

Hike Statistics**Starting point:****Distance:** 7 miles**Time:** Allow about 3-4 hours.**Grade:** Moderate**Suggested age:** Webeles.**Suggested Season:** Spring through Summer.

Directions: from I 580 take the North Livermore Ave and head north (away from town). North Livermore curves left to the west. Turn right onto Morgan Territory Road. Note the road narrows and is curvy as you climb the mountain so use caution and look for oncoming Vehicles. The staging area is on the right. From Walnut Creek /Concord, take the Clayton Road to Clayton road becomes Marsh Creek Road in Clayton. About three miles outside Clayton, turn right onto Morgan Territory Road. Go 9.4 miles to the staging area.

Note to Trail Trekker Coordinator: Be sure to bring a first aid kit and make sure everyone has sunscreen, and plenty of water. I would encourage everyone to wear clothing in layers as temperatures vary along the hike as well as time of the day.

History: These lands were once occupied by Volvon Native Americas until 1772 when Spanish explores came to the region and brought with them the diseases of Europe that ended up killing off a large majority of the native population who had no immunity against these diseases. Morgan Territory is named after a Jeremiah Morgan who was originally from Alabama. He went west in 1849 with some friends to seek his gold fortune as a gold miner. When Gold mining didn't pan out he left California for Iowa but returned and in 1857 settled in these lands with this family and started a career in ranching in this area which is now named after him the Morgan Territory.

Hike: From the parking lot go through the wood fence and take the Volvon Trail on the right. Follow the Volvon trail through the Ranchers gate and up gentle sloping trail. The trail is actually a multiple use trail open to hikers, horses and bicycles so give right of way to passer byers. You come to a split, but stay on the wide multi use trail. The trail joins up with a gravel coated access road. Continue up the Volvon trail until you reach the Volvon/ Wispsnake intersection turn left stay on the Volvon Trail that turns into the blue oak Trail. Keep right on the Blue Oak Trail to you reach the Minok Trail. Take the Minok Trail, you will come to another cattle gate; go through it and the trail starts to descend down the hill. When you reach a fork in the trail turn left on to the Manzanita Trail. Follow the Manzanita Trail to you reach the valley View Trail keep right, down the hill and pass the watering holes on either side of the trail. Take the Volvon Loop Trail follow it past the Eagle Trail turn right onto Stone Corral Trail and go through another Cattle gate and take the Coyote Trail on the left. The meadows will give way to a more wooded trail. The trail will follow a creek for a while before you start to ascend up the hill. When you come across the Mollok Trail, stay on the Coyote Trail. The Coyote trail meets

up with the Condor Trail stay to the left around the pond. From the other side of the pond you can see the parking lot up the hill. Congratulations you made it.