

# 21<sup>st</sup> California Trails & Greenways Conference

May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Renaissance of Agoura Hills, California  
welcomes you to the 2006 Trails &  
Greenways Conference

# Conference Schedule

## Pre-Conference Workshops

### **FRIDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **Trail Planning & Grant Writing**

Interested in learning how to prepare a successful trail grant application? A combination of field and classroom exercises will take you from sustainable trail planning and layout to the details and strategies of successful grant preparation.

#### **Trail User Conflict Resolution**

What happens when three or more user groups are sharing the same trail? With the popularity of shared use trails comes the challenge of user conflict. Join a group of equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers on an interactive and extremely informative field experience of trail etiquette techniques.

#### **Santa Monica Mountains NRA Backbone Trail Tour**

Join trail planners from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area on a tour of portions of the 65-mile Backbone Trail. Learn about the trail's history, visit trailheads, a future backcountry camp location, and enjoy an invigorating walk on the trail. The tour route traverses some twisty roads and includes a 4 mile hike.

*All Workshops will occur between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm*

*All Workshops include a Meet-and-Greet BBQ lunch at Malibu Creek State Park*

*6:00–10:00pm*

#### **Welcome Dinner**

#### ***Dr. Richard Jackson***

Join the former director of the National Center for Environmental Health and former public health officer for California, Dr. Richard Jackson, as he shares his research and insight relating to the importance of physical activity. Dr. Jackson is a nationally renowned speaker on the topic of designing our communities to encourage a healthy population.

## Concurrent Conference Sessions

### **SATURDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*8:00–9:00am*

#### **Breakfast**

Session 1: *9:10–10:20am*

#### **Recreational Trail Funding Opportunities**

Learn about the Recreational Trails grant program (RTP), how to develop a competitive trail project proposal and how to apply the basic development strategies to your proposed trails. A panel of California State Park grant administrator and trail developers will outline grant application requirements, proposal strategies, and share technical strategies and pitfalls of recreational trail development.

#### **GIS/GPS Principles in Trail Use**

Learn the basics of GPS and equipment. See how GPS can be used to document trail locations and features. Experience

how GPS-GIS data maintenance can update information about features locations and become a tool for maintenance and repair at a cost savings to trail managers.

### **Santa Monica Mountains NRA Trails Management Plan**

Learn how this collaboration of federal, state, and local governments, disparate trail user organizations, and environmental group's were able to craft a large scale trail system blueprint for the future. The panel will share how, with nearly 500 miles of existing formal and informal trails, and a multiplicity of local, state, and federal jurisdictions and private lands, a comprehensive plan has been developed.

*Session 2: 10:35-11:45am*

### **Preserving Public Trail Access**

The public's right to get to and use trails is an ongoing struggle in many regions of the state as landowners or homeowners associations may seek to privatize trail entry points or cut off access to even historic recreation trails. Join a panel of legal experts who have been working to ensure that established trail plans can be implemented and the public's legal access is protected.

### **Working Effectively with Trail Maintenance Volunteers**

This workshop is designed to provide participants with the nuts and bolts on how to develop a trail maintenance program for volunteers. Participants will walk away with useful information on design, training techniques and a how-to demonstration program for volunteers. Attendees of this session should have a basic understanding of trail maintenance work.

### **Accessibility Guidelines for Trails & Outdoor Developed Areas**

What is an accessible trail? How do I know if my proposed or existing trails meet these guidelines? Do all trails need to meet these guidelines? Get the answer to these questions and more as the details of this rulemaking process continues. A Federal Access Board Representative will share the details of the proposed guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Areas under the Architectural Barriers Act.

*12:00-1:15pm*

### **Lunch**

*Session 3: 1:25-2:35pm*

### **Trail Knowledge Available Here!**

Bring your specific trail questions to this expert panel. Interact with a group of trail planners, landscape architects and trail coordinators hosting an open session to answer and discuss your questions about planning, funding, design, current issues and trends. (Construction questions will not be addressed.)

### **The Future of Training for Trails and Greenways**

There is an increasing need for more trained staff as well as volunteers with knowledge of technical trail and greenway issues. Sharing resources and promoting more cooperation on trails training will benefit agencies, communities and volunteer groups. Join a group of trail trainers to learn how to maximize the skills and knowledge of your workforce.

