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## APPENDIX A: DESCRIPTIONS OF EXISTING TRAILS

This appendix contains descriptions of the approximately 34 miles of the “official” trails as of January 2008. These are trails shown on the current map distributed to the public and listed in the General Plan. Please refer to the map in Figure 1 and Table 3 in the body of this plan for reference. Nearly 14 miles are multiple-use; hiking and equestrian. Twenty miles of trail are designated hiking only. The trails are used extensively by runners as well as hikers. Bicycles are currently not allowed on park trails, with the exception of the 1 mile Service Road Trail. Measured trail distances are in Appendix C. Existing Castle Rock State Park trails are briefly described in paragraph 2.2.1 of this plan and below in Appendix A in greater detail, including resource management requirements.

### A.1 A-1 Trails on Castle Rock Ridge (title only)

#### A.1.1 SARATOGA GAP TRAIL, E-1, (SECTIONS A AND B)

<b>Name:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail, E-1A
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	Waterfall Overlook platform, 4 bridges, 1 bench
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030001A
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Main parking lot to the Castle Rock Campground
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Castle Rock Campground, Wildlands;
<b>Zones:</b>	goes through the San Lorenzo Watershed Natural Preserve.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	I Low, II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Black Oak Woodland, Knobcone Pine Forest. Habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Riparian community, Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features, views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, Castle Rock Falls
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Manage rock climbing; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect Springs and seeps. Exotic species removal;

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Protect and preserve historic road alignments. Skyline (Sanborn county Park) via the Link Trail (E-10), Castle Rock (E-4), Waterfall Rocks (P-21), Ridge (E-2) Interconnector (E-11) Saratoga Gap (E-1B), Service Road Trail (E-7), and indirectly Frog Flat (E-8) and Loghry Woods (E-5).

**Description/Comments:**

Single track foot path. 2.62 Mi. Serves as the main trail from the main parking lot to the Castle Rock Campground. At various times in the past, this trail was considered to be part of the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, and has been known as The Face Trail and the Castle Rock Trail. This trail is the eastern of two distinct and very different parts. This eastern portion of the trail (A) is predominantly a single-track hiking trail connecting the main parking lot on Skyline Boulevard (Hwy 35) with the trail camp near the old park headquarters, a distance of 2.6 miles. Most of the trail is gently sloping, except for a steeper section between the Castle Rock and Ridge Trail junctions, with an elevation loss of 700 ft from the parking lot to the trail camp. Douglas Firs, Oaks and Madrones shade much of the trail. At approximately 3/4 mile from the parking lot, the trail passes the Castle Rock Falls viewing platform. The trail offers expansive vistas to the south and west, especially from a section near the campground where the trail traverses a steep rocky cliff with the aid of cable handrails. One mile of the trail skirts the north boundary of the San Lorenzo Watershed Natural Preserve, and one mile of the trail goes through it.

**Section B**

**Name:** Saratoga Gap Trail, E-1B  
**Class:** I  
**Facilities:** 2 bridges  
**Facility #:** F2030001B  
**Existing Use:** Pedestrian and equestrian  
**Location:** Castle Rock Camp to Saratoga Gap (via the Indian Trail subdivision)  
**Status:** **Active.**  
**Recommendations:** **Keep and Maintain.**  
**Resource Management Zones:** Castle Rock Campground, Wildlands  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed  
**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Knobcone Pine Forest; habitat for several special status species.  
**Significant Values:** Natural Springs and seeps, views of the San Lorenzo River drainages to distant Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean; the Saratoga Gap Trail E-1B) is aligned with the James Archibald McDuff Craig and the Louis Seek roads which join at the Louis Seek - A. F. Craig cabin site.  
**Mgmt. Approach:** 1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement  
**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
 Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources;



Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance

Prevent/control erosion related to trails;

Protect special status species and their habitats;

Protect significant cultural resources;

Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance;

Protect Springs and seeps;

Exotic species removal;

Protect and preserve historic road alignments.

**Connecting Trail Loops:**

Skyline (E-9 and in Sanborn county Park) Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Saratoga Toll Road, (E-16), Travertine Springs (E-6), Frog Flat (E-8), Service Road Trail (E-7), Saratoga Gap (E-1A), and indirectly Loghry Woods (E-5).

**Description/Comments:**

Dirt road, paved road and double-wide trail. 3.08 Mi. Provides access from Saratoga Gap to the Castle Rock Campground. Previously known as part of the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail and the Castle Rock Trail. The western portion (B) runs from the trail camp to the Toll Road Trail near Saratoga Gap, a distance of 3.1 miles and has a net elevation gain of 200 feet. It is a hiking and equestrian trail. Portions of the trail traverse private property. Most of the trail is wide, following fire roads or paved roads. From the trail camp, the trail follows a fire road, dropping steeply for about 1/2 mile to a crossing over Craig Springs Creek. The elevation loss is 250 feet. The Travertine Springs Trail junction is just beyond Craig Springs Creek. From the junction, the trail climbs gradually, first along the fire road and then through a housing development on a paved road (Indian Trail Road). About 0.2 of a mile before reaching Saratoga Gap, the trail leaves the paved road, becomes single track, drops gently to a creek crossing then rises steeply to the junction with the Toll Road/Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. From that junction to Saratoga Gap is about 0.1 of a mile. The trail meets the Skyline Trail at Saratoga Gap and continues northwesterly through the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve.

Serves as a link for equestrian riders using the horse trail to the Pacific Ocean. Serves as an alternate fire escape route for the Castle Rock Campground and residents of the Indian Trail Subdivision.

**A.1.2 RIDGE TRAIL, E-2**

<b>Name:</b>	Ridge Trail, E-2
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	4 fences (20' total), two Interpretive displays, 1 bench at the Goat Rock Overlook
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030002
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (0.49 Mi. west of the main parking lot) to the Saratoga Gap Trail (0.11 Mi. south of the old Castle Rock H.Q. on the Saratoga Gap Trail).
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Wildlands RMZs, western section is boundary of Lion Caves RMZ, goes through the San Lorenzo River Watershed Natural Preserve.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	I Low, II Medium

<b>Ecological Units: Communities:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Upper Kings Creek Watershed Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Black Oak Woodland, Knobcone Pine Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone successional phase. Habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Black Oak Woodland, Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features, views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean,
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Manage rock climbing; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect Springs and seeps; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap (E-1A), Waterfall Rocks (P-21), Goat Rock (E-3), Interconnector (E-11) Saratoga Gap (E-1B), Service Road Trail (E-7), and indirectly Frog Flat (E-8) and Loghry Woods (E-5).

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail. 1.76 Mi. Provides an alternate to the Saratoga Gap Trail (Section A) between the main parking lot and the Castle Rock Campground. The Ridge Trail is a single track hiking trail paralleling part of the eastern portion of the Saratoga Gap Trail, section A, thereby providing an alternate route from the parking lot to the old park headquarters and the Castle Rock Trail Camp. It is 1.76 miles long. It leaves the Saratoga Gap Trail 0.5 of a mile west of the parking lot and reconnects with the Saratoga Gap Trail 0.11 of a mile before the Castle Rock Trail Camp. Shortly after leaving the Saratoga Gap Trail (on the east) it goes through some Chaparral and open areas with several narrow, rocky sections. In one-half mile the trail reaches the east Goat Rock Trail junction and Goat Rock. (The Goat Rock Trail goes 0.2 of a mile to the Interpretive Shelter) A short spur trail goes to the Goat Rock Overlook which has a bench and provides a 180 degree vista looking south and a set of interpretive displays identifying features in the panorama. The eastern portion of the trail is mostly in Oak Woodland and Chaparral. The western portion drops about 100 feet in 0.1 of a mile from Goat Rock to the west junction with the Goat Rock Trail then another 100 feet in 0.3 of a mile to the Interconnector Trail junction (which connects the Ridge Trail with the Saratoga Gap Trail) then traverses up the flank of Varian Peak, gaining about 400 feet in 0.4 of a mile through some Chaparral, Knobcone Pine, and mixed Pine Forest. It breaks out in 0.5 of a mile at the new Russell Point with a view to the south of the Santa Cruz Mountains. From there it continues about 0.2 of a mile to its end at the western junction with the Saratoga Gap Trail. The Ridge Trail, E-2, should not be confused with the Bay Area Ridge Trail, which runs concurrently with the Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park and E-9 in CRSP.

### A.1.3 GOAT ROCK TRAIL, E-3

<b>Name:</b>	Goat Rock Trail, E-3
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	3 fences, two picnic tables, Interpretive shelter w/displays, 2 benches
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030003
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Ridge Trail at Goat Rock to the Interpretive Shelter back to the Ridge Trail west of Goat rock.</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, borders Partridge Farm, Lion Caves
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Black Oak Woodland; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Black Oak Woodland, Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features, views of the San Lorenzo River Valley, Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean, Interpretive Shelter.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect springs and seeps; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Manage rock climbing; Prevent/control erosion related to trails.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Ridge Trail (E-2), Partridge Farm Service Road
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	

The Goat Rock Trail is a 0.31 mile single track hiking trail that leaves the Ridge Trail at Goat Rock loops 0.18 mile north to the Interpretive Shelter in the Partridge Farm area, then drops 0.1 of a mile and 100 feet west back to the Ridge Trail.

