



TRAIL NEWS

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California Parks Closure Recap

In January 2011, Jerry Brown unveiled his proposed budget which included a reduction of General Fund Support for state parks by \$11 million and a total reduction of \$22 million by the beginning of fiscal year 12-13. The California Legislature passed this \$22million general fund reduction.

On May 13, 2011 Dept of Parks and Rec released a list of 70 state parks that will be closing due to the budget cuts. Go to the following link to see the parks that will be impacted;

<https://secure3.convio.net/cspf/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=289>
 Assembly Bill 43 (Huffman) was passed on September 6th by the Legislature, a bill to allow nonprofit organizations to help operate state parks that might otherwise close. The California State Parks Foundation sponsored bill cleared both houses of the Legislature with broad, bipartisan votes and is now with the Governor who has until October 6 to sign the bill. AB 42 provides new,

permissive authority to the state to work with qualified nonprofit organizations to help protect and keep state parks open.

Many nonprofit organizations are already close partners with the state in providing visitor services, resources protection, educational and interpretive programs, land management expertise and/or financial assistance. Although it is not possible that a nonprofit partner will step forward for every park that will be proposed for closure, in some cases, such nonprofits may have capacity and interest to take on operational roles. AB 42 provides an option to the state to try to alleviate those financial and resource burdens for parks that may otherwise close.

You can go to the following site to urge Jerry Brown to vote for this this bill.

<https://secure3.convio.net/cspf/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=300>

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

If you enjoy hiking our trails, please help maintain them.

Big Basin:	Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

Our web site is <http://www.scmta-trails.org>

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For all hikes: Bring lunch, liquid and clothing appropriate for the season (summer fog, winter rain).

Some hikes may be canceled or changed due to the weather; please see statement in each hike description. Call the hike leader if you are not sure.

For trail maintenance: Wear long pants, boots, and long sleeved shirt and bring gloves, lunch and liquid.

October 2, Sunday: Joseph D. Grant County Park— Meet at the parking lot near the ranch house at 9:30. This hike, 10-12 miles. will visit the Los Huecos, Cañada de Pala, Pala Seca and Halls Valley trails. Lunch at the Line Shack. *Rain cancels.* Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736. Carpool from Rengstorff / Middlefield at 8:30 or and 280 / N. Meridian at 8:45.

October 8, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam at park headquarters at 9:00 AM for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

October 8, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Al Lisin, (408) 252-8106, leads a group that maintains the Skyline to the Sea Trail. This group also meets on the second Saturday of the month. The group meets at 9:00 AM. Please call Al for meeting place (which changes).

October 9, Sunday: Mt. Sprig Lake/Mt. Madonna County Park— A moderate 9 mile hike with approx 1,800ft elevation gain. Meet at the Sprig Lake parking lot, just off highway 152, at 9:30 A.M. or carpool from the Park and Ride at Highway 85 and Cottle Road at 8:45 A.M. *Heavy rain cancels.* Call Ed La Pointe at (408) 243-7194.

October 15, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— The third Saturday of every month Martin Donald leads trail work in the Castle Rock area. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer.

October 16, Sunday: Marin Headlands— Tennessee Valley, 10 mile hike along Coastal Trail, Muir Beach and Green gulch. Meet at the Tennessee Valley parking lot at 9:30. *Rain will cancel.* Carpool from Page Mill/280 at 8:15 and Edgewood /280 P&R in Redwood City at 8:30. Esther Ludena 650-508-8372

October 23, Sunday: San Francisco — Crissy Field to Sausalito, return on the ferry— Meet (no host) at Page Mill and 280 at 8:30, or meet at the parking lot of the Crissy Field Cafe by the bathrooms, 1199 East Beach at the Presidio, at 9:15. Walk seven miles to Sausalito and take the ferry back to SF. I plan taking the 12:45 ferry and eating in San Francisco at the Ferry Building. Cost of ferry is \$9.25 one way, 65 and older is \$4.50. Nancy Davidson cell 650 575-5889

October 30, Sunday: Henry Coe State Park— Starting at Hunting Hollow parking lot to Willson Peak, have lunch at Willson Ranch, round trip about 10 miles. Car pool at light rail parking lot off Cottle Rd off Hwy 85 at 8.45, or meet at Hunting Hollow parking lot at 9.30 which is off Gilroy Hot Spring Road. *Heavy rain will cancel* but with light rain the hike is on. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3384.

