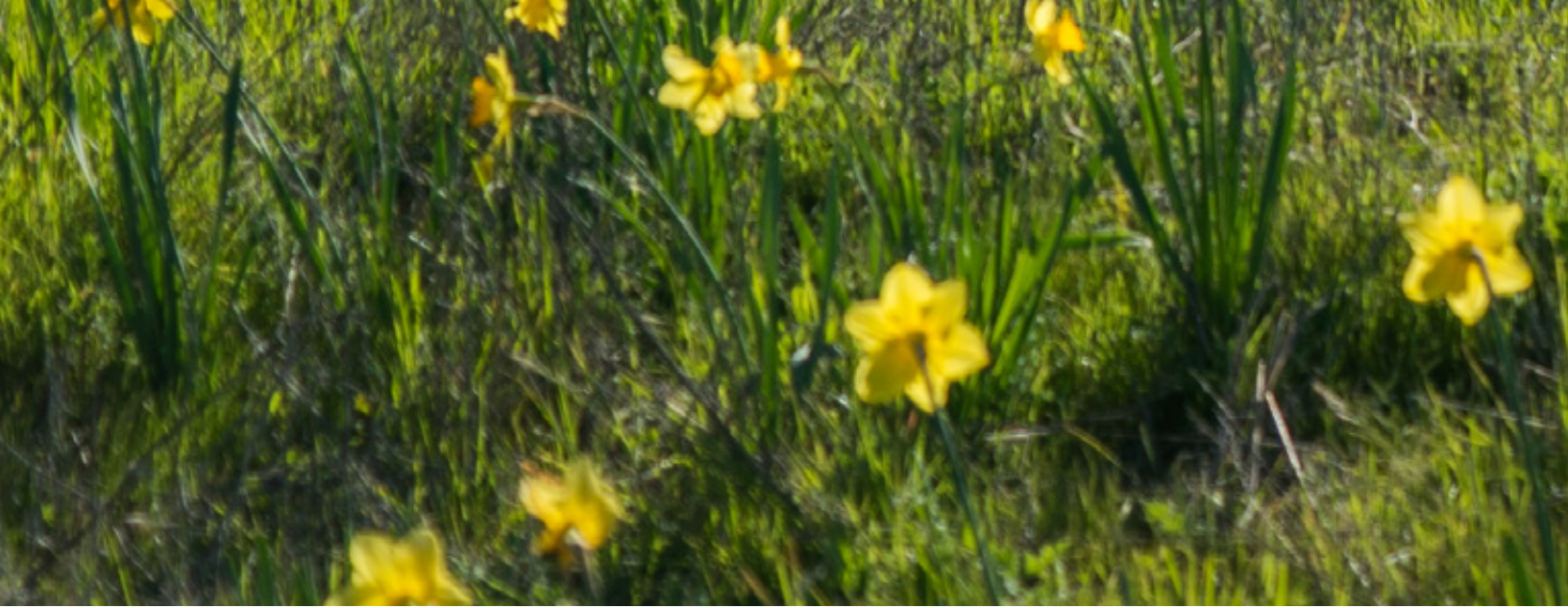


# 5 MOST INSTAWORTHY SONOMA COUNTY HIKING SPOTS







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Looking for some new hikes this season? Want to up your Instagram game? We've got you covered! [@sonomalandtrust](#) staff gathered our five favorite – and Instaworthy – hikes around [#sonomacounty](#) in this trusty digital guide.



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# TOLAY LAKE

## REGIONAL PARK



**sonomalandtrust** A place to bring your 🐶 🐾 or 🚲 and take some fun selfies? Yes, please! Having opened to the public in 2018, Tolay is Sonoma County's newest and largest regional park, and possibly one of the most accessible and recreation-friendly. It's also a **cultural treasure**, steeped in Native American and ranching histories. Springtime at Tolay has more 🌻 power than a weekend at Coachella – that is to say, the wildflowers are insanely beautiful! If you visit in the fall, be sure to check out the **Tolay Fall Festival** – an Instagram-lover's dream!

**#hiketolay**





📍 Petaluma, CA

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**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**

Easy

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**BEST TIME TO GO:**

Spring for the wildflowers & Fall for the Fall Festival

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**MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE:**

Serpentine wildflowers on the West Ridge Trail

## While you're there, check out:

- Water features: Tolay Lake (seasonal), Tolay Creek
- Agriculture: Cattle grazing 🐄
- Home to: Golden eagles, coyotes, burrowing owls and other birds of prey
- Conservation at work: [Restoration of Tolay Creek](#)

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# SEA TO SKY TRAIL



**sonomalandtrust** Looking to [#humblebrag](#) about your latest hiking feat? There's no better – and more Instaworthy – hike than the Sea to Sky Trail on the Sonoma Coast. After a strenuous 7.5-mile hike up to the 2,200-foot summit, you'll have earned bragging rights. 🤘👍 But with 360-degree views – from the Pacific 🌊 in the west to 🍷 Country in the east, and as far as Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Diablo – you won't regret a single step.

