

Portola Valley's Open Spaces

Preserving the town's natural areas and pastoral lands

Spring Down Open Space

Size: 6 acres.
 Features: adjacent to Town Center; 0.3-mile loop trail around a meadow; a restored pond that attracts waterfowl and wildlife.
 Acquired through the Town's Open Space Fund.

Hayfields Private Open Space

Size: 52 acres.
 Features: redwoods, evergreen woodland, Bay views.
 Privately owned open space with agricultural and other rights reserved to the owner. An easement to the Town allows public use of a ~2-mile trail through a gift of the Targ and Kiesling families and support of Bill and Jean Lane.

Herb Dengler Open Space

Size: 11.8 acres.
 Features: shaded 1-mile loop trail through evergreen woodland, with Bay views.
 A gift of the Kersten Family.

Windy Hill Open Space Preserve

Size: 1,335 acres.
 Features: 13 miles of trails; grassland ridges, lush wooded ravines, and Bay views; picnic benches near Skyline Blvd.
 Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District lands.

Shady Trail Open Space

Size: 2.5 acres.
 Features: quiet, 0.8-mile Shady Trail along Westridge Creek; excellent for bird watching.
 Acquired by the Town through the generosity of Beverly and Peter Lipman, local neighbors and an Open Space Fund donation.

Dorothy Ford Park and Open Space

Size: 7.67 acres, including the baseball field.
 Features: 0.7-mile creekside trail and paved path, shaded by two magnificent Valley Oaks, used for walking, jogging, bicycling.
 Acquired by the Town and with a gift by Tom Ford in memory of his mother.

Triangle Park

Size: 0.62 acre.
 Features: lawn, picnic tables, and a bike repair station.
 Town Scenic Corridor and Greenway.

Hawthorns

Size: 78 acres (not open yet).
 Gifted to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Frog Pond Open Space

