

2026 Skyline Watershed Ridge Trail Permit (Free)

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This permit becomes valid upon enrollment and remains valid through December 31, 2026. Screenshot or download under your profile for your records after signing. You will not receive a copy of the permit by email; only proof of enrollment will be emailed to you.

THIS IS A COPY. You must enroll at <https://sfpucwatersheds.recdesk.com> for this permit to be valid.

About Your Visit

The Skyline Watershed Ridge Trail is a 6-mile segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail located within the 23,000-acre Peninsula Watershed in San Mateo County. Managed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the watershed protects four drinking water reservoirs that are part of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System while conserving some of the Bay Area's most intact and sensitive ecosystems.

Public access to the watershed is carefully managed to protect drinking water supplies and the many threatened and endangered plants and animals that call this landscape home. By obtaining a permit and following posted rules, you help ensure this special place can be enjoyed responsibly while protecting it for future generations.

Learn more: Visit the SFPUC website to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System and the SFPUC's regional watersheds.

In case of an emergency call 911.
For non-emergencies, call SFPUC Dispatch (650-872-5900).

Please observe the following rules:

- Share the trail. Cyclists yield to pedestrians and equestrians.
- Clean shoes, bike tires, and horse hooves at cleaning stations.
- Remain on trail to protect sensitive habitat.
- Pack out all trash.
- No dogs allowed, except service animals.
- Do not disturb or collect any animals or plants, including wildflowers.
- Fires, fireworks, smoking, alcohol, camping, weapons, and drones are prohibited.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles, including electric bikes and scooters, are prohibited.

Plan Your Visit:

- The trail is 6-miles one way (12 miles round trip). There is no exit at the southern end.
- **No drinking water is available** on the trail or at trailheads.
- Parking is available on a first come basis.
- Restrooms are available at approximately mile markers 2 and 5. There is no restroom at the trailhead.
- Parking hours are 6am-6pm. Gate closes at 6pm.
- Carry a copy or screenshot your permit.
- Stay Alert - mountain lions, ticks, and poison oak are commonly found in the watershed.

Liability Release: By accepting this permit and visiting the Peninsula Watershed, the participant agrees to indemnify, release, waive, and discharge the City and County of San Francisco, its Public Utilities Commission, and their officers, agents, and employees, herein referred to collectively as "CITY" from any and all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore, on account of injury, damage or destruction of participants property, whether caused by the CITY's active or passive negligence or otherwise. The participant assumes full responsibility for any bodily injury or property damage incurred.

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- ☐ By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to follow the rules and regulations outlined in this permit during your visit to the Peninsula Watershed.

**Printed First and Last Name
(Required):**

Signature (Required):
