

Trail Center Notes

Trail Center volunteers concentrated on the Castle Rock Trail reroute project in Castle Rock State Park this summer. We are nearing completion of this 0.7 mile project and expect to fully open the new trail in January.

Upcoming Projects

Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve

We'll return to Jasper Ridge on Nov. 13 to move a portion of the Mapache Trail out of Corte Madera Creek. When we completed work on the trail in 1996, the creek channel was about 150 feet away, but El Nino storms brought down so much silt that the stream shifted and eroded part of the trail. We'll reroute the section uphill, well out of the creek. We'll also clear brush on nearby trails.

Arastradero Preserve

We're working with Bay Area Action's Arastradero Preserve Stewardship Project to map the trails, with an eye toward problem sections, possible improvements and an all-weather backbone of trails.

If you would like to get involved with any of our trail projects, email us at info@trailcenter.org or call us at 650-968-7065. See the Trail Building Calendar for dates of upcoming events.

ing to South America with the Peace Corps early next year. Reed, who put in many hours at Castle Rock and who was preparing to enter the Crew Leader Training Program, also decided to leave the Bay Area, at least for now. Over the next few months, he will be in training to teach science or engineering, although he doesn't yet know exactly where he's headed. Good luck, Reed!

Crew Leader **Rich Allsop** is back on the trail again after a successful

Maya Khosla is currently a writer-in-residence with the California Poets in the Schools program. Trained as an ecologist, Maya is interested in the interdisciplinary interaction between restoration

by Geoffrey Skinner

I biked and drove past the parking area for the Mt. Eden Trail on Mt. Eden Road countless times since first visiting Stevens Creek County Park in the mid-80s - without ever stopping. When friends and I finally did step onto the trail for the first

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new rules for trails and outdoor recreation facilities under ADA.

In a press release from Stuart MacDonald, Chair of the National Asso-

ciation of State Trail Administrators, he describes the Committee's work is to "negotiate rules for trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and beaches which will be made part of the ADA Accessibil-

ity Guidelines (ADAAG). Currently most federal agencies are guided by an earlier standard, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), when constructing or alter-

A Man with a Handcycle

by Geoffrey Skinner

Palo Alto resident Daniel Bartsch is not your typical trail user. He doesn't often venture into the wilderness on his handcycle - a specially adapted wheelchair, shown in the cover photo - but he probably knows the town trails in Los Altos Hills better than nearly any of the residents. Over a one-year period, he explored every trail he could negotiate. Some trails were easier than others. By most standards, the

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Trail: Rodak Trail has hard packed soil. For easier, up hill slopes,

Trail starts up
are steep when descending, while,
up return from the valley floor has,

There are a growing number of trails and parks accessible to people with disabilities in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties. Decades of activism and recent legislation have led park agencies to think more in terms of "barrier-free" or "universal" design for facilities and trails, where possible. "People using wheelchairs are somewhat of an indicator species - if you provide for them you accommodate a lot of other park users." said landscape architect Mike Brown at the 1992 Statewide Trails Conference. "At

Upcoming Trail Center Events



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