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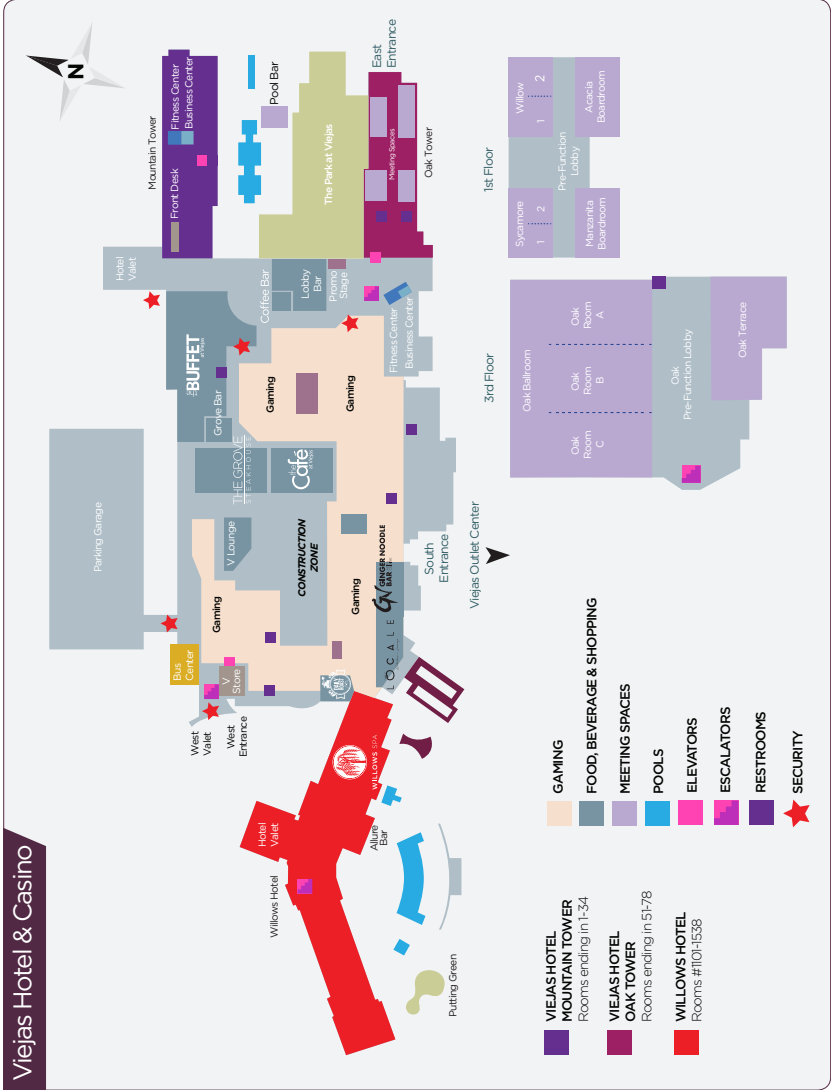


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Viejas Resort in San Diego, CA

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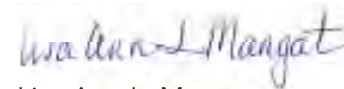
Dear Trail Partners:

Welcome to California Trails and Greenways 2019. We are so glad you have joined us in beautiful San Diego County for the 34th year of this important annual event.

To that end, the content in this year's event will focus on planning, managing, and constructing sustainable trails in a manner that conserves our natural and cultural resources. There are a number of sessions on alternative trails including water trails, historic interpretive trails, and rails to trails that can help broaden the range of recreational opportunities in your area.

Most importantly, over the next few days you will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues from around the state. By working together, sharing information and technology, we can find ways to improve trail opportunities today while building a lasting legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,



Lisa Ann L. Mangat  
Director



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Hello Trail Friends,

On behalf of the California Trails Conference Foundation Board of Directors, welcome to California Trails & Greenways 2019!

The Foundation is proud to be a part of this annual event and excited to be here after months of preparation and collaboration with California State Parks, sponsors, exhibitors, presenters and volunteers. We believe the resulting program will educate and inspire you. We appreciate all of your support and participation. Everyone who has registered is special to us. Enjoy the event!

As we switch conference venues around the Golden State each spring, we receive the gift of getting to see and hear about the best of trails in yet another beautiful corner of California. Last year we enjoyed near perfect weather in Sonoma County. This year we find ourselves in the heart of San Diego County's large, rugged and diverse landscape. The setting, paired with dozens of interesting education sessions and an opportunity to network, should provide you with a wealth of new information. We hope you discover tools and identify next steps. I once heard: "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

On behalf of the California Trails Conference Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for taking big steps with us.