A gravel road used by Park staff for access to the Interpretive Shelter and the other facilities in the Partridge Farm area connects the Interpretive Shelter with Highway 35 through a locked vehicle gate. Many hikers and climbers use this road to complete a short loop hike from the main parking lot via Goat Rock and the Interpretive Shelter and although not an official trail, it is heavily used. It is not a safe or recommended route because once hikers have reached the end of the road at Hwy 35 they must walk on the shoulder of Hwy 35 for about a half mile to return to the parking lot.

### A.1.4 CASTLE ROCK TRAIL, E-4

<b>Name:</b>	Castle Rock Trail, E-4
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	Pit toilet near Castle Rock
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030004
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Main parking lot to Castle Rock, to the Saratoga Gap Trail
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Castle Rock Ridge
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek, Saratoga Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features along the ridge with numerous rock outcrops used for climbing and bouldering, interior views of mixed Pine Forest,
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect springs and seeps; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Manage rock climbing; Prevent/control erosion related to trails.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Waterfall Rocks Trail (P-21), Link Trail (E-10), Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park.

#### **Description/Comments:**

The extremely popular Castle Rock Trail is a 0.98 mile long single-track hiking trail except for about 0.1 of a mile where it runs with the Castle Rock Service Road. It leaves the east side of the main parking lot (from two entrances), and after 0.2 of a mile, it meets the service road where it continues to the right toward Castle Rock. After passing a vault toilet, the trail goes half way around and below Castle Rock, down into a saddle, around the east side of the ridge and curves around, over, and down the west side of the ridge to meet the Saratoga Gap Trail about 0.1 miles from the parking lot. It serves as the access trail to Castle Rock and its outlying scrambling, climbing, and bouldering rocks and provides a short 1.12 mile loop hike from and back to the main parking lot.

### A.1.5 LOGHRY WOODS TRAIL E-5

<b>Name:</b>	Loghry Woods Trail, E-5
<b>Class:</b>	I

<b>Facilities:</b>	2 bridges, 1 rail fence
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030005
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Skyline Trail (MM 12.8 on State Highway 35) to the Service Road Trail (0.1 Mi. north of the Castle Rock Camp Ground.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Wildlands
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium.
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Knobcone Pine Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of mixed Pine and Knobcone Pine Forest, some sandstone outcrops, views of San Lorenzo River drainages, Loghry Woods Demonstration Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process Management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Special protection for special status species and their habitats; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect Springs and seeps; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Special protection for tafoni formations; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B), Service Road Trail (E-7), Skyline Trail (E-9), indirectly Frog Flat (E-8)

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail. 1.76 Mi. Built as an alternate to the Saratoga Gap Trail (Section B) between Saratoga Gap and the Castle Rock Camp Ground. The Loghry Woods Trail is a pleasant single track trail connecting the Skyline Trail (at Mile Marker 12.8 on Highway 35) with the Service Road Trail at 0.1 mile north of the Castle Rock Trail Camp. It provides an alternate route from the trail camp to the Saratoga Gap parking lot, gaining about 380 feet to the Skyline Trail junction. It passes through an area where Loghry, a previous owner, planted various non-native trees. Some species remain.

**A.1.6 TRAVERTINE SPRINGS TRAIL E-6**

<b>Name:</b>	Travertine Springs Trail, E-6
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	1 bridge
<b>Facility #:</b>	F2030006
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only

<b>Location:</b>	Starting from the Saratoga Gap Trail, 0.71 mi. NW of the junction with the Service Road Trail, the trail goes NW, crosses the San Lorenzo River, then SW to the Saratoga Toll Road Trail, 2.87 Mi. south of Saratoga Gap on the Saratoga Toll Road Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain,</b> but review the route at Travertine Springs.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Wildlands, Travertine Springs, San Lorenzo River
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Aquatic and Riparian
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Riparian ecosystem, freshwater springs and seep, travertine formations, hydric soils, interior views of mixed Pine and some Upland Redwood Forest interior views, views of San Lorenzo River drainages
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process Management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect Springs and seeps; Protect hydric soils; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Special protection for special status species and their habitats; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Exotic species removal; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29)
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Single track trail and old dirt road. 2.09 Mi. Provides a more direct route to the Waterman gap trail Camp from the Castle Rock Trail Camp. The Travertine Springs Trail is a 2.09 mile long hiking trail running east to west. It starts at the Saratoga Gap Trail, 0.71 mile west of park Headquarters, and ends at the Saratoga Toll Road Trail 2.87 miles southwest of Saratoga Gap. At its mid-point, the trail crosses the headwaters of the San Lorenzo River. The eastern portion of the trail, from the Saratoga Gap Trail to the San Lorenzo River crossing, follows an old dirt road and drops about 500 feet in elevation. From the river crossing to the Saratoga Toll Road it is a single track trail climbing about 130 feet. Most of the trail traverses a wooded area. It passes by Travertine Springs 0.2 mile from its junction with the Saratoga Toll Road Trail, its western terminus. The trail is used primarily by backpackers hiking from the Castle Rock Trail Camp to the Waterman Gap Trail Camp, and provides the only direct route connecting the east and west portions of the Park. The route of the trail in the area of Travertine Springs should be evaluated for rerouting or raising to protect the springs and wet soils around it.

### A.1.7 SERVICE ROAD TRAIL E-7

<b>Name:</b>	Service Road Trail, E-7
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle
<b>Location:</b>	State Highway 35 near milepost 12.5 to the Castle Rock Campground, and between the Lion Caves RMZ and Los Altos Rod and Gun Club property.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Campground, Wildlands
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Knobcone Pine Forest; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of mixed Pine and Knobcone Pine Forest, some sandstone outcrops, views of San Lorenzo River drainages, James Archibald McDuff Craig road.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process Management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads 3. Recreation Enhancement.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Avoid impacts of development on viability of Knobcone Pine Forest; Mimic wildfire processes with prescribed fire management; Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Special protection for special status species and their habitats; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect Springs and seeps; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Special protection for tafoni formations; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B), Loghry Woods Trail (E-5), Frog Flat (E-8), and Skyline Trail (E-9),

**Description/Comments:**

Gravel Road. 1.1 Mi. Provides vehicular access to the Castle Rock Campground for maintenance and emergencies; provides bicycle access to the Castle Rock Campground; and serves as a link in the equestrian trail to the Pacific Ocean; provides a trail loop with the Loghry Woods Trail. As the name implies, the Service Road Trail is a road used to service the trail camp area. It originates near mile marker 12.5 on Highway 35. The road slopes gently from the highway to the trail camp, dropping by 460 feet. The road is open to hikers and equestrians and is the only trail in the park open to bicycle riders. It is the shortest route from the highway to the campground, and the only one for bicyclists.

**A.1.8 FROG FLAT FIRE ROAD TRAIL E-8**

<b>Name:</b>	Frog Flat Fire Road Trail, E-8
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	1 walkway
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Junction with the Service Road Trail at the Castle Rock Campground to a junction with the Saratoga Gap Trail 0.34 Mi. north of the Castle Rock Campground along the Saratoga Gap Trail. Goes through the Frog Flat area of the Castle Rock Campground.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Castle Rock Campground, Wildlands
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River
<b>Communities:</b>	Knobcone Pine, Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Knobcone Pine, Mixed Evergreen Forest, joins the Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B) at the junction of the James Archibald McDuff Craig and the Louis seek roads at the Louis Seek - A. F. Craig cabin site.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process Management 2. Recreation Enhancement, Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Avoid impacts of campground development on Knobcone Pine Forest; Mimic wildfire processes with prescribed fire management; Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Special protection for special status species and their habitats; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect Springs and seeps. Protect and preserve historic road alignments;



**Connecting Trail Loops:** Control/eradicate feral pigs;  
Exotic species removal.  
Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B),  
Service Road Trail (E-7), and indirectly the Ridge Trail  
(E-2)

**Description/Comments:**

Double track trail, dirt road. 0.57 Mi. The Frog Flat Fire Road Trail is a 0.57 mile long dirt road descending 200 feet from the Castle Rock Campground area to the Saratoga Gap Trail, 0.4 miles from the Travertine Springs Trail junction. It offers a longer but less steep route from the trail camp. It is open to hikers only.

**A.1.9 SKYLINE TRAIL E-9**

**Name:** Skyline Trail, E-9  
**Class:** I  
**Facilities:** Two foot bridges  
**Facility #:** None  
**Existing Use:** Pedestrian, equestrian  
**Location:** From Saratoga Gap (MM 14.1 on Hwy 35) to approximately MM 11.5 on Hwy 35.  
**Status:** **Active**  
**Recommendations:** **Keep and maintain**, but modify 2 sections to make them safe for multi use.  
**Resource Management Zones:** Skyline  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper Stevens Creek, Saratoga Creek Watershed.  
**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest; may be habitat for special status species.  
**Significant Values:** Loghry Woods Demonstration Forest, distant views of Santa Clara Valley and interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest.  
**Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Natural Process Management 2. Recreation Enhancement  
**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
Access and recreation where compatible with resources;  
Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance  
Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
Exotic species removal.  
**Connecting Trail Loops:** MROSD Saratoga Gap Trail, CRSP Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B), Saratoga Toll Road Trail (E-16), Loghry Woods Trail (E-5), Sanborn County Park Skyline Trail, leading to the Service Road Trail (E-7), Oak Knoll Trail (P-24).