## **Healthy Trail Prescription**

An exciting panel discussion will share current directions into the benefits of walking and hiking for a healthier lifestyle. The recent information regarding obesity and other health issues that can be reduced by physical activity are becoming a high priority with California's lawmakers. Will physicians be prescribing "Take-a-Hike" to their patients to promote health and wellness?

Session 4: 2:50-4:00pm

## **Trails that Teach**

An interpretive "Nature Hike" is the hallmark of the park experience for school groups and members of the public alike. For maximum effectiveness, the trail planning process should incorporate nature interpretation. This session will focus on guidelines for maximizing the educational and interpretative potential of a trail.

## **Trail Vegetation Management**

What information do you need to manage non-native invasive plant species within your open space areas? An informative group will share their experiences in developing an integrated vegetation management plan for Los Angeles County. The challenges of report preparation, vegetation control measures and method suitability will be presented.

4:30 – 6:00pm

## **Awards Reception**

**Sponsored by:**

***The Trails & Greenways  
Foundation***

6:00 – 10:00pm

## **Awards Dinner & Ceremony**

**Featuring:**

***"Stories & Poems of the Trail"***  
***by Bill Roberts & Friends***

## **SUNDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30-9:30am

## **California Recreation Trails Committee Public Meeting**

Enjoy a breakfast meeting with this Governor appointed committee. This is a great opportunity to voice your trail related issues and accomplishments to the statewide trails committee.

8:00-9:00am

## **Breakfast**

Plenary Session: 9:30-11:45am

## **New Approach to Developing a Comprehensive Trails Program**

Join San Diego County staff as they share how they analyzed past successes and failures of trail program development processes to prepare a county-wide trail plan. They will explain how they redefined the present trail environment by needs and benefits to identify and resolve issues. Hear how they plan to maximize future trail opportunities through internal and external partnerships to insure the success of this trails program for the next generation.

## Hotel Information & Location

**Address:**

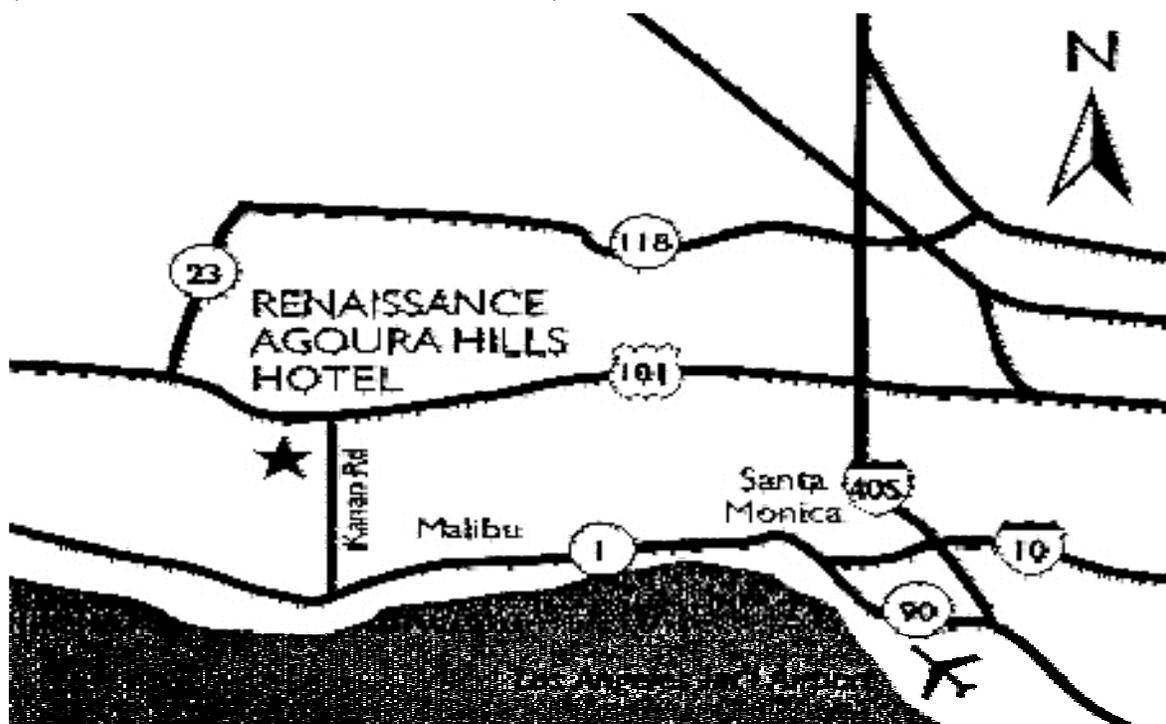
Renaissance Agoura Hills Hotel  
30100 Agoura Road  
Agoura Hills, California  
91301

