

This is a picture of the **barns at the Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch**, which preserves one of the most significant historic areas in Santa Clara County. It traces its origin to Jose Joaquin Bernal, who came with his family with the DeAnza Party in 1776 and later founded Rancho Santa Teresa in 1826. The picture was taken on 4/12/10 after a storm was breaking up. You can see part of a rainbow.

This was taken on 1/30/11 just before sunset. It had been raining all day long, but late in the day, there were breaks in the storm. I parked at the Pueblo Area and went up the Hidden Springs Trail to the **Ridge Trail**. The sun shot through the clouds and briefly created a rainbow over the Santa Teresa Golf Course. At one point, it was a double rainbow. I took pictures from the Ridge Trail until I got chased away by more rain.

This is a view from the **Hidden Springs Trail** looking down towards the **Santa Teresa Golf Course** on the left, taken on 2/25/09 at 1 pm, as clouds were breaking up after a storm. The Ohlone Trail cuts along the lower part of the hillside on the right. The valley below contains the Laurel Canyon Nature Trail, which leads to a seasonal waterfall. This is the southern end of urbanized Silicon Valley. Beyond here is the rural Coyote Valley.

This is a view of the sunset, taken from the **Norred Trail** above Santa Teresa Spring on 5/21/10 at 7:54 pm. This was a tricky shot, because of the huge range of lighting, shooting straight into the sun, with the mid-ground in deep shadow. It required combining 6 pictures over a wide exposure range, with the shutter speed ranging from 1/25 to 1/400 sec.

This is the **Mine Trail** just below the small parking lot on Bernal Road on Trench Hill, taken on 2/7/10, looking southwest. The Mine Trail drops down to join the Stile Ranch Trail. The pointed hill just above center is Rancho San Vicente, the latest addition to Calero County Park in the South Almaden Valley.

This is a view looking up the **Joice Trail**, which is a steep trail leading from the Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch to Bernal Hill. It was taken on 8/27/09 at 7:11 pm, just before sunset. August is not normally a good time for photographing the hills, which are covered with dead, brown grass. In this case, the wispy clouds on the deep blue sky made up for it. The HDR process keeps the shadows from turning black, while enhancing the sky and clouds.

This is a picture of the start of the **Hidden Springs Trail at the Pueblo Area trailhead**. The trail leads to the one of the park's most popular destinations: Coyote Peak. This was taken on 2/7/10 near sunset at 5:29 pm. Winter is the best time to take sunset pictures, as it has the most interesting cloud formations. Here, some of the clouds turned orange from beams of the setting sun, while other clouds remained dark.

This is a view from the **Hidden Springs Trail** just before it joins the **Coyote Peak Trail** below Coyote Peak, taken on 3/5/09. In the distance are the tall buildings of downtown San Jose. In the mid-ground are Kaiser San Jose Hospital, the Santa Teresa Library, and the Hitachi Global Storage Technologies plantsite. On the horizon are Coyote Hills Regional Park and the salt mounds at Newark.

This view of **Coyote Peak** was taken on 2/7/10, just before sunset, from the small parking lot on Bernal Road near the Mine Trail entrance. In the foreground are fields of mustard flowers on Trench Hill. The clouds were breaking up from a stormy day. Beams of sunlight were spotlighting parts of the park. I took this when Coyote Peak was illuminated.

Taken on 12/23/10, this is a view from **Coyote Peak**, the highest point in the park at 1155 feet, looking down along the Santa Teresa Hills. Most of the area around the Bay can be seen from here, all the way to San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais, Angel Island, and downtown Oakland.