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail. 1.58 Mi. This is a portion of the Skyline Trail that continues on south through Sanborn County Park as a Pedestrian/equestrian Trail. This trail is also part of the Bay Area Rim Trail that continues north through Mid-Peninsula Open Space lands as the Saratoga Gap Trail. Within Castle Rock State Park, the Skyline Trail parallels Highway 35 for about 1.6 miles. To the southeast, the trail continues in Sanborn County Park (Santa Clara County) as the Skyline Trail. The Loghry Woods Trail meets the Skyline Trail near the Castle Rock SP/Sanborn County Park boundary near Mile Marker 11.5 on Highway 35. At its northern end, at Saratoga Gap, the trail meets the Skyline-to-the-Sea, the Toll Road and Saratoga Gap Trails. The Saratoga Gap Trail continues northwesterly through Saratoga Open Space Preserve. The Skyline Trail is a piece of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail is single track and is open to hikers and equestrians. The northerly 0.6 mile is nearly level. The trail then gradually climbs 250 feet to its highest point within the park at 1 mile from Saratoga Gap and ends 100 feet lower than the high point at its southern end. Most of the trail traverses heavily wooded areas. While equestrians have access to this trail there are two sections of it are too narrow, with steep drop-offs to be safe for horses. One section has a horse trail that bypasses it, part of which is on the shoulder of Highway 35, which is undesirable and even potentially dangerous. There is also a section near Saratoga Gap that is also too narrow for multi-use with steep drop-offs down to Highway 9 and may also need to be rebuilt, rerouted, or bypassed. The Skyline Trail is the route of the Bay Area Ridge Trail which is intended to be a multi-use trail.

**A.1.10 LINK TRAIL E-10**

<b>Name:</b>	Link Trail, E-10
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Castle Rock parking lot to the Skyline Trail in Sanborn County Park.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Sanborn County Park.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Saratoga Creek Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest,
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect springs and seeps; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per

resource significance  
Prevent/control erosion related to trails.  
**Connecting Trail Loops:** Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Castle Rock Trail (E-4), the Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park.

**Description/Comments:**

The Link Trail is a single track hiking trail connecting the Castle Rock SP parking lot with the Skyline Trail in Sanborn County Park. It crosses Highway 35 at approximately Mile Marker 11.6 about 50 feet north of the main parking lot entrance.

**A.1.11 INTERCONNECTOR TRAIL E-11**

**Name:** Interconnector Trail, E-11  
**Class:** II  
**Facilities:** None  
**Facility #:** None  
**Existing Use:** Pedestrian only  
**Location:** From the Ridge Trail (0.8 Mi. southeast of west junction with the Saratoga Gap Trail) to the Saratoga Gap Trail (1.0 Mi. from the west junction with the Ridge Trail).

**Status** **Active.**

**Recommendations:** **Keep and Maintain.**

**Resource Management Zones:** Border between the Castle Rock Ridge and Wildlands RMZs, 50 feet from the east boundary of the Natural Preserve.

**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium

**Ecological Units:** Upper Kings Creek Watershed

**Communities:** Northern Mixed Chaparral, Black Oak Woodland; habitat for several special status species

**Significant Values:** Black Oak Woodland, views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River drainages to the Pacific Ocean,

**Mgmt. Approach:** 1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement

**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;

Protect special status species and their habitats;

Protect significant cultural resources;

Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance;

Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources;

Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance

Prevent/control erosion related to trails;

Protect Springs and seeps;

Exotic species removal;

Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Saratoga Gap (E-1A), Ridge Trail (E-2).

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail. 0.159 Mi. Provides access between the Ridge Trail and the Saratoga Gap Trail approximately half way between the main parking lot and the Castle Rock Camp Ground. This trail offers the opportunity for a loop hike from the parking lot for those who do not want to hike the full distance to and back from the trail camp area.

### A.1.12 CASTLE ROCK ALL-ACCESS TRAIL E-12

<b>Name:</b>	Castle Rock All Access Trail, E-12
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	Trail itself, picnic table, partial safety railing
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only, wheelchair capable
<b>Location:</b>	From the north end of the west side of the parking lot out to the upper side of a large rock then straight out about 30 feet to a picnic table.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep, upgrade.</b> When and if the main parking lot is relocated to Partridge Farm, it is recommended that limited parking be retained so that this trail can be utilized.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, tafoni on sandstone outcroppings
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect springs and seeps; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Link Trail (E-10), to the Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park.

#### **Description/Comments:**

Single track trail meeting ADA standards. 0.1 Mi. This trail provides persons with disabilities a short hiking and picnicking opportunity adjacent to the existing main parking lot. It is wheel chair accessible and provides access to picnic table and a nearby vault toilet. It may be used for hiking and picnicking. The trailhead is located at the north end of the main parking lot on Hwy 35, It is approximately four feet wide, surfaced with packed crushed rock, runs for a distance of approximately 500 feet, slopes gently upward for the first 200 feet, and then runs almost level out to the picnic table at its end. It provides a view of Saratoga Gap Trail as it leaves the parking lot and passes next to a large sandstone rock with some tafoni.

### A.1.13 OAK MEADOW TRAIL E-13.

<b>Name:</b>	Oak Meadow Trail, E-13
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	0.05 mile north of west Saratoga Gap Trail A/Ridge Trail junction
<b>Status</b>	Active.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Campground, San Lorenzo River
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River
<b>Communities:</b>	Knobcone Pine Forest.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Riparian ecosystem, chimney remains of an old home site.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Special Protection, 2. Natural Process Management 3. Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Mimic wildfire processes with prescribed fire management; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect Springs and seeps; Protect water quality.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1A), Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1B), Service Road Trail (E-7), and indirectly the Ridge Trail (E-2) and Frog Flat Trail (E-8)

#### **Description/Comments:**

Old dirt road. Starts from the Saratoga Gap trail just north of its junction with the Ridge Trail at about 2400' elevation and loops about 0.2 of a mile around a semi meadow area and back to the Saratoga Gap Trail near its junction with the Service Road Trail at about 2440 elevation. Provides access to the remaining chimney of an old farmstead, and is a pleasant short hike for campers. The area along most of this trail was part of the old Castle Rock Campground but the campsites were removed to protect the riparian community. In addition, this trail, and a portion of the Saratoga Gap Trail out to the old Russell Point also constitute the Danny Hannavan Nature Trail, for which a brochure is available.

## A.2 Trails on the west side of the Park

### A.2.1 SKYLINE-TO-THE-SEA TRAIL E-14

<b>Name:</b>	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, E-14
<b>Class:</b>	I

<b>Facilities:</b>	8 bridges, 3 culverts, 5 retaining walls, 1 fence, 1 set of stairs (50')
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Saratoga Gap (Junction of State Highways 9 and 35) to Waterman Gap (Junction of State Highways 9 and 236 - north)
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Saratoga Gap, Wildlands, Saratoga Toll Road, RMZs and the probable extension of the Saratoga Toll Road RMZ into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed, Pescadero Creek Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Large, late-phase second growth Redwood, excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, and Redwood Forest, views of the San Lorenzo River watershed, Monterey Bay and Peninsula, Pacific Ocean and access to the Waterman Gap Trail Camp.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement 3. Historic Area management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements. Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources. Protect steep slopes and erosive soils, and evaluate old logging roads for removal and revegetation. Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance Prevent/control erosion related to trails. Protect special status species and their habitats. Protect significant cultural features. Protect Springs and seeps. Exotic species removal. Protect and preserve historic road alignments. Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Skyline (E-9), Saratoga Gap (E-1B), Bay Laurel (P-27), Tin Can Creek (P-28), Beekhuis Road (E-17), Old Beekhuis Road (P-30), Brush creek Fault (P-32), Cableway (E-19), Waterman Fault (P-36)
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Single foot path and old dirt roads. 6.51 Mi. A very popular trail for backpackers. This is the beginning segment of a long trail that goes through Castle Rock and Big Basin Redwoods State Parks and terminates on the Pacific Ocean at Waddell Beach. Saratoga Gap is at about 2600' elevation and Waterman Gap is about 1320'. The Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail runs from Saratoga Gap to the Pacific Ocean at Waddell Beach, a distance of some

