



# Trione-Annadel State Park

## ROAD AND TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Summary of Public Meeting #1 and Associated Public Comment Period

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## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

California State Parks (State Parks) is preparing a Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP or plan) for Trione-Annadel State Park (TASP or the park). The RTMP will examine the system of roads and trails in the park and provide direction for its long-term development, maintenance, and management. The RTMP planning process is considering current and potential future public use, park operations, and the protection and enhancement of cultural and natural resources to provide high-quality recreational opportunities while protecting sensitive resources.

State Parks hosted a public meeting on June 17, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. The public meeting was hosted in-person. An online platform was kept open to provide an opportunity for additional feedback from June 17, 2025 through July 15, 2025, using the interactive website Social Pinpoint. The workshop included a welcome station, pre-recorded presentation about the RTMP, and open house format for participants to leave feedback and interact with State Parks staff at each station. A summary of public meeting #1 and associated public comment period is provided below, and a recording of the presentation is available here on the project website: <https://www.parks.ca.gov/TASPRTMP>.



## 1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of Public Meeting #1 was to provide an overview of Trione-Annadel RTMP and analysis that has been completed to date, introduce the planning process, review potential strategies that could be included in the RTMP, and gather feedback from participants through a series of stations and feedback exercises during an interactive open house format. The purpose of the public comment period was to provide opportunities for those members of the public who could not attend the in-person meeting to provide feedback through a series of similar online feedback exercises.

## 1.3 FORMAT

### Open House

To allow attendees to provide feedback on their own timeline and at their own pace, the project team placed boards around the auditorium that contained maps and exercises for each of the key topics surrounding the RTMP. At each of these stations, State Parks and consultant team staff were present to answer questions and gather input from meeting attendees, using post-it notes and interactive exercises to document comments specifically related to the boards displayed.

### Welcome and Introductions

Meeting attendees were greeted in the lobby of the Veterans Memorial Building where staff provided them with a sign-in sheet, background flyer that described the open house format and topics covered at each station, and a comment card for writing general comments about the RTMP.



## Presentation

During the public meeting, a pre-recorded presentation was played three times at half hour intervals in a separate room from the open house stations so participants could learn more about the RTMP planning process and ask State Parks staff clarifying questions before visiting the open house stations.

## Open House Stations



Five stations were located throughout the auditorium. Participants could visit each station and provide feedback, ask questions, and discuss their input with State Parks staff. The five stations addressed the following topics and presented the display boards shown below:

- **User Experience and Safety:** Participants were asked to identify possible solutions and implementation actions that would enhance park safety and improve experiences for all road and trail users.

# User Experience and Safety

Experiencia del usuario y seguridad

### WHO IS VISITING TRIONE-ANNADEL STATE PARK?

¿Quiénes visitan el Parque Estatal Trione-Annadel (TASP)?

**60%** of trail users are pedestrians  
(e.g., hikers, trail runners)  
El 60% de los usuarios de senderos son peatones (por ejemplo, excursionistas, corredores de senderos).

**40%** of trail users are bicyclists  
(e.g., mountain bikers, gravel cyclists)  
El 40% de los usuarios de senderos son ciclistas (por ejemplo, ciclistas de montaña, ciclistas de grava).

**0.5%** of trail users are equestrians  
El 0.5% de los usuarios de senderos van a caballo.

Use by Trail Counter Location  
Uso por ubicación del contador de senderos

Data from March 1, 2023 through current fiscal year counts taken at Canyon Trail, Mount Carmel Trail, March Trail, Tiro Quarry Trail, and Loma Prieta Trail. Data was collected at the location of the counter and other visitor trail access locations. Data generated by the California State Parks Data Center.

### HOW CAN SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE BE ENHANCED FOR ALL ROAD AND TRAIL USERS?

Write your ideas on a sticky note and place them below or on the map.  
Escriba sus ideas en una nota adhesiva y colócalas debajo del mapa o en el mapa.

### ROAD AND TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

**Multi-Use Trails**  
Senderos de uso múltiple

**27.7 miles in TASP**  
(75 percent)  
27.7 millas en TASP (75 por ciento)

Multi-use trails are open to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians.  
Los senderos de uso múltiple están abiertos a peatones, ciclistas y jinetes a caballo.

### Hiking Trails

Rutas de caminata, senderismo

**1.3 miles in TASP**  
(4 percent)  
1.3 millas en TASP (4 por ciento)

Hiking trails are only open to pedestrians. At TASP, these trails do not provide critical trail connectivity.  
Las rutas de senderismo solo están abiertas para peatones. En TASP, estos senderos no proporcionan una conectividad crítica entre senderos.

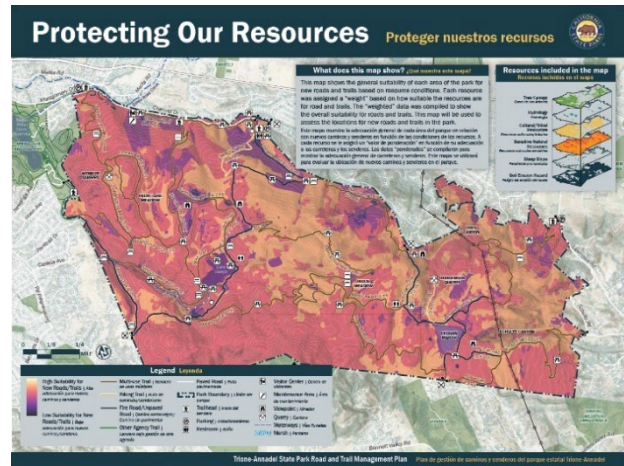
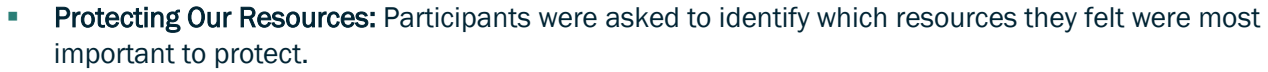
### Unpaved Roads

Caminos sin pavimentar

**7.8 miles in TASP**  
(21 percent)  
7.8 millas en TASP (21 por ciento)

Unpaved roads at TASP are open to all trail users. Park staff and emergency service providers use unpaved roads for maintenance, safety, and law enforcement.  
Los caminos sin pavimentar de TASP están abiertos a todos los usuarios. El personal de parques y proveedores de servicios de emergencia utilizan caminos sin pavimentar para mantenimiento, acción de seguridad y leyes del orden público.





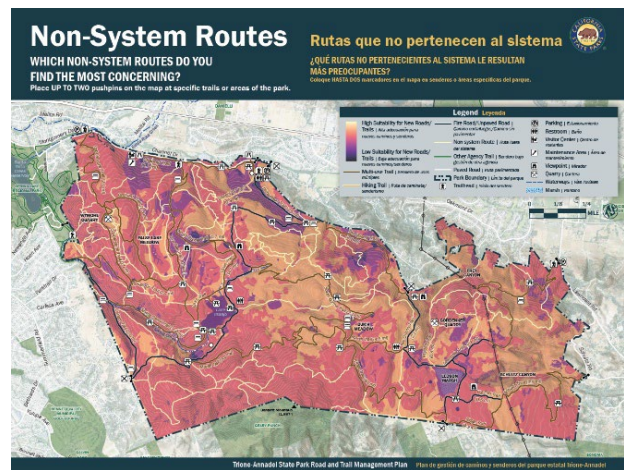
- **Existing Road and Trail Sustainability:** Participants were asked to rank their main concerns regarding the current road and trail system with different types of road/trail conditions (erosion, rocky sections, stream crossings, poison oak, steep trails, wayfinding).

### Sostenibilidad de caminos y senderos existentes



- **Non-System Routes:** Participants were asked to identify which of the non-system routes (i.e., created without authorization) provide the most important connectivity and additional recreational opportunities and which of the non-system routes they found the most concerning.

### Rutas que no pertenecen al sistema



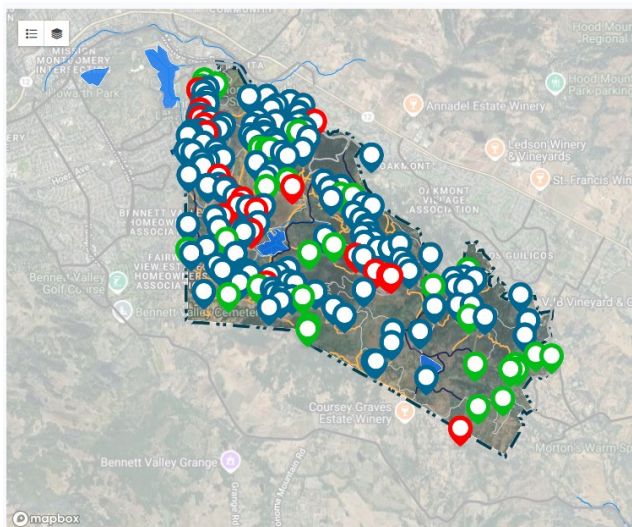


- **Park Access, Trail Facilities, & Amenities:** Participants were asked to identify what improvements could be made to park access, facilities, and amenities.



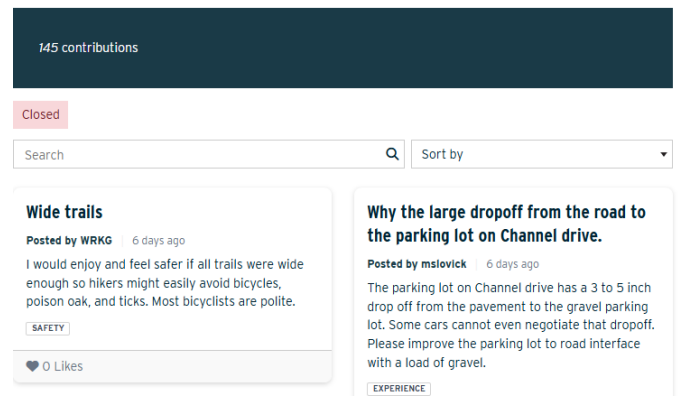
## Online Feedback Exercises

Following the in-person open house, the engagement activities were made available online using the engagement tool "Social Pinpoint" at [ascent.mysocialpinpoint.com/trione-annadel-state-park-RTMP](https://ascent.mysocialpinpoint.com/trione-annadel-state-park-RTMP). With the online platform, website visitors could experience similar engagement activities to the public meeting and provide further community feedback. The online activities were open from June 17, 2025, to July 15, 2025, and community feedback is included in the summary below.



### HOW CAN SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE BE ENHANCED FOR ALL ROAD AND TRAIL USERS?

See the ideas provided below on how safety and experience can be enhanced for all users of Trione-Annadel State Park!



## 1.4 ATTENDANCE

The in-person meeting was hosted by State Parks staff and their consultant team. A total of 132 community members were in attendance throughout the evening. An additional 85 individuals provided feedback through the online platform.



## 1.5 PUBLIC OUTREACH

The following strategies were used in advertising the public meeting to encourage a wide range of participation from those who use the park frequently to those who may use the park more frequently if other opportunities were available.

### Project Webpage

The project webpage (<https://www.parks.ca.gov/TASPRTMP>) provided information on how to register for the public meeting and its location along with how to access the online feedback exercises. The webpage also provides information on the planning process, other ways to participate, and links to the existing park use maps and allow visitors to sign up for email updates and provide an agency email address to contact with comments or questions.

### Project Contact List

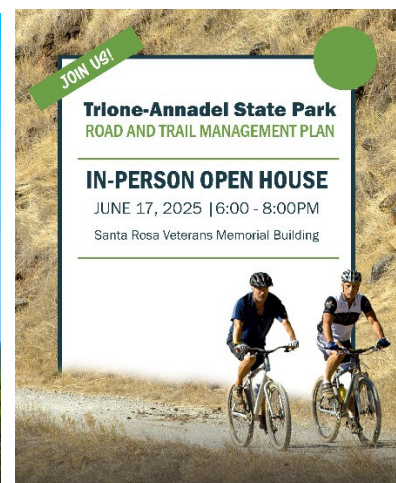
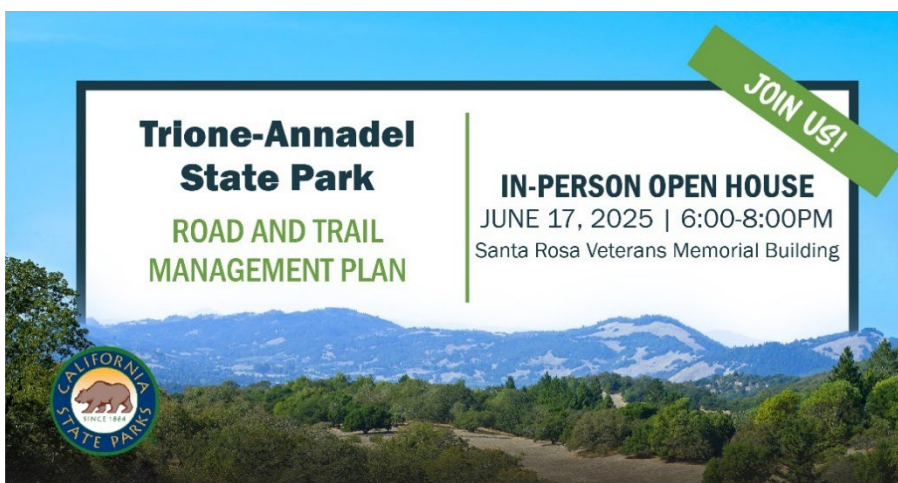
Emails were sent to the project contact list announcing the public meeting. The project contact list included approximately 275 email addresses for nonprofit organizations, private stakeholders, neighboring property owners, and various user groups. People who wish to be included in communications for the RTMP can sign up for the contact list via the project webpage anytime throughout the RTMP process.

### Postcards and Yard Signs

The project team prepared and distributed yard signs and postcards were prepared and distributed throughout the park that notified users of the RTMP. The signs and postcards encouraged parker users to visit the project website to get involved throughout the RTMP planning process. Signage and notification materials were placed at the entry locations, park facilities, trailheads, and other access points to notify the public of the planning process.

### Social Media

Social media posts were provided across the State Parks Bay Area District Instagram and Facebook accounts, encouraging the public to attend the public meeting.





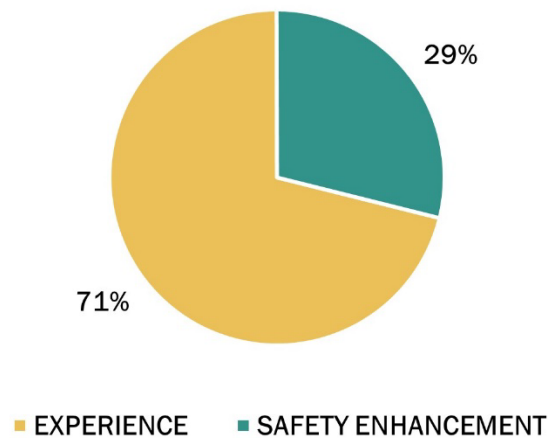
## 1.6 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING #1 AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The summary below provides the combined highlights from feedback received at both the in-person public meeting on June 17, 2025, and online engagement exercises that were open for public input until July 15, 2025. Individual comments [referring to locations](#) can be viewed on the Social Pinpoint website at [ascent.mysocialpinpoint.com/trione-annadel-state-park-RTMP](https://ascent.mysocialpinpoint.com/trione-annadel-state-park-RTMP).

### Station 1: User Experience and Safety

How can safety and experience be enhanced for all road and trail users?

Percent of participants that provided comments on safety vs trail experience



#### Safety Key Themes

##### 1. Trail Design and Separation

- Calls for dedicated trails for mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers to reduce user conflict.
- Interest in alternating days or one-way trails (e.g., Briones Pilot model).
- Widen trails to allow safe passing.
- Provide alternate routes where technical features exist.
- Remove or mitigate excessive boulders and steep features on high-use trails.

##### 2. Trail Maintenance and Infrastructure

- Address severely degraded trails: fix ruts, exposed rock, and drainage.
- Clear overgrowth and poison oak at trail edges for visibility and safety.
- Improve vehicle access, repair the dam railing, and provide benches, water access, and shaded rest areas.

##### 3. Signage, Education, and Etiquette

- Reinforce “Yield to Horses,” “Announce When Passing,” and stay-right behavior.



- Rethink uphill/downhill yielding to better reflect user speeds and trail dynamics.
- Place bells at trailheads; improve signage for trail names, directions, difficulty, and emergency information.
- Educate new and existing users—especially bikers and e-bike riders—on how to interact safely with others, including horses.

#### **4. Speed and Behavior Management**

- Suggestions to limit fast bike traffic and e-bike speeds, especially on shared or narrow trails.
- Some users recommended visible ID numbers for cyclists to report reckless behavior.
- Opinions are mixed—some want restrictions, others favor inclusive access with responsible use standards.

#### **5. Shared Use, Respect, and Park Culture**

- Recognize the needs of all user types—including equestrians, older adults, hikers, runners, and e-bike users.
- Encourage mutual courtesy, right-of-way observance, and patience across user types.
- Respect the park’s equestrian roots while accommodating modern recreation trends.
- Promote responsible pet ownership and explore solutions like manure catchers (“manure diapers” for horses).

