



Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve



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DOCENT PROGRAMS RETURN



Returning at long last are the famous Fiscalini Ranch Preserve docent walks! These free walks are led by lively FFRP experts who have long experience interpreting the Ranch. Three programs are planned for August, including a family program using the free iNaturalist app. Check our [website](#) for even more walks this fall.

Due to ongoing health concerns, attendance is limited and advance registration required. Masks are optional in this outdoor setting.

Secrets of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Forest, with Brian Morgan

What is going on beneath our feet as we walk in the Fiscalini Ranch forest?

Aug 14, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Ocean Bluff Trail Walk, with Duffy Burns

Come walk on the spectacular ocean bluffs of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve while learning about your surroundings and the history of the Ranch!

Aug 14, 10:00 am to noon

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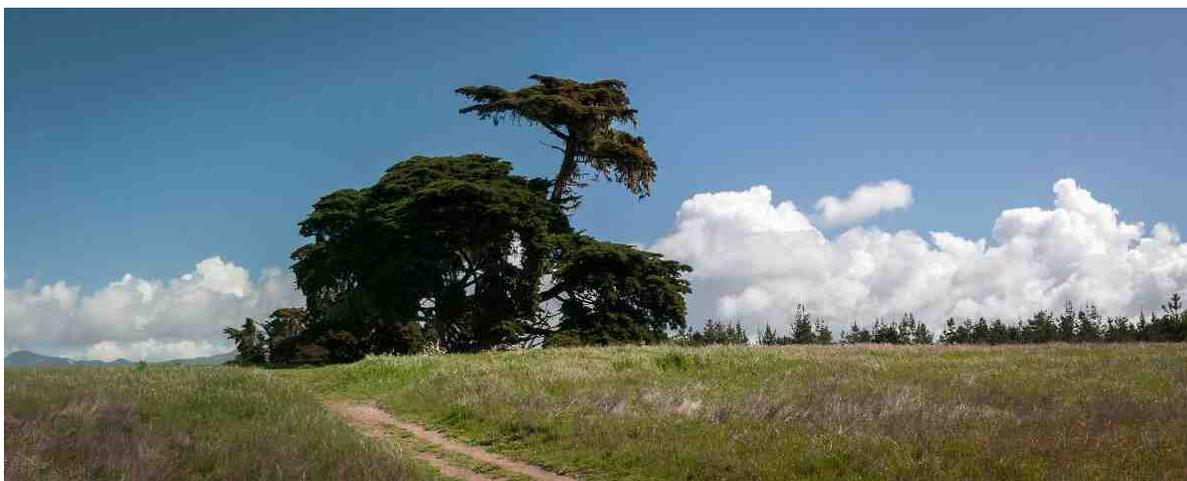
Family Walk in the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Forest, with Stephen Beck

Enjoy a walk in the forest with the whole family! This walk is geared to children ages 7 and older.

Aug 28, 10:00 am to noon

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN 2021



Over the last few months, we have been fortunate to add some excellent new members to our hard working board. We thank them for volunteering their talents, skills, and energy to protect and preserve the Ranch!

Thomas Loganbill, Vice Chairperson

Tom brings strong organizational experience, knowledge of local plants, and long familiarity with Ranch operations to the board. He will use his interests in nature, conservation, and community to ensure that Fiscalini Ranch Preserve continues to exist and prosper.

Russell Burns

Rusty's environmental educational experience and technical expertise have already been put to use on the Education Committee. He is interested in making meaningful and lasting change on this planet, starting on the Ranch.

Sheryll Ebbs

Sheryll has expertise in educational programming and organizing volunteers, both of which she uses as chair of FFRP's Education Committee. She feels very strongly about taking care of the environment for our future children and for all the creatures

that live in the habitat.

Mary Maher

Mary's strong governmental and financial experience will serve FFRP well as she joins the Finance Committee. She sees Cambria as a special place because of its natural beauty and community, and views the Ranch as an integral part of that community.

Michael Thomas

As head of the Invasive Weeding Program, Michael is using his organizational experience and long familiarity with Ranch operations to restore native habitat. He is committed to seeing this amazing resource preserved for generations to come.

ROLLOVER YOUR IRA FOR GOOD!



