The Project
We are building a new trail segment in the Botanic Garden that will provide new planting opportunities. This trail is in a steep section of the garden and we will build a stone retaining wall to anchor the trail. In addition, we will work on tread, drainage and brush clearing on the nearby Wildcat Gorge Trail.

Center Camp
Our Camp will be located at the ES Anderson Equestrian Camp in Tilden Regional Park. Camping is optional and is available Friday night through Sunday early afternoon. The campsite is located on Wildcat Canyon Road, just after and opposite the trail head for Mineral Springs Trail. There is a gated entrance – someone will be at the gate to open it for you (or it will be open). Please arrive by 9:00 PM. Go up the driveway and park.

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.
V-O-Cal provides all meals for volunteers from breakfast Saturday through lunch Sunday. Vegetarian options are available for all meals. (Please note that dinner is not provided on Friday.)

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.

Lunch is prepared before hitting the trail. You break for lunch on the trail around 12:30 pm.

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

Appetizers and beverages will be available after the work day on Saturday, usually around 4:00 pm. Dinner will follow, usually around 5:30 pm.

Hot breakfast is served Sunday morning.

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**Hazards**

**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.

**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 could be 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, especially when picking items up off the ground or moving rocks.

**SHARP TOOLS**

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

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**What To Bring**

- Sturdy shoes or boots with good tread. Ankle support is important on much of the trail. 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
Driving Directions

All volunteers will meet at **ES Anderson Equestrian Camp** in the morning to make their lunch, and attend the morning orientation meeting. It is about a 20 minutes walk to the work site at the **Regional Parks Botanic Garden**.

**ES Anderson Equestrian Camp** is on Wildcat Canyon Road. It is about 1/2 mile from Regional Parks Botanic Garden.

**Regional Parks Botanic Garden**
1550 Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley, CA 94708

*Note that Wildcat Canyon Road is currently closed from Camino Pablo to Inspiration Point, so you will have to approach the park via Grizzly Peak Road.*

**From points South:**
Take Ca-24 to get to Fish Ranch Road.
Turn right onto Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Turn right onto Golf Course Drive.
Turn right onto Shasta Road, then follow the directions below for **From Shasta Road**.

**From points North:**
Take I-580 to the Buchanan Street, exit (Exit 13).
Turn left onto Buchanan Street. Continue onto Marin Ave.
Turn right onto Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Turn left onto Shasta Road.
Go through the intersection with Golf Course Road, staying on Shasta Road then follow the directions below for **From Shasta Road**.

**From Shasta Road:**
At the “T” at the end of Shasta Road, turn right onto Wildcat Canyon Road.
At the next intersection keep left to stay on Wildcat Canyon Road.
Continue to the ES Anderson Equestrian Camp, on the right and opposite the Mineral Springs trail head.
There will be VoCal signs there.

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**PLEASE DETACH AND DISPLAY ON DASH**

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**Volunteer Parking Pass**
**Tilden Regional Park**
**September 15, 2023**
**September 16, 2023**
**September 17, 2023**
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/5080B4FA4A823AAFC1-tilden](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4FA4A823AAFC1-tilden)

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**East Bay Regional Park District**

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