### **Experience Key Themes**

#### **1. Trail Diversity, Separation, and Designation**

- Separate-use trails (e.g., bike-only, hike-only, horse-only) were the most requested changes or park features to reduce user conflict and improve safety and experience for all.
- Directional trails (especially downhill-only for bikes) and alternate days for user groups were popular ideas.
- Preserve technical and rugged terrain for advanced users while adding beginner-friendly options and family-accessible routes.
- Many support official adoption of popular social/unsanctioned trails, especially those already well maintained and heavily used.
- Requests for bike jump lines, flow trails, and progression areas to support youth riders and attract tourism.

#### **2. Maintenance, Safety, and Infrastructure**

- Strong demand for routine trail maintenance, particularly for erosion, drainage, and overgrowth (especially poison oak).
- Need for gravel repairs in parking lots, safer trailheads, and improved road-trail interfaces.
- Water access (fountains deep in the park) was repeatedly cited as both a safety and comfort issue.
- Suggestions to install rest areas, viewing platforms, and bike-friendly infrastructure (e.g., skill parks, signage).
- Call for wildfire prevention and forest health efforts, including targeted grazing and prescribed burns—with safeguards for sensitive habitat.

### **3. User Education, Etiquette, and Signage**

- Emphasis on trail etiquette education for all users: yielding protocols, speed control, noise discipline (no loudspeakers), and shared respect.
- Desire for better signage: trail names, direction of travel, usage type, difficulty levels, and interpretive information on ecology/history.
- Suggestions for bell stations, map boxes, etiquette kiosks, and a public user code of conduct.
- Repeated feedback that poor etiquette, not specific user groups or technologies, is the core issue.

### **4. Access, Inclusion, and Experience**

- Requests for additional and more dispersed park access points to reduce congestion and improve emergency access.
- Support for year-round access, extended hours, and night use during winter months.
- Some desire for inclusion of e-bike riders, especially older adults who rely on pedal-assist to access the park.
- Mixed feedback on horses and dogs—some requested expanded access, others recommended restrictions or better waste management.
- Desire for ADA-accessible trails, flat beginner loops, and kid-friendly spaces.

### **5. Community Stewardship, Enforcement, and Vision**

- Broad support for volunteer programs, trail building partnerships, and collaboration with local nonprofits (e.g., Redwood Trails Alliance [RTA], cycling clubs).
- Need for more visible and effective enforcement of existing rules, especially regarding e-bike policy, dog restrictions, and trail closures.
- Concerns about budget constraints and lack of staffing to maintain trails or manage user behavior—some suggested local nonprofit management models (e.g., like Sugarloaf).
- Desire for wilderness/quiet retreat or envision a recreation hub for biking and tourism—highlighting the need for a balanced, zone-based park plan.



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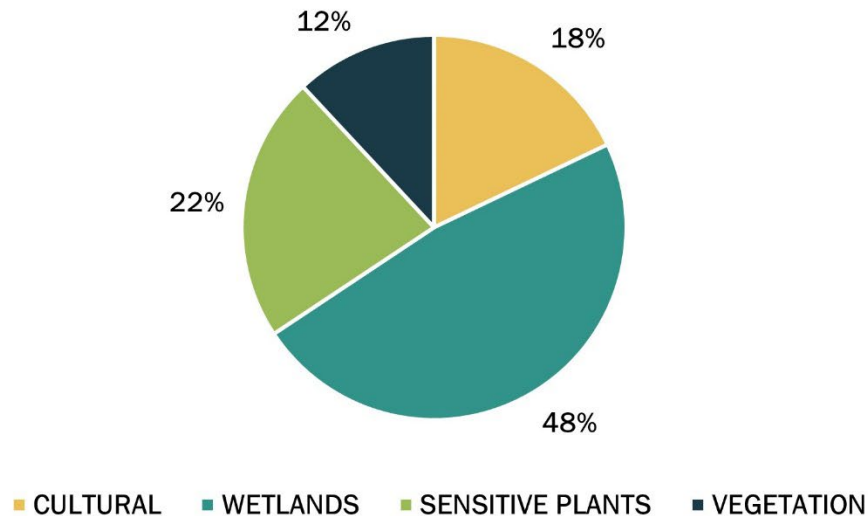
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## Station 2: Protecting Our Resources

Which resources are the most important to protect?



### Cultural Key Themes

#### 1. Embrace Cultural, Historical, and Natural History Education

- Add educational signage about Indigenous history, native ecology, and natural features.
- Rename trails or landmarks to honor the tribes whose land the park occupies.
- Install QR code posts linking to multilingual web pages with site-specific content.
- Place interpretive signs at historic sites like quarries, rock walls, and foundations.
- Increase education on ecological topics like sudden oak death and native species.

#### 2. Balance Recreation and Resource Protection

- Use education to promote responsible trail use and environmental stewardship.
- Recognize all forms of cultural value, including natural, recreational, and historical.
- Encourage accountability from both State Parks and users for trail impacts.
- Develop a well-vetted trails plan that balances access and conservation.

#### 3. Integrate Community-Built Social Trails

- Officially adopt and maintain popular social trails that meet current user needs.
- Recognize social trails as part of modern recreation culture, especially for mountain biking.
- Use community-built trails to improve connectivity and access across the park.

#### 4. Divergent Views on Historical Relevance

- Some visitors value historical education and want more visibility for cultural resources.
- Others feel historical features don't enhance their experience and prefer focus on recreation.

## Sensitive Plants and Wildlife Key Themes

### 1. Unauthorized Trail Use and Signage:

- Unsanctioned connector trails are widely used despite “Closed” signs. Some closed signs are seen as unnecessary, as some of the unsanctioned trails are shortcuts and do not provide access to any features.
- Stronger, clearer signage and inclusion of unofficial trails on maps are recommended.

### 2. Environmental and Wildlife Impact:

- Informal trails have degraded sensitive habitats, destroyed special wildflowers, and disrupted wildlife in previously quiet areas.
- Better trail planning is needed to protect these resources.

### 3. Scenic and Cultural Value:

- The canyon between TASP and Spring Lake Regional Park is valued for its natural beauty and possible cultural significance.
- In certain areas with sensitive plants, consider a dedicated trail with careful design to reduce erosion and enhance safety.

### 4. Trail Conditions:

- Some trail segments require realignment to minimize erosion and improve user safety.

## Wetlands and Vernal Pools Key Themes

### 1. Need for Raised Trails and Bridges:

- Raised trails are necessary to protect sensitive low vernal pool areas, especially during wet seasons when users create multiple routes widening the trail.
- Suggestions include stone piers with wooden or metal grid decking to protect flora and fauna.
- Raised or armored crossings could educate visitors about the importance and sensitivity of vernal pools.
- Bridges should be narrow enough for bikes and hikers but still allow horses to go through.

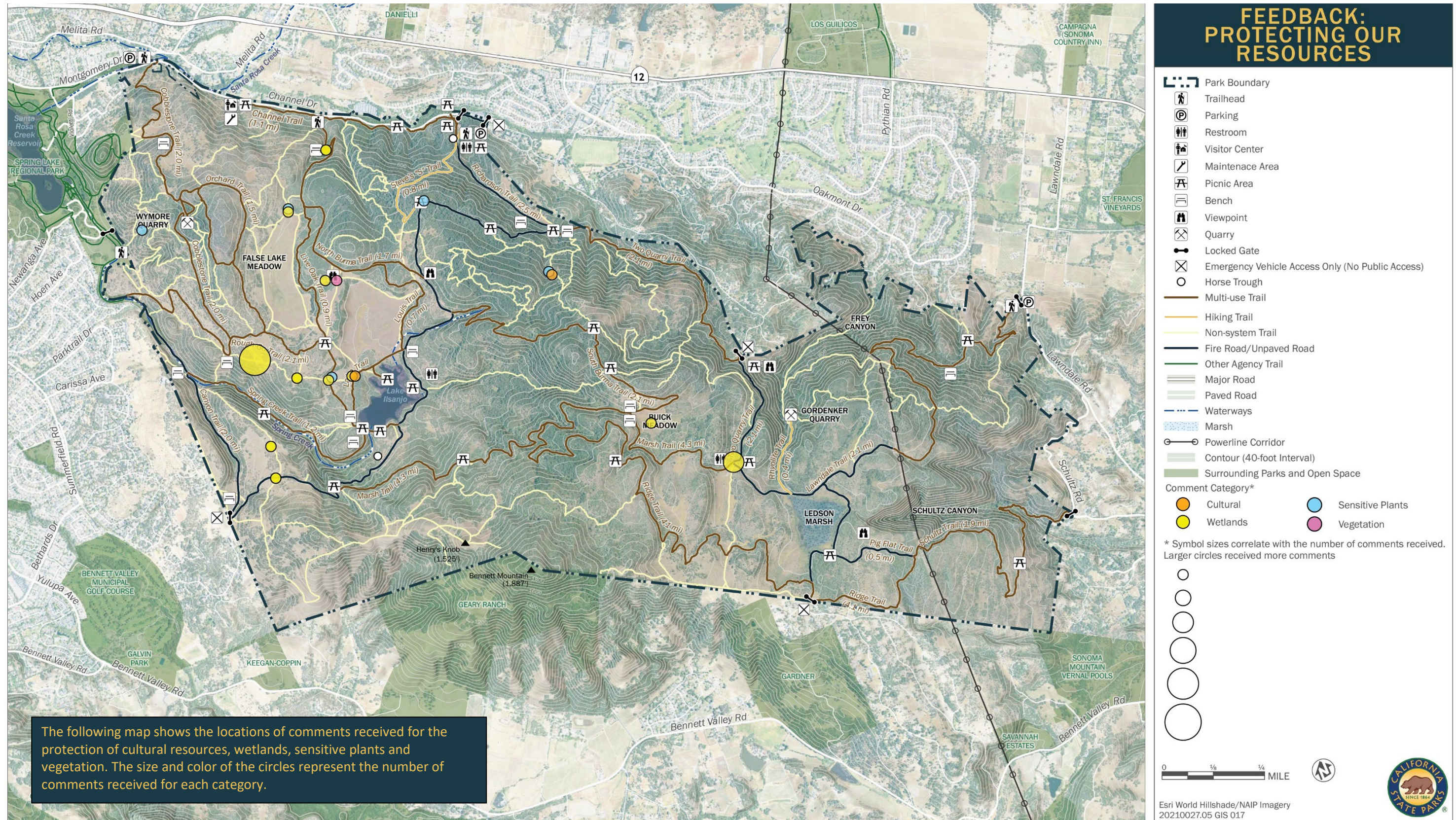
### 2. Environmental Protection:

- The area contains sensitive habitats, including for wildflowers, frogs, and other flora/fauna that need protection.
- Some areas have special or sensitive flowers that require fencing.
- Wetlands and seep areas with high groundwater and hydrophilic plants require protection or restoration.
- Some wetlands have been damaged by social trails, which need to be decommissioned or managed.

### 3. Opposition to Bridges:

- Some users feel no bridge is needed since it is just water and natural water flow should not be obstructed.
- The character of the area is maintained by allowing natural water flow and wetness.
- Social trails in some places are considered acceptable and not harmful.





Sources: Data received from CA State Parks in 2025; adapted by Ascent in 2025.

**Figure 2 Protecting Our Resources Feedback**





#### 4. Trail Management:

- Some trails are long established and provide unique access; these should be maintained with care.
- Decommissioning of “lazy” social trails is suggested in sensitive wetland areas.
- Controlled burns may be needed in meadows (e.g., Buick Meadow) to prevent shrubland encroachment.

#### 5. Educational Opportunities:

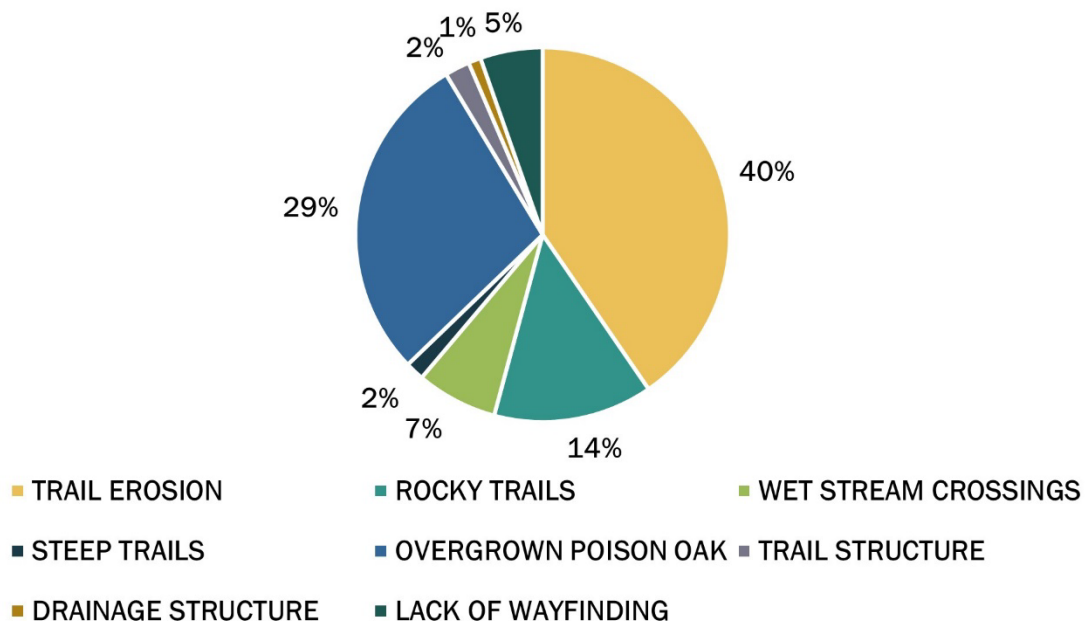
- Adding signage to inform users about the natural history, wetland importance, and species at risk is encouraged.

#### 6. Mapping and Planning Gaps:

- Some wetlands or seep areas might be missing in existing hydrology or trail suitability maps, highlighting a need for better mapping.

### Station 3: Existing Road and Trail Sustainability

What are your maintenance concerns with the existing trail system?



#### Key Themes

##### 1. Trail Erosion

- Many trails, including Rough-Go, Cobblestone, South Burma, and Canyon Trail, are severely eroded due to heavy use and winter runoff.
- Some trails are widening as users try to avoid ruts, rocks, or muddy sections.
- Boggy and muddy conditions in winter accelerate erosion, especially where trails need resurfacing or rerouting.
- Erosion is also worsened by user-created go-arounds in wet areas.

## **2. Rocky Trails**

- Trails like Rough-Go, Marsh Trail, and Henry's Knob are extremely rocky, making them unsafe or inaccessible for many users.
- Rough trail conditions are especially problematic on major access routes that should be more user friendly.

## **3. Stream Crossings**

- A safe, structured crossing is needed from Spring Creek Trail to Canyon Trail during wet seasons.
- The area near the spillway and creek intersection is chaotic with multiple informal trails and should be simplified into a single, maintained route.

## **4. Poison Oak**

- Poison oak is overgrown and unmanaged on many trails, including Ridge and Shultz trails.
- Difficult to maintain due to limited staff and accessibility, impacting visitor experience.
- A dedicated management plan or staff support is needed, as volunteers cannot keep up.

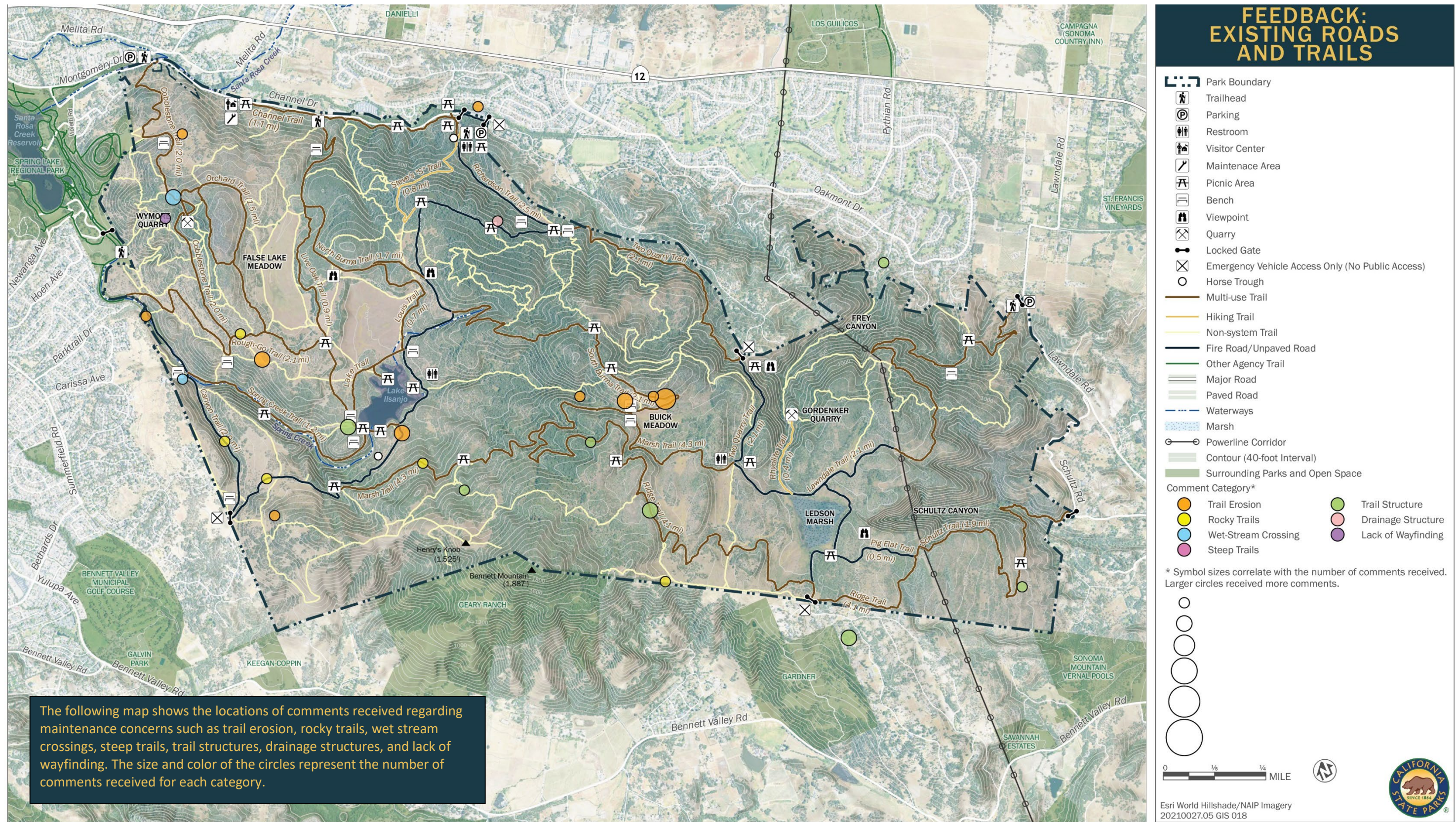
## **5. Trail Structure (Design, Access, and Safety)**

- Some trails need reengineering for safety, including improved surfacing, rerouting, and narrowing.
- Hazards like a collapsed road and a dangerous dam railing require repair.
- Emergency access routes, like Marsh Trail, may need conversion to service roads.
- South Burma Trail has degraded from singletrack to a wide, fire road-like path.

