

The Blue Ridge - Berryessa Natural Area



The work of the partnership has to date ensured that 50,000 acres of land remain as open space in the form of working (ranch, farm, and vineyard) and private lands, reserves, land-trusts, and agency lands. Its accomplishments include:

- Enhancement and promotion of recreational opportunities in the region
- Preservation of open space under a diversity of land uses
- Education and outreach programs on the cultural and ecological value of the region
- Habitat and wildlife research and enhancement

Tax exempt donations to support the work of the BRBNACP may be made to the Partners' fiscal agent, The Land Trust of Napa County, 1040 Main Street, Suite 203, Napa, California 94559
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Recipient of the 2002 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for Exemplary Watershed Management

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Located less than two hours from California's Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas, the BRBNA includes the rugged, natural landscapes and rangelands of the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds. The BRBNA is bounded on the east by the Capay and Sacramento Valleys, on the west by the Clear Lake basin and the Napa River watershed, on the north by the Mendocino National Forest, and extends southward towards Interstate 80 in Solano County. The area's diverse geology straddles an ancient contact between the North American and Pacific tectonic plates, and supports a unique assemblage of ecological communities including serpentine chaparral, grasslands, oak savanna, oak and mixed oak/coniferous woodlands, and riparian and cliff habitats. Wildlife species abound, with a diversity of birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and invertebrates. The area is sufficiently remote and large enough to support tule elk, bald and golden eagles, mountain lions and bears, as well as a variety of hawks, osprey, harriers, falcons, owls, and other raptors. The serpentine soils of the region host a large number of indigenous plants, while Cache and Putah Creeks and their tributaries, as well as the region's lakes, provide abundant riparian and fisheries habitat.



The BRBNA Conservation Partners

A substantial portion of the BRBNA is currently in public ownership under the management of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the University of California Natural Reserve System. Private landowners have indicated their interest in promoting this regional conservation effort, coupling the use of conservation easements and public acquisitions with State and Federal designations to assure permanent, locally promoted, financially secure, efficiently regulated, and enlightened stewardship of the area. Conservation groups, including the Packard Foundation, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the American Land and Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancies, the California Wilderness Coalition, Cache Creek Wild, and the Land Trusts of Napa, Lake, and Yolo Counties are actively pursuing land conservation projects in the area. Today the Partnership includes over 100 partners – private landowners, public land managers, universities, nonprofit organizations, area residents, and recreationists – dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and management of over 600,000 acres of this natural, wild, agricultural, and recreational landscape. Membership in the organization is voluntary, the group has and seeks no regulatory authority, and respecting private property rights is a key principle.

The BRBNA Mission

The Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership (BRBNACP) promotes the conservation and enhancement of the expansive landscape that comprises the BRBNA by encouraging the sensitive management of its natural, agricultural, recreational, archeological and historical resources. As a voluntary and inclusive organization, the BRBNACP facilitates coordination and collaboration among its public, private, and nonprofit partners; provides research, information, and education services to partners; and conducts outreach to the public.



The BRBNA Guiding Principles

Five principles guide the activities and decisions of the Partnership. :

- Preserve, protect and enhance natural resource values of the BRBNA including its lands, wildlife, plants, creeks, and waters.
- Support conservation-based land-use activities and sustainable economic development in the BRBNA
- Respect the rights of private landowners.
- Encourage resource-compatible, non-growth inducing public recreation facilities on public lands.
- Consider all positions on an issue, but only support activities when the Partnership has reached consensus.