



Friends of Castroville Regional Park ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

What is the Adopt-A-Trail Program?

The Friends of the Castroville Regional Park has developed an Adopt-A-Trail Program to assist with maintaining, enhancing and monitoring the trails and trailheads at the Castroville Regional Park. Volunteers will adopt trail sections.

Who can adopt a trail?

Anyone with an interest in trails and the outdoors is welcome to participate. Individuals, families, businesses, community and service organizations, churches, schools and scout troops are all examples of volunteers. Under 16 years olds, however, must be accompanied by an adult.

Why should you participate?

Adopting a trail section provides an opportunity for you to be actively involved in conservation and preservation. Helping to maintain and enhance the trails improves the resource for all to enjoy. The effort brings trail and nature enthusiasts closer to the environment and their community. Volunteers will enjoy the time they spend outdoors and the personal satisfaction gained through volunteerism.

What do volunteers do?

Adopt-A-Trail volunteers assist park staff in maintaining trail systems, but will not be asked to perform tasks they are uncomfortable doing.

Activities include:

- Keeping the trail surface free of sticks, rocks and other debris.
- Pruning small limbs from the trail corridor.
- Cleaning debris from benches, bridges, and stairs.
- Litter clean-up
- Cleaning waterbars and drainage ditches
- Reporting trees across the trail, erosion problems, suspicious or illegal activities, vandalism & safety issues.

Adopt-A-Trail guidelines:

A trail section must be adopted for a period of one (1) year, renewable annually upon approval of the FCRP. This agreement may be terminated at any time by the FCRP, Trail Boss or volunteer.

Volunteers are asked to maintain the adopted trail section as needed, but, a minimum of 6 times a year (approx. every 2 months). You choose the days and times you would like to work your trail section. After each visit, send a trail maintenance log to the Trail Boss, so we can keep track of your efforts.

The FCRP will provide volunteers with guidelines on maintaining their trail section. The Trail Boss will give instruction to all volunteers at Adopt-A-Trail orientation and training sessions. Volunteers are asked to provide their own tools, but loaner tools may be available with prior notice. Volunteers should dress appropriately for trail work...which includes gloves, safety glasses and other protective gear. All work must be performed during daylight hours and with safety in mind. No work shall be done that has not been previously agreed upon.

How do I get started?

Let us know if you have a particular trail section in mind and we will check to see if it is available. We can set you up right away. You need only to agree with the guidelines and sign an agreement form.

The first training and orientation session will be held on Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 am at the Park Office.

When you are ready to adopt a trail section or need more information, contact fcrl@sbcglobal.net.

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