## **6. Lack of Wayfinding**

- Missing signage on trails like Cobblestone Trail and Orchard Trail limits navigation and contributes to user confusion.





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**Figure 3 Existing Roads and Trails Feedback**

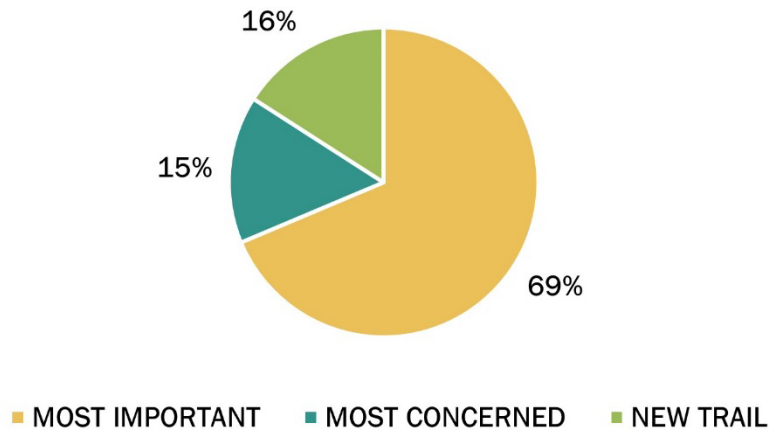




## Station 4: Non-system Routes

Which non-system routes provide important connectivity, or are most concerning and which locations would you like to see new trails?

Percent of participants who identified important or concerning non-system routes or opportunities for new routes



### Key Themes

**Which non-system routes provide the most important connectivity and additional recreational opportunities?**

#### 1. High-Priority Trail Adoptions & Maintenance Needs

- Popular alternatives to Rough-Go Trail offer smoother access but suffer from erosion; adoption and reinforcement are necessary.
- Trails linking areas like Canyon Trail, Orchard Trail, and Spring Lake Regional Park fill gaps in the system and are used daily—these deserve to be maintained officially.
- Trails to iconic viewpoints are desired and heavily used; if necessary, rerouting and signage should be provided to formalize and protect access.

#### 2. Mountain Biking Priority Zones and Skill Progression Trails

- Some non-system routes, like those referred to as “High Voltage” and “Henry’s Knob” by some trail users, serve advanced riders and help retain these trail users.
- Biker-created trails like “Santa Sleigh Ride” (as referred to by some trail users) are considered community assets; formal support and maintenance are recommended.
- Some trails are well-suited to be bike-only descents, especially where hiker use is low or terrain naturally favors downhill riding.
- The Two Quarry area is already functioning as a bike playground—formalizing it with features and design would support safe progression.
- Comments consistently request more designated mountain biking zones with jumps, berms, and flow sections to serve all skill levels.

### **3. Trail Safety, Erosion, and Environmental Improvements**

- Long-time-used steep trails need curving switchbacks or meanders to control erosion while preserving the challenge.
- Trails near False Lake Meadow and vernal pools need bridges or causeways to stop trampling and trail braiding.
- In high-traffic areas, providing separate trails for hikers and bikers would reduce conflict and erosion.
- Staircases, signage, and directional trail design are needed in steep or shared-use areas to improve safety.

### **4. Community Access, Connectivity, and Trail Use Value**

- Trails that connect nearby neighborhoods or other park systems are essential and should remain open.
- Steep or stair-like trails are used by hikers and runners for fitness; they should be maintained and made safer, not removed.
- Less-traveled trails through meadows and woodlands provide peaceful park experiences and should be preserved as quiet zones.
- Trails linking TASP and regional parks help unify the network and should be formalized and signed.

### **5. Make Official What Already Exists and Works**

- Popular trails (High Voltage, Henry's Knob) have been in use for decades and fill needs; closures will likely lead to more user-built trails.
- These trails support hiking, biking, scenic views, or access and make the park more usable and enjoyable.
- Public sentiment indicates that efforts to remove long-established trails would be unpopular and ineffective.
- Adoption leads to better signage, safer design, and shared responsibility for protecting the environment.

### **Which non-system routes do you find the most concerning?**

#### **1. Erosion, Drainage, and Trail Safety Issues**

- Rough-Go Trail needs major upgrades to improve safety and control water runoff during storms.
- South Burma Trail's southern end is severely rutted and requires rerouting or repair to prevent further damage and bypass creation.
- Many trails have become deep trenches or excessively rocky due to poor drainage and lack of upkeep (e.g., "Bobcat").
- Trails like "Santa's Sleigh Ride" and others have become waterlogged or turned into seasonal lakes.
- Steep, fall-line alignments above creeks are contributing to erosion and trail degradation.
- Some non-system trails (e.g., advanced bike routes) are inherently unsustainable due to steepness and soil type.



## **2. Trail Conflicts and User Safety**

- Downhill mountain bikers emerging onto hiking trails present major safety hazards; fast descents into shared-use areas are frequently cited as dangerous.
- Non-system trails are being used for advanced biking, sometimes with jumps or risky features that impede rescue access.
- Suggestions include rerouting or closing trails that pose collision risks and designing separate biking-only infrastructure with appropriate safety measures.
- Popularity of advanced and downhill biking indicates demand for purpose-built bike trails to reduce conflicts and improve safety.

## **3. Unsanctioned Trails and Network Redundancy**

- Many small connectors and alternative routes are redundant or unnecessary (e.g., "don't need this tiny little connector").
- Unofficial trails are often created to avoid poor conditions on sanctioned trails, suggesting a need for better system maintenance.
- In overbuilt trail zones, users support closing some trails while redistributing use elsewhere through thoughtfully designed trail systems.
- Even well-used unsanctioned trails (e.g., scenic singletracks) may require closure or adoption depending on sustainability and impact.

## **4. Environmental and Cultural Resource Impacts**

- Multiple trails run through fragile meadows, wetlands, wildflower zones, and near creeks—degrading habitat and water quality.
- Some routes threaten culturally important areas or have resulted in visible environmental damage from bike use.
- Calls for immediate decommissioning and habitat restoration in sensitive zones, especially where trail use is growing rapidly (e.g., near Buick Meadow, Two Quarry area).
- Meadow trails used by horses are causing hoof damage in wet soils that later harden into unsafe and damaging terrain.

## **5. Trail Adoption, Management, and Equity**

- Some unofficial trails are becoming permanent due to heavy use and may warrant formal adoption, rerouting, or erosion mitigation (e.g., scenic connectors to Spring Lake).
- Select non-system trails should be kept, modifying them to ensure equitable access and safety for different user groups.
- Equitable access concerns were raised about rough, rocky primary access routes (like Marsh Trail), which limit use for less experienced or physically limited users.
- Volunteers note that many non-system trails are better maintained than official ones—highlighting the need for stronger stewardship of the sanctioned network.

### **What locations would you like to see new trails? (online only)**

#### **1. Adopt High-Value Non-System Trails**



- The park should adopt the social trail along the east side of False Lake Meadow to connect Live Oak Trail to Orchard Loop Trail.
- Trails connecting North Burma Trail and Channel Trail should be adopted to enhance connectivity.
- A selection of non-system trails on the north side of South Burma Trail, including the route from lower South Burma Trail to Two Quarry Trail and links to Warren-Richardson Trail, should be adopted.
- Non-system trails in the southwest corner of the park that provide access to Bennett Mountain and improve connections between Ridge, Marsh, and Canyon Trails should be adopted.
- The solid, steep trail that is relatively new and in good condition—not rutted like others—should be adopted.
- The old “new old” cutoff trail should be reclaimed as a hiking route alongside a downhill-specific bike trail.

## **2. Improve Park Connectivity with New or Enhanced Trails**

- A route should be established to connect the top of Lawndale Trail to the Oakmont neighborhood.
- A trail should be created between Lawndale Trail and Schultz Trail through a combination of adoption and new construction.
- Spring Lake Regional Park should be connected to Trione-Annadel State Park (TASP) to accommodate both hikers and cyclists.
- A connector trail from Schultz Road to Schultz Trail and Lawndale Trail should be explored, utilizing the steep canyon terrain.
- A new meandering singletrack that connects to the park perimeter fence line trail should be considered.
- A public route should be provided from the lake uphill, featuring a flowy, moderately graded trail designed for downhill mountain biking.

## **3. Enhance Trailhead Access and Parking**

- Public parking should be provided at the Schultz Road entrance to improve accessibility.
- Public parking and trail access should be established on the southwest side of the park.
- Consider a trailhead access point at the top of Schultz and Lawndale Roads, where a turnout already exists.

## **4. Support Recreation Equity and Trail Diversity**

- Requests for easier trail alternatives to rocky or overly technical routes like North Burma Trail.
- Responders have a desire to promote balanced trail use with routes that serve both mountain bikers and hikers—flow trails, loops, and varied difficulty levels.
- Non-system trails should be converted and improved instead of closing them outright and focus on rerouting and repair in sustainable areas.
- Consider building a walkway or puncheon bridge over sensitive areas (e.g., at False Lake Meadow) to protect habitats while allowing access.
- Recognize and support trails with community investment in non-system routes such as “Old Manz” and “Rainforest,” as referred to by some trail users.



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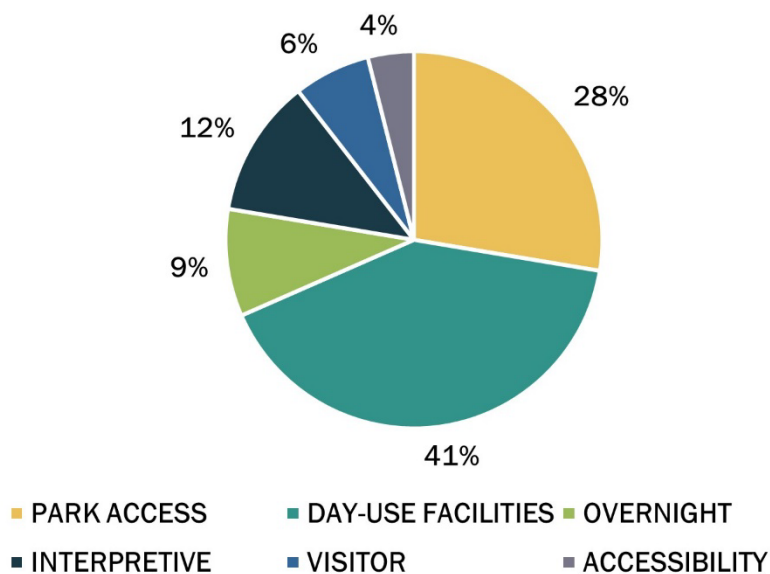
## 5. Reclaim and Restore Forgotten or Overgrown Routes

- The historic waterfall canyon trail should have access restored that was once a magical, lesser-known gem now overtaken by poison oak.
- Consider reopening the shaded, calm oak woodland trail that parallels the meadow route north of Lake Ilanjo, offering a quiet hiking experience.
- Consider repurposing or retiring the overgrown trail west of Cobblestone Trail Loop that is still viable but underused due to downed trees and brush.
- Lesser-used routes that historically served as valuable shortcuts or access points should also be considered for reopening.

## Station 5: Park Access, Trail Facilities, and Amenities

### How can we improve access, facilities, and amenities?

Percent of participants that identified various categories of access and facility improvements



### Park Access Key Themes

- Public parking at key trailheads should be increased, especially in underserved areas like Kenwood and the southeast side, to avoid de facto private access points.
- Roadside parking areas should be reopened that have been blocked or restricted by neighbors to improve equitable park access.
- Create additional trail entry points—especially near Schultz and Lawndale Roads—with safe, legal parking and connections into the trail network.
- Clearer signs are needed parkwide, especially for rules like no dogs policies, to reduce confusion and support responsible park use.
- Wider paths or pullouts on steep or narrow trail sections are needed to accommodate hikers, bikers, and children safely.



- Desire to add new contour trails with gentle grades suitable for young children and beginner riders to promote broader recreation.
- Improve public access options to address concerns about trailheads that are accessible only to nearby residents.
- Desire to allow existing regional or partner passes (like Team Sugarloaf or Sonoma County Regional Parks) to be valid at Annadel to reduce cost and encourage park use.

### Day-Use Facilities Key Themes

- Consider installing and maintaining restrooms or outhouses at key trailheads and high-use areas.
- Provide accessible, well-marked water sources such as fountains or spigots at major trail access points.
- Poorly built wooden map boxes should be replaced with simple, durable plastic containers attached neatly to trail markers.
- There is a desire for improved maintenance of high-traffic areas like Lake Ilsanjo, including litter pickup, graffiti removal, and servicing of picnic areas and bins—without large vehicle access.
- Rebuild or remove the damaged dock at Lake Ilsanjo and address safety concerns related to swimming, water quality, and signage.
- Addition benches are desired at scenic viewpoints and high-use rest stops.
- Provide bike racks at key access points and gathering areas.

### Overnight Key Themes

- Areas that are close to an existing outhouse are a good campsite option.
- Small, wooded areas could accommodate campsites.
- Utility meadow, previously used for storing rocks, logs, and gravel, could be converted into a hike/bike-in camping area.
- An outhouse would be needed for the utility meadow site.
- Nearby marsh provides a water source most of the year.

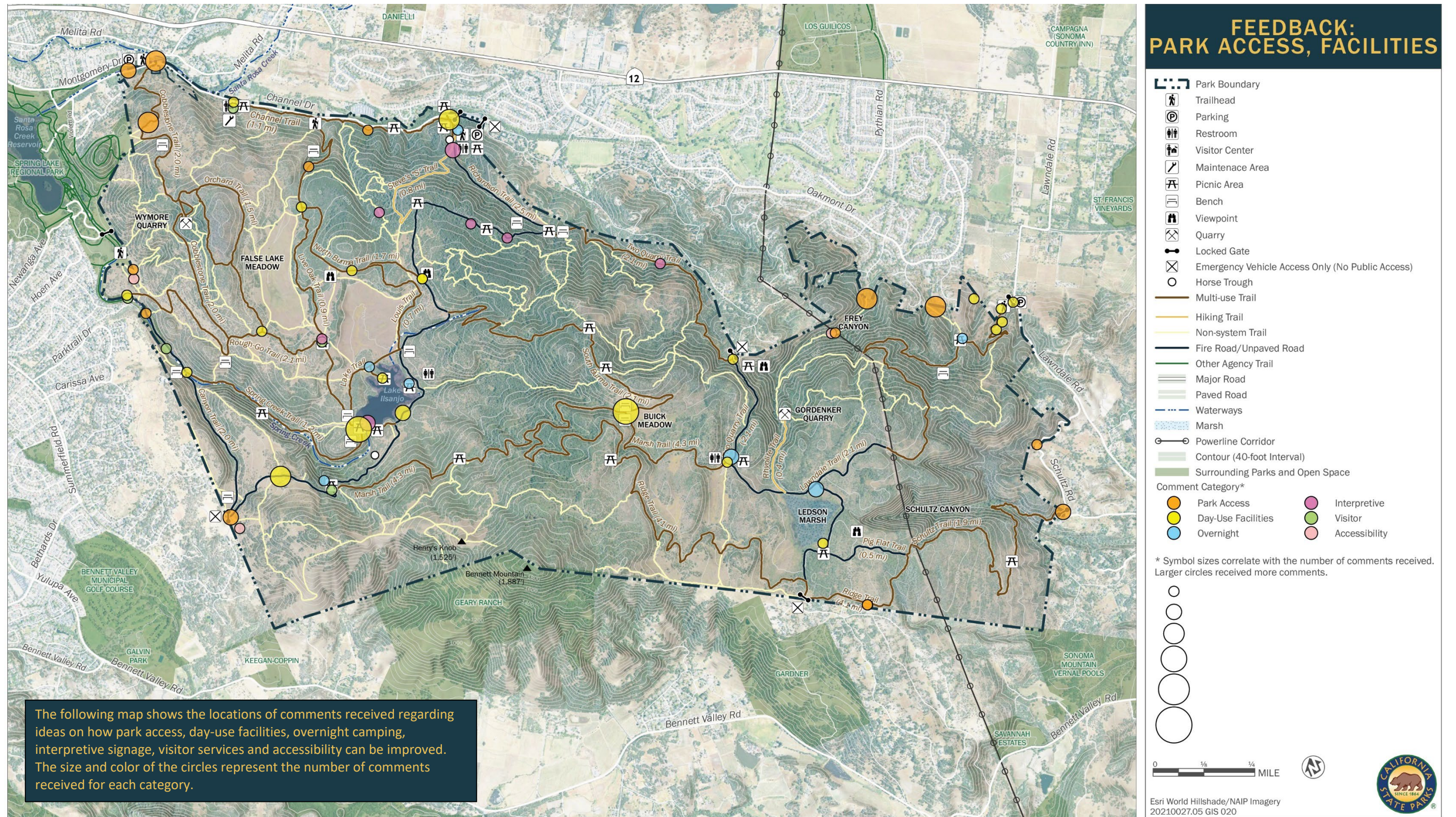
### Visitor Key Themes

- Rename the park to Annadel State Park and update all signage and the website accordingly.
- Minimize signage in the park to only essential navigation and safety markers.
- Remove unsightly poles and use temporary signs for habitat protection, encouraging visitors to learn off-site and leave no trace.