30+ miles. The trail starts at Saratoga Gap at an elevation of 2600 feet. It leaves Castle Rock SP and enters Big Basin Redwood SP at Waterman Gap at the junction of Highways 9 and 236 at an elevation of 1320 feet. The upper 6.5 miles are within Castle Rock SP, are for hikers only and are described below. The trail head at Saratoga Gap is just south of the intersection of Highways 9 and 35, across Highway 35 from the parking lot. The Saratoga Gap Trail, Toll Road Trail and Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail are all on the old Toll Road roadbed starting at the Gap. The Saratoga Gap Trail veers off to the east at about 0.1 miles. The Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail leaves the old Toll Road at about mile 0.4, crosses Highway 9 and parallels the Highway on the northwest side. At the Highway 9 crossing the trail meets the southern end of the Achistaca Trail on the Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. The short section of Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail between the Achistaca Trail and Toll Road Trail is open to equestrians. Around mile 0.6 the Nutmeg Trail heads down into Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. At mile 0.9 the trail crosses a service road, the Red Mountain trail, which dead ends in the Open Space Preserve. Shortly, there is a bench with a view into the Pescadero watershed. The Northern junction with the Summit Meadow Trail is at about mile 1.2. At 2.0 miles, the trail crosses to the south side of Highway 9, coming out at Sempervirens Point offering a view of Monterey Bay and the Monterey Peninsula to the south. Sempervirens Point is located at mile marker 25.19 on Highway 9. There is paved parking with 21 marked spaces, a vault toilet and picnic tables located there. The southern junction with the Summit Meadow Trail is there. To this point, the trail has been nominally running from northeast to southwest. Shortly after leaving Sempervirens Point the trail turns to a generally southerly direction, crosses driveways to a couple of private homes and to Tin Can Ranch. The junction with Beekhuis Rd Trail is at mile 3.5. Beekhuis Road provides access to Highway 9 100 yards south of Mile Marker 23.31 and serves as a connector to the Toll Road Trail. Approximately 0.2 mile after Beekhuis Rd, there is a junction with the Cutoff Trail. The trail crosses a couple more driveways before reaching the service road for the trail camp at Waterman Gap. The trail follows the service road for about 0.1 mile to the camp. There is a pit toilet at the camp just 50 feet from the trail. After the camp, the trail climbs up over a knoll and drops down to cross Highway 9 at Waterman Gap. The trail then parallels Highway 9 on the west side past its junction with Highway 236. The trail crosses Highway 236 just after the junction and enters Big Basin Redwoods SP. Approximately 0.6 mile after Waterman Gap the trail meets the Cableway Trail, previously the Skyline-to-the-Sea/Toll Road Interconnector Trail. The majority of the 6.5 miles of trail is shady, going through mixed forest of Tan Oak, Madrone, Douglas Fir and Redwood. There are only a few short sections of the trail going through Chaparral or in the open.

### **A.2.2 SUMMIT MEADOW TRAIL E-15**

<b>Name:</b>	Summit Meadow Trail, E-15
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian only
<b>Location:</b>	Sempervirens Point (MM 25.2) to Red Mountain (MM 26.00) on the east side of State Highway 9
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Wildlands, Saratoga Gap

<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Pescadero Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Bald Hills and Non-native Annual Grassland. Raptor foraging habitat
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Views of the San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, and canyons to the south.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect Steep Slopes and erosive soils and evaluate old logging roads for removal and revegetation; Protect seeps and springs; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Exotic species removal; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect significant cultural resources.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14), Bay Laurel Trail(E-27), Sempervirens Loop Trail (P-33), Valley View Trail (P-37), Majestic Firs All-Access Loop (P-34)

**Description/Comments:**

Old dirt roads and single track trail. 1.06 Mi. Provides a scenic alternate route to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail between Red Mountain and Sempervirens Point. Summit Meadow Trail is on the east and south side of Highway 9. It runs from Red Mountain at Mile Marker 26.00 to Sempervirens Point at Mile Marker 25.2 paralleling the highway. Most of the trail follows old dirt or semi paved roads. The western-most 0.2 mile is a single track trail. The trail is open to hikers only. It offers a scenic alternative route to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail between Red Mountain and Sempervirens Point. Several vista points offer views to the south. On clear days the Monterey Bay and Monterey Peninsula are visible. The trail rises slightly as it leaves Red Mountain, levels off and then descends to Sempervirens Point. There is a net drop of 100 feet from Red Mountain to Sempervirens Point.

**A.2.3 SARATOGA TOLL ROAD TRAIL E-16**

<b>Name:</b>	Saratoga Toll Road Trail, E-16
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	3 bridges, 21 culverts, and 5 retaining walls
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian and equestrian
<b>Location:</b>	From Saratoga Gap (junction of State Highways 9 and 35) to the point where State Highway 9 crosses the San Lorenzo River.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active</b>



<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain, interpret.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Saratoga gap, Indian Rock Ranch subdivision, Wildlands, northern border of Travertine Springs, Saratoga toll Road, and the probable extension of the Wildlands RMZ into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units/Communities:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed, San Lorenzo River. Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest, Habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Remnant isolated ancient trees and large, late-phase second growth Redwood, historic toll road alignment, historic (Hall's) tavern/rest stop site, excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, annual grassland, and Redwood Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment and historic tavern site.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils, and evaluate old logging roads for removal and revegetation; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural features; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect Springs and seeps; Exotic species removal; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Skyline (E-9), Saratoga Gap (E-1B), Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Bay Laurel, (P-27), Travertine Springs (E-6), Tin Can Creek (P-28), Beekhuis Road (E-17), Old Beekhuis Road (P-30), Brush creek Fault (P-32), Cableway (E-19), Waterman Fault (P-36)

**Description/Comments:**

Dirt road, double track trail, 7.09 Mi. This is an old toll road that is open as a fire road at its lower end. Santa Cruz County maintains the lower 1 mile as a public highway. The entire right of way is owned by California State Parks, without conditions. The trail serves as a link on the trail to the Pacific Ocean from Castle Rock State Park, MROSD Saratoga Gap and Long Ridge preserves, and Sanborn/Skyline County Park. The Saratoga Toll Road Trail follows the historic old dirt Toll Road route. Hikers and equestrians share the trail. It serves as a link for equestrians riding from Saratoga Gap to Big Basin and on to the Pacific Ocean. The northern terminus is at Saratoga Gap, just south of the intersection of Highway 9 and 35, across Highway 35 from the parking lot at an elevation of 2600 feet. The Saratoga Gap Trail, Toll Road Trail and Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail are all on the old Toll

Road roadbed starting at the Gap. The Saratoga Gap Trail veers off to the east at about 0.1 miles. The Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail leaves the old Toll Road in about 0.4 mile. Much of the upper part of the trail goes through private property, the Indian Rock Ranch subdivision, but California State Parks owns the right of way with no conditions. Three miles from Saratoga Gap, the Travertine Springs Trail joins the Toll Road. Shortly after the Travertine Springs Trail junction, the trail crosses Tin Can Creek. The trail is routed around the old wooden bridge, recently removed, over Tin Can Creek. At 3.6 miles, the trail meets the Beekhuis Road Trail which provides a cross connection to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. The trail passes by what appears to be an old homestead just past Beekhuis Road. At approximately 6 miles, the trail comes to the maintained portion of the Toll Road. The trail follows the maintained road for 0.6 miles where it intersects with the Cableway Trail which goes off to the west as a single track trail, crosses Highway 9 and goes on to join the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail in about 1.9 miles from the Toll Road. One can continue down the maintained road to come out on Highway 9 near the San Lorenzo river crossing. With only a few exceptions, the trail slopes gently down from Saratoga Gap to an elevation of 720 feet at its southern terminus. The bulk of the trail is shady, going through mixed forest of Tan Oak, Madrone, Douglas Fir and Redwood. There are a few sections of the trail going through Chaparral or in the open. There are narrow sections and some short sight lines.

#### **A.2.4 BEEKHUIS ROAD TRAIL E-17**

<b>Name:</b>	Beekhuis Road Trail, E-17
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	Drainage whistle
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian and equestrian
<b>Location:</b>	Start at MM 23.23 on State Highway 9 and proceeding south easterly towards the Saratoga Toll Road Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain</b> , identify trail, make use signage consistent.
<b>Resource Management</b>	Saratoga Toll Road
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use</b>	II Medium
<b>Intensity:</b>	
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral and habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, and Chaparral.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails;

Protect special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect significant cultural features;  
 Exotic species removal.

**Connecting Trail****Loops:**

Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), Old  
 Beekhuis Road (P-30), Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29)

**Description/Comments:**

The trail is a gated 0.5 Mi. long dirt road starting 100 yards south of Mile Marker 23.31 on Highway 9. In about 70 yards it crosses the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail and drops down to terminate at the Toll Road Trail, an elevation change of about 300 feet. It is open to both hikers and equestrians. Safe parking for both hikers and horse trailers can be found on the dirt shoulder of the turnout about 100 yards north at MM 23.31 on the same side of Highway 9. Beekhuis Road itself continues on down past the Toll Road to the power lines and then past them down toward the San Lorenzo River. It is sometimes used by PG&E for access to the power lines.

**A.2.5 A-2.5 CUT-OFF TRAIL E-18****Name:**

Cut-off Trail, E-18

**Class:**

II

**Facilities:**

None

**Facility #:**

None

**Existing Use:**

Pedestrian and equestrian

**Location:**

Southern end of the Saratoga Toll Road Trail

**Status**

**Active but in bad condition.**

**Recommendations:**

**Abandon and obliterate**

**Resource Management**

Saratoga Toll Road

**Zones:****Allowable Use**

II Medium

**Intensity:****Ecological Units:**

Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.

**Communities:**

Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral; habitat for several special status species.

**Significant Values:**

Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, and Chaparral.

**Mgmt. Approach:**

1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement,  
 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment.

**Mgmt. Objectives:**

Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
 Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources;  
 Protect steep slopes and erosive soils;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails;  
 Protect special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect significant cultural features;  
 Exotic species removal.

**Connecting Trail****Loops:**

Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16),

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail. 0.17 Mi. Provides a more direct route for hikers going to the Waterman Gap Trail Camp coming from the Saratoga toll Road trail, connecting Beekhuis Road Trail to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. It is used by backpackers coming from the Toll Road trail to connect to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail and thence to the Waterman Gap trail camp. It is restricted to hiking only. This trail is redundant to the Beekhuis Road Trail and has not been maintained. It should be abandoned.