By taking a distribution from your IRA this year, you will likely pay more in taxes and may even reach a higher tax bracket. Rolling over part of your IRA's "required minimum distribution" or "RMD" to a charity like ours can help reduce your tax bill while supporting our cause.

Double the Benefits!

An IRA charitable rollover gift can benefit both you and our mission! Contact your IRA

administrator to get started with your gift. While you will not receive an income tax deduction, you will not pay taxes on any distributions made to us. Please also inform us of your plans so that we use your gift for the causes that mean the most to you.

Learn More About IRA Rollovers

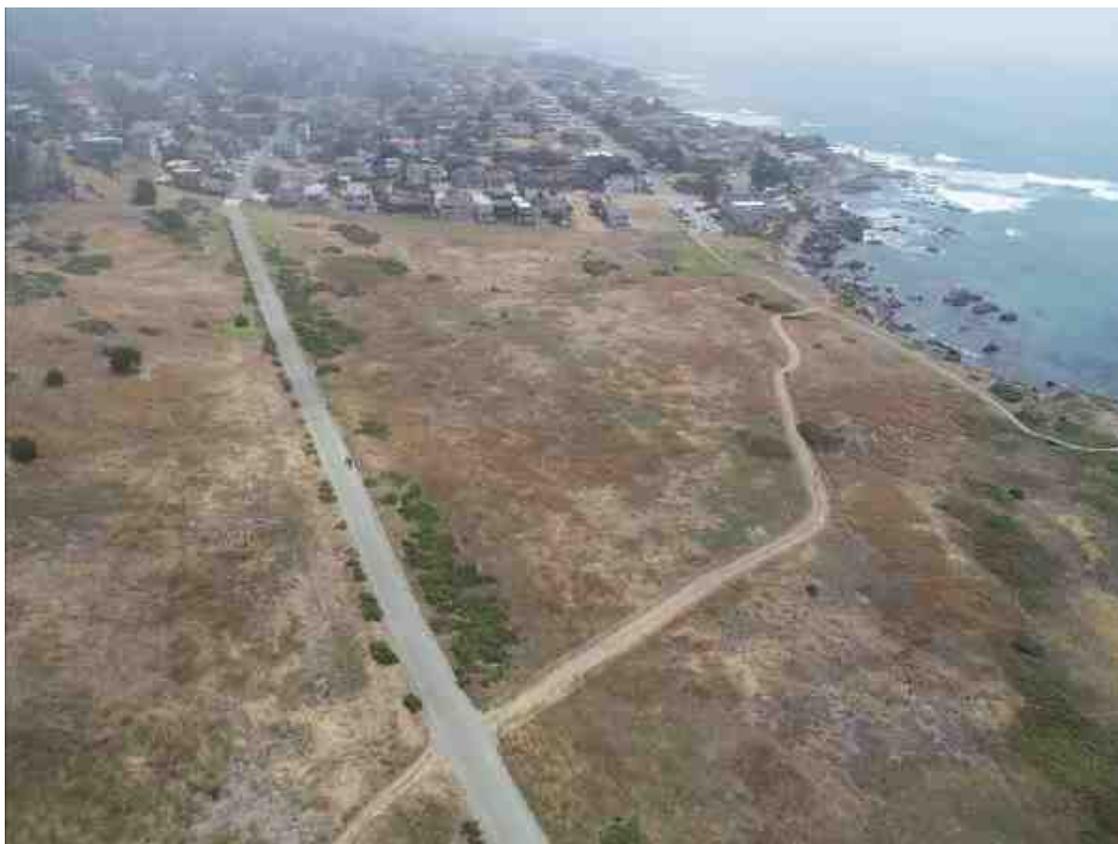
RANCH TRAILS AT A GLANCE

TRAILS See details below. April 2021	Miles	Level of difficulty	Views			Access			
									
1. Bluff Trail	0.9	easy	●	●		●	●		
4. Marine Terrace Trail	0.7	easy	●	●		●	●	●	●
5. Trenton Trail	0.8	easy			●	●		●	
6. Forest Loop Trail	1.0	easy			●	●		●	
8. Meander Trail	0.6	moderate	●		●	●			
9. Creek to Forest Trail	0.5	moderate			●	●		●	●
10. Ridge Trail	0.6	easy	●	●	●	●		●	◆◆
11. Creek to Ridge Trail	0.2	moderate		●	●	●		●	●
12. SeaClift Trail	0.3	moderate	●			●		●	
14. Dolphin Trail	0.5	easy	●			●		●	
15. Santa Rosa Creek Trail East	0.5	easy			●	●		●	
17. Santa Rosa Creek Trail West	0.8	easy			●	●		●	●

◆◆ between Creek to Ridge & Creek to Forest Trails

This handy guide is part of our new 2021 Fiscalini Ranch Preserve brochure. Thanks to a new group of volunteers, you can pick up a brochure at any Ranch entrance.

