



# Trail Center News & Events

## February, 2014 Rain Update

The Trail Center's work in 2014 will continue at Sugarloaf Mountain in San Mateo, on February 22. Additional details are given below. Thank you for your interest in the Trail Center.

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### **1. Sugarloaf Mountain Trail, new construction (Day 6) Saturday, February 22, 2014 unless it's rainy like 2/8 !**

Sugarloaf Mountain is San Mateo's green thumb that sticks up just south of Hwy 92. Laurelwood Park & Sugarloaf Mountain (225 acres) is the City of San Mateo's largest contiguous park and open space.

This will be our fifth day of work on a brand new trail, providing access to the summit from the developed area of Laurelwood Park.

Participants should bring water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, lunch and normal precautions against poison oak exposure (work gloves, long sleeved shirts and long pants). The Trail Center provides tools, training, gloves, and refreshments after the workday.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the restrooms at Laurelwood Park, near the end of Shasta Drive and the closest approach of De Anza Blvd. After sign-ins and introductory remarks, we'll carry tools up to the worksite and dig until lunchtime. After lunch, we'll carry on until 2:30 or 3:00.

To help us plan, please sign up in advance if you intend to participate.

Our December build was canceled at the last minute because of rain the night before, and freezing weather. When in doubt about the weather, please check our website or call the Trail Center before heading to a worksite.

For details, see [the trailcenter.org project page](http://the.trailcenter.org/project.page).

### **2. Schedule for upcoming Trail Center events**

All dates below will be Saturdays, unless otherwise specified.

March 15: Sugarloaf day 7 (new)

April 19: Earth Day event -- Sugarloaf day 8. Ribbon cutting?

May 10: Montara Mountain -- Montara Mountain Trail

### **3. Other events and volunteer activities**

To see your event here in a future issue, please send the details to [tcnews@trailcenter.org](mailto:tcnews@trailcenter.org).

### **4. Reports of recent Trail Center events**

#### **Sugarloaf Mountain day 5 (January 11)**

Reported by Justin Knowles

On Saturday about 27 volunteers blazed the trail to the top of the ridge at Sugarloaf. Due to dry conditions, the teams focused on clearing, brushing, and creating enough tread for volunteers to walk without fear of slipping. The trail is now cleared to the top.

Dave T, Woody, and Hank were crew leaders with strong representation by many crew leaders in training including Lisa (who also organized refreshments - thank you), Luke, Satish, Frank, Kathy, Judd, and Bill. Apologies to whomever I'm missing. Also thanks to Dave C who flagged the upper part of the trail, making it easy for volunteers to follow.

Dave C and I walked the complete new route on the way down Saturday. The trail flowed well, felt natural, showcased multiple beautiful vistas, and minimized impact on sensitive meadows (minimize folks making their own trails). Now let's hope for a little rain to help soften the soil and make the final two builds on this segment unmitigated successes.

Hank also passed out new t-shirts with the new logo which were very popular.

Thank you for everyone's help. We accomplished a great deal on Saturday.

Pictures are up in [our online albums at Picasa](#)

### **5. Trail Center indoor opportunities**

Volunteers are always welcome to help with our newsletters, website maintenance, member mailings and occasional research.

Today our openings include:

- TC News & Events email newsletter Editor
- Member, Board of Directors

### **6. Support the Trail Center**

By becoming a Trail Center member, you can help us to

- \* Improve trails throughout the San Francisco Peninsula, Santa Cruz Mountains, and South Bay Area
- \* Produce excellent trail and park locator maps
- \* Provide a wealth of trail-related information via our website, publications, and email/phone trails reference services
- \* Create great volunteer opportunities for supporting parks and trails in our area.

Memberships begin at \$25 and include a map. For more information, please visit <http://www.trailcenter.org/membership.htm>.

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