

# California Trail News

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### Events

\*\*\* The **27th California Trails & Greenways Conference** will be held in **Woodland Hills, Los Angeles County on April 18 to 20, 2012**. The Conference's popularity continues to grow, with plentiful opportunities to network and collaborate with new and familiar trail partners, all while learning from the state's leading trail experts. Conference planning staff recently met with many Los Angeles trails community leaders eager to share their experience and knowledge. From the inspiring re-greening vision for the 51-mile Los Angeles River, to ambitious efforts toward completing the 65-mile Santa Monica Mountains' ridgeline Backbone Trail -- there will be significant learning and collaborative opportunities for urban, rural and wilderness trail professionals and advocates. More information, including ways to gain recognition for your trail successes, is available at: [www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference).

This October, Climate Ride California will guide 150 cyclists on a West Coast adventure from Eureka south to San Francisco, covering 320 miles in five days. You'll start in the towering redwoods of Northern California, cycle south along the Pacific Coast, venture through the famed wine country of the Russian River Valley, and then cross the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco. Climate Ride raises money for nine beneficiary nonprofits each working in various niches and regions around the country. Get involved!

[http://www.railstotrails.org/getInvolved/findAnEvent/climateride/2011\\_06\\_climateride.html](http://www.railstotrails.org/getInvolved/findAnEvent/climateride/2011_06_climateride.html)

“Making the Case for Trails in Tight Economic Times” American Trails webinar will put sound ideas and hard numbers together to illustrate the contribution of trails to the prosperity of communities. Learn about some recent studies and enjoy an overview of state and national trends and statistics. <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/economics/Webinar-Economic-Benefits-Trails.html>

Golden Gate Community Trailhead Project is a collaboration designed to encourage residents of a San Francisco neighborhood and members of a local YMCA to use nearby trails and national park lands to improve health. <http://parkshealthguide.org/park-prescriptions/golden-gate-community-trailhead-project>

IMBA sponsors: Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
<http://www.imba.com/kids>

### **California State Parks Statewide Trails Section**

Dan Ray, California State Parks Planning Chief, announces the appointment of Cheryl Essex as acting Statewide Trails Manager. Cheryl is a landscape architect specializing in our human relationship with nature. She's been facilitator of the California Trails & Greenways Conference planning team for the past five years and serves as co-chair for the 2012 conference. Congratulate Cheryl at [trails@parks.ca.gov](mailto:trails@parks.ca.gov).

### **Technology**

A one-stop portal for parks, prescribers, and providers is available to share resources as they strengthen the connections between parks, trails and health in their communities.

[www.parkshealthguide.org](http://www.parkshealthguide.org)

American Park Network and Ford Motor Company have engaged in a unique public/private partnership to launch a free app sponsored by the 2011 Ford Explorer. The app helps users find nearby parks all over

America based on their favorite activities.

<http://www.ohranger.com/app/parkfinder>

## **California Recreational Trails System**

The San Joaquin River Trail: This trail is highlighted on National Geographic's Sierra Nevada Geotourism MapGuide. Geotourism is tourism that sustains, or even enhances, the geographical character of a place, such as its culture, environment, heritage, and the well-being of its residents. [http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/content\\_detail.php?uid=sie4BF745C6D4F69FD06](http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/content_detail.php?uid=sie4BF745C6D4F69FD06)

San Francisco Bay Trail: The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Richmond Bay Trail Mid Year Report is now available. Read about major accomplishments and events during the first half of 2011. <http://northandeast.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/TRACMidYr2011Rev.pdf>

San Francisco Bay Trail: A dedicated group of outdoor lovers and trail planners is working to build a 500-mile biking and hiking trail along the entire shoreline of San Francisco and San Pablo bays. Watch the [video](#) to find out more.

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (Anza Trail): A collaborative GIS mapping tool managed by GreenInfo Network is being tested by Anza Trail planners. A primary goal is to develop a web-based GIS (similar to Google Maps) that will make it much easier for the public to find and enjoy sections of the trail. The GIS will also identify trail features, such as the historic route and campsites, interpretive panels, etc. To see if this tool has applications for you, click: <http://www.mapsportal.org/collaborate/>

Anza Trail e-News has been posted: [Anza Trail e-News](#)

Rim of the Valley Corridor: Special Resource Study has been conducted for the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains. <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley/index.htm>

Cross-California Ecological Corridor: Sequoia Challenge to Transfer 200 Acres Along the South Yuba Independence Trail to the Land Trust <http://www.nevadacountylandtrust.org/index.php/news/newsletter-archive/>

