

TRAILS TRUST



OF HUMBOLDT BAY

TRAIL TALK

Enews for the
Trails Trust of Humboldt Bay
October 2009

ONCE UPON A TRAIL Cooper Gulch Trails Near Completion

Volunteers Needed on Sat., Oct. 24th

Green Wheels, the Trails Trust, and the City of Eureka partnered to improve trails through Cooper Gulch Park and by doing so connect neighborhoods bordering the park. In July, volunteers for several organizations successfully completed the first stretch of trail through the east side of the park to the 13th Street neighborhood.

In conjunction with United Way's Day of Caring, a second trail day in September improved another trail segment to P Street. READ BELOW AS MORE TRAIL WORK IS NEEDED! A **BIG "Thank You"** to all the volunteers, businesses, and trail users who participated or donated!

These trail segments serve as a valuable connection for neighborhoods and commuters. The project was also a pilot community project model that can be replicated in other neighborhoods in Eureka. Is there an informal connector trail in your neighborhood that needs improvement? If so, contact the Trails Trust at info@trailstrust.org and we will connect you with city staff and a trail project book to help you with Step 1.

In closing, this project was spearheaded by Kevin Wright with Green Wheels. His enthusiasm and persistence was crucial to making this idea a reality. Thank you Kevin for many, many hours and positive energy!

BUT WAIT!

P Street Cooper Gulch Trail Day, Sat. Oct. 24th 9a-Noon. There is a [need for concrete pavers](#) for the P St. trail, if you can help out contact Keven Wright at kcwright.srvs@gmail.com. [Trail workers](#) are also needed for the final "winterizing" trail day.

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Stay connected with the
Trails Trust

Our Website:

[Trails Trust of Humboldt Bay](#)

Our Radio Show:

[Happy Trails Podcast](#)

Our Next Meeting:

Third Wednesday of each month. Oct 21st, Nov 18th, and Dec 16th from 6-7:30 pm, at Eureka Zoo's conference room....follow the trail.

Our Email:

info@trailstrust.org

Our fundraiser, **TRAILS BLEND COFFEE**

is available at:
Eureka Natural Foods, Co-op, &
Wildberries.

Support Us:

Become a member by going to our
[website](#)

DONATE NOW

[Pay Pal](#)

Support the Trails Trust while
shopping at the Coop, by using
the number, 82024 , at the
register.

Upcoming County Trail Planning Workshops!

Details are soon to be released on
upcoming workshops for the Humboldt
County Regional Trail Master
Plan. Look for several workshops in the

If you want to lend a hand, meet in the parking lot at Cooper Gulch at 9 am.

**Upcoming Election:
Harbor Commission Candidates are
Trail Advocates!**

The winner for the upcoming Harbor Commission election cycle is trail systems and active transportation. The Third and Fourth District candidates understand the importance of trails to and around the bay. Good news for Trails Trust members, the community at large and those involved in trail planning, development and maintenance.

If a regional trail system is a high priority for you, please study the candidates, ask questions, get informed. Happy Trails on KHUM had a debate with 3rd District candidates last Tuesday, go download the podcast and listen. More debates are in the works at KHUM and KEET TV.

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 3rd. While this isn't a major election, local elections are still very important. For those of you who have "thrown your hat in the ring" to be a candidate and willing to contribute to our community - THANK YOU!

Let's all do our part and VOTE on November 3rd.

TAKE A HIKE!

FREE, GUIDED DUNE WALKS

Trained naturalist docents of Friends of the Dunes are offering free guided walks. For more information contact them at www.friendsofthedunes.org or 444-1397.

Lanphere Dunes - 1st Saturday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Meet at Pacific Union School & carpool to the trailhead at 3001 Janes Road, Arcata.

Ma-le'l Dunes - 4th Sunday 2 -4:30 pm. Meet at the South entrance parking area of Ma-le'l Dunes, off Young Lane in Manila, just south of the hwy 255 Mad River Slough Bridge.

Arcata Marsh TRAIL UPDATE

Many of you may have noticed the work being done at Arcata Marsh this fall. While some of the loops are closed there are still trails open to enjoy. The work is expected to be completed in November.

TAKE A PADDLE!

Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge has a paddling (non-motorized) dock and trail that offers a beautiful view of Teal Island at the south part of the bay. Located across from CR, take US 101 and exit at Hookton Road, go west a mile or two to the parking lot and dock. Make sure to check the [tides](#) before you go. While you are there make a day of it by hiking on the Slough trail. Enjoy!

evening, mid November, offered around the county to help pull many trail concepts and plans into one master vision for regional, transportation-oriented trail systems in various parts of the county, including the California Coastal Trail.
Stay tuned!

Download Maps from Website

The Trails Trust website is in the process of providing copies of and linking too various trail maps so that the public can download or otherwise access them easily.

It is a great starting place when deciding where to go or to explore a new area or stay updated on trail plans. Look for the list to increase as public land managers send us their trail systems.

Another reason why you want www.trailstrust.org in your Favorites / Bookmark menu.

Donate Online

It's easy with PayPal!

It's quick and easy. Now you can join or renew your membership, designate funds for specific projects or make a general donation, all from our [website](#).

Volunteers Needed

Archivist

Collect and Scrapbook trail related news and events.

Table

Pass out information, answer questions & sign up new members at Arts Alive! in Eureka or Arts Arcata!

Contact info@trailstrust.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Member Thank You

Renewing Members:

Anda Webb
Jud Ellingwood
Lori Goodman
Patrick Swartz
Chris & Elaine Crawford
Dr. & Susan Allen
Aryay Kalaki
Ray & Marilyn Cesaretti
Cathy Chandler-Klein
Curt Cooper
Sarah Lauderdale
Claire & Eugene Perricelli

Current Trails Trust Goals

1000 members! ...to let policymakers know that a regional trail system that serves everyone, regardless of means, age or ability, is a priority for transportation, health, economy, and climate.

Lead the effort to fundraise and provide resources to support Humboldt County's efforts to bring home \$50 million in federal transportation funding to build a regional network of trail, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and programs countywide.

Establish neighborhood 'connector' trails in Eureka to make bike and ped travel safer and more attractive.

Establish a 'trail patrol' to help local governments feel less apprehensive about taking on new trails to manage and maintain.

Maintain momentum for development of the Humboldt Bay regional trail system, as each segment becomes ready to build.

Goal #1 - 1000 Members!

When you join the **TRAILS TRUST** you are part of a GRASSROOT - CITIZEN EFFORT to connect TRAILS in our COMMUNITY - All for a \$25 membership fee. There is power in numbers!

Trails Trust now has business memberships available. We have just printed a new brochure that will be distributed around the community and it is currently on our website. Business memberships allow identified employees to be members and allow for visibility out in the community as well. Listed below are our new levels.

Email us at info@trailstrust.org to learn about the progressive benefits for memberships of \$100 and more. If you are not a member, or need to renew, **NOW IS THE TIME.**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Trail PIONEER \$1000

BUSINESS

Explorer \$ 500

Pathfinder \$ 250

Signpost \$ 100

INDIVIDUAL

Scout \$ 500

Trail Marker \$ 250

Trail Blazer \$ 100

NPO Partner \$ 50

Trailhead \$ 35 (family)

Trekker \$ 25 (individual)

Mile Marker \$ 15 (student/senior)

The Trails Trust of Humboldt Bay was formed in July 2004 for the purpose of both advocating for and educating the community about potential projects for trail development and to raise funds to support the under-funded planning, design, and permitting stages of trail development. Our goal is to help our community discover, learn about, and enjoy the unique attributes of the region, particularly around Humboldt Bay, and at the same time to generate public support for trail projects.

To contact the Trails Trust send an email to info@trailstrust.org. You are also welcome to

Holly & Ron Vetter
Dr. Ann Lindsay
Nancy Stephenson
Eil & Joshua Asarian
Susan & Robert Parks
Silva & Dr. Pardoe
Gordon Leppig
Larry & Kitch Eitzen
Alan Laurent
Mark & Karen McGowan
Jennifer Rice
Mike Buettner
Kit & Drew Meyer
Connie & Roger Miller
Ruth Moon
Janice Mueller
Byrd Lochtie
Michelle McKeegan
Dr. Olsgard
Bob Ornelas
Beth Powell
Jeannie Sayre
Ian & Elizabeth Schatz
Sara Sunstein
Jan & Ron Turner
Lucille Vinyard
Katy & Mike Yanke
Gretchen Ziegler

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Mason
Emily Sinkhorn
The Sopjes Family
Mark Ellis

attend our monthly meetings which are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in Eureka.