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Map Legend

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How To Get There

Kennedy-Limekiln Area: Parking is available at the Lexington Reservoir entrance to Sierra Azul, accessible from Highway 17. From southbound Highway 17, take the Bear Creek Road exit, cross over the highway, and go 0.4 miles north on Highway 17 to Alma Bridge Road. Proceed across the dam to the parking area at Lexington Reservoir County Park. A parking fee may be in effect. From the parking area, visitors can continue on Alma Bridge Road a short distance to the Limekiln Trailhead (gate #SA22), on the left side of the road. The Priest Rock Trailhead is a short distance further on the road (gate #SA21), also on the left side. The trailhead for the Kennedy Trail is accessible from Kennedy Road in Los Gatos, approximately 1.5 miles west of its intersection with Shannon Road, at gate #SA01. There is very limited parking at this trailhead.

Mount Umunhum Area:
The Jacques Ridge parking area is located near the intersection of Hicks Road and Mt. Umunhum Road. Exit Highway 85 at Camden Avenue. (From southbound 85 turn left on Camden Ave. From northbound 85 turn left on Branham Avenue and then turn left on Camden Ave.) Travel on Camden Ave. about 1.6 miles. Turn right on Hicks Road. Travel on Hicks Road about 6.3 miles. Turn right on Mt. Umunhum Road. The Preserve parking lot will be on the right. The Woods Trail trailhead is adjacent to the parking area.

The Bald Mountain parking area is located on Mt. Umunhum Road approximately 1.7 miles past the intersection of Hicks Road and the Jacques Ridge parking area. The Preserve parking lot will be on the left. Funded by a grant from the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Coastal Conservancy, the parking area was constructed to provide access to the future four-mile trail to the Mt. Umunhum summit. The Mount Umunhum Trail is expected to open for public use in spring 2017.

During daylight hours only, Mt. Umunhum Road is open to public vehicle traffic up to the point where it is blocked by gate #SA08, located 1.6 miles from Hicks Road. After-hours (from one half-hour after sunset until one half-hour before sunrise), Mt. Umunhum Road is closed (from its intersection with Hicks Road) to public use except for resident and authorized vehicles.

Public hiking and bicycling access continue up Mt. Umunhum Road for 1.3 miles past gate #SA08, to the point where the road enters private property. Although it is not gated, this point is well marked with private property signs on the sides of the road, as well as symbols on the road surface. Do not travel on Mt. Umunhum Road beyond this point. The land is private property and trespassers will be cited.

Above gate #SA08 and before the start of private property there is a multi-use trail, Barlow Road that starts from Mt. Umunhum Road at gate #SA09 and descends to Woods Trail.

Equestrians: Please note that horses cannot pass through gates #SA07, #SA08, or #SA09.