

Rows of cabernet sauvignon grape vines are terraced up the hill. This area is part of the Red Hills Appellation, a vine region lying along the southwestern shores of Clear Lake at the base of Mount Konocti. The Red Hills soils are volcanic in origin, intensely red in color, rich in minerals and very well-drained – ideal and unique for growing premium wine grapes.

At 0.6 miles, you reach the Gregory Graham tasting room 5. Stop to reflect for a moment in their vineyard garden, or head inside to learn about their wines.

Head back up the trail to the Point Lakeview Road crossing 3 & 4. Vines in the Red Hills are not impacted by coastal fog. Coupled with sunny warm days, afternoon breezes, and cool nights, the climate is ideal for producing high-quality grapes.



After crossing the road, turn left toward the west. Continue along the trail until you come to an opening in the vine rows 6, and head down the hill. It is not unusual to see sheep roaming between the vines. Vigilance practices sustainable farming methods, using sheep to keep weeds down, while replenishing the soil with nutrients. Vigilant Maremma dogs protect the herds, watching for predators.

At the bottom 7, turn right and continue along the pathway, enjoying the distant views of Clear Lake and Anderson Marsh. Large white dots among the wetlands are often egrets or American White Pelicans, enjoying the blissful sanctuary of Anderson Marsh. As you look across the hills, envision the past when the area surrounding the marsh was a thriving village for Pomo ancestors. The extended Anderson Marsh area contains archaeological sites over 10,000 years old, making them some of the oldest in California.

Finally, turn 8 to Vigilance's historic farmhouse tasting room 9, and enjoy the breathtaking views of Anderson Marsh.

This trail can be started at either end 1 or 5. Please note that summer days may be very hot – bring water and sunshade.



## important note

The Lake County Vine Trail 1: Red Hills Terroir Trail is a private trail. Limited public use is granted only by permission of the property owners, when their tasting rooms are open. The County of Lake and KRT are providing promotional assistance for the trail; but have not acquired an easement for public use, and thus do not accept any liability for trail construction, maintenance, or use.

## leave no trace

- Respect the property and privacy of landowners.
- Respect wildlife-observe from a distance.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife, especially during sensitive times of mating, nesting, and raising young.
- Examine, but do not touch. Leave vines, rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them.
- Stay on the trail.
- Don't litter.
- Always ask permission before entering private land; unless otherwise posted, assume it is private property.

## hiking safety

- Watch where you step. Keep your hands out of crevices to avoid rattlesnakes.
- Bring water and ample protection from the sun.
- Keep on the trail.
- Observe and honor signs depicting seasonal trail closures.
- Please report any trail safety issues.

## in case of emergency, call 911

### our thanks

To Vigilance Winery & Vineyards and Gregory Graham Winery, for photo privileges and allowing access.

13633 & 13888 Point Lakeview Road, Lower Lake, CA

Gregory Graham Winery. [www.ggwines.com](http://www.ggwines.com)

Vigilance Winery & Vineyards. [www.vigilancevineyards.com](http://www.vigilancevineyards.com)

