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Santa Rosa, CA
March 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 11 Trails Update

STAFF: Noelle Breitenbach, Statewide Trails Office, Strategic
Planning and Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Trails Planning Updates

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No Action Needed, Informational Only

II. BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

Noelle Breitenbach with the Department's Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division will discuss Trail Planning updates including Road and Trail Management Plans as well as the Recreational Trails Plan effort.

III. ATTACHMENTS

- Staff Report
- Trione-Annadel State Park Road and Trail Management Plan before map
- Trione-Annadel State Park Road and Trail Management Plan proposed map



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SUBJECT: Status of various Trail Plans

OBJECTIVE

To update the State Park and Recreation Commission on the various Trail Plans as well as other projects that are happening within the State Park System and the State.

INTRODUCTION

This report describes the purpose and goals of current Trail Plans and other projects that are underway within the Statewide Trails Office.

DESCRIPTION

Trione-Annadel State Park Road and Trail Management Plan

This Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) is a comprehensive planning document that examines Trione-Annadel State Park's existing road and trail system to provide direction for long-term planning, design, construction, maintenance, and management. It considers current and potential public use, park operations, and the protection and enhancement of cultural and natural resources to ensure recreational trail opportunities are available to their fullest potential while protecting vital resources. The Draft Plan was released on January 29, 2026, with the second public meeting held on February 4, 2026. Public comments were due by February 27, 2026. Staff is reviewing the public comments received and working towards the Environmental Document. The RTMP should be completed by early 2027. Please visit the [Trione-Annadel RTMP website](#) for more information and send any other project-related questions or concerns to trails@parks.ca.gov.

Big Basin Regional Road and Trail Management Plan

The Santa Cruz District is in the beginning stages of developing their Regional Road and Trail Management Plan for Big Basin Redwoods State Park, as well as its connections to Ano Nuevo State Park, Castle Rock State Park, Portola State Park, and Butano State Park. They hope to begin this process in 2026.



California Trails & Greenways Training

California Trails & Greenways provides high-quality education and networking opportunities for urban, rural, and backcountry trail professionals. Join leading trail experts for training and discussions on the latest advances in trail design, construction, maintenance, interpretation, volunteerism, and management. Explore new, collaborative opportunities and engage in productive, meaningful, and inspiring dialogue.

All activities are designed to increase the knowledge of trail, recreation, and wild land management to improve trail systems and programs throughout California.

This training will be provided April 14 – 17, 2026 at the Marriott San Ramon.

Recreational Trails Plan Update

The Statewide Trails Office has partnered with the California Natural Resources Agency to launch a statewide effort to improve access to recreational trails, like hiking, biking, and horseback riding routes, especially for communities that have historically had less access to them. This effort is part of a larger plan to make the outdoors more inclusive and accessible, support climate resilience, honor tribal priorities, and help meet California's 30x30 goal of protecting 30% of land and coastal water by 2030.

There are currently two surveys available. One survey is for community members to be able to provide feedback regarding need and access and the other survey is for trail professionals to be able to share their knowledge and experience within their local area.

Information gained from this community outreach will help inform the Recreation Trails Plan. The Plan will include a new section based on regions of the state, with ideas and considerations for providing local access to communities.

NEXT STEPS

For information only

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

N/A

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Please find additional information regarding the statewide trail effort here:

