



Winter Workdays



January 11, 2020 – Purisma Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve: Redwood Trail

The first workday of 2020 brought the Trail Center's volunteers to the Midpeninsula Regional OSD's Purisma Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, this time to work on Redwood Trail. The trail is notable as it's the only easy-access trail in Midpeninsula Open Space for all physical abilities in a redwood forest. The four crews worked on clearing organic debris around the parking and picnic areas, as well as improving trail accessibility, removing and disposing of non-native plants, and restoring tread width.

For more photos from the January 11, 2020 workday, see:
<https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/2001-11-Purisma-Redwoods>

Wish you had been there ?

The Trail Center looks forward to returning to Redwood Trail later this spring, after the trail tread is sufficiently dry, to complete this work. Make sure you're on our mailing list, and check out our website for further developments :

<http://www.trailcenter.org>



Membership update

Thank you to all members who have renewed their commitment to the Trail Center in our 2019 membership drive.

As well, a very warm welcome to our new members. We are pleased to report for the year ending 2019 Trail Center added 13 new members.

Your membership helps us continue to carry out our trail stewardship activities.

If you're late in renewing or joining the Trail Center, you may join or update your membership online <https://www.trailcenter.org/membership/>

Economic Benefits of Trails

Our friends at American Trails have recently published some research detailing the economic benefits of trails, some of which include:

- community improvement
- property values
- health care costs
- jobs and investment
- general consumer spending

Read the article at: <https://www.americantrails.org/resources/evidence-of-many-varieties-of-economic-benefits-linked-to-trails>

Trail Center Wins San Mateo County Parks Foundation Grant

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation has been driving a grant program for projects that support the 20+ San Mateo County Parks. In late 2019, the Foundation invited SMC Rangers & local non-profits to apply for grants. The Trail Center was one of the groups selected to apply due to its longstanding support of the trails of the San Mateo County Parks like Huddart, San Bruno Mountain, Memorial Park, & Pescadero Creek parks.

For 2020, the Trail Center won a grant that supports its ongoing volunteer program. The grant supports new Trail Center crew leader shirts & hats for long time volunteers. The grant will help the TC continue to identify & reward repeat volunteers for their service to the parks.

Homage to a Trail Champion: Bob Stutz

One of the ongoing logistical challenges facing the Trail Center's Projects Committee and leadership has been around transporting our tool trailer to workdays, and then bringing the trailer back to its parking nook until the next workday.

Thanks to the generosity of a Trail Center member and supporter over the years, Robert ("Bob") Stutz, the trailer had a place to live on Bob's property in Los Altos for a number of decades. Bob made huge contributions to the outdoor recreation culture in the Bay Area, and the Trail Center thought it fitting to possibly name a trail after Bob, in appreciation of his generosity in our trailer storage solution. It looks like the town of Los Altos had the same trail-naming idea, though a number of years earlier. See the Town Crier article on the Bob Stutz Path: <https://www.losaltosonline.com/news/sections/community/177-features/48669->

In 2017, in order to allow Bob to enjoy his golden years without having Trail Center tromping over his property on workdays for trailer pickup and dropoff, we worked on alternate arrangement for trailer storage, and were pleased to arrive at an arrangement with Hidden Villa, where the trailer now resides between workdays.

Trail Center was sad to hear of the passing of Bob Stutz in late 2018. We offer belated condolences to his family, and are most grateful for Bob's contributions and commitment to his community and to the trails.



Upcoming volunteer opportunities – save the dates!

Saturday March 14, 2020 – Hidden Villa

Activities: Volunteers will be working on the Hostel Trail.

Saturday April 18, 2020 – Sugarloaf Mountain Open Space/Laurelwood Park, San Mateo

Activities: Volunteers will be working on upgrading Segment 9.

Saturday May 9, 2020 – Sugarloaf Mountain Open Space/Laurelwood Park, San Mateo

Activities: Volunteers will be working on upgrading Segment 9.

Our website will be updated when complete details as they become available.

Please visit <https://www.trailcenter.org/events/> for updates.

Trail Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer organization.
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