

## Fremont Older - The Perimeter Hike

### Getting There

1. Get off Highway 85 at the **De Anza Blvd exit**.
2. Turn which ever direction takes you **towards Saratoga** (towards the mountains)
3. In about .5 miles turn **Right on Prospect Rd**.
4. At the **first stop** sign turn **Left** to remain on Prospect Rd.
5. Go about 1.3 miles and turn **Left** at the sign for Fremont Older.
6. Go till road ends at the parking area.

### Turn-By-Turn

1. **Start** on the Cora Older Trail.
2. Turn **Right** at the first trail junction (not sure of trail name).
3. Stay to the **Right** onto Seven Springs Loop Trail.
4. At the Ranch Trail intersection go **Straight** on the Seven Springs Loop\*
5. At the Rainbow Knoll Trail junction stay on Seven Springs Trail by going **Straight**.\*
6. At the Woodhills Loop, a three way split, take the **Middle** trail staying on Seven Springs.\*
7. At the next three way junction take the **Middle** trail which puts you on Hayfield Trail.
8. At Regnart Trail junction bear **Left**.
9. At the next junction, go **Straight** staying on Hayfield Trail.\*
10. At the Toyon Trail junction stay on the Hayfield Trail by bearing to the **Right**.
11. The Hayfield trail ends at the Coyote Ridge Trail. Turn **Left**.
12. Turn **Right** onto the Fern Trail.
13. The Fern trail dead-ends into the Vista Loop, take the **Left** fork.\*
14. Turn **Right** onto Coyote Ridge Trail (Take a short side trip to Maisie's Peak. Return to Coyote Ridge Trail and turn **Left**)
15. **Continue** on Coyote Ridge Trail until you reach the intersection near the water tank, head towards the tank and follow the trail as it bears to the **Left**(Coyote Ridge Trail I think).\*
16. **Enter** the Toyon Trail through the gate.\*
17. The Toyon Trail and Bay View trail intersect twice. To stay on the Toyon Trail just continue **Straight** at each of these intersections.
18. **Merge** onto the Hayfield Trail and continue Straight.
19. Turn **Right** at the first intersection and Right again at the next.
20. **Continue** past the Cora Older Trail and turn **Left** onto the Creekside Trail.
21. Turn **Left** on Prospect Rd.

### Alternate Routes

- \*4. Shorten: Turn **Left** on Ranch Trail. **Resume** at direction 7.
- \*5. Side trail: **Right** on Rainbow Knolls Trail a one way "Y" shaped trail .4 miles one way for each arm of the "Y". I have not explored it yet to know if it's worth it.
- \*6. Alt Route: **Right** on Woodhills Loop slightly longer alternate takes you past Hunters Point. Not yet explored.
- \*9. Shorten: Turn **Left**, then **Right**, then **Left** on Cora Older to head back to parking area (about .6 miles).
- \*14. Alt Route: The **Left** fork is also the Vista Loop. I have not explored it yet.
- \*15. Shorten: Turn **Left** onto the Bay View Trail to shorten the return trip by about a mile and eliminate some of the steeper sections of the hike. Stay on the Bayview Trail till you reach the Hayfield Trail and turn **Right**. At the Toyon Trail Junction bear **Left**. Note: From your initial turn onto the Bay View Trail it intersects twice with the Toyon Trail so you can opt in and out of this steeper option at these points. The Toyon Trail does get less and less steep as it goes along.
- \*16. Side Trail: Just bit before the Toyon Trail gate is a short trail to the top of Nob Hill. I have not explored this yet.