

# California Trail News

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## Technology

**Best Web Site Ever for Recreation Seekers:** You can enjoy the outdoors with family and friends, regardless of where you go. With California State Parks' new on line map and database, not only can you look for a nearby State Park, but easily find other park and open-space recreation opportunities anywhere in California. Click on <http://www.findrecreation.parks.ca.gov> to find a park near you today! For an overview of the features, read our Press Release at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/712/files/2010finalbestwebsitesrelease.pdf>. We are investigating ways to improve the trails content and allow you to add your trails to this recreation treasure-trove!

**GIS professionals!** Find just what you've been searching for within the California Protected Areas Database at <http://www.calands.org/>. This GIS inventory includes:  
49,000,000 total acres in fee ownership (not including easements)  
860 Agencies (governmental and non-profit)  
51,500 Holdings (individual parcels of protected lands)  
14,300 Units (actual park or other protected areas)

## Trail & Greenway Funding

Do you have trail idea, but need assistance to move that vision into reality? **NPS Technical Assistance applications are due August 1** to the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. RTCA provides guidance and expertise (but no financial assistance) for locally-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Click: [http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/contactus/cu\\_apply.html](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/contactus/cu_apply.html)

Explore advocacy information from American Trails for the **Recreational Trails Program** and **Land and Water Conservation Fund** (<http://www.americantrails.org/support.html>) including the newest developments in these vital federal funding programs.

The *Federal Department of Transportation Strategic Plan FY 2010-2015* ([http://www.dot.gov/stratplan/dot\\_strategic\\_plan\\_10-15.pdf](http://www.dot.gov/stratplan/dot_strategic_plan_10-15.pdf)) includes goals for Livable Communities and Environmental Sustainability that may lead to **increased funding for trail systems**. Read the March 11, 2010 **DOT Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Regulations and Recommendations** here: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2010/bicycle-ped.html>

The City of Santa Clarita has received a \$150,000 grant from Los Angeles County to plan, acquire and develop trails in East Walker Ranch. These trails will connect Placerita Canyon State Park, Golden Valley Open Space and neighborhoods to the **Santa Clara**

**River Trail** through the city's extensive trail network. Source: Tom Reilly  
[TREILLY@santa-clarita.com](mailto:TREILLY@santa-clarita.com).

The California State Coastal Conservancy will be funding the acquisition of the 2,400 acre Wild Cherry Canyon property between Los Osos and Avila Beach by the American Land Conservancy. The property will be transferred to California State Parks, which will facilitate the construction of a **20-mile segment of the California Coastal Trail**. Source: Tim Duff [tduff@scc.ca.gov](mailto:tduff@scc.ca.gov)

## Trails in the Media

**East Bay Park District and Kaiser Permanente sponsor "Trails Challenge"**  
<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/health/East-Bay-Parks-Trails-Challenge-promotes-health.html>

**Honor for Buffalo Soldiers Urged** (Fresno Bee)  
<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/02/25/1837659/honor-for-buffalo-soldiers-urged.html>

**Bill Begins Journey to Honor Calif. Buffalo Soldiers** (Fresno Bee)  
<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/05/06/1924313/bill-begins-journey-to-honor-calif.html?storylink=mirelated>

**Happy Trails: Mining ditch sets the course for outdoor fun** (Redding Record Searchlight, 5/15/10) <http://www.redding.com/news/2010/may/15/happy-trails/>

**Clear Lake Water Trails brochures now available** (Lake County News) May 9, 2010  
<http://lakeconews.com/content/view/13842/926/>

## Training

Join us at the **26th California Trails & Greenways Conference** scheduled for the San Francisco Bay Area community of San Ramon, this coming **April 11-13, 2011**. **Please note the change in date and put this on your calendar today!** Email [trails@parks.ca.gov](mailto:trails@parks.ca.gov) to volunteer.

