



Vision

Tolay Lake Regional Park is...

- A land that is sacred with deep spiritual significance,
- A land that reflects California's long and storied heritage,
- An outdoor recreation destination for all ages and cultures,
- A recreation resource to inspire,
- A thriving, ecologically rich and fully restored landscape,
- A place for innovative and interactive education and experience,
- A landscape to experience and learn about our agricultural heritage,
- A space to find peace and respite,
- A jewel for Sonoma County Regional Parks and the people who come from near and far to visit and enjoy.

Highlights for Tolay Plan Options

Option A

- Small footprint
- Stone Floor Barn becomes the Visitor Center
- Improve existing "Miwok Village"
- New equestrian staging area
- Overnight stay in Yellow House
- Single unit tent camping
- Group/equestrian campsite in backcountry
- Accessibility upgrades to existing roads
- Minimum new hiking trails in southern area

Option B

- Larger footprint
- Tractor Barn becomes Visitor Center
- New tribal focused gathering area
- Expanded equestrian staging
- Overnight stay in five existing residences
- Single unit tent & equestrian/group hike-in campsites in backcountry
- Expansion of trails

Option C

- Largest footprint
- New Visitor Center constructed
- New tribal focused area and multi-cultural gathering area at "Miwok Village"
- Overnight stay in four existing residences
- Expanded group hike-in and single unit sites in backcountry
- Extensive new trail system for entire park

Preferred Option

- New Visitor Center
- New bunkhouse
- Overnight use in Building #1
- New ranger residence
- Separate tribal gathering place
- Single unit backcountry campsites
- New hiking trails in park interior

Potential Interpretive Concepts and Story Zones

1. Ranch/Visitor Center: Regional Overview | Site Overview | Vaqueros' story | Portuguese farmers' story | Present agricultural use | Duck pond and waste water system
2. Lake Vista: Native American significance - history and values, ethnobotanical uses, Living Tribe | Story of the Lake | Hydrology | Birds
3. Petaluma Marsh: Natural habitat - marsh/wetland | Restoration - marsh/wetland | Climate change and local effects | Lakeville town story | Geology / geomorphology
4. Agriculture: Restoration - ag ditching and diking | Native American significance - ethnobotanical uses, Living Tribe | Ranchers' story | Vaqueros' story
5. Oak Woodland: Native American significance - history and values, ethnobotanical uses, Living Tribe | Ranchers' story | Restoration - Bay oak woodland
6. East Ridge View Point: Views | Regional Overview | Site Overview | Geology / geomorphology
7. Central Ponds: Natural Habitat - fresh water springs | Historical route | Birds | Fishing destination
8. Middle Reach: Views | Crash site memorial
9. Historical Route: Historical route | Natural habitat - riparian | Restoration - creek riparian areas
10. Tolay Creek: Historical route | Natural habitat - riparian, Bay oak woodland | Restoration - creek riparian, Bay oak woodland
11. Bay View Point: Views | Natural habitat - bay ecosystem, Serpentine ecosystem | Climate change and local effects | Regional Overview
12. South Entrance: Regional Overview | Site Overview