

BOHEMIA ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE FAQs

1. Which organization owns the Bohemia Ecological Preserve?

LandPaths owns 554 acres, the Parishes own 446 acres. LP & the Parishes manage the 1000 acre preserve jointly.

2. Which organization holds a Conservation Easement over BEP?

Sonoma Land Trust

3. What other preserves and community gardens are managed by LandPaths?

Six: Ocean Song/Myers Preserve, Bayer Farm (Santa Rosa) Jeff Bodwin Community Garden (Santa Rosa), Grove of Old Trees (Occidental), Riddell (Healdsburg), Rancho Mark West (Santa Rosa), & Bohemia Ecological Preserve.

4. What is a conservation easement?

A conservation easement is a voluntary agreement that allows a landowner to limit the type or amount of development on their property while retaining private ownership of the land.

5. What habitat types are found at BEP?

Hardwood-Conifer Forest, Oak Woodlands & Savannah, Riparian Woodland, Serpentine Chaparral and Sargent Cypress Forest, Serpentine Grasslands and Native Grasslands, Wetlands

6. Name some of the species of special concern found at BEP.

Pennell's bird's-beak, Baker's Manzanita, Crystal springs lessingia, Northern spotted owls, red tree vole, and more...

7. How many creeks are on the preserve & what are their names?

Three: Duvoul, Grubb, & Margaret's. All three drain into Dutch Bill Creek.

8. What is so special about Dutch Bill Creek?

Federally endangered coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and federally threatened steelhead (*Salmo gairdneri*) run up Dutch Bill Creek.

9. Is this the Bohemian Grove?

No. Bohemia Preserve Borders Bohemian Grove but is not affiliated with them.

10. Is BEP a public property?

No. It is a privately owned preserve.

11. How can I access the Preserve on my own?

Become a docent!

12. What LandPaths' programs utilize Bohemia Ecological Preserve?

Outings throughout the year led by docents & staff, Inspired Forward for middle and high school students, Vamos Afuera, LGBTQIA+ youth and allies nature camp, Owl Camp for 6- to 13-year-olds, LandPaths' stewardship days (pulling French broom, wildfire fuel reduction, pulling yellow star thistle), Young Stewards.

Parking and driving guidelines

General Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to protect our roads, parking areas, and watershed resources.

- Please, park your vehicles at the Quarry Road kiosk parking area, Hut hill should be accessed on foot if at all possible. Visitors with disabled/physically challenged guests may be able to drive to Hut Hill.
- Please plan to start all docent-led hikes from the Quarry entrance. The walk-up Quarry Road is incredibly pleasant during cooler temperatures and at a slow pace. For very hot days, and to keep everyone safe, you may drive up to Hut Hill. Please, carpool to reduce the number of cars on the road. If you want to have more than 25 people on your hike, meet at the Occidental Community Center and carpool from there to the preserve and park at Quarry Entrance.

Groups that may be allowed to drive up to Hut Hill:

- If you lead a hike designed for disabled, elder, or otherwise impaired visitors
- If you lead a workshop with lots of educational materials
- If you are hosting an event with food
- If you are camping
- If you are conducting stewardship work

Winter/Rain Driving Guidelines

These guidelines are in effect from after first rainfall, during a sustained rain, and within 24-48 hours of a major/extreme rainfall event (over 2 inches in 24 hours).

In addition to these guidelines, please use common sense. **In general, if water is flooding down road, standing on road, or there are very high winds, please do not drive up the road.**

When driving to Hut Hill, please follow these guidelines:

- Always drive as few as cars as possible. If possible, use vehicles with 4WD or AWD.
- During a sustained rain (raining steadily) only 4WD/AWD vehicles allowed.
- Within 24 hours of a sustained rain 1-2 inches/24 hours, only 4WD/AWD allowed.
- Within 48 hours of a sustained rain greater than 2inches/24 hours, only 4WD/AWD vehicles allowed.
- In the event of an extreme rain event (greater than 4 inches in 24 hours), and within 48 hours of one **NO DRIVING ALLOWED.**

- Whenever tracks deeper than 1/2 inch are being created by vehicle, **DO NOT DRIVE UP THE ROAD.**
- If cars are spinning tires, **DO NOT DRIVE UP THE ROAD.**