

SUGGESTED HIKING ROUTES

From Coyote Bowl

Big Trees Loop (approx. 30 min, easy)

(1) Start at Coyote Bowl and take Big Trees Trail to visit celebre-trees Big Red and Dead Fred. (2) Stay to right of the grove and take Unfortunate Ulysses Trail (follow the fallen tree up the hill) and (3) turn right at the next trail. (4) Walk straight to Freaky Frieda and continue past. (5) Stay right and it will take you back to Coyote Bowl.

Loon Trail to Coral's Way (approx. 40 min, moderate)

From the road above Coyote Bowl, (1) follow signs for Loon Trail. Continue up Loon until you reach a clearing and (2) follow signs for Coral's Way. At the end of Coral's Way, (3) take a left and continue past the water towers back to Coyote Bowl.

Old Toyon Loop (approx. 1 hour, difficult)

From Coyote Bowl, (1) take Big Trees Trail towards Big Red and Dead Fred. (2) Exit the grove to the SW towards Valley of the Giants. (3) At the bottom of the hill continue straight towards Old Toyon. (4) Follow Old Toyon until you reach a clearing with a view. From here, (5) take either Coral's Way (easier) or turn right back into the trees to continue up the hill (difficult, but the view is worth it) towards the access road. At the end of the trail, (6) turn left and follow it down the hill back to Coyote Bowl.

From Wasiata Village

Pomponio Falls (approx. 1 hour, moderate)

Beginning at the Wasiata Ballfield, (1) follow Wasiata trail South. Continue until an opening with a log in the middle (Toad Log). (2) Follow the trail to the right (Jones Gulch Trail West) and follow Jones Gulch until the first intersection and (3) turn left onto Pomponio Trail. At the next intersection where you see a bridge on your left, (4) follow Pomponio Trail to your right until the next bridge. Once at this bridge, you should see Pomponio Falls behind you where Jones Gulch Creek intersects Pomponio Creek (which eventually flows into Pescadero Creek). (5) Return back the way you came to Wasiata.

Wasiata to Ridge Trail (approx. 1 hour 15 min, difficult)

Follow steps (1) and (2) of the Pomponio Falls route above. (3) At the intersection to Pomponio Trail, turn right onto Pomponio Trail. Follow this until the next intersection with a County trail marker. (4) Turn right, following signs for Scenic View (this trail is named Ridge Trail). Continue the steep climb until the next intersection. From here, if you want to return to Camp, (5) turn right toward Wasiata and take it back down towards the ballfield. If you want a scenic view, continue straight and then take a left up the hill on Sunset Trail for a view of camp. Return back by continuing on Sunset trail to the road. Take the trail to your right as soon as you get to the road and return back to the ballfield.

From Administration Office

Buckeye Grove (approx. 20 min, easy)

From directly across from the Admin Office, (1) enter the woods near the Morse Family Trail sign. Follow the trail down the hill to the right. Continue through the Buckeye Grove. Follow this straight until Palmer Trail where you (2) begin your return back. (3) Take a left to walk the other side of the grove and return back to the original trail. Exit either at the road or back to where you entered near the administration office.

Pond Loop (approx. 30 min, easy)

Follow step (1) in the Buckeye Grove route. (2) Continue past the intersection with Palmer Trail through the open area towards Pond Road. (3) Hike up Pond Road and cross the bridge to be at the pond (no swimming allowed, canoes available only during summer with lifeguard present). (4) Walk towards the shed and turn right on Pond Trail. Follow this until you return to the road and take either the road or Buckeye Grove back to the Admin Office.

Haskins Hill Loop (approx. 1 hour, difficult)

(1) Follow either the road or go through the Buckeye Grove to head toward Clink Crossover. This trail is located on the main road heading away from Camp after the curve near Pond Road. (2) Take this trail past the first intersection until the second intersection where you will (3) take a right onto Vista Trail. Follow Vista Trail all the way until the Pescadero Road gate. (4) Take the narrow path to your left to get to Haskin's Hill. Continue down the Haskin's Hill Trail until you get to the road. Keep an eye out for a lookout point on your right. (5) At the road, take a left to walk back towards Camp on the road.

IDENTIFYING PLANT LIFE

Redwood Trees

Local coast redwood trees can grow to 300 feet or more—the tallest tree on Earth. They can be identified by their unique fire-resistant bark. The bark is fibrous, dark brown to cinnamon red, becoming very thick and spongy with age, with deep wide furrows and vertical ridges. They can also easily be identified by their characteristic leaves which look like pine needles (see picture). These trees only grow in very specific environments and we are lucky to have them here at Camp!