Crossing paths,



Cathy Haagen-Smit,  
President  
California Trails Conference  
Foundation



# TRAIL AWARDS

## **MERIT AWARD (EVENT) --**

Awarded in recognition to a special trail/greenway event.

## **MERIT AWARD (KIDS AND TRAILS) --**

Awarded in recognition of an innovative program designed to engage children and youth in outdoor experiences using trails and help them develop an appreciation for the natural environment while developing a healthy life style.

## **MERIT AWARD (PLANNING) --**

Awarded in recognition of a unique trail/greenway planning project.

## **MERIT AWARD (PROGRAM) --**

Awarded in recognition of a special trail/greenway program that is ongoing.

## **MERIT AWARD (UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES) --**

Awarded in recognition of an innovative program specifically designed to engage underserved communities in outdoor experiences using trails.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITES AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD --**

Awarded to an organization, agency, or business that has used social media in a new and creative way; developed a website that has achieved overall excellence through design and concept; or made use of new technology to promote or develop trails/greenways.



# TRAIL AWARDS

## 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS

The Annual Trails Awards provide a meaningful way to highlight and share our appreciation and admiration for those making significant contributions to recreational trails in California. The stewardship and inspiration of award recipients help the public better understand trails' contribution to a healthier, more sustainable community. Those honored for their contributions in 2018 will be announced at Thursday's Awards Luncheon.

There are ten award categories, with an additional award, "Trail Champion," from the California Trails & Greenways Foundation. Summarized below are the criteria for each award. Award winners are selected by a panel of trail professionals from among those nominations that fully meet the criteria.

Consider who you will nominate for an award at the next California Trails & Greenways. The criteria for each award and nomination instructions are available on the State Parks website at [www.parks.ca.gov/trails/ctg](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails/ctg). Updated information for 2020 awards will be posted on the website in October 2019.



### **LIFETIME VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD --**

Awarded to a volunteer who has worked 25+ years on behalf of trails/greenways and whose efforts have had statewide impact.

### **LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD --**

Awarded to a trail professional who has worked 25+ years on behalf of trails/greenways and whose efforts have had statewide impact.

### **MERIT AWARD (ACQUISITION) --**

Awarded in recognition of a unique trail/greenway acquisition.

### **MERIT AWARD (DEVELOPMENT) --**

Awarded in recognition of a unique trail/greenway development or reconstruction project.

California Trails & Greenways is hosted by California State Parks' Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division and the California Trails Conference Foundation. This collaborative endeavor is supported by our trail partners, including other agencies, nonprofits, and businesses, to provide you with the latest in high-quality, innovative trail training and networking opportunities.

Each year California Trails and Greenways provides relevant training, collaboration, and inspiration that help ensure trail stewardship and leadership for generations to come. Through this event, trail systems and programs throughout California are fostered and improved.

# CALIFORNIA TRAILS CONFERENCE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1995, the California Trails Conference Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible, nonprofit organization that supports the planning and operation of California Trails & Greenways and serves as the event's fiscal agent. The event is self-funded and all funds raised by the Foundation are applied directly to related expenses.

The mission of the California Trails Conference Foundation is to inspire recreational trail leadership through the annual California Trails & Greenways event. To ensure its success, the Foundation relies on the generosity of sponsors and other donors to help off-set costs and reduce fees. You do not have to be a sponsor to donate or support the Foundation—trail enthusiasts can also make individual contributions.

All funds collected by the Foundation are applied directly to California Trails & Greenways and are tax-deductible.

If you would like to support our efforts with a tax-deductible contribution, stop by the Registration Desk or visit our "Donate" page on the Foundation's website at [www.californiatrailconference.org](http://www.californiatrailconference.org) for more information.

# 2019 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Thursday	CONTINUED	Location
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Balancing Conservation and Recreation – Trails on Conservation Lands	Willow Room A
	Trail Development: Lessons Learned from Creative Problem-Solving	Sycamore Room
	Measurement and Applications of Park and Open Space Trail User Surveys	Willow Room B
10:45 - 11:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>1st Floor Oak Tower</b>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Otay Regional Trail Alignment Study: A case study of balancing conservation and recreation	Willow Room A
	Backbone Trail Construction: Hindsight is 20/20	Sycamore Room
	Direct vs. Indirect Management On Trail Systems	Willow Room B
12:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>AWARDS LUNCH</b>	<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
2:00 PM	<b>SILENT AUCTION CLOSING</b>	<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Managing High Use Recreation in Areas with Sensitive Species	Willow Room A
	Improving Single-track Trails via Continuous Maintenance	Sycamore Room
	Planning the Santa Maria Creek Greenway	Willow Room B
3:00 - 3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>1st Floor Oak Tower</b>
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Threading a Trail Through Sensitive Resources	Willow Room A
	DTC Open House	Sycamore Room
	New Trails for Porterfield Creek Trails Preserve	Willow Room B
<b>Thursday Evening Activities</b>		
4:30 – 6:00 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION &amp; CLOSING RECEPTION</b>	<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
<b>Friday, April 26, Post-Conference Events</b>		
8:00 AM – NOON	District Trails Coordinator Training	Oak Ballroom A
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Annual Hike, Bike, Ride Event – Sponsored by the San Diego Mountain Biking Association	Red Hill Open Trailhead Meeting Ground