**A.2.6 A-2.6 CABLEWAY TRAIL E-19**

<b>Name:</b>	Cableway Trail, E-19 (name is being changed from the “Skyline-to-the-Sea-to-the-Saratoga Toll Road Interconnector Trail”)
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Existing Use:</b>	Pedestrian and equestrian
<b>Location:</b>	Southern end of the Saratoga Toll Road Trail to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active</b> , but not well maintained.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and maintain</b> , needs maintenance and some rerouting.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Probable extension of the Saratoga Toll Road and Wildlands RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Remnant isolated ancient trees and large, late-phase second growth Redwood, historic toll road alignment, excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, annual grassland, and Redwood Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils, and evaluate old logging roads for removal and revegetation; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural features; Protect Springs and seeps; Exotic species removal; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail**                      Saratoga toll Road (E16), Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14),  
**Loops:**                                      Waterman Fault (P-36)

**Description/Comments:**

Double and single track trail. This 1.87 Mi. trail serves as a link in the equestrian trail to the Pacific Ocean. The trail connects the lower end of the Toll Road Trail, a quarter of a mile before its end at Highway 9, with the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. The trail climbs from an elevation of 800 feet at the Highway 9 crossing to 1250 feet at its junction with the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. Most of the trail is shaded by Redwoods, Tan Oaks, and Madrones. The trail is open to hikers and equestrians. The westerly most quarter mile of trail, just before meeting the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, traverses timber company land. Extensive portions of the trail need repair and/or rerouting.



## APPENDIX B: DESCRIPTIONS OF PLANNED TRAILS PROJECTS

The Twenty (20) trail projects planned are divided into twenty seven (27) individual new trail and trail modification construction projects totaling 21.6 miles. They are proposed in this plan as the result of substantial land addition to the park, to correct trail problems, and to improve the Castle Rock State Park trail system by allowing park visitors access to additional, desirable park features. They are briefly described in paragraph 3.3.1 of this plan and below in Appendix B in greater detail, including resource management requirements.

### B.1 New Trail Projects on the Ridge side of the Park

On the Ridge side of the park 7 planned trail projects are described, one of which, the Perimeter Trail, consists of 7 segments or links, some existing, some new construction. Other projects use existing old roads, some are new construction and some a combination.

#### B.1.1 NEW RIDGE TRAIL REROUTE, P-20

<b>Name:</b>	Ridge Trail Reroute, P-20
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide a more direct and usable route from the Castle Rock area to the Partridge Farm area. To reduce impacts around Goat Rock by routing the Ridge Trail to the Interpretive Shelter rather than to Goat Rock. To make the Interpretive Shelter with its new interpretive displays more accessible to park visitors.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Saratoga Gap Trail (0.49 Mi. west of main parking lot. New alignment is 0.15 Mi. from the Saratoga Gap Trail (0.64 Mi. from the main parking lot) to the Interpretive Shelter, from there 0.1 Mi. west to junction with the Goat Rock Trail. Looking for other route.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, low priority;</b> corridor, potential undesirable route identified.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Continue working for a better route.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Partridge Farm
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	I Low, II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	San Lorenzo River, Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Black Oak Woodland, Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone successional phase. Habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Black Oak Woodland, Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features, views of the Kings Creek drainage to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, Interpretive Shelter, Old orchard adjacent to the Interpretive shelter, Vistas from the ridge east of the interpretive shelter north

along ridge tops to Mt. San Bruno, Mt. Tamalpias, and east to Mt. Diablo.

<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Manage rock climbing; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance; Protect Springs and seeps; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Saratoga Gap (E-1A), Goat Rock (E-3), and Skyline Crossing (P-22), connecting to the Interconnector, Skyline, and Link Trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Type: Single-track trail, Distance: 0.5 Mi.

Topography: South edge of portions of Castle Rock Ridge and ridge top, descending/ascending slopes to junction with the existing Ridge Trail route.

Vistas: Views along the ridge north to Mt. San Bruno, Mt. Tamalpias, Foothill Woodland found on gentle slopes of higher elevations and occurs most extensively along ridge tops adjacent to Goat Rock. At high elevations is dominated by California Black Oak. Chaparral found on south-facing slopes at middle elevations. Grassland found along ridge-tops adjacent to Goat Rock. Rock outcrops, found in the above communities, dominated by lichens and mosses.

Geology: The underlying vaqueros sandstone strata of the Lower Miocene marine formations, locally part of the Castle Rock anticline, is an upturned fold that trends northwest-southeast. It appears on the surface as the numerous rocks with cavernous weathering, or tafoni, formations and underlies soils at varying depths where it is not exposed. Soils vary from fine sandy loam to sandy clay loam on top of sandstone pebbles and small boulders or weathered sandstone.

Climbing opportunities: Serves as a feeder trail for access to Last Temptation Cliff, Klinghoffer Boulders, Goat Rock, Billy Goat Rock, Mt. Doom, Skull, Voyeur, Hostess, and some bouldering rocks.

**Construction Requirements:**

Single track trail (3-foot wide base) across and up slopes from moderate to steep through Chaparral, Poison Oak, rock areas, meadow and woodland. Steps maybe required in a few places.

Maintenance of the existing facilities: 2 picnic tables, Interpretive Shelter and its displays.

**Issues:**

**Route:** A desirable route has not yet been found for this realignment.

**Goat Rock Trail Realignment:** When the Ridge Trail is realigned/rerouted to the Interpretive Shelter it will also be rerouted along the route of the west segment of the present Goat Rock Trail from the Interpretive Shelter to its junction with the present Ridge



Trail. This would permit the Ridge Trail To bypass Goat Rock. The Goat Rock Trail would then connect the Ridge Trail with Goat Rock and would consist of 4 segments. The first is the present segment from the Interpretive Shelter to Goat Rock (0.2 mi.). The second is the present segment of the Ridge Trail from Goat Rock west to its present intersection with the present Goat Rock Trail from the Interpretive Shelter (0.2 mi.). The third is the short segment from the present Ridge Trail near Goat Rock out to the Goat Rock Overlook (0.1 mi.). The fourth is the present Ridge Trail from Goat Rock east to the Ridge Trail realignment junction (0.4mi.). All 4 segments of the realigned Goat Rock Trail will be about 0.9 of a mile.

### **B.1.2 WATERFALL ROCKS TRAIL, P-21**

<b>Name:</b>	Waterfall Rocks Trail, P-21
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	None.
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide access to the attractive Muffins area from the Castle Rock or Saratoga Gap Trails, replacing a well used volunteer trail which is beginning to erode, and a faint, sometimes difficult to follow track from the Saratoga Gap, Ridge Trail junction to the top of Castle Rock Falls on the south side of the falls creek (across the creek from the Saratoga Gap Trail). To replace steep, eroded volunteer trails which cross the creek, and to provide direct and feeder access to climbing rocks. To create an attractive trail loop with the Castle Rock and Saratoga Gap trails.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Along the ridge running southwest from Castle Rock starting at the farthest southwest reach of the Castle Rock Trail and extending as far as the rocks above the south side of Castle Rock Falls, called the Muffins by rock climbers, before turning back northeast to intersect with the Saratoga Gap Trail near its junction with the Ridge Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, high priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction, follows corridor of existing climbers trails.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral; Habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Sandstone outcrops with tafoni features along the ridge and above the falls, views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, east side of Castle Rock Falls, and ruins of (or site of) the old Smead cabin.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;

Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources;

Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;

Prevent/control erosion related to trails;

Protect significant cultural resources;

Protect and preserve tafoni formations;

Protect special status species and their habitats;

Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance;

Manage rock climbing.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Castle Rock (E-4), Saratoga Gap (E-1A), Ridge (E-2)

**Description/Comments:**

Type: Single track foot trail.

Length: 0.6 miles; about 0.4 miles to the Muffins from the Castle Rock Trail, dropping about 300 feet; a little less than 0.2 miles from the Muffins to the Saratoga Gap Trail near the Ridge Trail junction with little drop in elevation. Starting at the Castle Rock Trail, the Muffins Trail goes slightly down hill to a clearing (about 300 feet) where the climbers trail to Chew Tooth, California Ridge and the Underworld takes off (south east). Using an old roadbed it goes from the clearing directly past Platypus (another 300 feet) and Shady Rock (180 feet) on their right (north) which is also their downhill side. The trail makes loops down the ridge which is now steep. The trail loops make excursions to or into the Chaparral on the south, providing views into the Kings Creek canyon and beyond to Monterey Bay, and into the mixed woodland on the north side of the ridge. As the ridge approaches the Muffins it becomes less steep and the mixed forest has some Manzanita and more Madrone. The trail swings above the Muffins close to the top of the ridge and circles back to the Muffins (upper, middle and lower) where it goes through them at the Lower Muffin, requiring steps in places. This is the take off area to the foot of the falls, and to the various Lower, Middle, and Upper Muffin climbs and bouldering problems. This area also provides access to the tops of some of the Waterfall (right side) climbs. The Muffins area is interesting and esthetically pleasing, with a number of sandstone (tafoni) formations. Trails and in some places steps provide direct access to the climbs and areas of interest to hikers. The trail exits the Muffins at the low point and traverses about .2 miles to the Saratoga Gap Trail, passing near the site of the old Smead cabin.

**Construction Requirements:**

Single track trail (3-foot wide base) across and up slopes from moderate to steep through Chaparral, Poison Oak, rock areas, and woodland. Steps maybe required in a few places, particularly in the Muffins.

