

# News Release



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## **Dias Ridge, Verna Dunshee, and Dipsea Trails Reopen at Mount Tamalpais State Park**

MILL VALLEY – Three of Mt. Tamalpais State Parks most popular trails have completely reopened for public use. The Dias Ridge, Verna Dunshee and Dipsea trails have undergone months to years of rehabilitation and now all provide a safer, more enjoyable hiking experience for park visitors.

The Dias Ridge Road Rehabilitation and Trail Project was carried out in two phases in order to keep trails open as much as possible during construction. Over the last year the final section of new trail was installed and the old road alignment completely removed. This project was completed by State Parks staff from the Marin and North Coast Redwoods Districts and in cooperation with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The Verna Dunshee Trail, a half-mile, paved loop on the East Peak of Mt. Tamalpais, affording spectacular views of the Bay Area, has been resurfaced with asphalt. The completed project brings all of the path's sloping and grading into compliance with ADA specifications.

A section of the Dipsea Trail closed for over five years will be reopened January 27 - thanks to collaboration between Conservation Corps North Bay, The Emig Trust, California State Parks and local volunteer groups. A landslide made a section of the Dipsea Trail impassible, forcing trail users to use the busy road down to Muir Woods. Through a grant from the Emig Trust, Conservation Corps North Bay crews constructed an eighty five foot long boardwalk across the slide to create safe passage for trail users. California State Parks provided project oversight as well as materials, including reused redwood lumber from deconstructed facilities. Volunteers from the Dipsea Race Committee and the Mt. Tamalpais Runners Club also helped ready the trail for use.

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