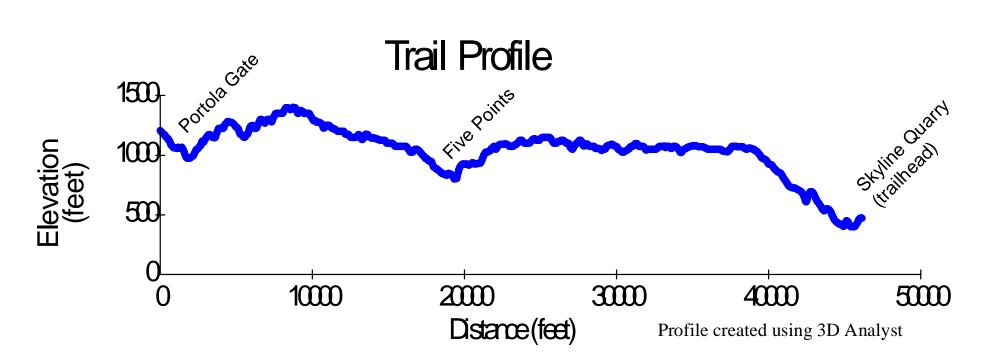




Looking north from Fifield Ridge. Photo courtesy of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants



## The Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail Balancing Watershed Protection and Public Recreation

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) opened the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail in the summer of 2003. The trail passes through the SFPUC Peninsula Watershed, which provides drinking water to San Francisco and surrounding areas. This watershed has the highest concentration of rare and endangered species in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is also a State Fish and Game Refuge and has been designated an International Biosphere by UNESCO.

Docent-led tours are available by reservation. Guided tours were implemented as a compromise between providing public access and preserving resource values.

ArcInfo GIS was used to assess trail options, conduct biological surveys, monitor conditions and create maps for public displays.