November 6, Sunday: Marin Headlands— Ten mile loop up Morning Sun Trail and meander above the Gerbode Valley down through Fort Cronkhite to Rodeo Beach. Return past Fort Barry up Rodeo Valley Trail. Meet Page Mill and 280 at 8:15 or trail head off 101 in Sausalito at 9:30 a.m. For trailhead, take 101 north, exit Spencer Ave/Monte Mar and go straight, back under 101 to parking lot directly on your right.

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Toni Bassett (650) 948-7344.

November 12, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See October 8 entry for details.*

November 12, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

November 13, Sunday: Monte Bello Open Space Preserve— Enjoy beautiful views as we go up Black Mountain and along the ridge on this 10-mile, out-and-back hike to the Ridge Winery. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate in a potluck picnic: just bring your choice of finger food or picnic food to share! We will plan our winter hike schedule over lunch, so please bring your calendar and your ideas for January, February, or March hikes. Carpool at 9:10 from Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride. Leader is Cathy Howard (650) 966-1850. *Heavy rain cancels.*

November 19, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See October 15 entry.*

November 20, Sunday: Castle Rock State Park— A 9-mile loop on the Skyline, Loughry Woods, Travertine Springs and Toll Road Trails. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:30 or carpool from back of "La Fondue" in Saratoga at 9:10. Mark Bowden 408) 735-8736.

November 27, Sunday: Palo Alto Foothills Park— A moderate 7.5-mile loop along the Los Trancos Trail. Reservations required, as we are limited to three cars. Call Peter Tsui (650) 838-9333 for car-pooling. *Heavy rain cancels.*

December 4, Sunday: Almaden Quicksilver County Park— 10 mile loop on Wood Road

trail, Randol Trail and Mine Hill Trail. Carpool from VTA lot at Camden and 85 at 9:00 AM or meet at the Park entrance on the left side of Hicks Road at 9:30 AM. *Rain cancels.* Call Carolyn 408-379-1853.

December 10, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9:00 AM. *See October 8 entry.*

December 10, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

December 11, Sunol Regional Wilderness— Great views, 10 to 12 miles, approx. 2500' elevation gain. Meet at 8:45 at Middlefield and Rengstorff, at Meridian/ Parkmoor by the post office at 8:45 or 9:30 at park hdq. Moderate to strenuous, *rain will cancel.* Perhaps Bosco's after the hike! Mary Ellen Quinn 408-885-0184. We will hike Indian Joe, High Valley Rd. Vista Grande, Eagle View, Rocks Rd. Cerro Este Rd, Mccorkle Tr. Backpack Rd, Camp Ohlone Rd. Little Yosemite to Cerro Este Rd and lastly Canyon View Trail back to hdq.

December 17, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See October 15 entry.*

December 18, Sunday: Wilder Ranch State Park— Moderate hike, 10 miles. Meet at 8:30 in Los Gatos, municipal parking lot to carpool; or at the main Wilder Ranch parking lot on Highway 1. There is open space and redwoods, also a 3 to 4 mile walk along the ocean cliffs. Call Cathy Howard for details (650) 966-1850.

December 25, Sunday: Merry Christmas — No Hike.

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS TRAIL ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular member	\$10.00	_____	_____
Couples at same address	\$15.50	_____	_____
Sponsor	\$40.00	_____	_____

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FIRST CLASS

The SCMTA membership year runs from July 1 - June 30. The date above your name and address indicates when your dues need to be paid. Thank you!!



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 2011