

WHY ARE COWS HERE?

The cattle at the Glenwood Preserve are a big part of what makes it so special for rare plants and animals. They also help support spectacular wildflower blooms. Many of these species, including some that are endangered, need short grass to thrive.

In the past, shorter native grasses dominated these heavy soils, and a combination of wildfire and grazing wildlife kept the brush and grasses trimmed. The cows and calves do that work through what we call 'conservation grazing'. And they do it with far less impact - and lower costs - than mowing or other methods. Thank you for helping keep the cows happy, the calves safe, and the ecosystem thriving!

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A BRIEF HISTORY



For more than twenty years, the *Friends of Glenwood*, a concerned group of citizens, fought against the development of

this land. They collaborated with environmental groups and visionary leaders to block multiple development plans that would have removed the hilltops and placed as many as 276 homes and an 18-hole golf course on the 170 acres you see before you.

Thanks to their efforts, this last remaining undeveloped land in Scotts Valley continues to be forests, meadows, riparian areas, and wetlands. In 2003, the land was protected in a partnership between the City of Scotts Valley and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.

The Glenwood Open Space Preserve is home to a high number of rare and endangered species, including the Ohlone tiger beetle (pictured right),



Opler's longhorn moth, and several plants and flowers. This land also works to recharge the aquifer, the prime source of water for the community.

After many years of planning for recreational use, hikers and equestrians can

now enjoy East Glenwood Preserve. Take a moment to listen to wild turkey calls and coyotes' howls sound from the meadows.

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY'S EAST GLENWOOD OPEN SPACE PRESERVE





PARK RULES

- Open sunrise to sunset
- All plants and animals are protected
- No dogs, no bikes
- No camping, smoking, fireworks, open fires
- No motor vehicles
- No alcohol