### Accessibility Key Themes

- Converting Marsh Trail from Canyon Trail to Ledson Marsh from a road to a trail was a mistake; it should be restored as a vehicle patrol road to improve staff access for rescues, safety, and maintenance.
- Potential park entrance near Frey Canyon is great but requires significant improvements for river crossing and steep hill climbing.





Sources: Data received from CA State Parks in 2025; adapted by Ascent in 2025.

Figure 5 Park Access and Facilities Feedback





## 1.7 APPENDIX

### Comments Received

The comments below are copied verbatim from the Public Meeting on June 17, 2025, and from the Social Pinpoint online platform where additional feedback was received.

#### USER EXPERIENCE AND SAFETY

- A robust volunteer program
- A short accessible trail that is kid friendly
- Access to water throughout the park
- Add a porta potty or bathroom. So many people use the bushes here as an informal bathroom spot after climbing canyon trail. And it's next to a picnic area, so it makes sense and can be serviced because it's next to Canyon.
- Add burms off camber turns
- An urgent matter for safety at Annadel is to fix the railing at the dam. The first stage would be to cut out the parts that are actually hazardous. The dam has always been a wonderful place to meet people and rest. Many who visit the lake stop at the dam. It's a favorite place for swimmers to start.

In its current state, it's hazardous and someone will soon get hurt. Maybe they won't report it or even go to the hospital, but they might puncture their skin with a nail or catch a sliver.

Since it's currently an essential part of the Park, it will be easy for FOTA to fund a wonderful project to make great improvements to the dam.

It would be great if on the far side of the dam away from the water there were benches with backrests, where some of them are in the shade with narrow tables.

On the other side of the dam near the water just rebuild a railing similar to the one that is there now. The biggest improvement would be the materials used. And you'd never want to block the view of the benches.

The state should recognize the value of the dam as a recreational hub and assign landscape architects to work with the dam inspectors so as to enhance its use for recreation.

#### LET'S FIX THE DAM! RAILING!

- Annadel is known throughout the Bay Area for being one of the most pristine and iconic places to ride. Making mountain bikers its biggest demographic at the park. The rockiness and technicality of Annadel's trail are what make it incredibly unique and fun for riders. It keeps things interesting and challenging. So it goes without saying; stop destroying technical features on trails to "make them easier".

The multi use trails throughout Annadel are good, but they are incredibly overused. Just look at the backside of South Burma heading down towards Marsh for instance. Not to mention trails can easily become overcrowded with the increase of trails users frequenting the park. Hence, unsanctioned trails are built to enable mountain bikers to ride elsewhere, access other portions of the park, avoid hikers/equestrians, etc. A lot of unsanctioned trails are maintained better than any of the legal trails in the park. All of these trails need to be adopted into the park and be made "MTB Only" and directional.

Because of this, Annadel needs to implement adoption of trails from local organizations to help with maintenance. Look at how Santa Cruz organizes and maintains their local bike trails. It's lightyears

ahead of Annadel. That said, allow local trail builders or other outside groups like Gianni Cycling Club to help with trail building/maintenance. RTA is okay, but they always claim "the dirt at annadel is unmanageable" which isn't true. They just don't do trail work during the right conditions like in the winter when the dirt is malleable/wet.

Annadel also needs more MTB features (bridges, drops, tabletops, flow trail) throughout the park. The whole argument "features lead to accidents and lawsuits against the park" is ridiculous and stupid. It's not the park's fault if someone crashes on a feature/trail, it's the riders fault specifically. Simple as that. Riders know their own limits.

Lastly, add a flow trail starting at Bennett Peak and ending at Channel Drive.

- As a regular hiker and trail user, I understand the concerns voiced by the equestrian community, especially those who have a long-standing history in the park. But we also need to recognize how recreation is evolving and how e-bikes are opening up access to the outdoors for new and diverse users.

E-bikes have made it possible for older adults, people with physical limitations, and those new to trail sports to enjoy the same beauty and exercise that traditional cyclists and hikers do. That's not a threat—it's progress toward inclusive access. When responsibly used, e-bikes offer a low-impact way to explore the park that doesn't produce waste, doesn't require animal care infrastructure, and doesn't carry the physical unpredictability of a 1,000-pound animal. The suggestion that horses are being "forced out" because of e-bikes feels less like a policy issue and more like resistance to change. The reality is that park use is shifting because people's needs and access methods are evolving. Henry Trione may have been an avid horseman, but he also valued public access and conservation—values that align with opening the park to responsible e-bike use. Having 35 people riding horses in itself is inconsiderate and questions their consideration of other users. Equestrian access vastly dominates the area, it's unacceptable to attempt to diminish access.

- As a volunteer in TASP for six years, I have patrolled all system trails (other than a portion of the Ridge Trail). For the system trails, my recommendation is this: the greatest need is annual trimming of poison oak and brambles for 18 inches on each side of the footpath.
- As someone who enjoys the sensory experience of walking barefoot – the cool damp humus or warm dry dust, prickly coast live oak leaves in summer and squishy mud in winter – gravel surfaces are so hard to walk on! They are so pokey compared to nearly all other things on the ground. Please look first to other options for managing drainage issues on trails, and reserve gravel for existing gravel roadways.
- As someone who often seeks a place to recuperate from the stressors of modern life – alerts, beeps, car horns, leaf blowers, etc. – I would love to be able to go for hikes with a minimum of startles. Bikes zooming suddenly around a corner, sometimes playing loud music, are one of the top challenges I face in the park.

- Is there something we can do to educate riders about etiquette regarding speed moderation on major arteries of the park?

- I would love to see number of miles of hiking-only trails brought more into balance with the 60%-40% hiker/biker park usage.

- Can we designate calm/quiet zones -- no amplified/digital music, no high speed, etc.?

- Ensure that hiking-only trails are adequately marked with signage and rules enforced?

Adrenaline sports are great for those who want it, but I'd like to have some places in the park to find peace.





- Aside from a lack of staff, the over reliance on helicopters for emergency responses is also due to limited access for vehicles. Also, many of the maintenance issues don't get addressed because it is so difficult to get personnel and resources to so many locations in TASP. There should be more vehicle access to various parts of the park.
- At the base of Warren Richardson trail there should be a bike jump park with a couple jump lines progressing to bigger and bigger jumps. There could even be a couple drops
- Ban Horses
- Ban horses and dangerous animals
- Bell boxes so people can grab bells before heading out and return them at the end
- bike downhill trails only to avoid hikers
- Bike only trails with level of difficulty
- Bike specific trails- no earbuds
- Biker bell stations/ hiker bell stations
- Can we 1) fix the rotted out part of S. Burma, 2) Make it into two separate trails —a bike-downhill only and a bike uphill/hike/horse-only trails.
- Canyon trail between Spring Creek and Marsh is horrible shape right now. The ruts are so deep and uneven that it feels unsafe to ride this trail right now. The upper section is far more rocky and rough than I can remember in 26 years of riding this trail.
- Channel Drive is a nice place to run, walk, ride bikes for adults and children and furry friends. I would love to see the gate in tact like it is in the early mornings most weekends. The cars travelling to the Richardson trailhead are often speeding past  
I'm ok with the neighbors whose homes are on channel Drive
- Clarify E-bike policy
- Close park when wet. Post education on why.
- Connection to Lawndale Trail
- consistent trail maintenance
- Contour trail for young kids (not hilly) at least one please
- Cut down and remove burned and dead trees.
- Cycling only trails to avoid pedestrian conflicts
- Dedicated Bike Facility
- Dedicated MTB trail long downhill with berms and jumps
- discourage earbuds, education on trail etiquette
- Display recommended direction of travel for bikes on park map. Bike only use on certain days (example- odd dates or M-THU-SUN)
- Down hill Flow
- downhill, bike only, directional challenge trails

- E-bikes need to be restricted or prevented from using trails. Speed limits need to be enforced. Kids need trail etiquette training
- E-bikes should be officially sanctioned and allowed anywhere bikes are throughout the park. The vast majority of e-bikers in the park are older riders who are enabled to continue to ride with the use of the technology and not dangerous or careless. The downhill speed difference of e-bikes and regular bikes is negligible.
- Educate bikers on trail rules
- Educate hikers about etiquette especially with bikers
- Encourage trail etiquette. restricting trail use will lead to conflicts and injuries.
- Enforce E-bike prohibition
- Even for strong average mountain bikers the amount of boulders that need to be negotiated is becoming dangerous. I know several people that have crashed when trying to negotiate boulders in the trail. This can be at both low speed and high speed. Injuries recorded are broken ribs, severely sprained ankles and poison oak from falling off the path during a crash.

It makes sense that the terrain is rocky and so care must be taken. However, on the heavily used trails, the number and height of exposed boulders is getting worse each year.

This leads to fewer mountain bikers and trail runners using the rough trails. Something needs to be done to bring the use level back to the average person and not just elite riders and athletes.

Suggest getting some kind of 3-4 foot wide rock pulveriser to run over the main trails and to fill in and level the trails with the tailings.

Marsh, North and South Burma and Quarry trails all need this work.

- Every trail seems to have copious amounts of poison oak encroaching on it. It's especially bad on single track trails like North Burma. Can we get some goats in for vegetation management??? I'm sticking to the fire roads for now.
- Everybody likes Spring Creek Trail. I imagine downhill bikers don't like encountering hikers and the same for hikers encountering bikers. What if, for example, Monday - Wednesday and Friday this trail was designated for hikers only. Tuesday and Thursdays would be for bikers only on Spring Creek Trail. Weekends open to all.
- Extend park hours later, 24 hour access
- Floor on outhouse at Two Quarry IS going to fall through
- Hello, the park is great and one of at to reduce risk and enhance user experience would be to adapt the social trails for DH only. Then mark main trails as MTB up only so that horses and hikers do not need to worry about bikes.

Also erosion control is a huge issue for safety, the trails have deteriorated hugely over the last 20 years. For Pete's sake they use to be smooth now they are rough and dangerous.

- Hikers with earbuds not allowed
- How difficult would it be for Friends of Trion-Annadel State Park to take over operating the park similar to agreements with Sugarloaf and Jack London?

A local group like this would be much more in tune with the needs of the community for hikers and mountain bikers and equestrians.





- How is the State Park's budget being factored into the RTMP? At present, budget shortfalls prevent both adequate trail maintenance and enforcement of existing trail use policies. This is both a safety and an experience issue. If the RTMP proposes improvements that involve increased costs (i.e. more trails, more signs and facilities, etc.) how will these improvements be prioritized? Some of the user-suggested changes in trail use policies, such as downhill only trails, restrictions on trail use during wet weather, etc. will require enforcement if those changes are to be effective. How will the improvements proposed by the RTMP be implemented in light of existing and projected budget constraints? Developing the RTMP is an undoubtedly worthwhile endeavor, but successful implementation is dependent on a responsible accounting of the State Parks' budget.
- I am 73 and still enjoy mountain biking. Many of the rocky trails are beyond my comfort and skill level. Smoother trails would be most welcome.
- I believe Annadel State Park has the opportunity to be the forefront of MTB in the North Bay. Look at the other parks throughout the greater Bay Area (Nevada City, Santa Cruz, and the East Bay). All these areas have dedicated MTB trails that have put these locations on the map for individuals who love to recreate. This arguably brings in tax dollars to the communities and supports local businesses. I would love to see Annadel State Park take advantage of this opportunity to become the next big mountain biking destination. Hiking is available throughout Sonoma County, but there is limited MTB opportunities.

I believe new one-way trails for BOTH bikers and hikers are key to making this park a safe space for all. Allow local stewardship to come in and design and build new trails that will allow for entertainment and education as you take in the beauty of the park. There should also be more trail maintenance to smooth out some of the trails and remove excess brush. This would allow for a more pleasant experience.

Signage is also key to make sure people are educated on where they should and should not be. This will create a more organized flow throughout the park.

I hope that we can listen and take feedback that is going to make all happy but also do something positive for the community and the vast majority of users.

- I believe the park should be run as a wilderness area with "leave no trace" the operating philosophy. Motorized vehicles of all kinds should be prohibited. Signage should be at minimum. Facilities should be at trail heads and visitor centers only. Rangers should be patrolling, but only on foot, except in emergencies. And these rangers should be performing trail maintenance in addition to issuing tickets for rule violations. The dam and the trails have to be maintained but there shouldn't be garbage cans or latrines. Large groups of people should be prohibited, organized tours and camps should be prohibited unless they can split up into small groups operating separately. I ran into a line of 30 horses and riders earlier this year coming up the Rough Go trail. There's a mountain biking camp running a dozen kids right now taking over Oak Knolls, Lake Ilesanjo and Canyon Trail. There are organized races and runs. None of this is conducive to a wilderness experience. You can do all those things in our local regional parks. Yosemite backcountry wouldn't allow this. Why does Annadel?
- I don't feel that e-bikes are a problem in themselves. It is the user.... I have encountered in 50 plus years of using the park runners and hikers taking short cuts across switchbacks, going thru the middle of a meadow, hiking up to some point to get a better view. Bikers, no mater, single speeders, many speed and e-bikes doing the same as well as taking a high point on the uphill side of the trail creating a jump widening the trail and trashing the vegetation.

Some parks require equestrian's to just get the horse crap off the trail. But my biggest concern with horses is when the trails are wet the holes their hoofs leaves... just flat out ankle twisting over the handlebars dangerous.

I'd suggest kiosks at entrance point with environmental awareness, user behavior guide lines etc., with possible volunteers at peak usage times helping users understand good trail ethics. A page could be taken out of China Camp user program at \$5 for day use or \$40 for the season

It's the user not the equipment

It's the user's environmental education

It's the users awareness of others

It's the user

FYI I am 75, first time in the park was with Dr Arnold, ornithologist at Sonoma State.

I thought my son to ride there and my grandson and I am on a e-bike now, if not for the e-bike I would not be riding in that magical place.

Help the user help themselves

- I don't think bike only is the way to go. Too limiting for hikers. More trails gives more options and spread out
- I don't think we need bike-only uphill trails, as most cyclists aren't flying uphill.
- I have been recreating at Annadel since I was 8. Always by bike. I've never had a bad encounter with someone riding their horse on the trails.

That said, the biggest problem I have had is the fact that the owners of said horses don't pick up their s!@# and just leave it on the trail for someone else to step in it or ride through it. What gives with that? Horse owners either need to pick up their horse's s!@# or be forced to ride with a horse diaper.

Another aspect is that we are talking about an animal that can easily be startled without warning and possibly lose control endangering both it's owner and trail users; especially on tight singletrack. The park doesn't have a ton of line of sight to begin on a lot of the non fire road trails.

That said horse back riders should be limited to fire roads only.

#henrytrionewasanavidmountainbikernothorsemen

- I have been riding horses and patrolled the Park for over 30 years.

Since E-bikes have been active in the Park the riding of horses has dropped. We took a group into the park from Wild Oak Saddle Club in May(35 riders)and still had issues with the E-Bikers, not slowing down, not stopping to allow the horses to pass, and not speaking when passing or approaching. Please enforce the Rules and Stop the E-bikes.

Henry Trione was an avid horsemen and it is very disappointing that the horses are being forced out of the Park.