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## CALIFORNIA TRAILS CONFERENCE FOUNDATION

*The Foundation is operated by the Executive Director and many dedicated volunteers.*

### Executive Director

Laurel Harkness

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Wednesday	CONTINUED		Location
2:45 - 3:45 PM	The Changing Role of Communities and Partnerships in Trail Management on National Forest land		Willow Room A
	New State NPDES requirements - the Ticket for Greenway Projects		Sycamore Room
	Building a Water Trail in California—Nuts, Bolts, Cattails, and Knives		Willow Room B
3:45 - 4:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Stowe Trail – From Conflict to Resolution		Willow Room A
	Understanding eMTBs and Trail Use		Sycamore Room
	Great Redwood Trail: Ukiah Edition		Willow Room B
<b>Wednesday Evening Activities</b>			
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Electric Mountain Bike Demo		TBD
5:00 – 6:00 PM	California's Mountain Bike Advocacy - Building a Path Forward		Willow Room A
7:00 PM	<b>Movie and Q &amp; A: 4 Wheel Bob</b>		<b>Sycamore Room</b>
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Hospitality Suite – <i>Sponsored by the San Diego Mountain Biking Association</i>		Room 519
Thursday, April 25	Activities	Location	
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower	
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Exhibits Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training	Oak Ballroom C	
<b>Thursday Educational Breakout Sessions</b>			
Session Tracks	Conservation	Construction	Planning and Management
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Enjoy the Journey! Interpreting Conservation with Trail Use		Willow Room A
	Improving Drainage and Erosion Control on Existing Trails		Sycamore Room
	Thru-Hiker Madness – Adaptive Management of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail		Willow Room B
9:30 - 9:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower





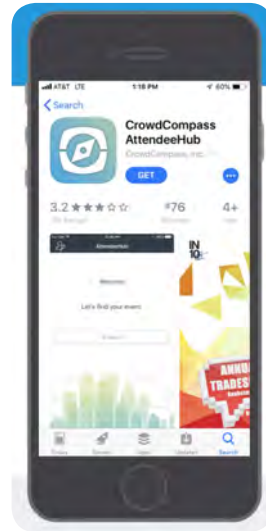
# EVENT MOBILE APP

This year's mobile app is awesome! Here are just a few benefits and reasons why you don't want to miss out on the app:

- Access the event schedule, customize the agenda, and add personal appointments
- See all the session descriptions and speaker bios
- Connect with our exhibitors and sponsors
- Get important updates during the event
- See the list of attendees and share contact information

To download onto your smartphone or computer:

- Visit the Apple App Store (for IOS devices) or the Google Play Store (for android devices) and search for the "Crowd Compass Attendee Hub" directory app
- Install and open the app.
- Within the Crowd Compass app, search for California Trails and Greenways 2019
- Download and install
- You do not have to log in to use the app, but if you would like to customize your schedule or post comments on the app's wall, you will need to log in. To log in, click on the link and follow the instructions. If you like, include a picture of yourself so others at the conference can recognize you. You will be emailed a four-digit verification code to complete your registration.
- For use with a computer instead of a smartphone go to <https://crowd.cc/ctg2019>



