

# News Release



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## **22<sup>nd</sup> California Trails and Greenways Conference to be in Folsom, CA** -- "Building Knowledge, Building Trails"

**FOLSOM** – The 2007 California Trails and Greenways Conference will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, CA just outside Sacramento. Trail managers from federal, state and local agencies will join together with nonprofit organizations, volunteer trail stewards and students from throughout the state to share their experience and knowledge in order to promote a stronger recreational trail system in California.

This year's theme, "Building Knowledge, Building Trails," will emphasize the management of paved urban trails and natural surface front country trails near urban development.

Conference workshops and sessions will provide opportunities for land managers and recreation program planners, trail administrators and managers; trail contractors, trail volunteers; and other trail enthusiasts to network and advocate for non-motorized recreational trails in their community as well as learn about new techniques and opportunities.

"The California Trails and Greenways Conference" set along the beautiful American River Parkway, offers a great opportunity for trail professionals and enthusiasts to come together with colleagues for both classroom and outdoor hands-on activities that will provide practical skills applicable to virtually every trail type in California," says Steve Musillami, conference chair and California statewide trails manager.

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**For Conference Registration and Information Visit**  
[www.parks.ca.gov/trails](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails)

Three pre-conference workshops will be offered on Thursday, May 10th. Topics include: *Construction of Trails in Wet Areas* (hands on), *Folsom Bridge Showcase* and *GPS Navigation & Trails* (hands-on). The workshop fees are \$45.00 each.

A sample of seminar sessions include: *Accessible Trail Planning, Design & Construction; Boating Trails; How Much Will That Trail Cost?; How to Work with Elected Officials; Developing Recreational Trail Opportunities; Volunteerism, Programs and Events; Projecting Trail Use Impact-Methods & Results; I Can Find the Starbucks but Not the Trail Head!; Trail Users Caucus-Finding Common Ground* and others. An additional event at this year's conference will include the May meeting of the California Recreational Trails Committee at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2007 in the Lakes Ballroom at the Lake Natoma Inn.

The Welcome Dinner on Thursday, May 10th will include an inspiring documentary presentation of a coastal kayak adventure on "water trails" by author and outdoor feature writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Paul Mc Hugh. Highlighting the Friday night awards banquet will be entertainment by poet and songwriter Walkin' Jim Stoltz.

Early registration is open until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Full registration cost is only \$220 with special discounts for students. For conference registration, visit

[www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference) or call Laura Svendsgaard at (877) 776-3619.

Applications for vendor or exhibitor areas are still available by contacting Steve Musillami at 916-651-6501 or [smusi@parks.ca.gov](mailto:smusi@parks.ca.gov), The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Trails and Greenways Conference is sponsored by California State Parks, the Recreational Trails Conference Foundation, the California State Parks Foundation, the California Trails and Greenways Foundation and the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA).

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