

# Restoring the Wild Heart of South San Francisco Bay

## *The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project*

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- This is largest Western U.S. coastal wetlands restoration project, encompassing 15,100 acres of former salt ponds around the edge of South San Francisco Bay
- The project will restore and enhance South Bay wetlands for endangered species and migratory birds while providing flood management and wildlife oriented public access and recreation
- USGS multidisciplinary science is guiding the restoration effort, providing an integral part of the adaptive management process being used to restore this area over the next 50 years
- Scientists are conducting studies in avian and invertebrate biology, water quality, hydrology, geomorphology, and chemistry to better understand the wetland ecosystem



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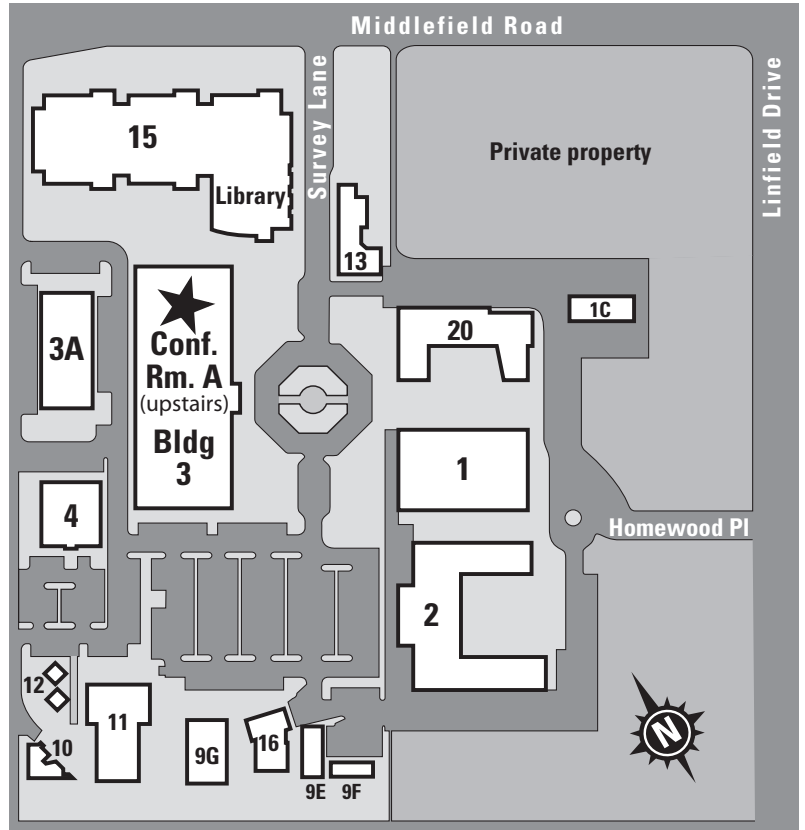
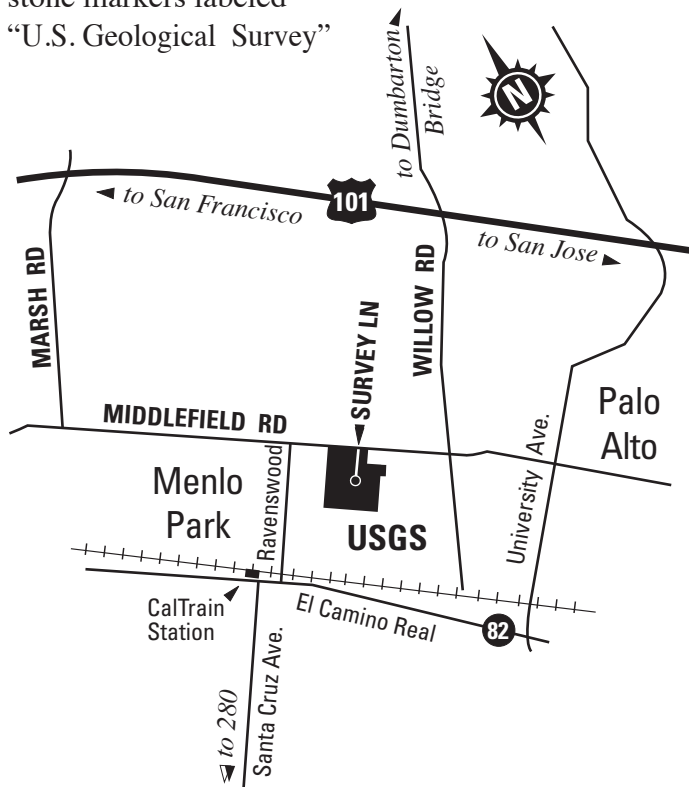
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- Exit highway 101 at Marsh Road, Atherton
- Go west to the T-junction with Middlefield Rd.
- Turn left (south)

### From San Jose

- Exit highway 101 at Willow Road, Menlo Park
- Go west to Middlefield Rd.
- Turn right (north)

Enter the USGS campus at Survey Lane with large stone markers labeled “U.S. Geological Survey”



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