## what is KRT?

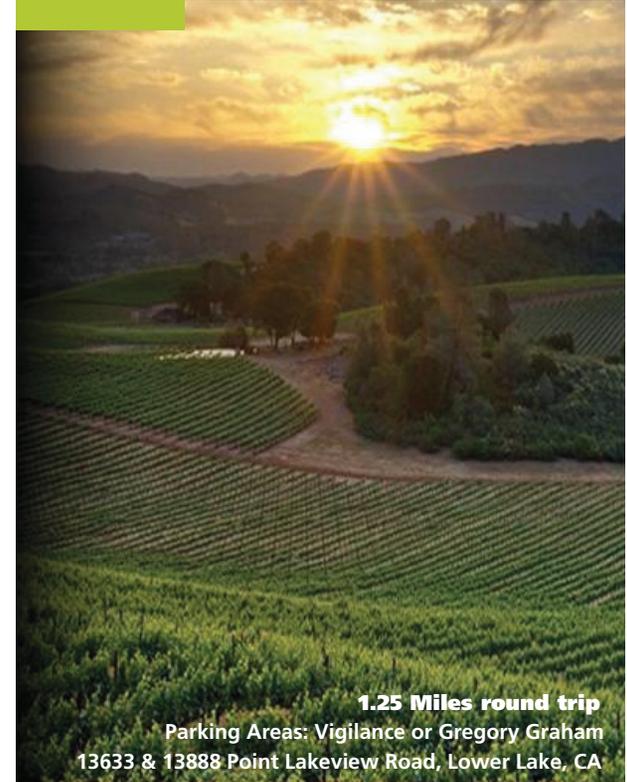


The Konocti Regional Trails system (KRT) is a network of trails and community pathways on and around Clear Lake, which highlight: (1) the region's outstanding scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, natural landscapes, and cultural history; (2) enhance the visitor experience by providing an opportunity for recreation and appreciation of these unique assets; and (3) promote community health and economic vitality throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.KonoctiTrails.com](http://www.KonoctiTrails.com)

## Lake County Vine Trail 1

**konocti  
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# Red Hills Terroir Trail vineyard pathways



**1.25 Miles round trip**

Parking Areas: Vigilance or Gregory Graham  
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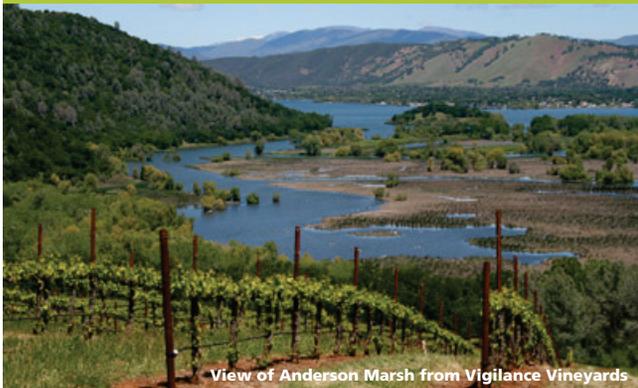
- **Vineyard-dotted hills**
- **Panoramic lake view**
- **Distant mountain vistas**
- **Wineries & tasting rooms**
- **Red Hills Appellation**
- **Wetlands, tule reeds**
- **Picnic spots**

### Lake County Visitor Information Center

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## trail description



View of Anderson Marsh from Vigilance Vineyards

A serene 1.25-mile hike through vineyards in the Red Hills Appellation. Stunning views of Clear Lake, Anderson Marsh wetlands, and the north shore ridgelines. Elevation gain and loss: 187 feet. The loop begins at either Gregory Graham Winery or Vigilance Vineyards and Winery.

## trail route

From the parking lot at Vigilance Tasting Room farmhouse ①, head up the hill toward a magnificent old barn - a vintage walnut dryer ②. Built in the last century, the structure is a solitary reminder of Lake County's height as an agricultural center, best known for walnuts and pears. Just before reaching the road, head west along a row of cabernet vines.



Old barn through the vines

Pause to look around. Lava eruptions and flows began approximately 450,000 years ago, forming some of the ridgelines. The hills surrounding also are lava flows, part of the formation known as the Basaltic andesite of Round Top Mountain. Much younger in age; the flows started erupting roughly 125,000 years ago.

This unique geologic history has created a terroir, a French term from the word *terre* for land, loosely translated as "a sense of place." Terroir refers to a group of vineyards from the same region, belonging to a specific appellation, and sharing the same type of soil, weather conditions, and grapes - all contributing their specific personality to the wine.

Gregory Graham vines in autumn



Continue walking along the trail, after 1/3 of a mile you'll come to a gate ③. Head up the hill and cross Point Lakeview Road - watch out for vehicles. The path switchbacks towards another gate ④; you are entering the Gregory Graham vineyards. (cont...)

## Lake County Vine Trail 1: Red Hills Terroir Trail

