

California Trail News

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Trail & Greenway Grants

Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Program applications are due April 30, 2010. This program is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 – Proposition 84, and provides funds for both planning and projects. Visit: <http://sgc.ca.gov/funding.html#urban>

The Public Review Period for California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division's 2009/2010 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program ends April 5, 2010. \$27.1 million will be available for distribution. The Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program supports the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of off-highway motor vehicles, and programs involving off-highway motor vehicle safety or education. Click here for more information: http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164

Trail Technology

News from the National Bike Summit in Washington DC (<http://www.bikeleague.org/conferences/summit10/index.php>): Google is beta-testing Google maps with biking directions! Visit <http://maps.google.com/biking> to check it out.

Explore a great example of the marriage of transit and trails on this SF Bay Area website: <http://www.transitandtrails.org/>.

Trail Partners

The Bay Area Open Space Council has established a Trails Group to build a strong network of trails in the San Francisco Bay area. For more information about this rich collaborative partnership, click on: <http://www.openspacecouncil.org/programs/index.php?program=5> .

Trail Training

Registration for the California Trails & Greenways Conference is now open. To view schedules, speakers and details about our premier trails networking event

at Hearst Castle, click here:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Invitation.aspx?i=2795678a-9a14-4485-9254-53fb894d2aa3>. This is a must-attend conference for anyone working with trails. It is affordable, practical and chock-full of trail management tools that you can put to work in your community right away!

American Trails National Symposium will be held November 14-17, 2010 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Visit: www.americantrails.org/2010 for details.

Trail Design

Check out Contra Costa County's Bicycle Trail Design Guidelines at:

<http://www.sccrtc.org/bikes/ContraCostaCoTrailDsnResHbk.pdf>

California Recreational Trails System News

A critical segment of the Redwood Coast to Crest Trail is under construction this year. It will connect the California Coastal Trail to the Pacific Crest Trail in Del Norte County. This linkage is being hailed as a boon for trekkers (long-distance backpackers) and a great addition to the developing geotourism industry. Click here for the story: <http://www.triplicate.com/20091024107317/News/Local-News/A-path-for-trekkers> .

A new geotourism site has been launched through a partnership between National Geographic, the Bureau of Land Management, North Coast Geotourism Stewardship Council and local communities. The Statewide Trails Section is working to improve the visibility of heritage corridors like the Farms to Forest Heritage Corridor as adventure routes that connect Northern California cultural and environmental treasures. Explore how this strategy might benefit your region at: <http://www.visitredwoodcoast.com> .

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