

Volunteers for Outdoor California V-O-Cal Sonoma County Regional Parks

Background

Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve is a prominent Santa Rosa landmark offering panoramic views of the city and beyond. The park's 1,100 acres include sweeping grasslands, oak woodlands, and several creeks, and provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. From the park's 1380-foot summit, visitors can see central Sonoma County, the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the Coast Range, the Mayacamas Range and other North Bay landmarks. The park has a rich farming and cultural history and was home to the White Sulphur Springs Resort in the 1860s.



Trail Work Overview

Volunteers will complete the construction of the Redtail Trail extension to the Western Trail, creating a southern connection from the new Petaluma Hill Road park entrance to the existing trail system. The project will involve building a 5 foot wide, full bench cut trail bed for about 1,000 feet on gently to steeply sloped rocky terrain. The new trail will allow emergency ATV access to the interior of the park. If time permits we will also rehabilitate parts of the existing lower Redtail Trail to improve access for hikers, bikers, horse and emergency ATVs.

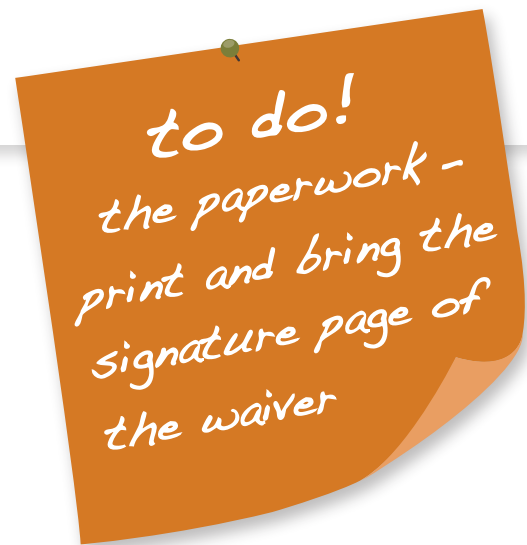


Center Camp

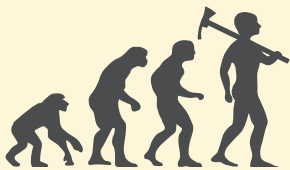
Center Camp will be located in the equestrian parking lot to the right of the Petaluma Hill Road entrance. You can arrive during the project weekend from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Friday, 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday and 6:00 am to 9:00 am on Sunday. Please note that the campsite is a gravel lot - bring good tarps and padding for your tents.

Weather

Please come prepared for a variety of weather conditions - think layers! Be prepared for hot weather during the day and cool weather in the evening and early morning.



Volunteers



will be divided into crews of 8-12 and be assigned to a certified crew leader who will provide tool usage and safety training and direct and supervise the trail work. All tools are provided. Please bring comfortable work clothing and your own gloves if you have them. There will be a healthy hike to the work site so please wear sturdy, comfortable shoes.

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Event Schedule

Friday

5:00 pm – Registration and camping opens.
DINNER IS NOT PROVIDED.

Saturday

7:30 am – Registration, light breakfast and lunch packing begin.
8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.
12:00 pm – Lunch on trail.
3:30 pm – Head back to camp.
4:00 pm – Drinks, appetizers and socializing.
Limited Sun showers available.
5:30 pm – Dinner.

Sunday

7:30 am – Registration and lunch packing begin.
8:00 am – Hot breakfast.
8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.
11:30 am – Lunch on trail.
1:30 pm – Head back to camp, clean tools, pack gear and truck.
2:00 pm – Snack, Celebrate the work and say goodbyes to old and new friends.

Meals

V-O-Cal provides all meals for volunteers from breakfast Saturday through lunch Sunday. Vegetarian options are available for all meals.

- To minimize waste we ask that you bring your own reusable plates, coffee mug, cups and utensils. Hot water and soap are provided.
- A continental breakfast is served Saturday morning.



- Please arrive at camp by 7:30 am to register, eat breakfast and prepare your lunch. We provide lunch and lunch bags.
- Appetizers and beverages will be available at 4:00 pm after the work day on Saturday. Dinner will follow at 5:30 pm.
- Hot breakfast is served Sunday morning.

