

# About Hiller Park Loop Trails

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The Hiller Park Loop Trails are located at the west end of Hiller Road, just off the Hammond Trail. The trails meander throughout the park's 36 acre natural area. There is 1.5 miles of trails, meadows and woods. The Hiller Park Loop Trails connect with the Hammond Trail at two locations.

The McKinleyville Land Trust owns and maintains a 74 acre property directly to the west of the Hiller Park Loop Trails. The Mad River Bluffs, which is a natural area of coastal dunes, estuarine, wetland, forest and grassland habitats saved from housing development in 2001 when the California Coastal Conservancy generously purchased the site and turned it over to the McKinleyville Land Trust for preservation and public access.

It offers spectacular views of the Mad River and Pacific Ocean and contains many species of native plants and trees, offering visitors the experience of a unique native coastal forest. Notable in the property are the native coastal pines along with large Sitka spruce trees that represent the southernmost distribution of the locally declining Sitka spruce range. These exceptionally large trees offer unique habitats for several types of fungus and ferns, and were noted for their use in Native American basketry.