Follows an existing volunteer trail from the Castle Rock Trail to the clearing where it will not follow the route of the existing climbers' trail but follows an old brush covered road bed to Shady Rock with little more than brush and perhaps small tree removal required. From just below Shady Rock it will also divert from the volunteer trail, which goes directly down the ridge, and will loop back and forth across the steepening ridge and must be cut into the side of the slope where it may encounter rock and some small tree and branch removal. As the trail approaches the Muffins the ridge levels somewhat and the trail can go straight down the ridge just off the top on the north side. It goes just above and past the Muffins and circles back to them, descending to a point between the Mid and Lower Muffins, where it goes through them, requiring steps in places. The trail is now heading northeast, gently descending across a moderate side slope, into and out of a shallow gully, perhaps requiring a small bridge or truncheon, past the old Smead cabin site and gently down to the flat

where it joins the Saratoga Gap Trail. A large downed tree must be cut through in the flat area.

All volunteer trails from the Saratoga Gap Trail just above the falls to the Muffins are closed and eradicated, probably requiring barriers in places.

### **B.1.3 SKYLINE CROSSING TRAIL, P-22**

<b>Name:</b>	Skyline Crossing Trail, E-22
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	1 highway crossing
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides a portion of an off-highway trail route from the Partridge Interpretive Shelter area to the Castle Rock Parking lot
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, equestrian, bicycle,
<b>Location:</b>	From the north end of the parking area in Partridge Farm near the Interpretive Shelter to Highway 35 near the adjacent private property, across Highway 35, connecting with the Skyline Trail in Sanborn county Park.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, high priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction as soon as feasible.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Partridge Farm RMZ, Sanborn County Park
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium, III High
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone succession phase, Northern Mixed Chaparral, may be habitat for special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Historic farmhouse, orchard, archaeological site, Interpretive Shelter.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	Recreation Enhancement Historic Area Mgmt of historic orchard Natural Process Mgmt of zone outside of developed areas
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect special status species and their habitats.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Goat Rock Trail, Ridge Trail, and Skyline Trail, which connects with the Saratoga Gap, Service Road and Loghry Woods Trails.

#### **Description/Comments:**

Type: New single track trail on 4' base.

Length: 0.25 miles in CRSP. 0.1 mile in Sanborn Park. Goes 0.25 miles through east side of recovering tree farm areas, to and across Highway 35, and 0.1 miles in Sanborn Park contouring to the existing Skyline Trail. From the junction with the Skyline Trail it is 0.3

miles to the junction with the Link Trail to the CRSP parking lot.

**Construction Requirements:**

New trail needs be cut on gentle terrain in both Castle rock and Sanborn parks with a safe highway crossing provided at Highway 35. Identification and marking of the Link Trail highway crossing between the Sanborn Skyline Trail and the CRSP parking lot should also be improved in anticipation of heavier trail traffic.

**B.1.4 PARTRIDGE FARM ALL ACCESS LOOP, P-23**

<b>Name:</b>	Partridge Farm Whole Access Loop, P-23
<b>Class:</b>	I, All Access
<b>Facilities:</b>	All Access trail
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provide vistas, make short available loops for handicap visitors
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, handicap access
<b>Location:</b>	From the proposed parking lots at Partridge Farm, 2 loops.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, lower priority;</b> new construction.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction when visitor parking is available at Partridge Farm.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Partridge Farm
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium, III High
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River and Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone succession phase, Black Oak Woodland; may be habitat for special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Historic orchard, archaeological site, interior views of Black Oak Woodland, views of the San Lorenzo River valley, Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean, Interpretive Shelter.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	Natural Process Management Recreation Enhancement Historic Area Mgmt of historic orchard Natural Process Mgmt of zone outside of developed areas
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect Springs and seeps; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Maintain historic orchard.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Ridge Trail (E-1), Goat Rock Trail (E-3), Lions Cave Docent Trail (P-25), and Skyline Crossing Trail (P-22), connecting to the Skyline Trail in Sanborn County Park.

**Description/Comments:**

Type: All Access, 5' wide.

Length: 0.5 miles. Contours around knolls with wonderful vistas. Through Oak and grass open woodlands and provides vistas of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River valleys, Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean,

**Construction Requirements:**

Part of the loop is on existing road, part requires new construction, and all requires DG gravel and side headers.

**B.1.5 OAK KNOLL TRAIL, P-24**

<b>Name:</b>	Oak Knoll Trail, P-24
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides a spur trail from the Skyline Trail to a knoll 0.15 of a mile inside the MROSD Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve with breathtaking views of the Santa Clara Valley.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, equestrian, bicycle
<b>Location:</b>	The trail begins at the northern junction of the Skyline Trail and the Skyline Trail equestrian bypass, approximately 1.1 miles south of Saratoga Gap and 0.7 miles north of the Summit Rock parking area.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, high priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction.</b> Follows route of existing volunteer trail partly using old logging roadbed.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Skyline RMZ and MROSD Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Stevens Creek, Saratoga Creek Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, large Oaks, grassland on the knoll; may be habitat for special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Loghry Woods Demonstration Forest, distant views of Santa Clara Valley and interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, very large ancient Oak trees.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process Management 2. Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation where compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Skyline Trail (E-9) north to Saratoga Gap in CRSP and south in Sanborn County Park towards the Castle Rock Park main parking lot. Indirectly from the Skyline Trail, connects to the Loghry Woods (E-5), Service Road (E-7), Saratoga Gap (E-1), Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), and Saratoga Toll Road (E-16) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

The 0.35 mile (0.15 mile in MROSD Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve) Oak Knoll Trail is single track with much of it on an old logging roadbeds. It starts, going east from the Skyline Trail in a shallow saddle in a Mixed Evergreen Forest, then traverses across a hill before dropping into an open saddle. From there, it enters Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve, turns sharply to the left, and heads steeply uphill through grassland and ancient Oaks to the top of a grassy knoll with an expansive view of the Santa Clara Valley. The trail dead-ends at the view point. To get there from the pull-off at Highway 35 MM 13.00, which is part of the Skyline equestrian bypass, take the gated driveway – which has an equestrian stile – and walk uphill to where there is a dedication to the Loghry family and the trail veers to the left through a forested area and downhill to where it intersects the Skyline trail. Keep going straight, then downhill into a valley where there is a sign indicating MROSD property. Pass to the right of the sign and then be sure to bear left and continue on the trail up a steep hill through a number of extremely old Oak trees. Proceed to the top of the knoll for the view.

Geology: The underlying vaqueros sandstone strata of the Lower Miocene marine formations, locally part of the Castle Rock anticline, is an upturned fold that trends northwest-southeast. It underlies soils at varying depths where it is not exposed. Soils vary from fine sandy loam to sandy clay loam on top of sandstone pebbles and small boulders or weathered sandstone.

Features of Interest: A very unusual opportunity for a panoramic view of the Santa Clara valley; Mount Hamilton at 4,208 ft elevation in the distance and Mount Diablo on a clear day, San Jose International Airport and downtown, then sweeping over the closer hills of Saratoga and Los Gatos towards the South Bay. Very large ancient Oak trees.

Special Considerations: The Oak Knoll trail crosses from CRSP into MROSD Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve near the saddle before the view point at the top of the knoll. Before this trail can become officially sanctioned, approval from both State Parks and the MROSD will need to be obtained. If approved by both parties, then the viewpoint would make an excellent location for a bench so people could sit and enjoy the view. In addition There is a possibility that in the future the MROSD trail could lead down to a location on Highway 9 and form part of another loop.

**Construction Requirements:**

The part of this trail that is within Castle Rock State Park follows an old road bed that requires only minor brushing. Once the trail passes into MROSD property, the trail becomes single track and somewhat steep and would require more work by the MROSD to bring it up to their requirements.

**B.1.6 LION CAVES DOCENT INTERPRETIVE TRAIL, P-25**

<b>Name:</b>	Lion Caves Docent Interpretive Trail, P-25
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	Three small bridges and steps in three places.
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide access to and interpretation of the attractive and interesting upper Lion Caves area located in the San Lorenzo Natural Preserve by docent led groups.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Docent led interpretive hikes
<b>Location:</b>	Within the natural Preserve just west of the Partridge Farm area on hillsides above and in the upper part of the Varian Creek Drainage. Elevations from 2580 to 3000 feet.

<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, lower priority.</b> New construction.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction when resources are available.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Partridge Farm and Lion Caves
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone succession phase, Black Oak Woodland, Northern Mixed Chaparral; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Fields and orchards of old farmstead, large individual Vaqueros sandstone outcrops with near pristine tafoni features, interior views of shady wooded canyon with large moss covered sandstone outcrops, Jumble of rocks in the Varian Creek, Black Oak Woodland, Interpretive Shelter.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	Special Protection Natural Process management Recreation Enhancement, Historic Area Management of historic orchard.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect Sandstone outcroppings, boulders, tafoni formations and attached vegetation; Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect springs, seeps, and creeks; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Provide controlled foot traffic; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	The feeder trail to the Lion Caves Trail intersects with the proposed Partridge All Access Loop (P-23) and the Skyline Trail (P-22) and is within a 0.1 of a mile of the Goat Rock Trail (E-4) loop with the Ridge Trail (E-2).
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	<p>Type: Single-track trail. Distances: From the end of a 0.4 of a mile feeder which uses an old farm road, about 0.6 mi. long, dropping about 120 feet into the Varian Creek drainage and crossing the creek at a jumble in 0.3 miles. A 0.1-mile side trail at that point (dead end or loop) provides access to a slabs area. The trail drops from side trail intersection to the low point (2580') in 0.1 miles, crosses the creek then loops up the slope 0.2 to the end of the feeder trail.</p> <p>Topography: Undulating fields and orchards of the old farmstead to the edge of woods, which is also the edge of the Natural Preserve. Sandstone outcrops down wooded slopes into Varian Creek with its large sandstone outcrops and slabs on steep slopes mainly on the West Side and flat areas at the trail low point with fairly steep wooded and partly open slopes above.</p> <p>Vistas: Short views of the woods, creek, a jumble of rocks in the creek and long views to the west from the slab area accessed by the side trail. Views of rolling farm grassland and</p>

old fruit trees. It goes past a ridge-top meadow and old orchard; Oak-Madrone Forest dominated by Oak and Madrone interspersed with Mixed Evergreen Forest; Chaparral on south slopes. Rock outcrops found in the above communities dominated by lichens and mosses.