**Phone:** 818-707-1220

**Fax:** 818-707-6298

**Website:** [www.renaissancehotels.com/laxag](http://www.renaissancehotels.com/laxag)

(Please visit website for more information.)



## Camping Information

**Malibu Creek State Park**

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=614](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=614)

**Reservations**

Reserve America  
1-800-444-PARK (7275)

[http://www.reserveamerica.com/client/client\\_ca.jsp](http://www.reserveamerica.com/client/client_ca.jsp)

# Airport Information, Directions & Transportation

## **Airport Information:**

Bob Hope Airport  
2627 Hollywood Way  
Burbank, CA 91505  
(818) 840-8840  
<http://www.burbankairport.com/>

## **Directions from Bob Hope (Burbank) Airport:**

- 1: Start out going SOUTH on N HOLLYWOOD WAY toward W PACIFIC AVE. 3.0 miles
- 2: Turn RIGHT onto W ALAMEDA AVE. <0.1 miles
- 3: Merge onto CA-134 W. 1.7 miles
- 4: Take US-101 N. 24.5 miles
- 5: Take the REYES ADOBE RD exit. 0.2 miles
- 6: Turn LEFT onto REYES ADOBE RD. 0.1 miles
- 7: Turn LEFT onto AGOURA RD. 0.2 miles
- 8: Turn LEFT onto AGOURA CT. <0.1 miles

**Total Est. Time:** 34 minutes

**Total Est. Distance:** 29.97 miles

## **Airport Transportation:**

### *Shuttles*

Express Shuttle	(800) 427-7483
Glendale Airport Van	(818) 243-9570
Karmel Shuttle	(888) 995-7433
Prime Time Shuttle	(800) 733-8267
Roadrunner Shuttle	(800) 247-7919
Super Shuttle	(800) 660-6042

### *Car Rental*

#### On Airport:

Alamo Rent a Car	(800) 327-9633
Avis Rent A Car	(800) 331-1212
Hertz Corporation	(800) 654-3131
National Car Rental	(818) 953-2234

#### Off Airport:

Advantage Rent A Car	(800) 777-5500
All-Rite Rent A Car	(818) 972-2490
Budget Rent A Car	(800) 527-0700
Discovery Rent A Car	(800) 641-4141
Enterprise Rent A Car	(818) 558-7336
Horizon Rent A Car	(800) 472-8661
Rent-A-Wreck	(800) 235-4354
Rent4Less	(800) 993-5377

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please, complete a separate registration form for each attendee...Thank You.**

For registration, complete the form and send with payment to:  
Recreation Trails Conference  
P.O. Box 1047  
Yachats, OR 97498  
1-888-541-7783

**Conference Registration DOES NOT include hotel, camping or other accommodations.**

**I Require Vegetarian Meals**  
(Request must accompany Registration Form)

	Early Register by April 4	Register from April 5-28	Amount
<b>Pre-Conference Workshops (includes BBQ)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Planning & Grant Writing	\$ 45	\$ 65	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail User Conflict Resolution	\$ 25	\$ 45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Trail Tour	\$ 45	\$ 65	_____

**Conference Sessions**

**Full Conference Package**  
(Includes Sat & Sun. full programs and meals, does not include Pre-conference Workshops)     \$ 195                             \$ 240                             \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday May 5**

Welcome Dinner Only                             \$ 37                             \$ 47                             \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday May 6**

Full Saturday Program (breakfast, lunch, dinner) \$ 165                             \$ 205                             \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sessions only (no meals or dinner attendance) \$ 130                             \$ 150                             \_\_\_\_\_  
 Awards Reception & Dinner only \$ 37                             \$ 47                             \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday May 7**

Plenary Session & CRTC Meeting only                             Free                             Free                             Free  
(no breakfast)

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_