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Wednesday, April 24	Activities	Location	
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training	Oak Ballroom C	
<b>Wednesday Educational Breakout Sessions</b>			
Session Tracks	Stakeholders and Advocacy	Trail Manager's Tool Box	Alternative Trails
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Awareness to Action: Creating Stewards from User Groups		Willow Room A
	Developing a Trails Mobile App - Alternatives and Key Lessons		Sycamore Room
	The Tracks at Brea – from Vision to Reality!		Willow Room B
<b>9:30 - 9:45 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Building Voter Approval for Trail Funding and Investments		Willow Room A
	Sharing Trail Information through Emerging Technology		Sycamore Room
	Santa Ana River Parkway: A case study of multi-jurisdictional trail planning		Willow Room B
<b>10:45 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Building Big Through Community Engagement: LA River Strategies		Willow Room A
	Proposition 68- Trails and Greenways Grant Program Workshop		Sycamore Room
	The Great Redwood Trail		Willow Room B
<b>12:00 – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
1:30 – 2:30 PM	The Merced River Trail: Lessons in Building Interagency and Community Consensus		Willow Room A
	Breaking CEQA News! Amended Guidelines / New Court Decisions		Sycamore Room
	First Contact – The Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail		Willow Room B
<b>2:30 - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower

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Monday, April 22	Activities	Location
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
Tuesday, April 23	Activities	Location
7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Registration Desk Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
<b>Pre-Conference Workshops</b>		
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Mount Laguna Recreation Area Mountain Bike Ride	Outside at the East End of Oak Tower
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Journey Along a Community Created Trail System – Start to Finish	Sycamore Room
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Fundamentals of Trail Conservation and Stewardship	Outside at the East End of Oak Tower
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	The Art of Building the San Diego River Trail	Willow Room A
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Set-up	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training (DTCT)	Oak Ballroom C
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower
<b>5:30 – 6:30 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION (No host bar)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Floor Oak Tower</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>SILENT AUCTION OPENS</b>	<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
<b>6:30 – 9:00 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME DINNER &amp; KEYNOTE</b> <i>Keynote by Jeremy P. McGhee</i>	<b>Oak Ballroom A &amp; B</b>
9:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite – <i>Sponsored by the San Diego Mountain Biking Association</i>	Room 519

## TUESDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### JEREMY MCGHEE



Jeremy McGhee, pro adventure athlete, embarked on the adventure of a lifetime in the summer of 2012 and became the first paraplegic to climb and descend a major backcountry ski route in the Eastern Sierras...all with only the use of his arms. In 2014, he and the crew went on tour with the documentary film, sharing their story around the nation. In his presentation, Jeremy recounts the pitfalls and triumphs of his obsession with this ambitious expedition and explains how his biggest obstacles are not physical, but in his own mind. The question he proclaims that lies at the heart of our ability to accomplish what we want in life is "How uncomfortable are you willing to get?" Hopefully you will leave wanting to take the reins of your own life and go live the adventure yourself!

## BOB COOMBER & TAL SKLOOT



4 WHEEL BOB is the dramatic true story of Bob Coomber, an intrepid adventurer who sets out to cross the 11,845-foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada mountain range—in a wheelchair. Wednesday at lunch, Bob Coomber and Tal Skloot, Director, will be presenting a preview of the film. Wednesday evening they will be hosting a screening of the film followed by Q & A with the audience.

**Bob Coomber** is a Bay Area native (Piedmont) and a lifelong outdoorsman. Due to complications from juvenile (Type 1) diabetes, Bob developed serious bone density problems, which manifested themselves with a devastating series of leg injuries in the mid-1980s. Because of the nature of those injuries, Bob has used a wheelchair as his form of getting around since the early '90s.

In 2007, Bob capped off an incredible backpack trip to the summit of California's third highest peak, 14,250-foot White Mountain in Mono County. The culmination of his experiences in extreme settings earned Bob election to the California Outdoors Hall of Fame, also in 2007. Bob was recognized by the Bush Administration with a President's Council on Physical Fitness Community Leadership Award in 2008. In 2013, the Wounded Warriors Foundation voted Bob a Spirit Award for leadership in the community.

Bob is an elected member of the Livermore City Council, preceded by five years of service on the LARPD Board of Directors. He was a member of the EBRPD's Parks Advisory Committee from 2008 - 2016.

Married to his photographer wife Gina for 23 years, Bob is most frequently outside on trails or in wilderness testing his abilities, finding new limits, and asserting that anything can be accomplished if the will to succeed is there.

**Tal Skloot** is an award-winning filmmaker with a credit list of over 20 feature length documentaries and narrative films that have won multiple Emmy Awards, been broadcast nationally on PBS, NBC, ABC, and CBS, and appeared in numerous national and international film festivals. Tal is a graduate of the American Film Institute and UCSC and is an adjunct faculty member at Sonoma State University and Diablo Valley College.

Tal's previous feature length documentary film, *Freeway Philharmonic*, was broadcast nationally on PBS and toured the globe as part of the U.S. State Department/IDA-sponsored American Documentaries Showcase, showing moviegoers in film festivals and universities. Tal also directed a web series on SF Bay Area artists funded by The National Endowment for the Arts.