Hazards

POISON OAK

There is poison oak along the trails and in our work area. “Bunny suits” will be provided for those who need extra protection. Have your crew leader point some out to you if you don’t know what it looks like. Clean with Tecnu (which we provide) after the work day and be cautious when handling your dirty clothes. Always wear gloves when handling tools.

TICKS

Ticks are always a hazard so it is important to check during and after the project.

SNAKES

Rattlesnakes can be present in the park, but will likely be scared away by the large number of volunteers. If you see one wait until it leaves the trail before proceeding.

SHARP TOOLS

Please listen to your crew leader’s tool safety talk and observe proper tool use throughout the day.

HYDRATION | SUN EXPOSURE | HYPOTHERMIA

It will likely be hot. Please bring at least one - preferably two large water bottles or a 2 or 3 liter camelbak, and drink plenty of water throughout the work day. Wear a sun hat and sunscreen. Please bring layers to wear and if you feel tired or weak, let your crew leader know and take a break.

Please bring layers and rain gear and if you feel tired or weak, let your crew leader know and take a break.

What to Bring

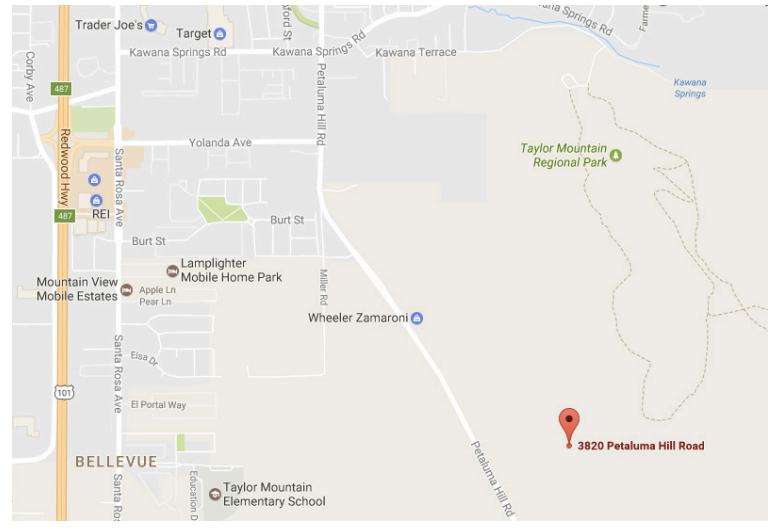
- Sturdy shoes or boots with tread. Ankle support is important on much of the trail. Sandals or open-toed shoes will not be permitted.
- 2 large water bottles . (You will not be allowed on the trail without a water bottle).
- Work gloves (if you do not have gloves, V-O-Cal can provide).
- Day pack to carry water and lunch.
- Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen.
- Insect repellent, allergy medicine, etc.
- Plates, utensils, coffee mug or cup.
- A change of clothes for each work day.
- Warm clothing for morning and evening.
- If camping: bring
 - a tent
 - sleeping bag
 - folding chair
 - flashlight, and
 - other camping gear

Directions

The entrance to the park is at 3820 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa.

Driving Directions From the Bay Area:

- Take 101 N to Santa Rosa.
- Take exit 487 toward Yolanda Ave / Hearn Ave.
- Turn right onto Yolanda Ave.
- Turn right again onto Petaluma Hill Road.
- Look for the sign to Taylor Mountain Regional Park.
- Turn left at this sign.
- Watch for the V-O-Cal signs to guide you to the parking area.
- Center Camp is on the right hand side of the entrance.



Carpooling Meetup

We have set up a MeetUp group to enable carpooling for this project, so if you can provide a ride or if you need one, RSVP at <https://www.meetup.com/V-O-Cal-Carpoolers/events/241194198/>

PLEASE DETACH AND DISPLAY ON DASH

Volunteer Parking Pass

Taylor Mountain Regional Park

July 21, 2017

July 22, 2017

July 23, 2017



Registration and Check-In

Please register online at www.v-o-cal.org. Check in at the registration table when you first arrive.

