Gain Perspective
Enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views of your region, including San Francisco, Monterey Bay, the Pacific Ocean, and sometimes even the Sierras from ADA-accessible viewpoints.

Immersion in Nature
As the peak was restored, its serpentine geology and unique community of plants and animals were revealed. Check out the plant and animal guides in this brochure and see how many you can discover during your visit.

Discover a Rich History
Dive into Mount Umunhum’s fascinating past going back thousands of years through interpretive signs. To enhance your visit, download the free audio tour app. More information is available in the Audio Tour section in this brochure.

Explore New Trails
Bike, hike, or horseback ride the mountain using the Mt. Umunhum Trail. Enjoy views, woodlands, and the headwaters of Guadalupe Creek.

Summit Features
- **Ceremonial Circle** – Honoring the site’s Native American history and the return of local tribes to the mountain, this is a place to reflect on and renew connections with nature.
- **Audio Tour** - The tower was part of a system of 23 similar radar towers in California, and one of hundreds across the country that fed radar signals into the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) defense system. This tower was in operation as part of the Almaden Air Force Station from 1957 to 1978.
- **Summit Shelter and Viewpoint** – A shaded area for visitors to rest. A cattle deck extends over the outcrops, providing an amazing vantage point of the Santa Clara Valley. Inside, interpretive panels highlight the site’s unique cultural, military and natural histories.
- **Summit Newell House** – the high point of Mount Umunhum, Mount Diablo, and Mount Tamalpais can be seen as well as the Point of Mount Umunhum, Mount Diablo, and the other great peaks of the East Summit side of Mount Umunhum.

Know Before You Go
- **Call Box** - Available for emergency use only.
- **Restrooms** - Vault toilets are provided at the Bald Mountain and Mount Umunhum parking areas.
- **Water** - No potable water is available anywhere on the Trail or Summit. Non-potable water is provided for horses at a trough near the Summit.

Access Features
- **Accessible parking, restroom, trailhead shelters, and pathways are located at the Mount Umunhum Summit and shown in purple on the map below. At the main parking area, visitors can use accessible parking, restrooms, trailhead shelter, and potable restrooms. Restrooms are only available at this location.**

At this stop you’ll be introduced to Mount Umunhum. Here, visitors will be standing on one of the highest peaks in the Bay Area at almost 3,486 feet in elevation – high enough to get snow on a cold winter’s day. From the Summit, you can enjoy a 360-degree view spanning more than 2,000 miles. Along with its human history, you’ll discover the unique climate and habitat that makes the Summit an “island in the sky.”

**Views – (Canflower Deck)**
The Deck provides an exhilarating vantage point from which to enjoy sweeping views of the valley below. To the north is Foothill, San Francisco and Mount Tamalpais beyond. On a clear day you can even see the Golden Gate Bridge. From here you’ll get your first look at Guadalupe Creek. It drains down the Santa Cruz Mountains from the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. In this area, you’ll see the distinctive Guadalupe Canyon Overlook.

**Air Force History – (Radar Tower West Side)**
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**Visit Newell House**
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**Cabin Ruins**
The Cabin Ruins are frequent Summit visitors. If you want to see a bird in the air, you’ll be watching the activity here – the Sawtooth and peak-loving birds such as golden eagles are frequent Summit visitors.

**Cold War**
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**Plant and Animal Guide**
- **Brewer’s Clarkia** is a rare endemic flower found only on local Bay Area peaks.
- **Humboldt’s Bird of Paradise** is a rare plant that grows only in the mountains of California.
- **Lucid’s Blazing Star** is a rare endemic flower found only in the mountains of California.

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**Life on the Summit – (East Summit)**
This mountaintop was not an easy place to live. The high elevation and exposure means it can be hot but at times cold. Winds can reach 150 miles per hour, and it’s not unusual to see snow in the winter, or for up to two inches of rain to fall in a single day. Learn how in spite of these challenges, this mountaintop is surprisingly rich with plants and wildlife.

**Creation Story** – (Ceremonial Circle)
The first people to visit Mount Umunhum thousands of years ago were the native peoples of California for whom this mountain was sacred. Their descendants requested a place where they could return to Mount Umunhum for the first time in nearly 200 years to pray and dance where their ancestors did.

**Visitors’ Log** – (West Summit)
Standing near the highest point on Mount Umunhum you’ll see the City of Santa Cruz and beyond to the ocean and down the spine of the Santa Cruz Mountains towards Mount Umunhum. A special plaque dedicates Mount Umunhum to you, the public, for generations to come.

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