Fact Sheet

Moore Creek Park
Napa, CA
April 14 – 16, 2023

Trail Overview
V-O-Cal volunteers will be returning to Moore Creek Park, near St. Helena in Napa County, to help extend the newly renamed Yip Trip Trail, aka the Madrone Trail, a single track that has been entirely built by volunteers. This trail leads to a view spot high above the creek and eventually will form a loop branching off the Moore Creek Trail, a part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The new section, reached after a 2 mile walk, traversing sections constructed by V-O-Cal and others on pre-pandemic weekends, crosses a hillside that is level in some places, and quite steep in others, so establishing tread will offer good opportunities for our varying trail building abilities.

Project Background
V-O-Cal and other volunteers have been involved in building trails at Moore Creek, since 700 acres of mostly wild and natural property was acquired in 2009 by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. Since then the NCRPOSD has been working on installing a multiuse trail network and other recreation facilities. V-O-Cal volunteers have spent 5 weekends in the past building trails there, and were on site to help open this fantastic new park in 2013. Since then, and with the addition of 900 acres and new trails around adjacent Lake Hennessey, it has become a favorite destination for trail enthusiasts of all stripes.

Center Camp
Camping (optional) will be in the area surrounding the original ranch house, and nearby, on the property. This unique opportunity will allow for volunteers to camp and relax in a beautiful creek-side setting. Hot showers will be available at the Center Camp, but unfortunately the water pump for the swimming pool is not functional at this time so the pool will not be available.

There is a fire pit adjacent to the ranch house and, barring extreme heat, we may have campfires Friday and Saturday evening while food is served in the courtyard. Tent space near the house will be somewhat close quarters, although there is also a bunk house with a few beds inside that we can use. Please be sure to bring a change of clothes for camping and be prepared for possible cool evenings. Camp chairs are also advised as there are no picnic tables at this location.

Volunteers
Volunteers will be divided into crews of 6-10 volunteers with a certified crew leader, and each crew will start with one section of the trail. All tools and training are provided for volunteers, who will be trained on effective and safe tool usage, trail design, and more. Please be sure to wear comfortable work clothing and close-toed shoes and bring 2-3 liters of water with you on the trail. Waterproof shoes may be advisable depending on the water level at the creek crossing on the way to our work site.

NOTES:
There is no cell phone reception and very limited internet connectivity in the park. If you need to contact V-O-Cal staff, please do so before noon on Friday, April 15.
Most people have signed V-O-Cal’s liability waiver when they registered, but it will be available at registration for anyone who was signed up by another person, or who did not pre-register.
V-O-Cal provides all meals for volunteers from breakfast Saturday through lunch Sunday. Vegetarian options are available for all meals.

**Please bring your own reusable plates, coffee mug, cups and utensils. To minimize waste from our projects: we ask that you bring your own dishes. Hot water and soap are provided.**

- A continental breakfast is served Saturday morning.
- Lunch is prepared before hitting the trails. We provide lunch bags and lunch. We break for lunch on the trail around 12:30 pm Saturday, earlier on Sunday.

**POISON OAK**
There is a risk of exposure to poison oak at the work site. 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.

**MOSQUITOES | TICKS**
Mosquitoes are active this time of year so bug spray and long-sleeved, lightweight shirts are recommended. Ticks are always a hazard; light colored clothing makes them easier to spot when you check during and after the project.

**SNAKES**
Snakes are present on the property. Use caution when walking the trails and when picking items up off the ground.

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

**HYDRATION | SUN EXPOSURE | HYPOTHERMIA**
Weather can vary, so bring layers, rain gear, sun hat and sunscreen to be prepared. Carry and drink lots of water on the trail. It may also be a little wet and chilly! if you feel tired or weak, let your crew leader know and take a break.

**Event Schedule**

**Friday**
(4:30 pm to 10 pm – Gear/passenger shuttles run from parking area to camp area.)
5:00 pm – Registration and camping opens at Moore Creek.
   *Dinner is not provided.*

**Saturday**
(6:45 am to 8 am – Gear/passenger shuttles run from parking area to camp area.)
7:30 am – Registration, light breakfast and lunch packing begin.
8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.
12:30 pm – Break for lunch on trail.
3:00 pm – Head back to camp.
4:00 pm – Drinks, appetizers, pool party and socializing.
   - Solar showers available.
5:45 pm – Dinner and entertainment.

**Sunday**
6:45 am – Morning shuttle starts
7:30 am – Registration and lunch packing begin.
   - Hot breakfast is served.
8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.
11:30 am – Lunch on trail.
12:30 pm – Head back to camp, clean tools, pack gear and truck.

**Meals**

Please arrive at camp by 7:40 am to register, eat breakfast and prepare your lunch.

- Appetizers and beverages will be available starting about 4:00 pm after the work day on Saturday. Dinner will follow at 5:45 pm.
- Hot breakfast is served Sunday morning.

**What To Bring**

- Sturdy shoes or boots with good tread. Ankle support will be important where we are building new trails. Sandals and open-toed shoes will not be permitted.
- Water bottles or a water bladder that can hold at least 2 liters of water. (You will not be allowed on the trail without water.)
- Work gloves. (If you don’t have your own gloves, V-O-Cal will provide them. Please return them at the end of the project.)
- Day pack to carry your water and lunch.
- Sunglasses, hat, and sunscreen.
- Insect repellent and allergy medicine (if you normally need these things when working outdoors).
- Reusable plate/bowl, eating utensils, and mug/cup.
- A change of clothes for each work day, especially if you are sensitive to poison oak.
- Layers of clothing for a range of temperatures.
- If you will be camping . . .
  - A tent
  - A sleeping bag and pillow
  - A flashlight or headlamp
  - A camp chair (if you don’t want to sit on the ground)
  - Other camping gear that makes you comfortable
Driving Directions

Moore Creek Park is at 2607 Chiles Pope Canyon Road, Saint Helena, CA 94574.

From Downtown Napa:
Take Hwy 29 (St Helena Hwy) North for approx. 14 miles, 2.9 miles north of Yountville.
Turn right at Oakville Cross Road.
Turn left on Silverado Trail, then right on Hwy 128.
At the far end of Lake Hennessy, past the boat launch, the road will fork.
Follow Chiles Pope Canyon Road to the left. In 1.3 miles, turn left through the gate (follow V-O-Cal signs).
The turn into the gate is immediately after a stone bridge and immediately before a horse corral. Once you turn into the driveway, please drive slowly on the narrow paved road. Continue past the gatehouse on the left and you will arrive at the parking lot in 0.1 mile.

From SF and the Peninsula:
Take Hwy 101 or 280 to SF.
Follow signs to Bay Bridge/80 East.
Take the Hwy 37 exit West to Napa, then Hwy 29 exit North to Napa.
Follow directions above from Downtown Napa.

Camping
Camping will take place in the area surrounding the old ranch house. You may begin arriving Friday at 4:30 pm. For those arriving Saturday, you may need to set up your camp after the work day. There is a 1 mile walk from the parking area to camp. A shuttle will be available throughout the weekend.

It will run Friday between 5:00 pm to 10 pm, Saturday/Sunday morning between 6:45 am to 8:00 am, with a return shuttle running back to the parking lot as needed Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.
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](http://www.v-o-cal.org) or [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/moorecreek23#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/moorecreek23#)

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**Napa County Regional Park & Open Space District**

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