If you did not register online, please fill out this sheet and bring it with you.

First Name _____	Cell Phone _____
Last Name _____	Home Phone _____
Email _____	I am participating: <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday
Address _____	Year of Birth _____ (This helps us with crew assignments and project design)
City _____	If attending with a group, which group? _____
State Zip Code _____	How did you hear about this opportunity? _____

Children 14 and over are welcome on V-O-Cal projects. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, visit our website at www.v-o-cal.org.

For photos of our recent projects, visit us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/volunteersforoutdoorcalifornia>

Volunteer Project Team

V-O-Cal Executive Director	Cathy Moyer
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Crew Leader Manager	Melinda Greene
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Kitchen Chef	Cathy Moyer
Outreach	Lily Brady
Camp Operations	Anet Overby
Warehouse Manager Truck Driver	Duane Sheets
Tools and Tecnu manage	Jon Cross
Registration	Melanie Lee

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WAIVER AND RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR CALIFORNIA

EXCULPATORY AGREEMENT, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION

READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS DOCUMENT IS A BINDING PART OF YOUR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES.

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Volunteers for Outdoor California Project (the "Project") and on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assigns and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively designated as "successors"), I do hereby release and waive all rights or claims for damages, for death, bodily injury or loss of or damage to property from any cause whatsoever I may have or which may accrue to me or my successors as a result of my participation in the Project. I discharge and release Volunteers for Outdoor California, and its respective directors, employees, interns, volunteers, representatives, agents, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the Project, whether or not caused by the negligence of any of the above persons or entities.

My participation in the Project is voluntary and done at my own risk. I therefore voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage, injury or death that may be sustained while participating in the Project. In addition, I agree to hold harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and costs (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness expenses, litigation costs, and disbursements) all the entities and persons mentioned above who otherwise might be liable to me or my successors for damages.

Notwithstanding anything stated in the foregoing paragraphs, nothing in this document shall apply to exempt any person or entity from responsibility for his, her, or its own fraud, or willful injury to the person or property of another, or violation of law whether willful or negligent.

In further consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Project, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Volunteers for Outdoor California and its respective directors, employees, interns, volunteers, representatives, agents, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates (collectively, the Indemnified Parties) from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and costs (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness expenses, litigation costs, and disbursements) relating in any manner, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to: (a) any act or omission of myself; or (b) any accident involving any injury to any person or damage to property resulting from my participation in the Project, due to any cause whatsoever.

I further agree to promptly assume my defense and indemnification obligations upon written notice from any of the Indemnified Parties who may participate in the defense of any claim at their own expense. I agree not to settle any claim without the consent of Volunteers for Outdoor California or any other entity that would incur any liability for such claim under or following such settlement, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

I further understand that I may be photographed while participating in a Volunteers for Outdoor California project and I hereby consent to the use and distribution of photographs and other likenesses of me on VOCal's website, or in marketing and other materials relating to Volunteers for Outdoor California's mission.

I further understand and agree that this waiver, release, and assumption of risk is binding on my successors.

I further represent and warrant that I am advised of the existence of California Civil Code section 1542, which provides as follows: A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

Notwithstanding this provision, this will constitute a full release in accordance with its terms. I knowingly and voluntarily waive the provisions of Section 1542, as well as any other statute, law or rule of similar effect, and acknowledge and agree that this waiver is an essential and material term of this release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM WAIVING IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS, ASSUMING THE RISK OF FINANCIAL LOSS, BODILY HARM OR DEATH, AND THAT I AM AGREEING TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES AT MY OWN COST. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND OTHERS. I HEREBY WARRANT THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTRACT IN MY OWN NAME, OR IF ACTING ON BEHALF OF A MINOR, HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO CONTRACT FOR THE MINOR IN THE ABOVE REGARD.

Signature of Participant

Date

Print Name

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

If Participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign below:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name

Emergency Contact Information
Name: _____
Contact Phone: _____