Poison Oak



Poison oak is a usually small shrub that grows on the ground. It is named poison oak because the leaves resemble those of oak trees. Oil in the plant's leaves can cause an allergic reaction in some people causing a rash and severe itching. This plant can be identified by its characteristic leaves (see picture). The leaves always grow in groups of three. Try to avoid contact with these plants if you are able. If you are exposed, wash the area with soap and water as soon as you can.

California Buckeye Trees

California buckeye trees can be found throughout the YMCA property. They can be found most predominantly in the Buckeye Grove (see front picture). These trees can live a long time – 250 to 300 years is their lifespan. Their seeds are the largest known of any non-tropical plant species. The seeds are usually 2-3 inches in diameter (see picture).



HIKING SAFETY GUIDELINES

- For your safety, we suggest that you do not hike alone and that you stay on the trails.
- Keep children close to you and watch them closely.
- Do not hike at night or dusk/dawn.
- Keep an eye out for poison oak (see above) and stinging nettles.
- You will often encounter wildlife while hiking. Please respect their space and do not harass the animals.
- After hiking, be sure to check for any ticks that may have attached to your clothing or skin. When a tick bites, it attaches firmly to the skin. To remove it, grasp it close to the skin with tweezers or a tick removal tool. Pull straight up with a steady, slow motion. If portions of the tick remain in the skin, seek further medical attention.



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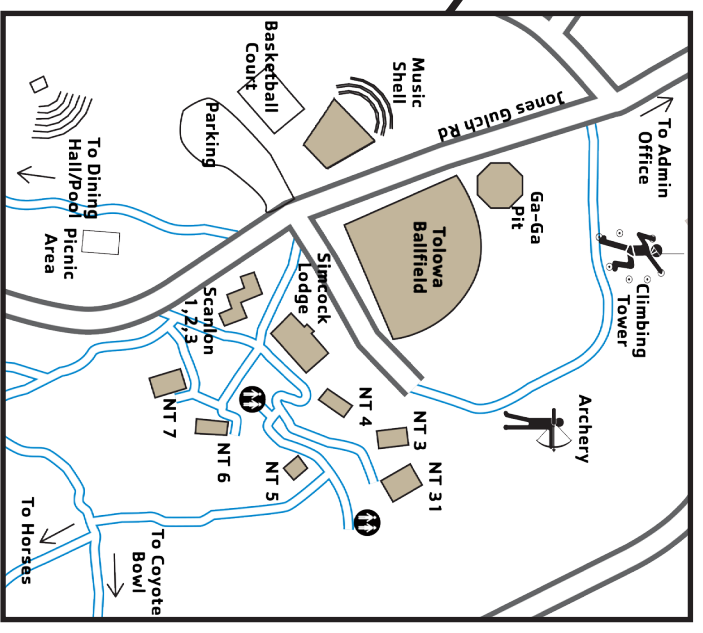
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YMCA Camp Jones Gulch – Trail Map