**Geology:** The underlying vaqueros sandstone strata of the Lower Miocene marine formation, locally part of the Castle Rock anticline, is an upturned fold that trends northwest-southeast. It appears on the surface as numerous large rocks and a large slab area with significant cavernous weathering, or tafoni, formations, and underlies soils at varying depths where it is not exposed.

Soils vary from fine sandy loam to sandy clay loam on top of sandstone pebbles and small boulders or weathered sandstone.

**Flora and Fauna:** Oak, Douglas fir, Madrone, Manzanita. Bats and vultures among other bird species. Coyotes, possibly mountain lion and other animals normally found in these communities.

**Historical points of interest:** Passes through fields and old orchards of the old farmstead.

**Construction Requirements:**

Single track trail (3-foot wide base) across and up slopes from moderate to steep through Chaparral, Poison Oak, rock areas, and woodland.

Steps may be required in a few places; near the large outcrop on the east side of the creek, at the top creek crossing and on the side trail going up through the large rock outcrops. Two bridges are required for the 2 crossings of Varian Creek. A small bridge may be required to cross a prominent gully.

**B.1.7 PERIMETER TRAIL, P-26**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, P-26
<b>Class:</b>	II, IV
<b>Facilities:</b>	Several culverts, gates, ford
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Create a large loop trail encompassing the Park. This trail will connect Castle Rock with the foot of the Toll Road roughly following the eastern and southerly boundaries of the Park.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, with equestrians and bicycles potentially on segments of the Kings Creek truck Trail.
<b>Location:</b>	East and South boundaries of the Park
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority.</b> Private portions of the Kings Creek Truck Trail are closed to public use. Bypass links P-26c and e are partially completed or completed.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b> It is desirable to open the entire Kings Creek Truck Trail route to public use at some time in the future as part of the Perimeter Trail, P-26. The bypass links P-26b, P-26c, P-26d and P-26e should be constructed and/or accommodation reached with land owners to use of the private segments (high priority).
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Identified under each link or segment
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.
<b>Communities:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.



<b>Significant Values:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Identified under each link or segment.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Castle Rock (E-4), Crosscut (P-31), Michaels Summit Loop, (P-38), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), with connections to Cableway, Beekhuis Road, Skyline-to-the-Sea, Bay Laurel, Skyline, Saratoga Gap, Ridge, and Travertine Springs Trails.

**Description/Comments:**

6.3 miles. Starting at the Castle Rock Trail and ending at the Saratoga Toll Road after crossing the San Lorenzo River. It consists of the following links and Kings Creek Truck Trail segments, in order.

<b>P-26b Old Summit Link</b> , new single track trail	0.4 miles
<b>P-26a Kings Creek Truck Trail, East Segment</b> , existing road	0.4 miles
<b>P-26c Panorama Ridge Link</b> , partially built single track trail	0.4 miles
<b>P-26a Kings Creek Truck Trail, South Segment</b> , existing road	1.8 miles
<b>P-26d Kings Creek Crossing Link</b> , mostly new single track trail	1.5 miles
<b>P-26e Saddleback Ridge Link</b> , existing new single track trail	0.6 miles
<b>P-26a Kings Creek Truck Trail, West Segment</b> , existing road	1.2 miles
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6.3 miles</b>

The Kings Creek Truck trail is a dirt road 6.9 miles long of which 3.4 miles is planned for use as part of the proposed Perimeter Trail, P-26. It presently serves as a perimeter patrol route and fire road. Making this road available to the public as a trail would allow visitors to make a complete loop around the Park. In addition to pedestrian use the road would probably be suitable as an equestrian or bicycle route. The Kings Creek Truck Trail, as a road, is sometimes maintained by the California Division of Forestry to provide access as a fire road to the remote areas south of Castle Rock Ridge. It runs from Skyline Blvd. at approximately MM 11.0 at about 3100 feet to the foot of the Toll Road at a ford across the San Lorenzo River at about 780 feet. It is roughly near the Eastern and Southern boundaries of Castle Rock Park. It has been used for ranger patrol purposes which have become more important since the San Lorenzo Water District lands were added to the Park. It is attractive for use as a trail except that it crosses private lands where it leaves Skyline Blvd., about a mile down from Skyline, and again in the vicinity of the point where it crosses Kings Creek. Hence to use it for a Park trail these three places must be bypassed with Trails E-26b, c, and d, as described below, or accommodation reached with the several owners of the land through which it passes. Three segments of the road are proposed as part of the Perimeter Trail, an eastern or upper segment of about 0.4 of a mile, a central or southern segment of about 1.8 miles, and a western segment of about 1.2 miles.

**Features of Interest:** Outstanding vistas of the San Lorenzo River valley, and Santa Cruz Mountains, out to the Pacific ocean and Monterey Bay. Several Santa Cruz Mountain ecosystems from Mixed Pine Forest, through Chaparral, Redwood and riparian forests. A long hike, requiring a full day, ending either at the foot of the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, the Saratoga Toll Road, the Waterman Switch Railroad Loops All Access Trail, (P-35) or taking the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail or the Toll Road and continuing on the Skyline or Saratoga Gap Trail, back to the Castle Rock parking lot. Views and variety of terrain and vegetation.

**Construction Requirements:**

Completion of bypass links P-26b, P-26c, and P-26d, including some repair and rerouting of P-26c.

**B.1.7.1 Old Summit Link, Perimeter Trail, P-26b**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Old Summit Link, P-26b
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Connect the Perimeter Trail at its northeast end with the Castle Rock Trail and to the Kings Creek Truck Trail
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Between the Castle Rock Trail (E-4) where it joins the Service Road, remaining as high as possible, to an appropriate location on the Kings Creek Truck Trail (P-26a East) at about 3100 feet. Much of the trail is in the Natural preserve.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct</b> , but depends on other Perimeter Trail links being completed
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Castle Rock Ridge, Wildlands RMZs, Natural Preserve.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	I Low, II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Follows approximate route of Old Summit Road, interior views of Pine, Oak, and Madrone Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Castle Rock Trail (E-4) and on to loop with the Saratoga Gap Trail (E-1a) or directly to parking lot and to loops with the Skyline Trail via the Link Trail (E-10).
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Single track trail starting at the Castle Rock Trail approximately where it joins the Service Road at about 3200 ft, then will enter the Natural Preserve, join and follow the Old Summit Road route as far as possible without crossing out of park property. It will continue as high as possible directly to where it can best join the Kings Creek Truck Trail, P-26a east, at about 3100 ft, just outside the Natural Preserve. Much of the trail is just inside the east boundary of the Natural preserve. The Old Summit road route is historic and may be a subject for interpretation.

**Construction Requirements:**

New trail on mostly moderate terrain following traces of the old Summit Road as far as possible without crossing out of park property. Probably some small tree removal. It will continue high directly to where it can best join the Kings Creek Truck Trail, P-26a and which may require earth and tree removal and grade control.

***B.1.7.2 Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail East Segment, P-26a***

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail, East Segment, P-26a
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	Several culverts, gates,
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Connect the Perimeter Trail Old Summit Link, P-26b with the Panorama Ridge Link, P26c
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle
<b>Location:</b>	Between The Old Summit Link at about 3100 ft and the Panorama Ridge Link at about 2900 feet.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, priority medium.</b> Inactive as trail. Private portions are closed to public use.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b> It is desirable to open this segment to public use at some time in the future as part of the Perimeter Trail, P-26.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Mt Bielawski, Wildlands
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Live Oak Woodland, habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, vistas of the Kings Creek watershed and Monterey Bay.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1.Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect and preserve tafoni formations; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect nesting raptors from human disturbance.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Is part of the Perimeter Trail P-26, and connects the Old Summit Link with the Panorama Ridge link.
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Dirt road, 0.4 mile segment of the 6.9 mile road that will be used as is.
<b>Construction Requirements:</b>	None

**B.1.7.3 Panorama Ridge Link, Perimeter Trail, P-26c**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Panorama Ridge Link, P26c
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Bypasses private property (Isacson) on Kings Creek Truck Trail
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Between the East segment of the Kings Creek Truck Trail (P-26a East) at about 2900 feet and the south or central segment (P-26a South-Central) at about 2520 ft.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority.</b> Partially constructed
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Survey and reroute where necessary and complete.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	The extension of the Wildlands RMZ into the Panorama Ridge Property acquired by the Sempervirens Fund.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Deer Creek Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Live Oak Woodland, and habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Extraordinary vistas of the Kings Creek watershed and Monterey Bay, passes through Chaparral and by Oaks and Vaqueros Sandstone formations.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Special protection for special status species; Protect seeps and springs; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Prevent/control erosion related to trails; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Special protection for tafoni formations; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Joins Kings Creek Truck Trail segments (P-26a) East and (P-26a) South, as part of the Perimeter Trail (P-26).
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	0.4 of a mile single track trail; it is partially completed with a possible need for some rerouting. Leaves the Kings Creek Truck Trail east segment at about 2900 ft and drops about 380 feet through Chaparral and Oaks and past Vaqueros Sandstone formations to join the Kings Creek Truck Trail south/central segment at about 2520 feet. There are extraordinary views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo river watersheds and beyond to Monterey Bay and the Pacific ocean.
<b>Construction Requirements:</b>	Partially constructed by Sempervirens Fund. Needs completion of portions of the trail including some rerouting.