[#jennerheadlandspreserve](#) [#hikeseatosky](#) [#polemountain](#)



📍 Jenner, CA

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**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**

Advanced

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**BEST TIME TO GO:**

Spring or Fall

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**MOST  
INSTAGRAMMABLE:**

Pole Mountain  
Summit

**While you're there, check out:**

- Peaks to look for: Mt. Diablo, Mt. Tamalpais, Mount St. Helena, Cobb Mountain, Morhardt Ridge, Creighton Ridge, and the Cedars
- On a crystal-clear day: Look for the [Farallon Islands](#) off the tip of Pt. Reyes
- Home to: Golden eagles, coyotes, mountain lions and other birds of prey 🦅
- Unique flora: Oak hybrids such as the Chase Oak, a cross between the evergreen coast live and deciduous black oak

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# SEARS POINT

## AT SAN PABLO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



**sonomalandtrust** While there are certainly many Instaworthy peaks and valleys in Sonoma County, there's perhaps no cooler place to capture conservation in action 🌱🐟 than at Sears Point at the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge along Highway 37 between Novato and Sonoma. In 2015, a 150-year-old levee was breached to restore this land to its original form – tidal marsh. Sitting at the edge of land and sea, the marsh at Sears Point offers amazing views of the bay – on a clear day, you can even see across the bay to San Francisco! It's one of Sonoma County's best kept secrets: Take an easy walk along the levee – or 🛶 on the water! – and watch wildlife come home and nature restore itself.

[#searspointwetland](#)



📍 Sonoma, CA

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**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**

Easy

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**BEST TIME TO GO:**

Winter

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**MOST  
INSTAGRAMMABLE:**

View of the marsh  
and San Francisco  
from the Eliot Trail

**While you're there, check out:**

- Home to: Waterfowl in the winter, shorebirds, the endangered Ridgway's Rail and salt marsh harvest mouse, pickleweed
- Water Features: San Pablo Bay
- Conservation at Work: [Sears Point Wetland Restoration](#)

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San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge,  
[@ducksunlimitedinc](#), Federated Indians of Graton  
Rancheria 🙌🙌



# JACK LONDON

## STATE HISTORIC PARK/SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER



**sonomalandtrust** The perfect blend of history and the outdoors, Jack London State Historic Park is a beloved Sonoma Valley treasure where you can both learn about the prolific author at his former homestead and take in stunning views of the valley along the eastern slopes of Sonoma Mountain. There's a reason London waxed poetic about its rolling hills "red with autumn flame." 🍁 ✨ Jack London is also connected to trails on a large – and unprotected – 900-acre property in the Sonoma Valley, the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). Situated near Glen Ellen, those who live nearby know and ❤️ to hike SDC's open space lands, and they want to keep it wild, not only for their community, but for the animals who rely on this key part of the wildlife corridor.

[#protectSDC](#) [#jacklondonstatepark](#)





📍 Glen Ellen, CA

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**

Moderate with some elevation gains

**BEST TIME TO GO:**

Year-round

**MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE:**

The grandmother redwood tree, Fern Lake, Camp Via and historic orchards

**While you're there, check out:**

- Home to: Mountain lion, deer, coyotes, foxes and numerous 🐦 species
- Historic buildings: The House of Happy Walls Museum, Wolf House, [and more](#)
- Conservation at work: [Transform SDC](#)

[@sonomalandtrust](#) is working with local partners and the state to transfer SDC's open space lands to Jack London State Historic Park and [@sonomacountyparks](#). When you visit, share your hiking experience on Instagram and be sure to spread the word: We need to [#protectSDC](#) for recreational use, for wildlife and for the land.

Protected by: Jack London Park Partners, [@castateparks](#), [@sonomalandtrust](#) 🙌



# TAYLOR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK



**sonomalandtrust** One of the most popular Sonoma County parks, Taylor Mountain is beloved for its beauty, recreational opportunities and central, easy-to-access location. The panoramic views of the city along the trails are elevated by the surrounding emerald green hills in the spring – so be sure your 📷 is fully charged and ready to capture the stunning scenery. 🌞 🌳

[#taylormountain](#)



# TAYLOR MOUNTAIN



📍 Santa Rosa, CA

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**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**

Easy to Moderate

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**BEST TIME TO GO:**

Spring and Summer

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**MOST  
INSTAGRAMMABLE:**  
Eastern and western  
trails to Taylor  
Mountain

## While you're there, check out:

- Agriculture: 🐄 grazing
- Unique activities: 18-hole disc golf course

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[@sonomacountyparks](#), [@sonomalandtrust](#) 🙌



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