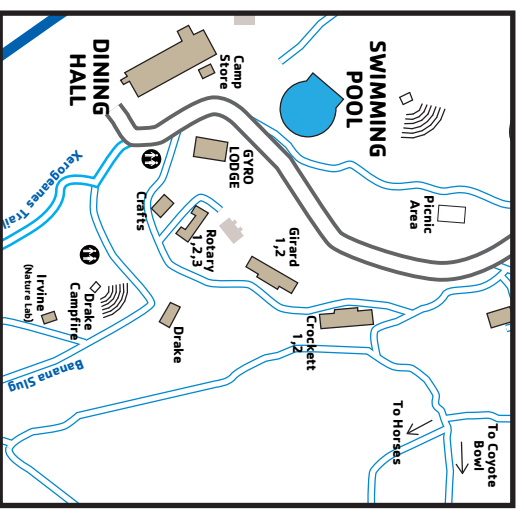
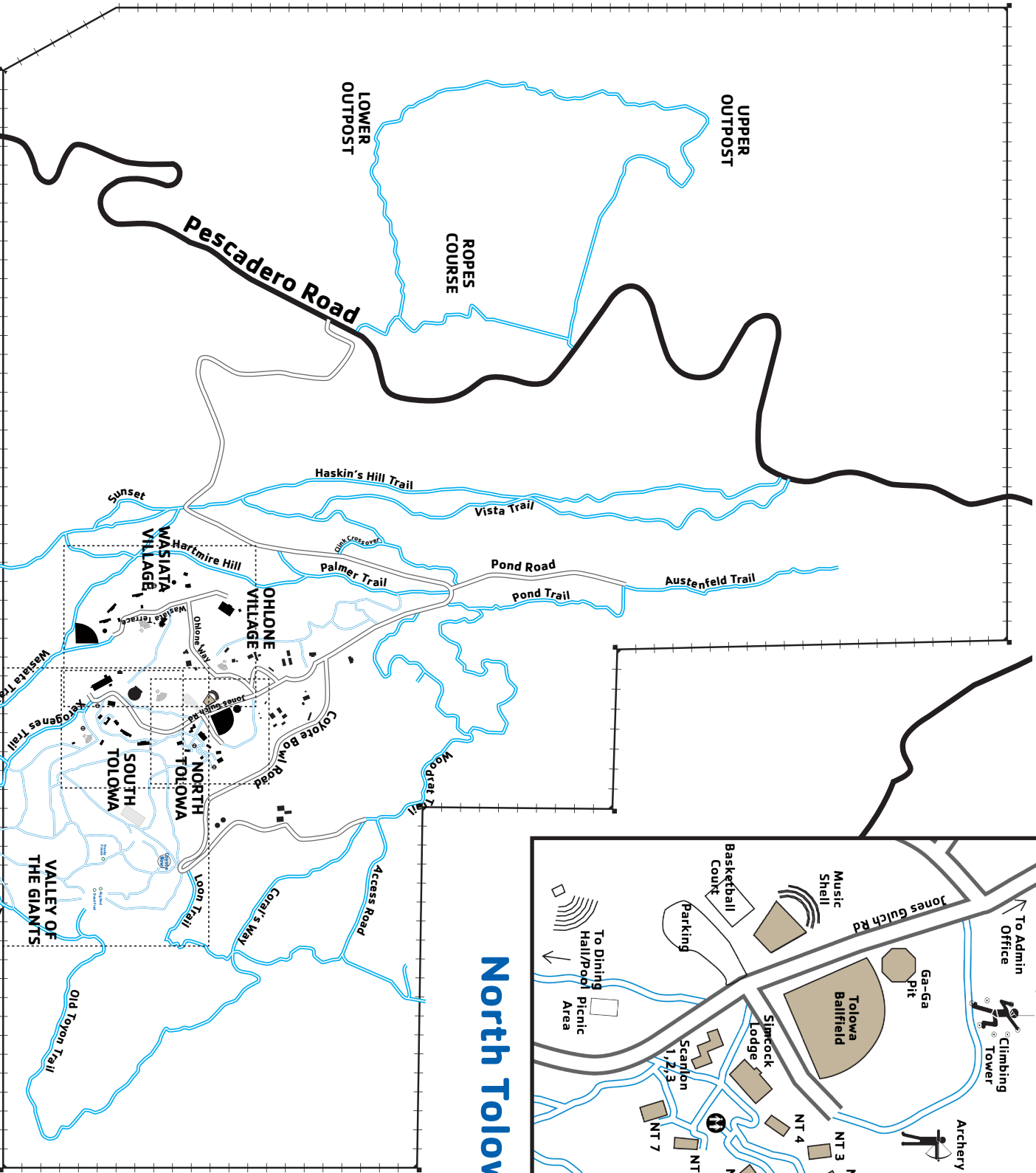


