Getting to the Waterfall *(No dogs allowed on State Park trails, even with a leash.)*

1. **Shortest: Lower Canyon. .5 miles round trip. Some stairs, 80 foot elevation change.**
   Park on Adobe canyon road – ¼ miles past green gate at park entrance. There are three gravel pullouts on the creek-side of the road (P on map). Look for Canyon Trail. Pink route on Map. 20 minutes.

2. **Middle: Upper Canyon. 1 mile round trip. Steep trail with stairs. 400 foot elevation change.**
   Park at Upper Canyon Lot. 300 yards before entry kiosk or in main park and walk down road past kiosk. Take Canyon trail across from parking Lot and drop down to waterfall. Retrace steps from waterfall. Yellow route on map. 30 minutes.

3. **Canyon-Pony Gate Loop (Waterfall Hike): 2 miles round trip with 450 ft elevation gain.**
   We recommend going down Pony Gate and Back up Canyon and the arrows and hike descriptions depict this route. Blue, pink and yellow on map. Includes creek crossing which can be dangerous if water is high. 60 minutes.

There are three ways to begin the Pony Gate / Canyon loop, **a)** from the Canyon parking lot, 300 yards below the Entry kiosk. Pony Gate trail starts at the upper corner of Canyon Parking lot. **b)** The trail head across from the kiosk on the side of the flagpole (this segment can be muddy after rain) or **c)** on Stern Trail, the gravel road opposite the Visitor center. Blue arrows will indicate which way to go at each trail intersection. To get to the second part of the loop, Canyon trail, you must cross the Adobe Canyon Road, and look for Canyon trail, about 30 yards downhill from Pony Gate.
Welcome to Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, located on the forested slopes of the Mayacama Mountains. The park's 4,020 acres include 30 miles of trails, the headwaters of Sonoma Creek, a seasonal 25-foot waterfall, campground and observatory. The park spans redwood forests, oak/fir woodlands and chaparral within the dramatic change in elevation from 600 ft. to 2,729 ft. Stunning views of Napa, Mt. Diablo, Mt. Tamalpais and the Sierras from Bald Mt. peak.

**Visitors Center:** Info, maps, camping items, snacks, gifts. 
**Picnic Area:** Picnic tables are across from parking lot. 
**Restrooms:** Pit toilets are available at the Visitor Center, observatory & parking lot. Flush toilets at campground. 
**Water:** Drinking fountain, faucet and bottled water available at Visitor Center. 
**Dogs:** Leashed dogs in campground & paved roads only. If camping, dogs must be kept in a vehicle or tent overnight. 
**Plants/Wildlife:** Do not feed or touch wild animals. Plants and wildlife are protected; do not pick flowers. 
**Smoking:** In developed areas only, not on trails.

**Hiking:** Trail maps are available in Visitor Center. The park offers 30 miles of trails, from easy to strenuous.

**Bicycles & Horses:** See map for designated trails; note seasonal restrictions on some trails. 
**Camping:** 47 campsites and one large group site. Campsites are equipped with fire rings and generators are allowed. Flush toilets and pay showers. No hookups or dump station. RVs up to 27 feet and trailers up to 23 feet. Reservations through www.ReserveAmerica.com.

**Robert Ferguson Observatory:** Star gazing and solar observing events once a month. See schedule at www.rfo.org

**Park Hours:** 6 am – 10 pm 
**Campground Quiet Hours:** 10 pm – 6 am 
**Star gazing programs** offered monthly. See www.rfo.org
**Guided nature hikes** offered regularly. See website.
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**Friday Hikers Hike to Neptune:** February 17, 10AM-1:45PM. Be there at 10 am for a trip to Neptune, part of the Planet Walk. We will follow the Creekside, Hillside, and Brushy Peak trails. The hike will be a moderate 5-6 mile loop. We will leave from the main parking area. Please bring water, a snack, and lunch. $8 parking fee.

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**Family Hike:** February 20, 10AM-12:30PM. Come to the park for a peaceful hike through the woods for all ages. During this 2.2 mile hike, you will learn more about Sugarloaf and its plants, animals, and history. The hike will begin and end at the Visitors Center. Hot chocolate at the end! $8 parking fee. No RSVP needed.

**Brunch on Bald:** February 25, 9:15AM-2PM. Join us for our Annual Brunch on Bald Mountain! Enjoy the strenuous hike, led by Bill & Dave Hikes, to the top of Bald Mountain, or take a ride with Team Sugarloaf. Upon arrival at the top, you will be treated to brunch and incredible 360-degree views. Tickets available at our website.

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**Intro to Backpacking:** March 18, 10AM-1PM. The goal of the class is to introduce participants to modern backpacking techniques and equipment. The instructors will pack and unpack a backpack so you can see what’s in it. No hiking involved on this trip. Tips for all age groups will be provided. Register online. Overnight class available in spring.

**Spring Break Day Camp:** March 23, 9AM-3PM. Join the Sonoma Ecology Center staff for a day of fun, learning and outdoor activity. We plan on hiking, viewing the sun through solar scopes, and learning about the creatures of the park. The day will end with s’mores and hot chocolate around a roaring campfire. Ages 7-12. Register at website.

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