



"The program was awesome! The children learned so much more than we hoped. It assists us with teaching the first grade science standards."

— visiting teacher, Brewer Island School

"This is my 8th year coming. It's my favorite field trip for young children."

— visiting teacher, St. Charles School



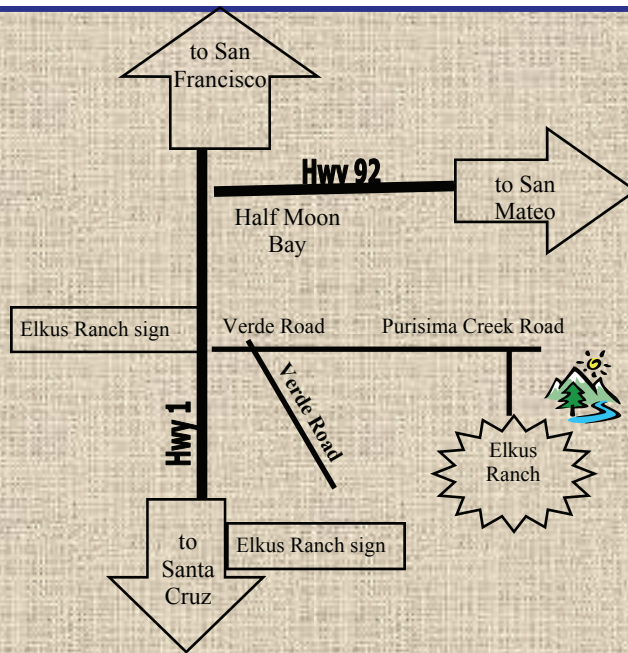
Artwork created by visiting students to Elkus Ranch.

"I really liked Elkus Ranch. My favorite part was everything!"

— visiting student, Susan B. Anthony Elementary School

"Thanks for letting me water the flowers and dig for worms. My favorite animal was the cat."

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Directions

- At Hwy 92/Hwy 1 intersection turn left and travel 4 ½ miles south
- Look for green "UC Elkus Ranch Next Left" sign.
- Turn LEFT onto Verde Creek Road (Verde will veer off to the right) IMPORTANT - stay on Purisima Creek Road for approximately two miles.
- Look for brown "Elkus Ranch" sign.



Marilyn Johns
County Director/Elkus Ranch Director



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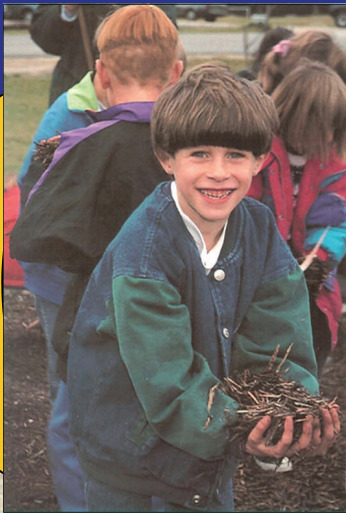
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Agriculture & Natural Resources



Richard J. Elkus Ranch
Half Moon Bay, California
Environmental Education and Conference Center

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An Environmental Education Center



The Richard J. Elkus Ranch is less than 45 minutes from San Francisco and the Peninsula, yet is worlds away from city life. Nestled in the rolling hills of the San Mateo County coast, the property was once a 600-acre commercial dairy and cattle operation owned by Richard J. Elkus. This facility was donated to the University of California in 1975 by the late Richard J. Elkus for the "education of children."

Our livestock and gardens provide opportunities for children to experience first-hand how food and fiber are produced. On site we have a sensory garden, Master Gardener volunteer demonstration garden, and an enabling garden for those with special needs. Hundreds of acres of open space encourage exploration of the native plants and animals that inhabit the area.



Environmental Education

Our goal is to provide standards based programs that are "hands on-minds on" for children in preschool through high school, including those with special needs. We offer both day and overnight educational programs. The ranch is fully accessible and offers scholarships for program fees to special education classes and low income schools.



Family Events

- Discovery Day Camp
- Preschool Days
- Sheep to Shawl

The ranch also hosts scouts, 4-H clubs, and other youth groups for both day and overnight programs. Individuals or groups wishing to volunteer or provide community service are appreciated.

Conference Center



Just minutes from the beach and historic Half Moon Bay with its delightful inns, restaurants, and shops, the Conference Center at Elkus Ranch is a beautiful and serene venue with views of Purisima Creek Canyon for meetings, retreats, or special events.

Conference Room with Commercial Kitchen

Accommodates 80-120 guests

Board Room

Accommodates 10 guests

Ranch House

Accommodates 20 guests

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