The **25<sup>th</sup> California Trails & Greenways Conference** in Cambria was a tremendous success, with four workshops, 15 popular concurrent sessions and almost 300 attendees! The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration highlighted contributions from the hundreds of dedicated individuals and agencies that have made the conference **the BEST venue in the state for educating trail professionals and advocates**. Electronic files of the sessions will be posted on our web site soon.

**American Trails National Symposium** will be held November 14-17, 2010 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Visit: [www.americantrails.org/2010](http://www.americantrails.org/2010) for details. Nominations for the 20<sup>th</sup> National Trails Awards are due by June 30, 2010.

Find **Backcountry Horsemen "Leave No Trace" Trainer Programs** at  
<http://www.americantrails.org/nntp/Backcountry-Horsemen-Leave-No-Trace.html>

## Careers

San Dieguito River Park JPA is looking for a **Park Ranger with trails expertise**. Here's the announcement: <http://www.sdrp.org/archive/AnnouncementRangerII.pdf>

## Design and Management Strategies

The **League of American Bicyclists** has rated California only 19 among 50 states in “bike friendliness”, giving us grades of Ds in Policies & Programs and Education & Encouragement and Cs in Infrastructure, Evaluation & Planning, and Enforcement. Read <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/>

Solano Press is offering a new book by Julie Bondurant and Laura Thompson titled **Trail Planning for California Communities**. More information at: <http://www.solano.com/processxml.asp?tid=TA&StyleSheet=title.xsl>

## California Recreational Trails System

### Bay Area Ridge Trail:

*Adventures await* Times Herald 06/03/2010

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/opinion/ci\\_15217526](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/opinion/ci_15217526)

*Revamped Mt. Tam trail opens Saturday* Marin Independent Journal 5/4/10

[http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci\\_15016532](http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_15016532)

*And much more news:*

[http://www.ridgetrail.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=164:ridge-trail-prominently-featured-in-bay-area-papers&catid=35:newsflash&Itemid=168](http://www.ridgetrail.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=164:ridge-trail-prominently-featured-in-bay-area-papers&catid=35:newsflash&Itemid=168)

### California Coastal Trail:

*State conservation board allocates cash to expand Montaña de Oro*

The Tribune 04/27/10

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/04/27/1118682/montana-de-oro-may-add-wild-cherry.html>

### LA RIO Trail:

*L.A. River project in Glendale clears final hurdle* LA Times 05/05/10

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-glendale-river-20100505,0,5325674.story>

### Pacific Crest Trail:

*Hikers report booby traps on section of Pacific Crest Trail*

Bakersfield Californian, 5/6/10

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/local/x173373257/Hikers-report-booby-traps-on-section-of-Pacific-Coast-Trail>

### Pony Express Trail:

*On the trail of the Pony Express* Los Angeles Times May 16, 2010

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-ponyexpress-20100516,0,1563767,full.story>

### San Joaquin River Trail:

*Walking Bridge Envisioned for San Joaquin River* Fresno Bee 05/04/10

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/05/04/1920985/walking-bridge-envisioned-for.html>

## Events

The California Trails and Greenways Foundation (CTGF) recognizes **California Trail Days** events each year, compiling and celebrating volunteer hours statewide. They have a new website, so check out <http://www.ctgf.org>. (While you're there, check out their grant program!)

**National Trails Day** was June 5, 2010 with 57 events registered in California! See <http://www.americanhiking.org/ntdregistryouevent.aspx> for details. In anticipation of this event, Interior Secretary Salazar designated 31 trails totaling over 716 miles as **National Recreation Trails**. The trails benefit by revitalization and exposure to a national audience. The public benefits by discovering new outdoor and recreational resources in their communities and beyond. <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Salazar-Announces-31-New-National-Recreation-Trails-in-15-States.cfm>

## Trail Improvements

### ***San Diego debates Cuyamaca Horse Camp restoration***

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/apr/08/community-bridles-at-equestrian-camp> and  
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/apr/11/restoring-state-park>

### ***Napa Vine Trail Construction Kick-off Event***

<http://vinetrail.org/2010/05/vine-trail-construction-kick-off-event/>

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