- I have encountered park users from around the state who have come to see this gem for themselves. Unfortunately, this results in some congestion, but usually only within 1 mile of the trail head. Equestrian use has declined in the 30 years+ I have visited this park while mountain bike use has increased. Running and hiking seems to be constant. Animal use has increased, four active mountain lions recently using the park has their territory until P-42 encountered P-13 in the eastern side on the park. I have personally seen a wide variety of species, including the sighting of a golden eagle alighting. My point is that the increased use has not pushed wildlife away. As a mountain biker, the trails built by the community are a major attraction as many are logical supplements to the current system. Indeed, one was a critical fire line during the Glass Fire that helped stop that fire from entering Bennett Valley. Another during the Nunes Fire kept the area around Lake Illsanjo safe. I became an outdoor enthusiast





as a cyclist; this plan should need inhibit access as a basic principle. Indeed, an opportunity for other entrances/exits to adjacent public space (Sugarloaf, Taylor Open Space) exists to allow for more use to be spread out. The community has helped with maintenance and projects, that should be encouraged. Thank you.

- I like tamarancho because it is efficient at using land for mountain bike trails. It also has an advantage because it is considerably steeper than Annadel.

We can build a tamarancho style trail on the dark side with wonderful features that are competition grade. We would put hiker trail go arounds so that only mountain bikers are allowed on certain sections of the trail for safety reasons. Not many hikers use that trail now.

There has to be shared use of all trails as much as possible. That being said the dark side is NOT safe for horses in its present shape, and certainly not on the features built for mountain bikers because horses would destroy them. Hikers shouldn't be excluded and mountain bikers should practice proper etiquette on the trails whenever they approach anybody else. Hikers always have the right of way over mountain bikes.

Ultimately, it would be great for Annadel to have sanctioned competitions where the new dark side was part of the course.

- I live near this park and have always been so disappointed that I can't hike there with my dog. I have emailed multiple times over the years to express this and am never satisfied with the response. I spend a lot of time hiking in Oregon and they don't have these heavy restrictions. Please open up the park to dogs on leash.
- I love the park and have been hiking, running, and mountain bike riding there for decades. I think that it is wonderful that more and more people enjoy the park but the flagrant disregard for park rules (dogs, electric bikes, creation of non system routes) disheartens me.

It is stated that electric bikes are not allowed in the park yet there is no signage and no oversight of the wide spread usage.

I like most of the ideas presented at the public meeting yet having no enforcement of park rules make many of them unrealistic.

- I noticed on this splash page you don't have an image of a cyclist which happens to be 40% of the user group in the park. not cool.
- I often hike up Spring Creek trail and regularly need to stop and step aside for bicyclists. Most are courteous. However, even then, their passing through (or speeding through if going downhill) is disruptive and at times dangerous. Also, I have been using the park long enough to remember when that trail was a ranch road, with enough room for both hikers and bikes, before it was modified to its current configuration. The trail right of way signs, indicating that bike need to yield to both hikers and horses should be removed, as that doesn't happen. I would like to see the mountain biking specific features moved to the parts of the park with lower amounts of foot traffic along with more hiker only trails.
- I would enjoy and feel safer if all trails were wide enough so hikers might easily avoid bicycles, poison oak, and ticks.

Most bicyclists are polite.

- I would like a hiker-safe trail to Henry's K (the grassy high point above Marsh Trail). Ideally it would be one of the gentler-gradient trails that already exists.
- I would like to see more trails and some hikers only trails, but multi use trails are fine if there are enough resources to maintain them. Most bikers are very nice, and considerate of other users, but biking during

the winter damages the trails, so that they are sometimes unsafe for everyone. If the trails are narrow and overgrown with poison oak, obviously hikers cannot safely move to the sides and bikers can not get around them. Trails should be made and designated, with signage, by the park services, and not "made" by bikers in areas that are natural habitats.

- I'm seeing lots of posts about save this lizard, save this rock wall, save this vernal pool, these flowers used to grow here, make Annadel a wilderness area, blah blah blah blah. It's a state park first and foremost; it's not a national park.

Also, people complaining about "I saw x amount of people on bikes this one time" or "Annadel isn't meant for races" need to grow up and deal with the fact that the park is and will continue to be used for various types of activities. These are kind of people who just want to resist change and whine about it. If you want to have that mentality, go to Marin. I hear it's hiker heaven out there. The fact of the matter is that Annadel has various users; the majority being mountain bikers and hikers. Don't like it? Too bad. It's going to be used the way people want.

If you're complaining about the park being too crowded then that only goes to show that there needs to be designated trails for bikes only and hikers/runners only. And that more new trails are desperately needed.

I can hear it now. "But what about the wild flowers and wildlife? How will that impact them?" It won't. Wildlife can adapt to changes; it's in their nature. Flowers can grow around new trails. Stop overthinking/worrying and consider the fact that park users need more room to recreate. Also have you seen Sonoma county? There's plenty of space for wildlife elsewhere...

I can also hear the "But this will impact the historical and indigenous aspects of the park". Does a partially built rock wall or quarry from a hundred years ago really serve a purpose for the majority of park users? Not really. I bet that the majority of park users don't care about nor pay attention to things like this.

People go to Annadel for a single purpose; say it with me now:

**T O R E C R E A T E .**

It's really that simple.

- I'd like to underscore the signage issue that other people have raised. It has become a running joke in our hiking group, that you can rarely tell what trail you are on from the signage. It has either deteriorated, or was never there to begin with. Also, interpretive plaques are almost non-existent. Even some of our most remote parks have better and more numerous plaques.
- If there were more legit park entrances that would really improve the park.
- Improved maintenance of current trails
- In favor of decommissioning non-system trails that are particularly steep and encourage accidents (coming from a cyclist/hiker)
- Interpretive panels that educate park users would help foster a more conscientious population of park visitors. Information that educates about the human history, ecology, geology would help people understand more fully why TASP is special.
- It would be helpful to have more pedestrian only trails
- It would be nice if 'open hours' were posted at the visitor center- to update parks pass, also to report issues





- I've never had any problem sharing the trails in Annadel SP. Most of the trails in the park are wide enough that a hiker and a cyclist can pass each other without danger of crashing into one another. Same goes for two cyclists and two hikers. But it can become a problem if one or the other person doesn't move a little to their right, and then it seems like an issue trail etiquette, respect and care. I don't think we need MTB or other exclusive trails as long as everyone always stays to their right, groups walk in single file, and folks move a little to their right when passing.
- I've personally never had an issue with horses at Annadel, unlike issues I've had at Skyline.  
But I'm sure the horse people have had issues with poorly behaved mountain bikers.  
Having at least one trail as a loop trail of horse / hike only would be welcome for that user group.  
One trail that could be a good candidate is Spring Creek. I love climbing that trail, but on weekends it can be packed with hikers.  
Perhaps that could be MTB climb only, no downhill for bikes.  
Of course that would be followed up a downhill bike only trail.  
South Burma would be the most likely candidate there.  
Perhaps some of the social trails could be adopted, and made bike only.  
I too loved the ruggedness of the trails at Annadel. It's what draws me the 1.5 drive from Oakland. I would not want to see anything existing dumbed down, smoothed out, or otherwise made easier.  
Unlike others I do not support the idea of jump lines, or bermmed flow trails.  
We do not need Redwood Trails Alliance building anymore sidewalks in the woods, also known as flow trails. They've built enough in the other parks they touch.  
Please no more flow trails!  
I also don't want to see any big jump lines. This is a state park, and big jumps can lead to big injuries followed by lawsuits. I'd rather not jeopardize the park with that.  
If people want big jumps there's dedicated lift access bike parks in the Sierra's.
- Just like at a ski resort, users of different skills utilize this park and enjoy the varying complexity of the terrain. As an avid trail runner, I appreciate some of the harder, technical back country trails that Trione-Annadel SP offers. Please don't smooth out all the rocky sections - users who aren't comfortable with that have plenty of other terrain to enjoy in Spring Lake, Howarth Park, and other regional parks in the area.  
Instead of assigning certain trails for certain uses, I suggest exploring the Briones Pilot Project as an alternative and reaching out to them for some lessons learned. This pilot assigns certain weekends to mountain bikes vs. equine users and assigns one-way bike traffic on certain tight trails.  
I think it's also time to get more of the illegal trails added into the official trail network. They have been around for a long time and are well beaten into the landscape.  
Lastly, increasing water access and informational signage throughout the park would be a huge safety improvement! Plus adding bike bell stations for mountain bikers to borrow bells when riding to alert other trail users.
- Keep the park open at night in the winter to allow recreation year round open until 9 or 10
- Maintain our current trails
- Make a road that connects through the park instead of having to drive out into the community.

- Make horses pick up manure
- Markings for sensitive areas near trails
- More and more hikers in large groups are walking up unmarked technical downhill trails. It's very dangerous for both parties. Often they do not yield and get upset with people riding on trails that are built by bikers.
- More good signage so people don't get lost
- More interpretive signage! there are so many amazing ecosystems that deserve more attention and love
- More map boxes WITH MAPS
- More pedestrian only trails. Educate bikers on etiquette with hikers- SIGNAL YOUR APPROACH
- More trails where appropriate. Spread users out.
- More trails will reduce user density, thereby reducing the frequency of user conflicts/collisions
- More turn-outs for runners/pedestrians to let bikers and horses pass
- More water fountains at trail heads and more porta potties in the back/top of the annadel
- Mountain bikers MUST announce themselves better to pedestrians/runners
- Move, or add another restroom.  
Hiding the restroom on the opposite side of the lake is so weird. Just have it here.
- MTB specific single direction trails
- my experience will be improved with better drainage especially on fire roads
- Need better signage for connecting trails.
- Need bike specific trails. Keep horses where the trail (road) can handle their weight and impact
- need downhill flow trails to take pressure off multiuse trails
- Need more and Larger No Dogs in park signs
- need more signage saying "slow down " for bikers and "no dogs"
- Need separate trails for separate users
- Needs to be an incorporated location with maintained trails leading to it. It is arguably the best vista in the city.
- No exclusive use trails. All trails should be open to all park users. Reduce the number of non-system trails that essentially criss cross areas. I don't know how you'll keep people from continually creating their own trails.
- no external speakers or earbuds
- Perhaps more single use trails including for bikers-not just hiking- recognize that there are different disciplines
- place more sign on heavily used trails
- Please consider keeping the social trail that leads from Steve's S and heads directly towards Lake Ilsanjo. Bonus if it can extend the "Hiker Only" Steve's S Trail. Instead of looping back to join Warren Richardson Trail, hikers could enjoy a shorter route to the lake.





- Please do not forget Henry Trione donated his land as a park to contribute to the enjoyment of trail riders. Sadly mountain bikes and horses often don't mix well. What can be done?
- Providing the park with water fountains is both a safety issue and an experience opportunity. It is very easy to underestimate the size of Annadel, and it's a shame having to turn back from exploring deeper into the park due to a water shortage. It's also a safety issue. I am usually pretty good about packing enough water, but it's impossible to know what might happen. I've had to give up half my water to other thirsty hikers multiple times, and I really don't take much extra with me. I've also had experiences where I've broken a bottle, or I had to use my water to flush a bug out of my eye or clean a wound. I'll tell you what- being out near the marsh absolutely parched without a drop of water on a blistering hot day is a frankly scary experience.

So I don't know how you can do it. But I think that even if it takes the entire budget of the project and you do nothing else- setting up two fountains deep in the park will still be the best thing you can do. And I will appreciate being able to pack lighter for it.

Unrelated, this park is full of magnificent vistas, and it feels like a lot of them are hidden away, like bald hill. It's time to highlight them, even build viewing platforms. Similarly, extending a little viewing piers to certain valleys and marshes might be a cool way to get close to nature while also signaling to trail-goers that that's as close as you're supposed to get.

- Rebuild and sanction this trail as a connection into Oakmont - and through Oakmont - to make a connection into Hood Mountain Regional Park.
- re-invigorated partnership with non-profit sector to plant implement public programming
- re-open Marsh Trail to vehicle access for emergencies. need thru park access
- Reroute or perform significant trail maintenance on Rough Go. The trail is very uneven and it is difficult to run uphill (forget downhill) with how uneven the terrain is from poor drainage and the trail being washed out in places.
- Rough Go trail so severely eroded! Many years without any maintenance has allowed it to become so entrenched and rocky that it is dangerous for many users. I believe it should be decommissioned and a new route built.
- Sadly, this park is not safe for horseback riders anymore. I used to ride here at least two times a week but all it takes it one bad bike interaction with me getting bucked off and my riding career is over. Generally, bikers are polite and accommodating but some are uneducated on etiquette and just don't give a dang. I have had many unpleasant interactions with bikers who show total disregard for my safety. Ebikes, which to my understanding are not allowed in State Parks, only compound the issue. Bikers fly down Richardson at 35 miles an hour. Rangers have said they have no resources to curb speeding. I think cyclist should have license numbers posted prominently so there can be civil and criminal accountability if they cause a horse wreck. Right of way signs are vague with "Yield to Horses" - cyclists should stop and ask equestrians how best to proceed for the safety of all concerned.
- Seasonal or flash grazing by livestock is a great approach to tackling the understory and wildfire protection in the park. But I encourage Trione-Annadel to approach any management plan involving livestock cautiously and consider working with a rancher/contract grazer that embodies the ethos of conservation and habitat protection. I've seen multiple parks in the East Bay Regional Parks district with riparian and sensitive habitats decimated by the cattle. That's terrible for the wildlife habitat the park supports and also a massive safety issue for trail users when trails/crossings are eroded or big hoof holes posthole the trails. If bringing in larger animals, please consider first establishing fencing infrastructure to allow only temporary access to more sensitive zones of the park or working with a grazer who is savvy on using temporary fencing with their herd.

- Separate pedestrian and bike trails, like in Ashland Watershed
- Since Covid, when a lot of other dog-friendly parks closed, I noticed an uptick in people bringing dogs into the park, both on and off leash. I'm 39 and have been recreating in this park since I was a small child, and I never saw dogs in the park until recently. They disturb wild animals and horses, and their leashes are dangerous to bikes and runners. I'd like to see better education and enforcement on the matter.
- Single use bike only trails, with bike features like banked turns, drops, and jumps. These draw bikes to them and leave less bikes on multi use trails
- Single use trails for horses
- single use trails for horses- mountain bikers on current trails make for very dangerous encounters
- Some kind of steps or a ladder on the dam face into the water would make it safer to enter for a swim.
- Stop the use of E-bikes. I am equestrian and they are more dangerous than riding horses.
- Take a stand against ebikes in the park, with additional signage, refuse to kowtow to local businesses and businesspeople who rent and sell ebikes, and strict rule enforcement, with rangers at every entrance every day writing tickets. There are ORV areas nearby for this sort of activity.
- TASP needs more active and frequent vegetation management than it receives now. The forested areas and the grasslands are not healthy. Prescribed burns and livestock grazing would go a long way toward returning it to a healthier ecology.
- TASP used to have an active volunteer program that was supported by the staff. Volunteers manned the Visitor Center, did patrol, and maintenance. Our community wants to help and contribute but the volunteer programs at TASP are almost nonexistent anymore. To be honest, there are current staff who seem to discourage any volunteer activities.
- That area that is unpaved is rocky and dangerous in winter in particular when it rains. Makes access to park more difficult in all seasons. Paving would make it safer and more accessible to all.
- The condition of many trails is hazardous. Rocks are ok but these are the result of untended corrosion and overuse.
- The current "yielding" format is incredibly outdated and doesn't make any sense.

Hikers, runners, MTBers going uphill on singletrack trails should be yielding to people coming downhill; especially if those people are mountain biking.

It's easier, faster, and safer for folks who are hiking/riding up hill at a slower rate of speed to simply move and step off to the side than someone coming downhill on a bike.

- The cycling community is strong in SoCo and Annadel gets visitors from all over the Bay Area especially on the weekends. It's time that State recognizes the growing need for more MTB only trails and the user group as a whole. MTBers are the ones who consistently do trail maintenance and show their deep love for the park and instead the State has decided to go to war with them by sticking trails (causing dangerous situations for riders) and giving tickets (clogging up the court system). If the rangers have time to do that then they certainly have time to take care of the park; that should be the highest priority. China Camp has way more social trails and it is considerably a higher risk area for riders and the rangers there have not taken the stance the ones in Annadel have.

There needs to be more MTB trails with proper signs of the level of difficulty. Period.

There also needs to be at least two more water fountains in the park; 1) by the lake and 2) by Lawndale.





- The geese population at Lake Ilsanjo needs to be called. I am a big supporter of waterfowl but it is out of balance.
- The general accessibility (which greatly improved by community-built trails) within Annadel is what separates it from any other park nearby. We need to focus on maintaining trails rather than closing them. This including sanctioning and then maintaining most of the popular community-built trails which are currently unsanctioned.
- The land for Annadel Trione Park was a gift to the county from Henry Trione. It was his express wish that the Park would remain a place for equestrian use. Horses have been pushed out of the park by the heavy bike use in recent years. I think it would be helpful to have more signage educating bikers that horses are animals of flight and if spooked can cause harm to their riders and to the bikers.

While I have found when horse riding in the park most bikers slow down or stop as we pass one another, some seem utterly unaware and cause dangerous situations.

I have read through all of the comments and observe that the complaints about rude people going too fast is not directed at the horses but at the bikers. We can all get along together in the park but only if we respect and understand how to share the trails safely. So signs to educate might be very helpful.