WORKING TOWARD BETTER PUBLIC ACCESS



View south of the Marine Terrace Trail, Bluff Trail, and current path between them.

For a long time now there's been talk of linking the Bluff and Marine Terrace trails with an ADA accessible boardwalk. At the north end, these heavily used trails come together at Windsor Boulevard, but at the south end, they do not connect. People wanting to take both routes must either use the unpaved path between them or walk out onto Wedgewood Street to get from one trail to another. As we learned during the January 2021 storm, the connecting path (shown above) can be quite muddy and slippery. Even at the best of times, the slope and terrain make it unpassable for the mobility impaired.

The board of FFRP is in the planning stages for establishing safe passage between the Bluff Trail and the Marine Terrace Trail, also known as the fire road. The goal of this linking boardwalk is to improve safety and access with a multi-use trail for walkers and people using wheelchairs, strollers, and electric mobility-assistance vehicles. Restoration of the abandoned trail with coastal meadow species is an added benefit.

Creating a detailed elevation map showing the environmentally sensitive habitat areas is the first step in that planning. The constraints revealed by this analysis will guide the route of the new boardwalk.

Another aspect of this project is enhancing wildlife viewing opportunities so there may be signs along the linking boardwalk showing common birds and other animals. This is a great location for seeing raptors and the small mammals they hunt. During

the next few months FFRP will be inviting public input into the design of the boardwalk and signage through meetings and surveys. Cambria Community Healthcare District will partner with FFRP in gathering input.

Thanks to Bill Henry, Director of the San Luis Obispo office, SWCA is currently donating their services as part of their "SWCA Gives Back" program. Going forward, FFRP will need to hire an engineering firm and environmental consultants to complete all the reviews and approvals. Two very generous Cambria couples have donated funds to cover those initial expenses.

In November, we plan to apply for a grant from the State's Regional Parks Program to support project construction and rehabilitation of the abandoned path. This is one of the ways FFRP seeks to support the Cambria Community Services District and fulfill our mission of public access.

Read Regular Updates on Ranch Happenings from CambriaCa.org

BIKE BELLS & TEA TOWELS

Available [online](#) or in our store at 604 Main Street



Good bells make good neighbors, at least on the Ranch! With help from the Cambria Community Council, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve will soon offer loaner bike bells to use on Ranch trails.

You can also pick on up a little bike bell of your own, complete with Velcro strap for attaching it to your handlebars, for \$5 in the store (604 Main Street, open Thursday

and Saturday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM) or through our [online shop](#).

If cooking is more your style or you need the perfect gift from Cambria, our exclusive new tea towels are the ticket. Screen printed in deep green on unbleached 27" x 27" heavy weight "flour sack" cotton, these towels are \$14 each.

Shop Online

CAN YOU HELP A THIRSTY TREE?

Saturday, August 21, 10:00 am to Noon



You may know about Friends of the Fiscalini Preserve's annual tree planting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Do you also know that during dry years -- and aren't they all these days? -- volunteer water the seedlings throughout the summer? Here is your chance to help the little Monterey pines and become a force for nature.

On Saturday, August 21, Brian Morgan will lead a watering brigade. FFRP and

Cambria Community Services District will supply the water and buckets. You should wear sturdy shoes, hat, and gloves. All ages welcome!

Meet at the **Dolphin Bench** (under the Monterey cypress) on the Ridge Trail at 10:00 am, Saturday, August 21.

SAVE THE DATE: SONGS FOR THE SEASON

Saturday, December 11, 2:00 to 4:30 pm



Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve's annual holiday gathering will return on Saturday, December 11, 2:00 to 4:30 pm, at The Barn at Fog's End, Cambria. Our thanks to Jan and Jim Bahringer for once again hosting this event.

Registration will open soon!

Please support Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch today!

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