



California Trails & Greenways Conference Purpose, Vision & History Statements

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Purpose Statement:

The goals of the California Trails & Greenways Conference are to provide California non-motorized trail professionals, advocates, volunteers and users with a venue for sharing practical, up-to-date trail management skills; as well as providing a forum for networking and building support for interconnected local and statewide trail systems.

Vision:

The California Trails & Greenways Conference envisions an opportunity for non-motorized recreational professionals, volunteers, and stakeholders to network, learn and advocate for trails in their local community and statewide. Our vision will be realized by:

1. Holding quarterly California Recreational Trails Committee public meetings;
2. Offering high quality, practical, up-to-date educational opportunities for all aspects of trail development, maintenance and management;
3. Providing a forum for trail advocates to network and build support for local and statewide trail systems;
4. Strengthening and broadening the support for trails to insure relevance to today's Californians; and
5. Addressing the evolving needs of California's trails community as the state's population grows and diversifies.

This investment of knowledge and commitment not only by trail professionals, but current and future users of trail systems in California, will insure stewardship and leadership for generations to come.

Brief History & Information:

The conference was established in 1984 by California State Parks to meet the needs of trails professionals, volunteers, users and advocates in California. The conference provides a forum for trails enthusiasts to meet and learn about techniques and trends, and to address the current challenges facing the trails community. High quality seminars, presentations, hands-on workshops and networking opportunities all serve to provide an invaluable opportunity for the effective and efficient management of trails.

In 1995 a nonprofit organization was formed (the California Recreational Trails Conference foundation) to further the goals of the conference and act as its fiduciary agent. The conference is funded by sponsorships, registrations, donations and in-kind support from its stakeholders. California State Parks continues to serve as lead agency providing conference logistics and staffing.

About the 2007 Conference:

Taking place in Folsom, California, May 10-12, 2007, the goals of the conference are to provide California trail professionals, advocates, volunteers and users with a venue for sharing practical, up-to-date trail management skills; as well as providing a forum for networking and building support for trail systems, locally and statewide. Set along the American River Parkway, this year's conference theme, "Building Knowledge, Building Trails," seeks to emphasize the connection between urban and backcountry trails, and the

general oversight and administration of trails, for the spiritual renewal, health and wellness of today's Californians.

“Save the Date ”:

Save the date May 10 - 12 for the 2007 California Trails & Greenways Conference at the Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom, California. This Conference offers wonderful opportunities to connect with local, state and federal agency trail managers; as well as crucial nonprofit and volunteer trail stewards. A number of essential and specialty educational sessions, workshops and tours are planned.