- The Lawndale area remains a nightmare of burned trees, and it is almost inaccessible except for a long hike south, because there is almost no parking at the trailheads. So a major southern area of the park is both ugly and unusable. Just one look up Hood Mt shows how that area has barely begun to recuperate in the 8 yr since the first fire. The Lawndale area will face a similar fate if something is not done. Maybe it should be closed and walled off, and left to recuperate, with a tree planting program to help it along.
- The park is such a great experience for advanced mountain bikers and many of the rocky and technically challenging trails should be maintained. As a long time rider it is a great joy to go out on these trails (Lawndale up and down, Burmas, two quarry). I also agree with some commenters that the creation of some flow trails and jumping terrain would be awesome and welcomed. I would welcome the development of easier terrain for beginner riders also. Perhaps some legal trails off south Burma to two quarry? Please keep the nature of the park, single track mountain biking is a treasure.
- The park needs some permanent structures that aid in viewing the scenery, find some place for a viewing deck somewhere elevated.
- The parking lot on Channel drive has a 3 to 5 inch drop off from the pavement to the gravel parking lot. Some cars cannot even negotiate that dropoff.

Please improve the parking lot to road interface with a load of gravel.

- The portion of south Burma that descends from the top bench to Marsh trail is completely annihilated and really needs to be fixed, maintained, or rerouted altogether.
- The Redwood Trail Alliance has already been doing a lot of really good and necessary trail maintenance, I believe that they just need to get the OK from the park to do more. Brush cutting, and dirt work in the winter, on more of the trails will make them safer and protect them from erosion. The RTA have been great trail stewards so far and I would love to see their impact increased!
- The trails already exist. Areas between South Burma, Richardson and Two Quarry should be established as official trails. No hikers only. Difficulty level signs installed as well as jump alerts and alternate paths where possible.

Additional area for trails to be established include west of Marsh, specifically a certain hill top that offers the BEST view of Sonoma county for hikers and bikers alike. Downhill bike traffic should be directed down trails separate from hikers.

Yet another area to establish is in and around the Orchard loop and Cobblestone. The more official downhill bike only trails, the less conflict we will have between hikers and bikers.

Additionally, trail maintenance must not be restricted to the current frequency. More trail work days will equal more volunteers and better maintained trails.

- The user count is not correct, the MTB is way more than 40%
- The visitor center is NEVER open
- There are already a lot of excellent suggestions posted. I support the idea of some trails that are designated for specific user groups. One way mountain bike trails for mountain bikes only; trails that exclude bikes enhance hiker and equestrian experiences; and some trails - mostly fire roads perhaps - open to everyone.
- There are many of the currently unofficial trails that make a lot of sense. I would especially like to see a trail officially opened around the perimeter of False Lake Meadow. FLM is a major attraction as it is, so it only makes sense to create an official and sustainable trail around it.
- There needs to be a drinking fountain somewhere around here. Mountain Bikers and Hikers can easily go through a full water bottle by the time they get here, and not being able to refill prevents them from continuing deeper into the park and demands that they turn back. Since the lake is a hub where many trails meet, this is a good spot. I don't know how you'll do it, but this is the most important thing you could do for this park in my opinion.
- To avoid public confusion, make enforcement easier, improve user experience, align Trione-Annadel e-bike policy with Sonoma County Regional Park e-bike policy: Class 1 Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes) are allowed in Regional Parks wherever conventional bicycles are allowed unless otherwise posted. E-Bike riders must adhere to the same trail rules as conventional bicycle riders. Class 1 E-Bikes are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.
- Trail etiquette education
- Trail etiquette, social pressure and education
- Trail maintenance is needed.

Clearing overgrowth, especially poison oak, away from trails at least two feet on either side of the trail would make this a much safer place for all recreational trail users.

For visitors who don't know about poison oak, they can be in for two weeks of suffering after experiencing our park trails.

Trail maintenance and management is needed and has been lacking for decades.

We don't need to widen single track trails, but we do need the weeds and brush cleared away from the trail for safer passing and safer and more enjoyable use.

- Trails users need to communicate with each other
- Trione-Annadel State Park is located in the Wildland Urban interface. Given the areas fire history, more thought should be given to planning and maintaining a road system that provides firefighter vehicles and other emergency access. This would improve public safety and make the park a better fit with its neighbors.
- We need a dedicated jump line and a trail with TTFs other than rock traversal here. Having at least a jump line (with doubles) would prevent people from unauthorized trail building. We crave jumps. People





visit from everywhere and they have fun but the common thing that they all say makes them want to go elsewhere is that there isn't a jump line. Agwin would be the closest that does have it.

Annadel has the space. The area has volunteers who would build it - me included.

- While the idea of horses needing “doggie bags” might sound funny at first, the reasoning behind it is rooted in common trail courtesy and environmental responsibility.

On shared trails—especially those used by hikers, cyclists, and other riders—horse manure can be more than just an eyesore. It creates slipping hazards, attracts insects, and contributes to trail erosion and nutrient pollution in nearby waterways. Just like dog owners are expected to clean up after their pets, riders should consider the impact of what their horses leave behind.

Enter the concept of the equestrian “doggie bag”—usually a manure catcher or trail-safe cleanup kit. These tools allow riders to clean up or contain waste during or after a ride, keeping trails safer, more pleasant, and more accessible for everyone.

It's about respect. Respect for the land, for fellow trail users, and for the privilege of riding in shared outdoor spaces. Because whether it barks or neighs, cleaning up after your animal is just the right thing to do.

- Why do mountain bikers love the trails in Annadel? It's the varied terrain, fast and flowy in some sections but in my opinion most importantly it's the ROCKS! Don't smooth everything out and turn the trails into 3 foot wide sidewalks. I know that this is a park for everyone so the majority of trails need to be multi-use, in my 25 plus years riding mountain bikes here I've never had a negative trail interaction with another user group. Having said that, the dream scenario would be to have a few directional (downhill only) mountain bike specific trails, steep and chunky please. I look at places like Briones in the East Bay or the Parliament trails in Nevada City and wonder why we can't have something similar closer to home. I believe the vast majority of unsanctioned trails were built to satisfy the ever growing demand for mountain bike specific trails offering challenging terrain and features. That demand isn't going away as the sport continues to grow and evolve.
- Write order allowing EMTB at Annadel
- Year round dedicated PAID trail crew to maintain the park
- Youthful (and adolescent) mtn bikers want advanced trail options, with jumps/berms/drops. They are leaving Sonoma Co to ride Angwin, Pacifica, Tamarancho, Brionnes, etc. and spending their money in restaurants and bike shops in those regions.

Please adopt and update our unsanctioned trails, or create something from scratch that will keep locals and attract tourists to Santa Rosa. This is an economic opportunity left unmet.

## WHICH RESOURCES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT

- A wooden puncheon bridge in False Lake Meadow to protect species but also afford access to park visitors
- Adding more signage to educate park users about the native and natural history of this place. How about renaming some of the trails or sites to honor the tribes whose territory this park encompasses?
- Allow grazing in areas possible to prevent and control burns
- Amphibians
- Amphibians and reptiles often get run over during breeding and dispersal season: (

- Annadel is a gem. I grew up going with Annadel as a kid and now in adulthood it has enriched my life as a cultural resource of multi use travel. we must protect the cultural resources and I mean that in a very broad sense when it comes to the road and trails plan. We have to include all user groups inclusively that include plants animals, people, even the rock of Annadel. we must also remember the mission of state parks is to balance the protection of resources and recreation at the same time we need to diplomatically hold state parks accountable for there lack of trail maintenance and as users be accountable for loving the parks trails illegal or legal to hard will have consequences. the need for a well vetted plan is needed. we only get one shot at this.
- Annadel is not a BMX pump track, a high school running track, or an equestrian arena. It's an amazing natural resource that we enjoy recreating in precisely because it's a natural resource. The top priority, therefore, should be protecting those natural resources, even the ones we cannot see because they are far off trail. The wildlife and plant communities that live in this place deserve areas free from human disturbance. Not every part of the park needs a trail, and the trails we do have need to be properly designed to protect plant life and water quality. The meadows are actually misnamed - they are wetlands. The trails that bisect these wetlands need to be decommissioned and the system trails that run through creeks need to be run over bridges.
- Area is great shape.
- Area is likely classifiable as a wetland, the social trails here are just lazy. Need to be decommissioned.
- Bridge here.
- Bridge here. Also sensitive flowers that need fencing.
- Buick meadow needs a controlled burn or it will turn into shrubland. Perhaps that's fine, but vegetation management should include controlled burns of meadows periodically where warranted.
- Didn't see this wetland in the hydrology layer of the trail suitability map.
- Education of water resources and maybe seasonal "closures" of problem/wet areas
- Environmental considerations such as wetlands and endangered species warrant the most consideration. I don't consider gravel pits as a cultural resource.
- Flowers here are rad and it's great that there is a trail that allows people to see them. They grow around the trail so they are not impeded.
- Forest Health
- FYI, it would be easier and more accurate to pin the map if this map included the unofficial trails.  
This canyon is a beautiful steep stream.  
I imagine this was a place the natives utilized. I would say this is a beautiful place to have a trail that allows people to see the beauty of this sensitive canyon. The trail in this canyon has sections that would be better having realignment to reduce erosion and make for safer trail use.
- Geology and rock outcrops
- Get the trails out of the wetlands and creeks. If you cant do that, close those trails in the winter/when wet.
- Habitat quality and connections for far ranging species like mountain lions
- How about protect AND educate? More interpretive signs, school programs, and ranger shacks.
- I love the Coniferous Woodlands on the north side of the park





- I've seen this done in other state parks and popular parks in San Luis Obispo (Montana De Oro). Especially for bikes and horses (who are almost never out in the wet weather anyway)
- Kudos for the fuel reduction done to date. However much of the northeast side of the park contains dense Douglas fir stands with numerous dead snags and a heavy dead fuel load. This is a recipe for a high intensity fire that will significantly change the character of the park. Not to mention a threat the parks neighbors. These stands should be managed to be more fire resilient.
- Let the water flow naturally it builds character. You don't need a bridge over every single wet area of the park. Get your feet wet. This area is fine.
- Meadows should be better protected! Through signage and education. Volunteer trails exist on either side of False Lake Meadow. Maybe these could be farm life so that more and more area criss cross the meadow
- More educational signage to explain the natural and cultural resources
- multilingual signage is needed (spanish) for all trail and resource signs i.e. don't ride wet trails or take your horse out in the mud.
- Need more signage to identify sensitive plants and animals. I love the wetland protected areas!
- No bridge needed. It's only water.
- No bridge needed. Let the creek flow naturally. It's water.
- Please do put some kind of bridge here to protect the flora & fauna that depend on the pool/stream. My suggestion would be stone piers, widely spaced — placed well away from the water —one at each end — with a wooden bridge or metal grid as the deck. Don't make it super wide, it would only be for bikes & hikers. Horses would still need to go thru.
- Preserve access to Lake Ilsanjo for swimming. Swimming in natural areas is a rare opportunity, free from chlorine, and very up-close-and-personal with nature. There is no better way to appreciate beauty than through direct contact, and no better way to preserve it than to appreciate it.
- Preserve non-system trails that meet user needs and make needed connections
- Protect All and Educate!
- Protect rare plants and animals, especially those associated with wetlands
- Protect wetlands and vernal pools. Frog Pond area is a treasure! Save the newts!
- Protect while also highlighting (interpretive signage, educational programs, etc.) Ecologically unique resources. People only protect what they love/appreciate. For example, managing access to vernal pool ecosystems so people understand why they matter- why they're special- so they can help conserve them elsewhere (e.g. Laguna and Santa Rosa)
- Protecting the Marsh Areas
- Protecting the Riparian Vegetation Community
- RX Fire
- Salamanders and Birds
- Signage such as sudden oak death/how to prevent spread. Common wildlife, public education to increase interest in noticing and protecting land and native ecology
- Social trails here are a good thing.

- Some users do not understand the need for raised trails here. They need to learn that Anadel is not just some vacant corner lot full of tumbleweeds and trash.
- Special flowers here, these trails reduce their habitat space.
- Special flowers used to be here, trail has expanded and destroyed them.
- The majority of the park users that frequent Annadel are ones that don't even care about the historical aspects of the park. I could care less about a 200 year old rock wall or quarry that was built forever ago. That doesn't add to my experience; and I'm sure that goes for others. If you want history lessons, go to a museum.

It's a park, it's meant to be ridden, ran, and explored. Simple as that. We like it because it's a natural gem for riding and exploring.

- The more educational signage the better stewards every visitor becomes
- The new trails in here add to the relevant "cultural" experience this generation's MTB has. It enables MTB culture to socialize among each other.
- The stream outlet to False Lake Meadow needs a trail crossing that protects the stream. There is a non-system trail currently but it is a great trail that is S/B part of the trail system.
- The wetland is fine. It still has wetness to it. The social trails here don't hinder the area.
- The wildflowers out here are amazing. Trail is perfect.
- The worst of all the wetland damage in the park. This needs to be restored and the social trails decommissioned.
- There are many locations of historical significance as is stated in this presentation, yet there are no presentation signs anywhere in the park explaining and pointing out the historical significance of certain sites.

There is immense opportunity to educate park visitors about the history of the places.

For example, the photo of the old foundation along Canyon Trail shown in this presentation; what's the history of it? How can anyone know if there isn't any info?

Another example is the multiple quarry sites and the raised pathway of Orchard Trail. Or the quarry at the couch. Or the sidewalk section just up from the frog pond. Or the old log cabin site before the hairpin turn on Schultz Trail. Or the old ranch roads. Or sites known to have been used by natives for acorn production or hunting and gathering or for where they might have lived.

All of these are great places for educational signs and information placards. In today's world, they could have simple posts with QR codes that take you to an educational page on the specific location. These website pages could be presented in English and Spanish and any other languages.

It's a fantastic opportunity to make visiting this park unique and interesting for people of all ages and of all trail user types.

All of these are opportunities to teach about the history of our rich area.

- There are several vernal pools in the park. Some have trails going right across them. Others have trails very close by. None have information signs explaining their importance and sensitivity or what they are. These areas can be better protected and respected if there is information about what they are and there are carefully planned trails around or over them.





Having information that teaches people in a positive way about how people can help protect their special natural habitats will help people to understand and learn and do a better job of respecting these sensitive spaces.

With no information, people don't know and they just ride their bike or horse or tromp right through the mud not knowing it's actually a sensitive and special environmental phenomenon.

- There have been 'Closed' signs at both ends of this unsanctioned connector trail for many years. People ignore them. It is not needed as it is only a shortcut and does not provide unique access to features.

If it really is important that we not have a trail here, then a very obvious, official sign, with strong wording is needed. "Trail Cutters are Selfish Jerks" would be ok with me. The tendency is generally more like, "Area closed to protect sensitive habitat".

- This area of Canyon is a seep, has high groundwater and hydrophilic plants. Consider adaptations to the trail or fencing to protect plant life.
- This area of the park used to be a quiet place for animals to retreat to. The social trails now make this one of the busiest areas of the park. Need to carefully consider how the trail system impacts the wildlife that lives here.
- This is a beautiful vernal pool and stream. The trail can have an armored crossing built over it and signage can be added explaining the vernal pool and its sensitivity and importance. The trail currently widens every winter as it becomes a large mud pit. The trail will stay and people will go straight across it, so may as well build an educational raised wooden platform trail going over it.
- This unofficial trail is long established and should be kept. It is called, "Up & Over," I believe. It provides unique access and experience due to its location and configuration.

However, it passes thru two low vernal pool areas which need protection. In winter when the area is wet, users widen the trail by creating multiple routes to avoid the water. This both compresses and digs up the soil, disturbing animal habitat and flowers. There need to be raised trails and informative signs in these two areas. Stone piers with wooden decks might work well. Signs could show the wildflowers and frogs that are at risk.

- Trail runs through headwaters stream, needs to be decommissioned or a bridge installed. Also fencing due to sensitive plants in this location
- Vernal pools rock!
- We need to educate during the wet season to protect resources
- Wetland damaged at this location as well.
- Wetland is great shape.

## EXISTING ROAD AND TRAIL SUSTAINABILITY

- Cobblestone and Orchard signage missing
- Cobblestone has significant erosion and has become nearly unusable. Was beautiful after the last maintenance but that was a while ago.
- Emergency access along Marsh Trail - trail to road conversion
- Erosion issues along Canyon Trail
- Extremely rough and rocky in this section. Far worse than I've seen in the past.
- Henry's Knob or the boob - rocky trail

- Horribly overgrown with poison oak. Hard to access for trail maintenance and therefore gets left till last to be brushed. Poison oak is a terrible experience for park visitors, especially for those who don't know who are visiting from far corners of the world.
- Marsh trail is a major access route. It is too difficult due to rocks in some sections to be ridden or hiked easily. This is non-equitable. Major access routes can be Singletrack, but need to be more user friendly. More difficult routes need to be provided for advanced users, but they need to be out-of-the-way, non-essential routes.
- Need safe way to cross from Spring Creek to Canyon during wet season
- Needs to either be rerouted or have some dirt/rock added back to it.
- Poison Oak on Shultz Trail
- Railing is hazardous on Dam
- Ridge Trail is almost always massively overgrown with poison oak
- Road collapsed between TASP and Oakmont
- Rough Go trail — Entire trail is too rocky and eroded. This is a major access trail and deserves upkeep. Its last major overhaul was about 20 years ago.  
The main cause is winter run-off.
- Rough-Go very aptly named - treacherous from severe erosion
- Section of trail that is constantly eroding year after year
- South Burma has gone from single track to almost a fire road, very eroded!
- State Parks needs to hire persons to trim out poison oak. As a volunteer, I trim on fire trails, but volunteers cannot cover all the trails.
- Super boggy and muddy during the winter and eroded as a result. Needs to be revamped.
- There are wet areas on the trail here that people make worse and worse with go-arounds.
- This area around the spillway and intersection with the Parktrail Entrance trail and the use trail along the west side of the creek is a mess. It should be consolidated into one trail and the other trails removed or blocked.
- This is great single track, but it's terribly overgrown with poison oak.  
Poison oak needs to be a category to choose.
- This section is so badly eroded that it feels unsafe on a mountain bike. I've ridden this trail for decades and this is probably the worst I've ever seen it. The trail keeps getting wider as people try to avoid the mix of deep ruts and protruding rocks.
- When trails are wet, close them to bikes and horses- except for purpose- built roads like Richardson and Canyon.
- Worsening incision/ goat-heads on S. Burma and Ridge. S. Burma Erosion is bad!

