



## Summer and Autumn Workdays



*Pacific Crest Trail workdays: Trail Center volunteers with PCTA staff – July 2019*

### **June 29, 2019 – Portola Redwoods State Park: Lower Escape, Slate Creek Trail, Slate Creek Trail Camp Access Road**

A diverse array of projects brought the Trail Center back to one of its regular sites, with about half the workday's volunteers being first timers. These projects included cutting new trail, widening the bench, creating small retaining walls in a section of trail impacted by a large slide in the winter of 2017. As well, the crews worked on moving logs that were impinging on the trail in another area, brushing and tread repair.

*For workday photos, see: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1906-29-Portola-Redwoods-SP/>*

### **July 25- 28, 2019 – Shasta - Trinity National Forest: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail**

Trail Center's 2019 summer weekend workdays had Trail Center volunteers working alongside personnel from the Pacific Crest Trail Association repairing tread, and clearing trees blocking the trail near access to Porcupine Lake, a popular thru-hiker rest stop and water source. Volunteers were able to enjoy a swim in Picayune Lake after the days' work was complete and excellent meals throughout the weekend. Our volunteers were recognized in the Summer edition of the PCTA Newsletter "Trail Dirt", as shown in the photo at the top of this newsletter.

### **August 24, 2019 – San Mateo Memorial Park: Pomponio Trail**

Enthusiastic volunteers returned to the Pomponio Trail to complete work begun in October 2018, restoring tread width in overgrown areas and reestablishing tread in eroded areas. One of the most labor intensive efforts was removal of a monster patch of pampas grass that all but blocked the trail.

*The workday in photos: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1908-24-Memorial-Park/>*

**2020 is here!**

Please remember to renew or reactivate your Trail Center membership.

Your membership helps us carry out our trail stewardship activities.

A year-end reminder about membership will be sent in the coming weeks from our membership coordinator.

Don't want to wait?  
See how you can join or update your membership online <https://www.trailcenter.org/membership/>



**Workday news continued ...**

**September 21, 2019 – Portola Redwoods State Park: Iverson Trail**

Intrepid volunteers joined State Parks staff to begin constructing a new portion of trail that runs on the hillside north of the original trail that had been damaged due to water flow routing on the original trail.

More workday photos at: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1909-21-Portola/>



**October 12, 2019 – Portola Redwoods State Park: Iverson Trail**

Trail Center returned to the Iverson Trail in October with 21 volunteers scrambling through more easily entered woods to continue brushing and duff removal and initial tread building. They had the fun additional task of wading in the creek to tuck away two bridges for the winter.

The workday in photos: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1910-12-Portola/>



### Workday news continued ...

#### October 26, 2019 – Portola Redwoods State Park: Iverson Trail

Volunteers returned to Portola Redwoods to continue work improving trail access and tread quality. See workday photo as: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1910-12-Portola/>

#### November 2, 2019 – Bay Area Ridge Trail Service Day: Russian Ridge Open Space

Trail Center volunteers, in coordination with Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District staff, and representatives from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and REI worked to repair and improve drainage and erosion-compromised tread on a half-mile stretch of trail in the vicinity of the Vista parking area. Thanks go out to Chipotle for providing lunch for volunteers, and to REI for sponsorship. More photos at: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1911-02/>



#### November 16, 2019 – Trail Center Tool Party and Annual Meeting at Hidden Villa

A new venue for Trail Center's annual Tool Party and Membership meeting, Hidden Villa provided a lovely backdrop for the washing and sharpening of our tools in preparation for another season of lopping/brushing, bench cutting, root and rock removal, sawing, tamping, and more. Thanks to Hidden Villa for the venue and for providing a place for our trailer to sleep at night. See photos: <https://trailcenter.smugmug.com/1911-16-Tool-Party/>





For complete 2019 summer and autumn Trail Center workday report details see our website at <https://www.trailcenter.org/category/reports/>

For photos, please visit: <https://www.trailcenter.org/photo-albums/>

### **Upcoming volunteer opportunities – save the dates!**

#### **Saturday February 8, 2020 – Huddart Park**

**Activities:** We'll work on general maintenance of the Chinquapin Trail, focusing on tread maintenance, clearing accumulated duff, and drainage.

#### **Saturday March 14, 2020 – Hidden Villa**

**Activities:** Volunteers will be working on the Hostel Trail.

**Saturday April 18, 2020 – TBD – Please visit the Trail Center website for details and to volunteer: <http://www.trailcenter.org/events/>.**

Our winter and early spring projects are being finalized with our various partner agencies.

Our website will be updated when complete details are available.

Please visit <https://www.trailcenter.org/events/> for updates.

**Not able to come to one of our workdays, but still want to contribute to Trail Center's mission? Let us know if you're interested in helping with marketing, outreach, or membership management. Email us at [volunteer@trailcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@trailcenter.org).**

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