

California Trail Corridor Update

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The Statewide Trails Section of California State Parks is requesting information from recreational trail managers throughout the state in order to complete its biennial report to the Legislature on the California Recreational Trails Plan (available on the web at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1324/files/trails%20plan%20art%20final%203.pmd.pdf>). Regional trail corridors were listed in the Phase I update of the California Recreational Trails Plan in 2002. We have gathered much of the information on the attached spreadsheet titled **Regional Trails** from websites in order to determine the type of current information most likely accessed by the general public. Please provide accurate current information on the status of trails included in the Recreational Trails Plan.

Trail information requested

1. Official trail name
2. Confirmation that the trail meets the Identification Criteria listed below
3. Primary organization, contact person and address (including email, website and mailing address)
4. Jurisdictions and partners (government and community groups)
5. Length of planned trail, in miles
6. Length for which right of way is secured, in miles (e.g., in government ownership, along existing road or trail, easement secured)
7. Length of constructed and opened trail, in miles
8. Trail type(s) including uses allowed and universal accessibility (if any)
9. Connections to other regional or major trails
10. Any special features (historic significance, viewsheds, campsites, etc.)
11. Location of designated route (map). GPS coordinates are appreciated if available
12. Progress since the year 2002 including awards and special designations, changes in trail leadership or organizational development, funding received, new trail planning undertaken, ROW secured or constructed, new uses allowed, important trail events held, other improvements undertaken, etc.

Please send this to the Statewide Trails Section by email at trails@parks.ca.gov, or by US mail at California State Parks, PO BOX 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001 no later than March 27. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Essex at (916) 651-0386 or Steve Musillami, Statewide Trails Manager at (916) 653-6501.

Thank you for your assistance!

Identification Criteria

From the California Recreational Trails Plan, Appendix B, 2002

The California Recreational Trails Plan recognizes and supports trail corridors that promote people's desire to walk, ride a bicycle, use a wheelchair, or ride a horse through scenic areas of the state. Taking cues from the California Recreational Trails Act and the 1978 California Recreational Trails Plan, the following criteria have been used to choose state trail corridors to be included in the Plan (a state trail corridor must satisfy the first 3 criteria; but fitting the other criteria is highly desirable.)

1. A state trail corridor is a long-distance route (>50mi.) identified for non-motorized travel. It may, however, share roads with motor vehicles *on an interim basis* where there is no reasonable alternative.
2. A state trail corridor links people to public and private lands that have outstanding scenic, historic, natural, educational, or recreational values.
3. A state trail corridor connects with other trail corridors or shorter local trails, and it stimulates the development of connecting trails by its location.
4. A state trail corridor connects with population centers and is attracting, or will attract, substantial trail use.
5. A state trail corridor is selected to incorporate existing trails and supporting facilities such as campgrounds, access points with parking, staging areas, and hostel sites.
6. A state trail corridor accommodates with minimal conflict as many types of non-motorized travel as feasible while staying true to its stated purpose. Its trails are built to the highest level of access environmentally and fiscally possible without compromising its purpose.
7. A state trail corridor's trails are located to avoid or minimize damaging sensitive resources (endangered species, cultural sites, fragile meadows, geologic features, etc.), and they are maintained.
8. A state trail corridor is overseen as a whole by a coordinating group made up of representatives of public agencies, support groups, or other stakeholders.
9. A state trail corridor is officially recognized or adopted by one or more elected governing bodies, and it has demonstrated public support.
10. A state trail corridor is consistent with the plans of the jurisdictions it crosses.