### **MOST IMPORTANT, MOST CONCERNING, AND NEW NON-SYSTEM ROUTES**

- A lot of work has gone into this trail. Keep it and keep improving it. It's a good route. It should get a better link to the hairpin turn of Lawndale.





- A non significant area that has been forgotten about for years has been revamped for bikers to use for recreating. It should be kept that way.
- Add some new MTB only trails in here.
- Adopt a selection of non-system trails in the southwestern corner of the park providing access to Bennett Peak and enhancing connectivity between Ridge Trail, Marsh Trail and Canyon Trail.
- Adopt a selection of non-system trails on the north side of South Burma Trail, including the route that traverses from lower South Burma to Two Quarry Fire Road, as well as others that connect South Burma to Warren-Richardson Trail.
- Adopt the social trail along the east side of False Lake Meadow and establish a connection between Live Oak Trail and Orchard Loop Trail at the north end of the meadow.
- Adopt this trail and all others within the park. The park is meant to be explored. How else are you going to see the wild flowers.
- Again, yet another trail intersection. It's not dangerous. Sheesh.
- Allow bikes in the quarry area as they already do!
- Any discussion about "non-system" or illegal trails without enforcement is a moot point. You need more rangers.
- As has been suggested by others, create a new route between Lawndale Trail and Schultz Trail by utilizing a combination of adopted non-system trails and new trail construction.
- Bennett Peak should be acquired and added into the park system. The trail is already there.
- Bikers come down this trail fast right into a hiking trail - really dangerous.
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- Biking only trail
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- Bobcat is unsustainable and dangerous.
- Build a walkway over sensitive habitats so that they can be accessed and enjoyed, not gatekeep
- Connector trails that are short cuts up or down to another trail junction make sense. This one should remain.
- Consider major enhancements to Rough Go Trail to enhance safety and get water off the trail during winter storm events.
- Create a route connecting North Burma Trail and Channel Trail by adopting existing non-system trails with enhancements.
- Create a route connecting the top of Lawndale Trail to the Oakmont neighborhood.
- Ditto. Puncheon bridge at FLM to protect.

- Don't need this tiny little connector
- Erosion problems abound here.
- Flow trail with various MTB features that starts here and descends down throughout the rest of the park, added new areas, and ends at channel drive.
- From the lake up the hill south a very flowy and not too steep line can be drawn. This could be another great area for a downhill only MTB only trail.
- Good trail for outer routes without having to climb up to the nob. Keep this.
- Great connectivity and fun trail. Could be made less erosive with some work.
- Hikers and cyclists need a connection here to get from Spring Lake to Annadel
- Ho ho ho, santa sleigh has to stay. Its a mountain bike trail built for bikers by bikers. Keep it jolly.
- I don't use Schultz trail much because there is no parking and I hate walking on the road between Lawndale trailhead and Schultz. Contour map seem to show a trail could connect Lawndale trail to Schultz for a nice loop trail.
- I like this trail in the summer/fall but it really trashes the wetlands. Best to reroute or get rid of it.
- I think Woodley is a great trail for MTB use because there is very rarely any foot traffic on it. Allowing MTBs to descend trails like Woodley will helps to reduce conflicts on other trail descents, such as Lawndale or N. Burma.
- I thought Rhyolite Trail is an official trail. Why is it on this map? This is a nice trail. Keep it.
- I would like to see a public parking area and trail access on the southwest side of the park.
- I would like to see better public parking at the Schulz Rd. entrance, to provide better accessibility to this section of the park
- Important cultural resources here being trashed by bikers. Jumps here are so dangerous. Rescuers can't get to people on non-system trails.
- Important to maintain these connector trails between Regional Parks and State Parks properties - used heavily
- Keep the bikes out of the quarry area
- Keep this trail. Some minor realignments will be wise. Make it a multi user single track.
- Manzanita trail is one of the best MTB specific trails that the park has. It's well maintained and provides several MTB features that riders love. This trail needs to be adopted into the park
- Maybe another access point trailhead should be considered for at the top of Schultz and Lawndale Roads. There is already a turnout where people can park and this entire section of the park has no official trails. There could be an amazing trail segment that connects from Schultz Road to Schultz Trail and up to Lawndale Trail. Great opportunity for some amazing recreational trail sections
- New old trail.

This waterfall canyon is one of the most amazing places in our entire region.

The overgrowth after the 2017 fires did a great job of disappearing this canyon trail, but this canyon trail is magical.

It's sad that it can only be accessed by going off trail.





And it's now a poison oak haven, no longer enjoyable to access at all.

Most don't know there are two waterfalls in this steep canyon.

It's a special

Place now forgotten.

- New old

There used to be a short cut trail here. There still is, but it's less used nowadays.

This cutoff route should be activated again and have a walking route next to a downhill specific bike trail.

- Not interested in closing/destroying trails. Convert, re-route, repair, open as much non-system trails as possible. At least in the high sustainability areas.
- Not needed. Needs to go. Needs signs that will keep people from re-using.
- Obviously, the couch or the castle, needs to stay accessible from above and below. All the routes leading to this viewpoint need to remain. The very steep section below it could be improved to meander up rather than go straight up, but all other sections leading here are good and need to remain. Visitors should be able to know about this place. Signage leading to this destination should be added. Yes, it will get more traffic if signposted as an official destination, but it's a popular viewpoint worth sharing. And there is no way access to this spot will successfully be erased. People will create ways back here.
- Old Manz is one of the best MTB exits in the park. Lots of dedicated people who wish they could put more time in to maintain and make it better
- Opportunity for a steep staircase for training purposes. People already use this steep route for up and down steep training ground.
- Opportunity! Keep both trails down the spillway. Make this one a directional down hill bike trail only. Make the other side be hiker only up and down.
- People hiking up north Burma should already know that it is a heavily used trail for mountain bikers. It's not dangerous, it's the way things are.
- Proper connection to the orchard loop from North Burma reduces the use of other erosive trails. The trail from north Burma, across the meadow, up and around it o the orchard loop is well-used for a reason. The connectivity is great. Erosion along the creek could be dealt with. A bridge over the creek. The trail and the other trails along False Lake Meadow provide access to one of the more beautiful and easily accessible parts of the park. Providing a quality, sanctioned trail through here is the key. Attempting to close the trails in the area without providing a good trail will not work and will not stop park users.
- Provides access to a beautiful and less crowded area in the park.
- Quarry areas off Steve's has to be closed. Too dangerous!
- Rainforest is one of the longest and most beautiful trails in the park.
- Reroute or repair the southern end of South Burma Trail as it leads to Buick Meadow.
- Richardson and 2 Quarry are some of the best trails in the park
- Santa's Sleigh ride has to go. Erosion Dangerous.
- Stop trampling the fritell aries and dowingia
- Tbh is network of trails that connects to above and below and fills in the area should be looked at to keep and make even more enjoyable especially for bikes. There are some jump features in this area, but

none of them are really effective good designs, they are just created from the onsite quarry mounds because kids want jumps. Let's get them what they want and this is an area where these features could be added to certain areas.

- The Boob, the Sugar Mound, Henry's Knob.... Whatever people want to call it, this viewpoint destination is going to continue be visited. The routes to get here work and this destination should be made open for all to experience. Some of the trail routes to and from here will needs improvements to make them safer for all trail users, and that provides some great opportunities for everyone.
- The network is awesome for hikers too!
- The parktrail entrance trail is eroded and boldered to the point that cannot be ridden on a mountain bike. Also, it is widening to the point it looks like a "failed" unattended trail. It is a sad entrance to our great park. Everything is deteriorating.
- The trails in this area degrade aquatic habitat and special flowers. Unsuitable for a trail due to the flowers and any route that doesn't impact the flowers but does go over the headwaters stream needs a bridge.
- The trails which head east from the power lines near Lawndale ("High Voltage", etc.) have held up great over the years and don't have issues with erosion. This single track could help reduce downhill bike traffic on Lawndale.
- The wildlife will adapt
- There already is a meandering trail through this area and it is a beautiful flat meadow woodland. It's a great trail. This is less used these days but is actually a very pretty trail. This is a candidate for a quiet zone.
- There are too many trails in this area. Eliminate some here, but make more in other areas. What is needed are bike-only, downhill-only Singletrack of all levels. — green, blue, and black (easy, moderate, advanced).
- There is a nice meandering single track trail going through this oak woodland area. It parallels the trail going through the meadow. This wooded trail is a nice shady route. It is a calm and quiet zone with lively viewing of the larger meadow below. Maybe a quiet hiking trail option.
- There is a trail at this marker that is rarely used, but is used by advanced bikers. Its route is too steep for the zone. It's not marked as a trail on your map, but it is there.
- There is a trail here. It's a solid good section. It's relatively new. It's steep. It's a good addition to the network. It's not rutted like the others have gotten.
- There is not "too many" trails in here. Theres a reason why it's called the network. Keep it the way it is and make it "bike only" since it was built by mountain bikers for mountain bikers.
- These trails off Richardson and 2 Quarry should not be! There needs to be an undisturbed area for wildlife.
- This alternate to Rough Go with connections at the bottom and at the switchback is steep and rough. It has been widened over time, especially the lower section, but it is a must keep trail. It is a training for steep uphill. It is a shortcut faster route up to the couch. And it has been a route for decades. Removing this trail would be a bad move and the community will create it back again quickly, so improvements to this route would be a smarter move.
- This alternate to the straight up and down trail on the face will need some improvements to make it safer and better, but it should be the primary access to the viewpoint.





- This area has been eroded and trashed by bikes. Plenty of other places for bikes to be.
- This area has old ranch roads and amazing views over Bennett Valley. It's an area of the park that could have excellent added trail access.
- This community entry point trail is worthwhile. It's in a deep canyon. Worth keeping.
- This connector is a short cut route. It makes sense and is a beautiful route. Keep it.
- This connector trail to Spring Lake park has fun turns for bikes and is walkable. There is a section that is steep that can be reworked and improved for all users. This trail is a great and enjoyable route.
- This extra route of Rough Go needs to stay. It needs maintenance to separate it from being a stream, but it's an enjoyable alternate route and should be official.
- This forested area is prime for trail additions. This particular one has some sections that will need realignment, but it is a lovely forest area for shady enjoyment. Add this to the system for sure.
- This is a beautiful canyon. The trail is steep and follows and crosses the stream. It is an advanced downhill mountain bike trail showing that these types of routes are needed for bikers. This particular canyon route should stay but get some improvements to lessen the erosion and mellow some of the steeper sections. This is a connector route and leads to a popular viewpoint. This trail should remain with some improvements.
- This is a beautiful section of trail for hiking. It mostly follows the contours and is shaded and enjoyable. Keep this.
- This is a beautiful single track trail that connects Orchard and Rough Go. It should remain.
- This is a beautiful single track trail that should definitely become an official trail. Period.
- This is a beautiful singletrack. It's mostly a deer trail, but humans are making it bigger. It should be considered as a new trail back to Spring Lake. The biggest issue with this zone is that it's an entry point for dog walkers from the regional park to enter with dogs into Annadel. This is a fragile area also, but it is a beautiful area with an existing route.
- This is a beautiful trail. The lowest section is too steep and could be rerouted, and this trail should be made an official route. Keep it single track.
- This is a connector worthy of keeping.
- This is a fragile meadow. This short connection trail is not frequently used (yet) but it has been started. I think this is a candidate for closure ASAP. But if it's not done quickly, the damage will be done and the route will become a route. Get on it or be ready to add it.
- This is a naturally flowy trail and provides better access from the Ilsanjo to False Lake Meadow. A proper, well-built trail here would cut down on the various erosive trails that reach from the lake to Rough Go. This locations is a great opportunity for a flowy and fun mountain bike trail.
- This is a newer downhill mountain bike trail across beautiful virgin terrain. This trail shows that bikers need steep challenges in our park. This particular one should probably be kept a natural zone and this trail should be left back to the deer if possible.
- This is a newer meadow trail. It should probably be eliminated, but it is a nice route. It does need to be a no horses trail. The ground is too fragile and hoof holes are a big problem here in winter that then dry as giant holes that are dangerous for other trail users. This trail has gotten lots of traffic quickly showing its popularity. It will need immediate elimination or will need to be adopted.

- This is a prime section for a connector to meander through and meet up with the already existing park perimeter fence line trail further along.
- This is a very enjoyable walking and biking trail. The bike ride down I'm sure is fun with swooping curves. It's a beautiful area and a great connection trail.
- This is already a downhill mtn bike playground. May as well go with the flow (pun intended) and make their playground even better and more awesome for those wanting these feature rich swooping turns with jumps downhill fun zone. This is far into the park and doesn't interfere with hikers much. Make it a bike fun zone as it has already been made.
- This is an access point from neighboring trailhead. The main item needed for these neighborhood trailhead access points is a larger focused effort on the 'no dogs' policy with more information on why. There is a need to educate people on why dogs are not allowed in Annadel. Maybe the rule will be more respected if the reasons are presented.
- This is an enjoyable trail and needs to be kept as a single track and made official
- This is an official section already and is a horrible deep ditch. This needs major work long ago.  
Most of the 'unofficial' are better maintained than the official trails.  
Do better! Please!
- This is downhill mtn bike with features. Make it so.  
The trail on the east side of the ridge going south should be kept and be multi use, so the upper section here would need to allow hikers and horses back up to Burma so this lower section could be bike fun zone.
- This is not an unofficial trail. It needs signage and maintenance. It is supposed to be a 'green' ability trail, an alternative to the nearby rocky section of Ridge.
- This is one of the most beautiful trails in the park and should be adopted as an official multi use trail. A section of it should have a redundant walking route added so the steeper section can be bike downhill only back toward canyon.
- This little section of meandering single track is one of the most beautiful segments in the entire park.
- This low section could be a directional downhill only bike only trail. Why not.
- This lower section connecting to false lake area is very nice and connects to the upper section going to Orchard. Keep this.
- This natural staircase trail is used as a training trail for people. It should be kept. It is also a connector/shortcut that makes sense. Its steep incline natural stone staircase provides a workout training people are looking for. In winter, it can also be an awesome waterfall viewing trail. This one is worth keeping in the system.
- This needs to go. It has become a lake.
- This network of trails has added some excellent biking segments.  
This could be a prime zone to create more bike park features for the bike community that definitely needs these types of feature rich bike specific sections.
- This network of trails is naturally rutted due to natural rain, but the rocky terrain prevents trail traffic from affecting the trail condition. Practically speaking, it will be hard to deter people from going to the





vista at the top. This is another example of a remote area in the park which, if opened up to users, could help reduce congestion in the popular areas (e.g. close to park entrances, Lake Ilsanjo, etc.)

- This non-system trail on the edge of the wetlands seems well located and has little erosion and has great wildflowers in the spring.
- This old ranch road opens up a corner of the park that most people never go to. It's a route that allows for different views and should be made available for the general public to experience. There is opportunity to build more trails below this also to experience more of this corner of our beautiful park.
- This particular section could be made downhill mtn bike only as long as the other routes up this region are open for all users.

Trying to find ways to get bikes what they need, this could be a candidate.

As a hiker mostly, I would miss this route, but there are other routes that are nicer hiking.

- This short connection trail is important to keep, but can be made better with curving switchbacks to reduce erosion and make safer.
- This steep scar of a trail leading straight up to the viewpoint has been here for decades.

Whether you want the challenge of using it for steep incline hiking up or for the rush of biking down, it's a route that has been used for decades. I think a staircase could be built going straight up next to a straight line bike path to accommodate both user groups to get their challenges satisfied. The route will more than likely continue to be used, so why not make it useable.

- This trail as has been created is too steep and hence creates erosion to the creek system below. This trail does showcase the downhill mountain bike capability in our community and their need for steep challenging downhill mountain bike specific trails.
- This trail connector is beautiful and needs to stay, but the trail needs a causeway over this vernal pool. Forcing people around the pool will not last long. People will eventually go straight across again, so just build the way for the trail to go across it.
- This trail deserves adoption because it fills a critical niche in our trail network: it offers the kind of technical, challenging terrain that advanced and expert-level mountain bikers actively seek out. Unlike beginner or flow trails, this route includes natural obstacles, tight lines, rock gardens, and steep descents, that demand a higher level of skill, control, and confidence.