California State Parks' recommendations for improving and expanding recreation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh region included completing the American Discovery Trail, Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail, Anza Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail and San Francisco Bay Trail. Adding several regional trails to the system, such as the Great California Delta Trail and San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, is also proposed. [www.parks.ca.gov/deltarecreation](http://www.parks.ca.gov/deltarecreation)

California Coastal Trail: Paging Hikers, Bikers: New Coastal Trail Near Half Moon Bay Opens  
<http://www.baycitizen.org/blogs/quality-of-life/new-coastal-trail-hike-bike-near-half/>

## **Research**

Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure: A National Study of Employment Impacts. Author, Heidi Garrett-Peltier  
[http://www.peri.umass.edu/fileadmin/pdf/published\\_study/PERI\\_ABikes\\_June2011.pdf](http://www.peri.umass.edu/fileadmin/pdf/published_study/PERI_ABikes_June2011.pdf)

## **Design and Management Strategies**

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) recognized Santa Barbara, California for their commitment to improving walkability and pedestrian safety.  
<http://www.walkfriendly.org/communities/community.cfm?ID=7>

For Mountain Bikers, New Ways to Go Downhill Fast  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111903999904576469960615061074.html>

Demographic shift causes state parks to adapt  
[http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-08-20/sports/bs-sp-outdoors-diversity-20110820\\_1\\_state-parks-specific-parks-park-rules](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-08-20/sports/bs-sp-outdoors-diversity-20110820_1_state-parks-specific-parks-park-rules)

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials have created a Roadside Design Guide:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjoZSoQ0Q5Q>

Trail Builders provides a list of vendors and contractors for trail consulting, design, building and maintenance  
<http://trailbuilders.org/>

## **Trail Improvements**

Construction of bike paths offers economic benefits in addition to improvements in health and the environment  
<http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/07/04/the-bicycle-dividend/?emc=eta1>

Coastal Conservancy Board Authorization Supports Water Trail Implementation. Cheryl Essex represents California State Parks Planning Division on the Water Trail Advisory Committee

<http://www.sfbayiv.org/news-general.php> (26 Jul 2011)

### **Employment Opportunities**

Washington Trails Association, Executive Director

<http://www.wta.org/about/job-opportunities/WTA%20ED%20profile.pdf>

### **Advocacy and Education**

Create change by strengthening your relationships with Congressional Representatives. The League of American Bicyclists provides tips on how to interact with elected officials when advocating for trails and transportation

[http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikeadvocacy/build\\_relationships\\_congress.pdf](http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikeadvocacy/build_relationships_congress.pdf)

Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Tips for your Safety

<http://www.nps.gov/appa/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

The Foundation for Youth Investment has created the Outdoor Youth Provider Database (OYPD) to help connect outdoor and environmental education providers to one another. Register your organization today.

[http://outdooryouthproviders.org/find\\_a\\_program/](http://outdooryouthproviders.org/find_a_program/)

### **Trails in the Media**

BLM and partners bolster recreation, economy with Redding-area trails

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsbytes/2011/496extra\\_redding\\_recreation.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsbytes/2011/496extra_redding_recreation.html)

New trail to amazing Lake Tahoe view now open

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/08/30/3873013/new-trail-to-amazing-lake-tahoe.html>

Regional Trails Network for San Diego County – The First Step

[http://www.sdrp.org/archive/exdir/exdir\\_regtrailsnetwork%2011.htm](http://www.sdrp.org/archive/exdir/exdir_regtrailsnetwork%2011.htm)

Waddle Ranch Preserve contains fine running trails

<http://www.sierrasun.com/article/20110624/SPORTS/110629936/1059&parentprofile=1058>

Great Hikes: Pioneer Express Trail at Folsom Lake

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/21/3782649/great-treks-pioneer-express-trail.html>

Los Angeles needs an attitude adjustment regarding bicyclists

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jul/08/local/la-me-0708-tobar-20110708>

Battle over Bump and Grind trail involves hikers, bighorn sheep and the state

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20110807/NEWS01/108070318/Battle-over-Bump-Grind>

Rep. Mike Thompson Announces \$2.5 Million in Federal Funding for Napa Vine Trail

<http://mikethompson.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=256057>

Doctors send patients outdoors for physical, mental benefits

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/16/AR2009111602899.html>

### **Trails for you and your dog**

The Bay Area

<http://www.bahiker.com/doghikes.html>

The Tahoe region:

<http://bestcaliforniahikes.com/trails-for-dogs/>

Orange and L.A. Counties:

<http://www.poopbutler.com/cats.php?cat=5>

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