Fact Sheet

Sanborn County Park, Saratoga, CA
May 19 – 21, 2023

The Project

We’ll return to beautiful Sanborn Park in Santa Clara County. This time we’ll be working to extend portions of the Peterson Trail and the Sanborn Creek Loop Trail. These trails will be accessible to the public via a bridge over Aubrey Creek, which will be installed later this year. There will be a variety of tasks to complete, from clearing brush from existing trails to constructing a new trail to form a loop.

Center Camp

Center Camp will be located at the lower end of the walk-in campground which can be reached via a paved road from the parking lot. The kitchen will be set up in campsite #8, and campsite #9 will be used as the common area. There won’t be a gear shuttle, although push-carts are available. Please note that available camping space is limited and we’ll need to fit 3 or 4 tents into every available campsite. If you’re camping overnight and have the option to bring a smaller tent, please do.

Weather

Please come prepared for a variety of weather conditions (think layers!). Unless there is a serious storm predicted, we will work drizzle or shine.

Volunteers

Volunteers who are working on the trail will be divided into crews and assigned a certified crew leader who will provide training on tool use and safety and will supervise the work throughout the day. V-O-Cal provides all necessary tools. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own work gloves, though V-O-Cal does have gloves available. Please bring/wear comfortable work clothing and sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots.

Most people signed V-O-Cal’s liability waiver when they registered, but it will be available at registration for anybody who was signed up by another person, or who did not pre-register.

All participants must also complete and sign a separate Santa Clara County Parks Waiver and Release form. Copies of these forms are available on the SignUpGenius page where you registered for the project. Please print the appropriate form and bring a completed and signed copy with you to the event. Copies of these forms will also be available at registration on the project weekend.
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 7:45 am at the latest to check in, 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 6:00 pm.
- Hot breakfast is served Sunday morning.

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### Hazards

**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**

Most of the work areas are fully shaded. However, please plan for sun protection, including sun hats, sun block and light long sleeve shirts. Please bring water bottles or a water bladder large enough to hold at least 2 liters of water. Drink plenty of water throughout the work day. If you feel tired or weak, let your crew leader know, and take a break.

### 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 *(if you have the option to bring a smaller tent, please do!)*
  - 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

### Event Schedule

**Friday**

5:00 pm – Check in and camping open. *Dinner is not provided.*

**Saturday**

7:30 am – Check in, 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.
3:30 pm – Head back to camp.
4:00 pm – Drinks, appetizers and socializing. Showers available.
6:00 pm – Dinner.

**Sunday**

7:30 am – Check in and lunch-packing begin. *Hot breakfast is served.*
8:30 am – Morning greeting, announcements, stretching and safety talk. Project begins.
11:30 am – Break for lunch on trail.
1:30 pm – Head back to camp, clean tools, pack gear and truck.
Driving Directions

Sanborn County Park
16055 Sanborn Road
Saratoga, CA 95070

From Saratoga
Proceed 2 miles west on Highway 9 to Sanborn Road
Turn left onto Sanborn Road, traveling 1 mile to the park entrance
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  or  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/sanborn2023#/  

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