Experienced riders are often underserved by trail systems that prioritize accessibility over progression. By adopting and maintaining this trail, we support rider development, encourage advanced skill-building, and retain riders who would otherwise seek more difficult terrain elsewhere. It provides a legitimate space for technical riding and progression.

This park has the potential to become a respected destination within the mountain biking community, it could demonstrate our commitment to supporting all rider levels. Adoption ensures it can be properly maintained, signed, and managed, creating a sustainable and safe way to challenge our most skilled riders. Of course I also agree that we need more features and jumps throughout the park and even an easy trail that would facilitate young ones and beginners. Thank you for your consideration.

- This trail has a section that runs straight downhill above a creek. That section of the trail is not well chosen for site or engineered.
- This trail has been thoughtfully crafted and maintained. It is an excellent addition to the trail network and should definitely be made an official trail.

- This trail has gotten extremely rutted. It's basically a trench. It's a route that will stay whether we like it or not. It needs to be maintained to push water off the trail and make safer for hiking and more enjoyable for biking.
- This trail has gotten quite a bit of work done over the years to make it more fun for biking down.  
It's super steep in sections making some sections dangerous for hikers. Improvements should be made to add redundancy hiker sections and keep the fun biker downhill sections. Make it a safe and fun trail for all to access to or from the viewpoint destination above.
- This trail has some very fun looking burms for the down to Marsh for mountain biking. It should be kept as an official single track. It would be good to have an added redundancy section for other trail users and to have fun steep sections specifically for down hill mountain bike traffic.
- This trail is a great connection back to the lake, but it does have a few steep sections that are too steep and erosion causing. This trail should be considered as a great connector with some rerouting of erosion sections. If steep sections are kept, they can be reworked for downhill biking with redundancy for other users to safely use this route. This rout from Burma to the lake has beautiful areas that should be open for trail users to enjoy.
- This trail is a nice good alternative to Louis and N. Burma, which are too rocky & difficult.
- This trail is actually lovely. It has some steeper sections in the lower portions, but goes along the ridge up top and is a gem. It should be considered as an added route in this area of the park with less official routes. This route exists and can be improved to make it even better. This route can also have another trail (that already exists but isn't on your map) to go through the canyons above Schultz Road all the way over to Schultz Trail. Huge opportunity here.
- This trail is mostly overgrown. It's actually a good route. But it's rarely being used these days because of trees down and overgrown brush. If you need to delete trails, this one is already somewhat blockaded.
- This trail is not marked. There is a trail in this creek canyon. The lower section is beautiful. The steep section connecting it to Canyon needs rerouting.
- This trail likely came into existence because 1) alternative to rutted final section of SouthBurma and 2) nice steep smooth downhill run. Now it is starting to erode. Compromise - re-route the last bit of S. Burma and remove this trail.
- This viewpoint should be a destination shared with all park visitors. It is these little spots that make our park special for so many.
- This zone should be made available for trail users to experience.
- Tons of terrain for a connector between Schultz and Lawndale Trails in the multiple steep canyons of this section of the park.
- Trail features? Yes please. Mountain bike specific trails? If you insist.
- Trail provides people with some of the best views of the wild flowers that grow within the area. Adopt this trail and others in the park. Trail is fine shape. The creek crossing is getting a bit eroded; maybe add a bridge here.
- Trails intersect with other multi-use trails. It's not dangerous.
- What's happened to this wetland is an abomination. Restore it and decommission these trails.
- Whether we like it or not, people are going to go here. The current trail provided for a steep uphill climb that some are looking for, for training. This is also a connection between trails. The route could be





rerouted to still be a very steep trail with meandering so it is more interesting and less erosion causing, but also provides steep training ground. Keep is as a single track and make it able to be used by bikers and hikers, so prevent steps.

- Why isn't there a connector between TwoQuarry and Lawndale
- Would be great to have another trail in this area coming in and out of Annadel

## **PARK ACCESS, TRAIL FACILITIES, & AMENITIES**

- A number of private entrances to the park exist along this property boundary. Seems unfair.
- Accessible trail
- Add another trail entry point here with new trails connecting to Schultz and Lawndale Trails. The parking turn out at the top of Schultz and Lawndale can accommodate parking nearby. And this would allow for more and better access on the Kenwood side of the park with limited trail options.
- Add more parking throughout this area that parallel the road. Simple as that.
- Again, it's access to the park in a suburban area that the park backs up to. Just how it is. It's not unfair.
- Although not yet sanctioned- a marker / information about the seasonal lake / marsh/ unique flora here would be amazing g
- Another wooden map box that should be removed or, if maps are necessary, replaced with a simple plastic map box attached to the side of the trail marker.
- Bathroom and water at lawndale trailhead
- Bathroom needed
- Bench
- Bench - one of the best views in the park on system trails.
- Bench requested here
- Bike rack
- Bike racks
- Campsite
- Campsite
- Campsite
- Campsite option
- Do not make this a paid area. It's not the parks fault if the park is busy or popular. There's a reason why people park here. If people want to pay for parking, they can go park at the Warren Richardson parking lot.
- Fix the water fountain here please
- Flush toilet
- Great entrance to the park, but it needs a lot of work crossing the river and climbing the steep hill. Such a magical place that only a few people know about.
- Have some parking available for public entry.
- I wouldn't be feasible to lay water pipes to the middle of the park.

- If new trails are on the menu add options at established trailheads to add variety of options to access interior of park.
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- If you're looking for easier trails there are plenty of other parks in the area. Younger kids can ride around Spring Lake before graduating to riding in Annadel. Surely, you're not suggesting Annadel should be smoothed out for kids. It's hills, valleys and mountains.
- Informational re the lake- its history- fauna etc.
- More public parking is needed at this entrance!
- Needs a bridge for crossing over the creek. But that's it.
- No signs.
- No signs. Don't put signs here or anywhere else in the park except at entrances or the visitor center. Those placed at entrances should be temporary and for warnings and dangerous conditions, not for charity dinners.
- Not unfair, just how it is.
- On steep sections of the trail, it is necessary to have wider trails or bulb-outs to allow for the safe movement of different trail users. Hiking uphill with my two young children were challenged by having to consistently stop and step into the weeds/poison oak to accommodate down hill bike riders.
- Potable water desired where appropriate
- Potable water source
- Public parking should be allowed at the end of this street to provide accessibility to the southeast park trails.
- Quarry history
- Rebuild the dock for swimming access. Entering off the dam is dangerous/slick and typically covered with goose poop.
- Restroom
- restroom
- Restroom and water
- Restroom or outhouse
- Seems unfair that this is essentially a private access point only for Oakmont residents due to the parking policies and restricted access to this property.
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- Signage about the history of this site of the quarry on Warren-Richardson.
- Signage about the obsidian mining and refining done here by Native Californians.
- Signage about the wetland habitat in the meadow below and the original plan to dam it and build houses around the lake that would be created.





- The 'no dogs' signs aren't good enough here. The eh need to be better and bigger. This is an often used dog walking route where people enter with dogs into Annadel.
- The 8' tall wooden 4x4 pole that was placed here recently is an eye sore and should be removed, along with the other one at the junction of Canyon and Marsh.
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- The park is next to someone's backyard. Not unfair, just how it is. If they want to have access to it from their backyard that's their choice.
- The park should be renamed Annadel State Park and the signage and website updated to reflect this change.
- The Quarrys in the park are opportunities. Build benches and chairs out of the quarry rocks as usable infrastructure overlooking the city, lakes and Hood mountain.
- The recycling bin here needs to be emptied, tidied up and repaired more often, or removed. This location is accessible by quad and there is no need to drive a truck here.
- The recycling bin, garbage can and picnic tables at Lake Ilanjo need to be maintained or removed. This location is accessible by quad and there it is dangerous to other trail users to drive a truck up here except in flashing lights and sirens emergencies.
- There are too many signs at this location. The small trail marker and marker with no dogs/no bikes signs should be integrated with the map sign. Why did you go through all the trouble to build a giant eyesore Annadel sign to show off the sort of main entrance on this side of the park and then you don't bother to trim the grass around it regularly?
- There should be a public water fountain here (there is currently a hose which everyone uses). If there is already one here, it needs better signage!
- There shouldn't be ANY signs or markers in the park where they aren't absolutely needed for navigation, and safety reasons. Habitat protection signs should be temporary. Educate yourself at home or in the visitor center and leave nothing in the park.
- These poorly built wooden map boxes bolted haphazardly to the trail markers are eyesores and should be removed. A simple waterproof plastic box for maps, preferably brown instead of clear, attached to the trail marker, would be ideal.
- This area close to outhouse could be a great camping site option
- This area is in frequent need of maintenance, a popular spot for litter, graffiti, and other vandalism. This location is accessible by quad and there is no need to drive a truck here.
- This lake isn't safe for swimming. There is no lifeguard, no one removes debris from the water, and besides the virulent goose poop (look it up, it's bad), there is the potential for toxic algae blooms every summer. Unless you address all those issues, there's no need for improvements to access such as a dock.
- This little wooded area could have some camp sites. Close to existing outhouse.
- This utility meadow where rocks and logs and gravel have been stored in the past could be made into a hike/bike in camping area.

An outhouse would be needed here. The marsh is a water source most of the year.

- Very congested on weekends. Make the dirt parking lot at Channel paid to produce revenue. Work with regional parks to make regional parks pass work for Annadel parking or that the Team Sugarloaf pass also works for Annadel, so we aren't buying 3 different passes.
- Water
- water
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- water
- Water fountain or spigot
- Water would be amazing here!
- We used to be able to park along the road. The neighbors have added rocks and moved fences closer to the road making parking impossible. This makes this be a private entry only for this neighborhood or for bike traffic.
- When parks decided to decommission Marsh Trail from Canyon Trail to Ledson Marsh, this was a huge mistake. Marsh Trail should be brought back as a vehicle patrol road for staff -- to better serve the public for rescues and safety and maintenance issues.
- Would love to see water facilities!
- Young kid especially from 5 to 9 years old easier trails in terms of elevation gain. Would love to see some more contour trails that have less overall elevation game from beginning to end. There is a fast growing number of young kids riding bikes in the Santa Rosa area.



## Comments Received

The emails below were received by State Parks during the associated comment period.

### Karen Gruns

June 20, 2025

Good morning

I tried to navigate thru your plan but found the maps so un-user-friendly, it was really impossible to participate.

I use Annadel frequently but I'm sure there are others who have more intricate knowledge of the park and the unsanctioned trails who also find the presentation unusable.

I know I would like to see more hiker only trails and more trails that link to Lawndale from Marsh and that area of the park but I could not figure out to use your maps to indicate that.

Karen

### Kerin McTaggart

July 8, 2025

Good Morning,

I would like to see more 'hiking only' trails and less unofficial trails.

I would like to know how it would be possible to eliminate some of the unofficial trails that have caused damage/erosion to some areas of the park. How can we work with the biking community to stop maintaining and building/excavating new unofficial trails during the night.

Thank you

Kerin McTaggart

### Jim Thomason

June 27, 2025

Thank you for holding the public meeting on the RTMP on June 17. The video was very interesting and we appreciated the other exhibits as well. We are hikers who live near Annadel and have walked in the park often. We are glad to see that the park management is focused on improving all aspects of the park experience. Our comments will primarily address a few of the many issues you are looking at, though we support you in all that you are doing.

In general we support keeping all of the current "Official Trails". As for the "Non-System" trails, our observations are the following:

- In those areas where there are currently many trails close together, close some, or all, of the non-system trails.
- In areas where there are only non-system trails, make a few of them official trails and eliminate the others. For example, keep the loop that goes from the Marsh trail to the area known as Henry's Knob and back to the Marsh trail. Eliminate the steep trail going down the North Face of Henry's Knob.
- It would be nice to have bike only trails and/or hike only trails, but only if they can be maintained, have proper signage, and don't make a feature off-limits for other groups.



- How are the rules going to be enforced? Most folks are very courteous on the trails, but most hikers have their stories of bikers going too fast or recklessly around people on foot (or horseback).

We also support limiting trails to those that the park staff can maintain. If there are no resources to maintain a trail, then close it. We know that resources are limited.

Thank you again for the work that you are doing on the RTMP. We look forward to the next steps in the process.

Jim and Linda Thomason

### Redwood Trails Alliance

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On behalf of Redwood Trails Alliance (RTA), thank you for advancing a Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) for Trione-Annadel State Park. This iconic landscape is more than a recreation area, it's a living ecosystem rich with biodiversity, cultural history, and community connection. As we hike, ride, run, and explore, we share these trails not only with each other, but with the land itself.

We recognize the many demands placed on California State Parks and deeply appreciate your decision to prioritize Trione-Annadel. Despite limited resources, the RTMP presents a rare and exciting opportunity to reimagine the park's future. With thoughtful planning, this process can unite diverse communities around a shared vision that honors the park's past, addresses current challenges, and ensures its long-term health and resilience.

We encourage the RTMP to consider the following priorities, which RTA members and volunteers are committed to helping Parks deliver:

#### User Experience & Safety

The public would benefit from improved, **bilingual wayfinding and trail signage**, making it easier for visitors to navigate the park and understand trail difficulty, distances, and permitted uses. We also support a **trail etiquette education campaign**, such as "*Slow and Say Hello!*," to support safe recreation and foster mutual respect among different user groups. Seasonal hazards like overgrown poison oak and other noxious plants should be proactively managed with **regular brushing**, especially on high-use and multi-use trails.

#### Protecting Our Resources

As a park immediately adjacent to the fifth-largest city in the Bay Area, TASP has tremendous and largely untapped potential to provide visitors (including underserved communities) with recreational experiences that deepen their appreciation for nature. Accordingly, public input shows strong support for **bilingual interpretive signage and educational programs** to grow understanding and stewardship of TASP's unique landscapes and ecosystems. People protect what they love—and education fosters that love. For example, sensitive and regionally unique habitats like **seasonal wetlands, vernal pools, and Sonoma volcanic soils** should be accompanied by signage and/or programming that explains their ecological importance and what makes them unique, helping users understand why access is sometimes limited and how they can support similar conservation efforts elsewhere in the region. The same goes for plants, insects, wildlife, and other natural resources in the park.

#### Existing Roads & Trails

Many legacy roads and trails experience **severe erosion, wet crossings, and failing infrastructure**, such as undersized culverts and outdated trail structures. These impacts will only increase over time, as climate change drives more frequent and intense winter storms and increases the risk of catastrophic wildfires. The RTMP should prioritize **repairs, replacements, and drainage improvements** that increase sustainability and



minimize maintenance burdens over time. In some areas, road/trail re-routes, retrofits, or decommissioning may be appropriate to reduce long-term impacts.

### Trail Facilities & Amenities

We see opportunities to expand the park's appeal and accessibility through **walk-in and bike-in camping**, which would offer a completely different experience of quiet trails, moonlit landscapes, and the sounds of nocturnal wildlife, things you won't find in daylight. The addition/adoption of **gentle-grade, less technical trails** for **beginners, seniors, and adaptive hikers/riders** would ensure more people can safely and confidently enjoy the park's trail system.

### Trail Network Planning

To ensure a sustainable and inclusive future for the park and its visitors, we recommend:

- **Adopting and enhancing** popular, well-used non-system trails where feasible to meet modern design and sustainability standards.
- **Rerouting or retrofitting** trails that currently cross sensitive ecological or cultural areas to preserve important resource values while maintaining recreation access.
- **Retiring or rewilding** redundant or unsustainable trails in a transparent, collaborative manner with support from local partners to share the restoration story and achieve shared goals for park health and resilience.

Given that two-thirds of park visitors live within 10 miles of Trione-Annadel (according to recent survey data), it's clear the park functions as an urban/front-country open space. To meet the needs of this local and diverse community, the trail network may need to be denser than typical backcountry standards.

Currently, the park includes nearly equal mileage of system trails (36.8 miles) and non-system trails (38.7 miles). To gain public buy-in and increase compliance by retiring the most environmentally and culturally impactful routes, we support expanding the formal trail system by approximately 20-25 miles through a combination of trail adoption, sustainable reroutes, and new alignments. This would improve user experience, distribute use more evenly, and support long-term stewardship.

As you assess non-system trails for potential adoption into the formal trail network, we respectfully request that trails currently deemed incompatible due to unit classifications or current standards and BMPs in the State Parks Trails Handbook not be summarily excluded from consideration.

Many of these user-created routes reflect long-standing recreational use patterns and offer valuable connectivity or recreational experiences that align with the evolving expectations of park users. In cases where a trail's design, features, or usage type does not currently conform to the park unit classification or existing guidance, we urge you to set aside a final decision pending anticipated updates to park policies, unit classifications, and the Trails Handbook.

This approach allows for a more adaptive and forward-looking planning process that reflects actual use, changing recreation trends, and community-supported stewardship goals, while upholding the mission of resource protection and public access.

### Conclusion

We view this RTMP as a pivotal opportunity to foster a shared, forward-looking vision for Trione-Annadel. A strong plan is one where no single group gets everything they want, but where all users feel heard, see their values reflected, and are motivated to support the outcome.

With over 6,000 members throughout the Sonoma County, Redwood Trails Alliance is committed to supporting California State Parks and the broader community in shaping a thoughtful, inclusive, and resilient

trail future for Trione-Annadel. Thank you again for your leadership—we look forward to continuing this important journey with you.

**Sincerely,**

*Redwood Trails Alliance*