

Trail News

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Donna Stidolph & Trisha Taniguchi representing NATRC at the Gold Rush Shuffle endurance ride in November. Visit our [website](#) to read about how CTR and endurance worlds collide!

Upcoming Events:

- May 16-17
[Cowboy Camp](#)
& [Clinic](#)
Williams, CA
- June 6
[National Trails Day](#)
- June 6-7
[Round Valley](#)
Brentwood, CA
- June 13
[Celebration of the Horse](#)
Portola Valley, CA
- July 11
[Fireworks AERC](#)
Santa Cruz, CA

*Click on Event for Entry/Info.

Trail Organizations Work to Maintain Trails & Access

The National Park Service recently awarded a \$3 million grant to the Big South Fork River and Recreation Area (Tennessee) as well as three equestrian clubs to do some trail restoration in that park. AERC was one of the organizations to receive funds in this collaborative endeavor. Although it isn't in our region, this is a great example of how horse clubs like NATRC can get involved with the lands we use in order to keep them maintained nicely and open for our use in the

future! Positive partnerships like this can demonstrate to the public how equestrian trail use can be a very positive thing! It is time for our organization to get more involved and secure our trail use for the rides yet to come.

To learn a little more about this grant please visit:
<http://www.wbir.com/story/news/2015/04/27/big-south-fork-national-parks-service-centennial-grant-appaloosa-field/26449721/>

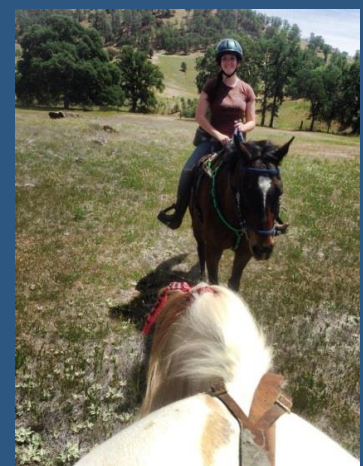
Trail Opens in Bay Area

A new multi-use trail referred to as the John Nicholas Trail is now open to hikers, bikers, and equestrians in Santa Clara County! This stretch of 10+ miles offers views of redwoods and the Lake Ranch Reservoir from shady trails. Many people have reported wildlife sightings near the water. The trail is said to be flat for the first few miles. Be sure to check it out!

More information can be found here:
<http://ridgetrail.org/>

Preserve Our Public Lands

The American Land Act has been proposed to Congress which would allow the BLM and USFS to sell 40% of their lands in just five years to raise funds to supplement the national highway system. This would result in a devastating loss for us as well as other recreational users who would no longer have access to these lands. Please take the time to let your congressmen know how you oppose the passage of the American Land Act HR 1931! The future of our sport needs your support!



Bring your friends out to the clinic held in conjunction with the Cowboy Camp ride this May to show them how fun our sport is!