<https://www.myinput.com/CaliforniaTrailsSurvey>



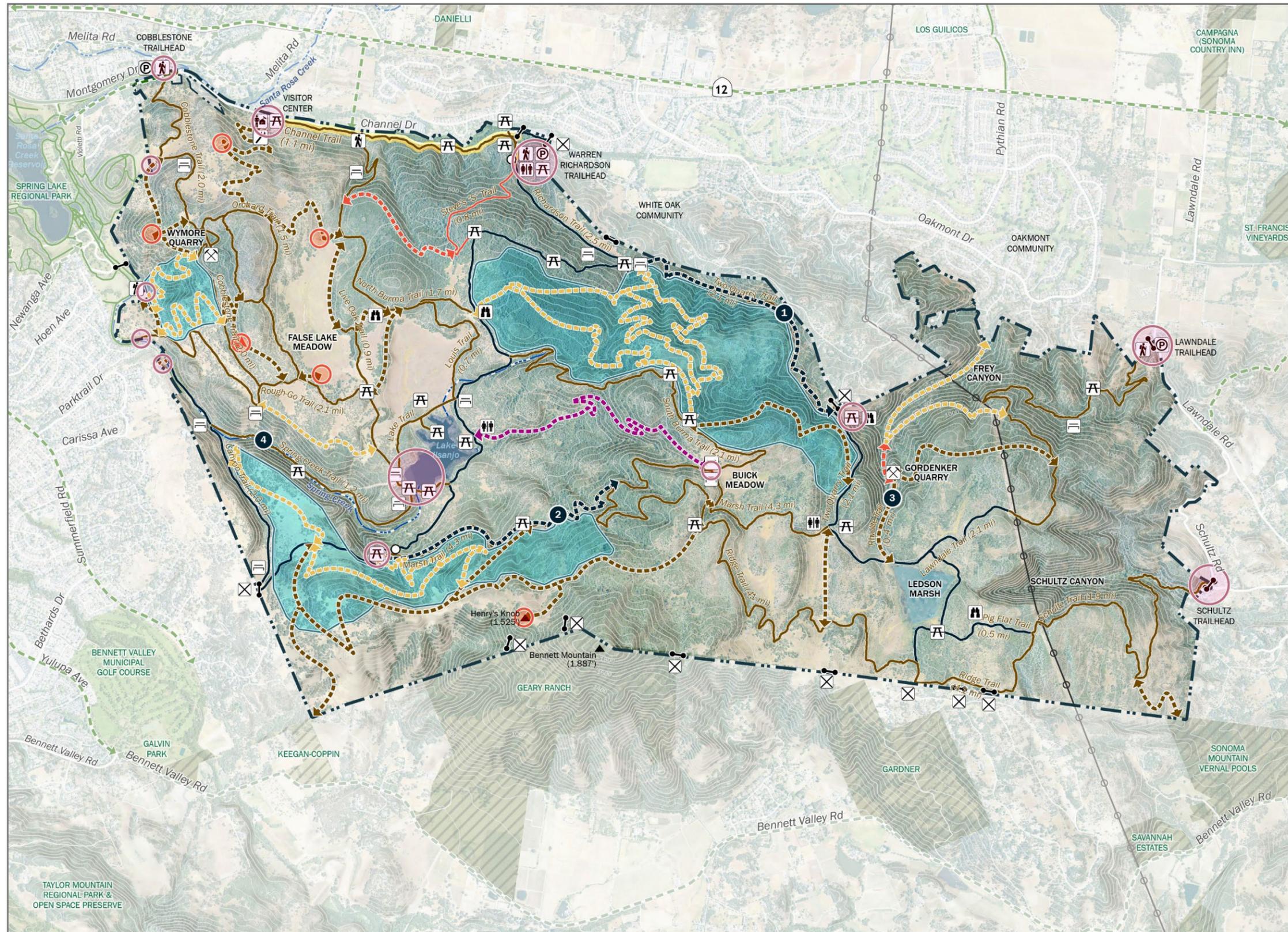
Figure 1-1 Trione-Annadel State Park Existing Conditions



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



Figure 5-1 Proposed Road and Trail System



PROPOSED ROAD AND TRAIL SYSTEM

Existing Conditions

- Park Boundary
- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Visitor Center
- Maintenance Area
- Picnic Area
- Bench
- Viewpoint
- Quarry
- Locked Gate
- Emergency Vehicle Access Only (No Public Access)
- Horse Trough
- Multi-use Trail (Hike/Bike/Horse)
- Hiking Trail (Hike Only)
- Unpaved Road (Hike/Bike/Horse)
- Other Agency Trail
- Major Road
- Paved Road
- Waterways
- Contour (40-foot Interval)
- Surrounding Protected Lands
- Surrounding Open Space/Conservation Easements
- Restricted/No Public Access Lands
- Planned Class I Path (By Other Agency)
- Planned Class II Bike Lane/Class III Bike Route (By Other Agency)

Plan Recommendations*

- Trail Viewpoint
- Trail-related Facility or Amenity Area
- Bike-Optimized Trail Opportunity Area
- Multi-use Trail Corridor (Hike/Bike/Horse)
- Bicycling Trail Corridor (Hike/Bike Only)
- Equestrian Trail Corridor (Hike/Horse Only)
- Hiking Trail Corridor (Hike Only)
- Unpaved Road Corridor (Hike/Bike/Horse)
- Trail Accessibility Improvements
- Two Quarry Trail trail-to-road conversion
- Marsh Trail trail-to-road conversion
- Rhyolite Trail change-in-use designation
- Spring Creek trail uphill bicycle use only; bi-directional hiking and equestrian use

* Road and trail corridors are conceptual and locations are subject to change during project-specific planning, design, and implementation.

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