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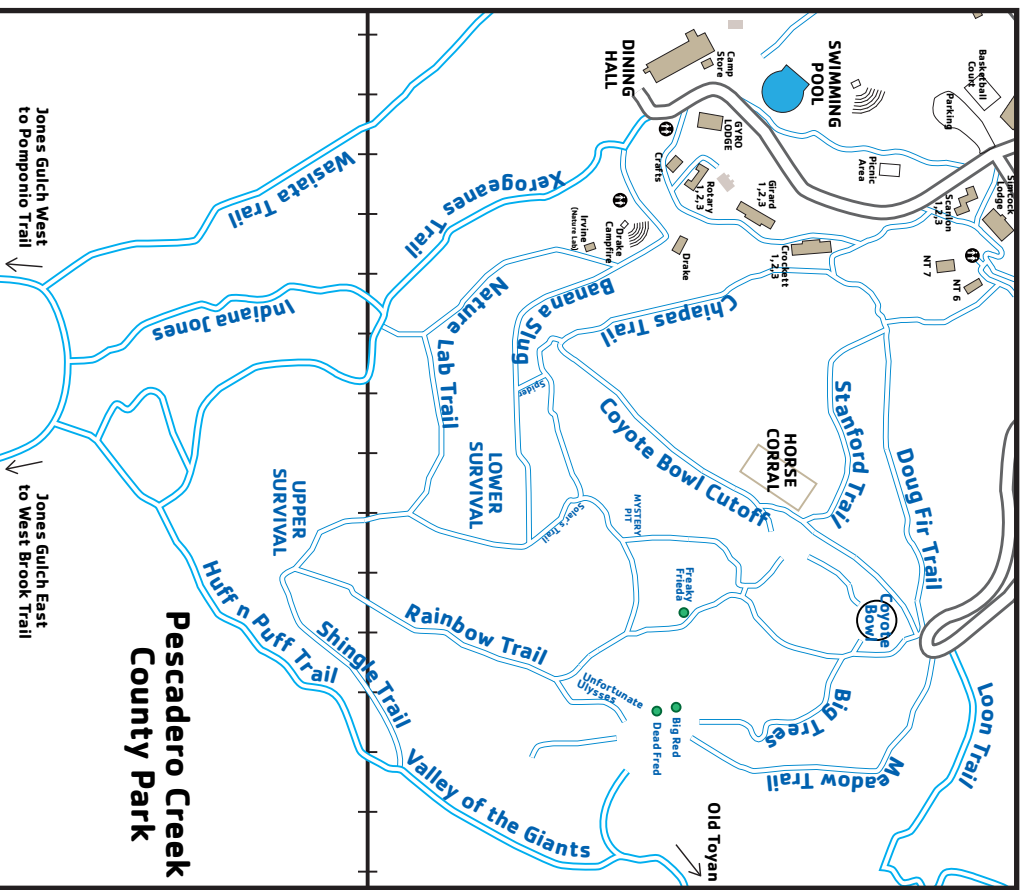




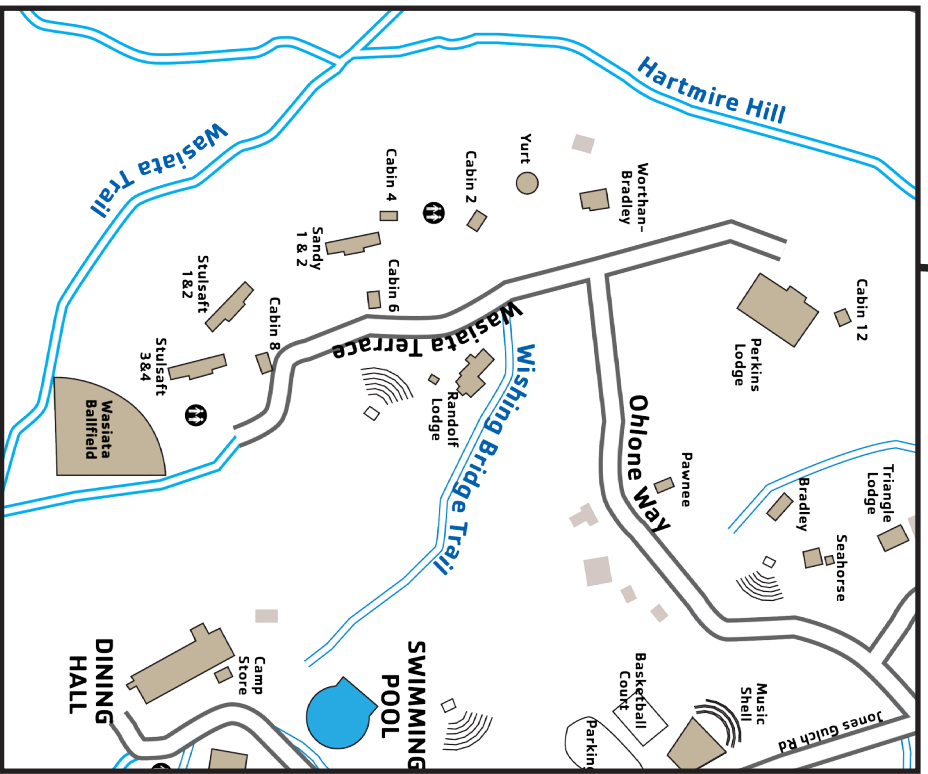
North Tolowa



South Tolowa



Valley of the Giants



Wasiata & Ohlone Villages