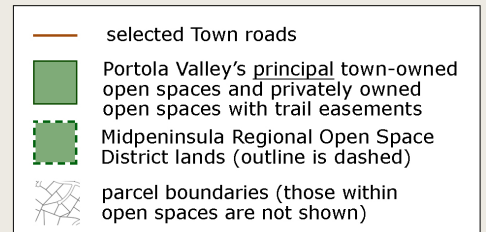
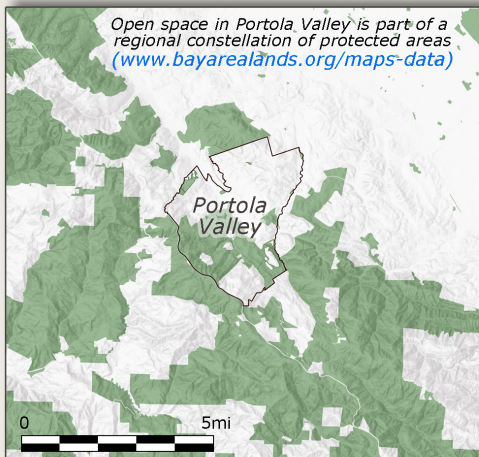
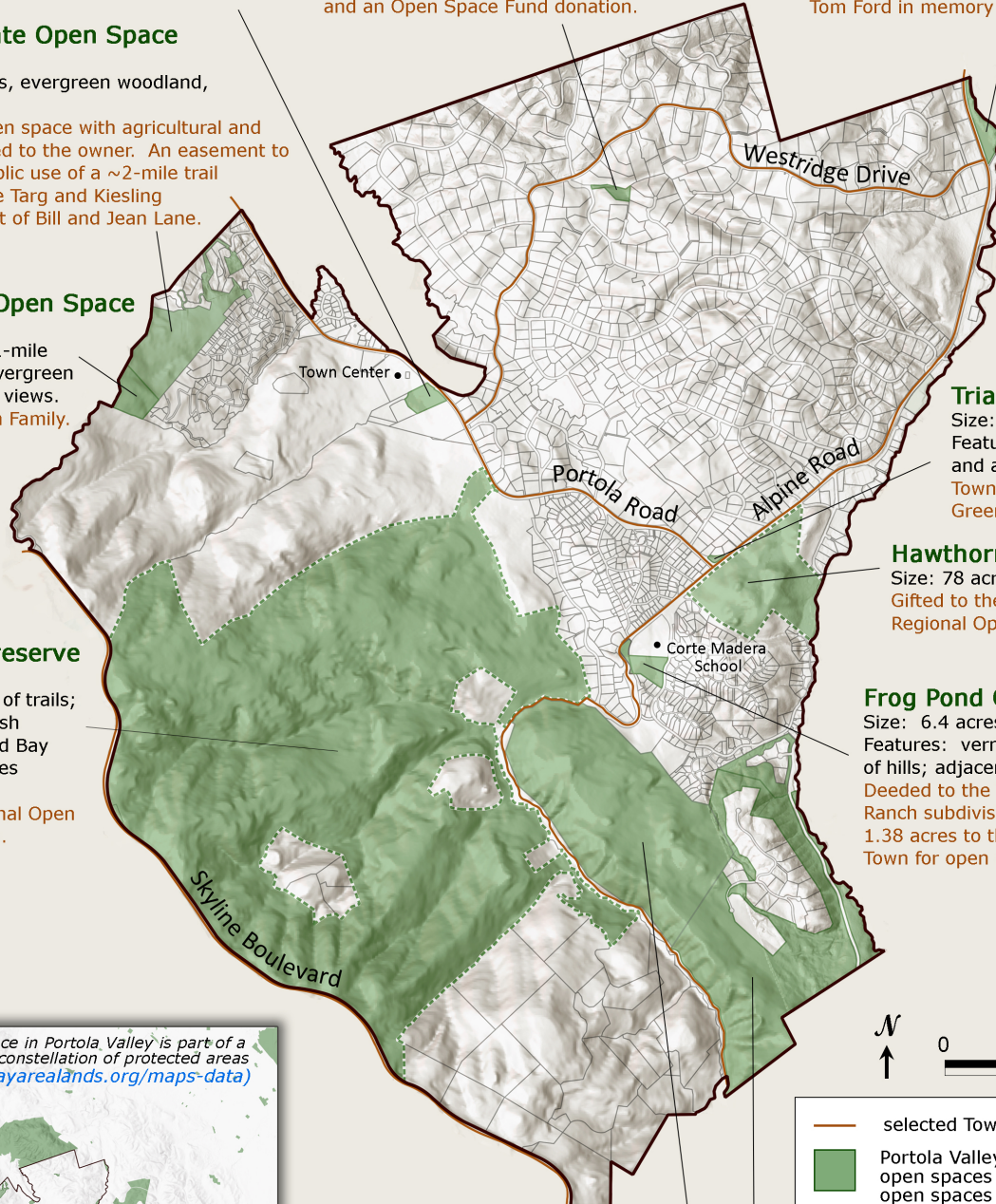
Size: 6.4 acres.
 Features: vernal pond, grassland, views of hills; adjacent to Corte Madera School.
 Deeded to the Town by the Portola Valley Ranch subdivision, and contiguous with 1.38 acres to the west designated by the Town for open space purposes.

Coal Mine Ridge Open Space

Coal Mine Ridge Nature Preserve of Portola Valley Ranch

Coal Mine Ridge Open Space of Blue Oaks

Size: 425+ acres across the two sub-units.
 Features: 10 miles of public trails with Bay views from grassy ridges; shaded walks in oak woodlands and chaparral canyons.
 Privately owned open space with easements to the Town allowing public use of trails.



The Portola Valley Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee advises the Town Council on investing monies from the open space fund into open space projects. It also supports fundraising and fosters public awareness. To learn more about open space in Portola Valley, visit: www.portolavalley.net/about-portola-valley/open-space-in-portola-valley