**B.1.7.4 Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail, South Segment, P-26a**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail, South Segment, P-26a
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	Several culverts, gates
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	With the Saddleback Link, bypasses private property and provides connection between the Panorama Ridge P-26c and the Kings Creek Crossing P-26d Links.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle
<b>Location:</b>	Between the Panorama Ridge P-26c link at 2520 feet and the Kings Creek Crossing P-26d Link at 1460 feet.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, priority medium.</b> Inactive as trail. Private portions are closed to public use.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Keep and Maintain.</b> It is desirable to open the entire route to public use at some time in the future and much of it is proposed for use as part of the Perimeter Trail, P-26.
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Wildlands and Kings Creek Canyon RMZs, and the extension of the Kings Creek Canyon, and Wildlands, RMZs into the recently acquired San Lorenzo Watershed Property.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek Watershed, Deer Creek Watershed and the extension of the Upper Kings Creek EU into the recently acquired San Lorenzo Watershed Property.
<b>Communities:</b>	Northern Mixed Chaparral, Mixed Evergreen Forest, Upland Redwood Forest, habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Views of the Kings Creek and San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Special protection 2.Natural Process management 3.Cultural Area Management
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Provide for controlled foot traffic; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect springs, seeps and riparian communities; Eradicate exotic plants; Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Is part of the Perimeter Trail (P-26), and connects the Panorama Ridge Link (P-26c) with the Kings Creek Crossing Link (P-26d).
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Dirt road, 1.8 mile segment of the 6.9 mile road that will be used as is.
<b>Construction Requirements:</b>	None

**B.1.7.5 Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Crossing Link, P-26d**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Crossing Link, P-26d
<b>Class:</b>	IV
<b>Facilities:</b>	Requires a bridge across Kings Creek to be year-round.
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	With the Saddleback Link, completes the Perimeter Trail around the south east side of the Park. Connects existing roads and trails avoiding private property (Vajrapani and others on West side of Kings Creek).
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	In the Kings Creek canyon between the 160 degree turn in the Kings Creek Truck Trail at about 1560 feet and the eastern end of the Saddleback Link of the Perimeter Trail at about 1480 feet.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Depends on other Perimeter Trail links being completed, and available resources.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Kings Creek Canyon RMZ and the extension of the Kings Creek Canyon, Kings Creek and possibly Wildlands, RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper Kings Creek Watershed the extension of the Upper Kings Creek Watershed and Aquatic and Riparian EUs into the recently acquired San Lorenzo Watershed Property.
<b>Communities:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest, habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Ancient Redwood Forest, Oak, Madrone, Fir Woodlands, through some native grassland with vistas. Drops down into the canyon past huge sandstone boulders by Kings Creek. Climbs out of the canyon, through Redwood Forest, and through some distressed earthquake fault terrain complete with a vernal sag pond.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2.Recreation Enhancement 3. Cultural Area Management.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Inventory and monitor ancient Redwood stand and related special Status species; Provide for controlled foot Traffic; Protect seeps and springs and riparian communities; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Eradicate exotic plants; Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Kings Creek Truck Trail (South Segment), Saddleback Link (P-26e), Kings Creek Truck Trail (West Segment), and connecting to the Crosscut Trail (P-31) Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), and Michael's Summit Loop (P-38) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Length 1.5 miles. Going from west to east from the Kings Creek Truck Trail road, an existing trail is restored on the trace of a historic mule trail which dead ends. The proposed route continues the existing trail across the Kings Creek canyon and up the south side to connect with the existing Saddleback link that rejoins the Kings Creek Truck Trail, bypassing the barrier of private property.

**Construction Requirements:**

The western half of the trail exists in good condition; the eastern portion across the Kings Creek Canyon has to be constructed. A bridge would be required across Kings Creek for the trail to be all-season because of high water levels in the creek in winter.

**B.1.7.6 Perimeter Trail, Saddleback Link, P-26e**

<b>Name:</b>	Perimeter Trail, Saddleback Link, P-26e
<b>Class:</b>	IV
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Connects the Kings Creek Crossing Link with the Western Segment of the Kings Creek Truck Trail, avoiding private property (Vajrapani and others on West side of Kings Creek). Completes loop around the south side of the Park
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Between the west end of the Kings Creek Crossing Link and the east end of the west segment of the Kings Creek truck trail (P-26a).
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority.</b> Trail is built, may need clearing.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Use trail when the Kings Creek Crossing segment becomes available.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	The extension of the Kings Creek Canyon and Wildlands, RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	The extension of the Upper Kings Creek Watershed and Upper San Lorenzo River EUs into the recently acquired San Lorenzo Watershed Property.
<b>Communities:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Redwood, Pine, Oak, and Madrone Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement 3. Cultural Area Management
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Inventory and monitor ancient Redwood stand and related special Status species; Provide for controlled foot Traffic; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect seeps and springs; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per

resource significance;  
Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
Exotic Species removal;  
Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Crosscut Trail (P-31), Kings Creek Truck Trail (West Segment), Kings Creek Crossing Link (P-26d), and connecting to the Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), and Michael's Summit Loop (P-38) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Length 0.6 of a mile. Existing Trail constructed by Sempervirens joining the west end of the Proposed Kings Creek Crossing Segment (P-26c) to the Kings Creek Truck trail road, bypassing the segment of The KCTT on private property.

**Construction Requirements:**

None to minimal

***B.1.7.7 Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail West Segment, P-26a***

**Name:** Perimeter Trail, Kings Creek Truck Trail, West Segment, P-26a

**Class:** II

**Facilities:** Several culverts, gates

**Facility #:** None

**Purpose:** Connects the Perimeter Trail Saddleback Link with the Saratoga Toll Road

**Use Potential:** Pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle

**Location:** Between the Panorama Ridge P-26c link at 2520 feet and the Kings Creek Crossing P-26d Link at 1460 feet.

**Status** **Planned, semi-active.** Area is closed to public use; however there is an agreement with the Sempervirens Fund to permit them to conduct docent led hikes.

**Recommendations:** **Keep and Maintain.** It is desirable to open the entire route to public use at some time in the future and much of it is proposed for use as part of the Perimeter Trail, P-26.

**Resource Management Zones:** Wildlands RMZ and the extension of the Wildlands and San Lorenzo River RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2005.

**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium

**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed EU and the extension of the Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed and Aquatic and Riparian EUs into the recently acquired San Lorenzo Watershed Property.

**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest, and habitat for several special status species.

**Significant Values:** Interior views of river canyon and second growth Redwood and Mixed Evergreen Forest, riparian ecosystem,

**Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Special protection 2.Natural Process management 3.Historic Area Management of historic roads.

**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;



Protect special status species and their habitats; restore anadromous fishery;  
 Preserve and protect riparian and aquatic communities;  
 Protect water quality;  
 Protect and preserve historic road alignments;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
 Protect springs, seeps and riparian communities;  
 Exotic species removal;  
 Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29), Michael's Summit Loop, (P-38) trails and connecting to the Crosscut (P-31), Cableway (E-19), and skyline-to-the-Sea trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Dirt road, 1.2 mile segment of the 6.9 mile road that will be used as is.

**Construction Requirements:**

None, unless the existing ford of the San Lorenzo River is replaced with a bridge.

## **B.2 New Trail Projects on the West Side of the Park**

In the Western part of the park 13 planned trail projects are described, one of which has 2 links and one of which has 4 links. Some use old roads, some are new or partially new construction, and some are for the repair and some rerouting of existing trails.

### **B.2.1 BAY LAUREL TRAIL, P-27**

**Name:** Bay Laurel Trail, P-27  
**Class:** II  
**Facilities:** None identified  
**Facility #:** None  
**Purpose:** This trail provides access to the Saratoga Toll Road from the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14) from the Red Mountain East and West parking areas.  
**Use Potential:** Pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle  
**Location:** From Red Mountain East (Ho Gate) to the Saratoga Toll Road Trail.  
**Status:** **Active, planned. High priority,**  
**Recommendations:** **Keep, reroute, and maintain.**  
**Resource Management Zones:** Wildlands, Saratoga Gap  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed  
**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral; habitat for several special status species.  
**Significant Values:** Excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest and Chaparral, views across the San Lorenzo Headwaters Natural Preserve, and to Goat Rock.

- Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
- Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
 Protect special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect Steep Slopes and erosive soils and evaluate old logging roads for removal and revegetation;  
 Protect seeps and springs;  
 Protect and preserve historic road alignments;  
 Exotic species removal;  
 Control/eradicate feral pigs;  
 Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
 Protect significant cultural resources.
- Connecting Trail Loops:** Summit Meadow trail (E-15), Saratoga Toll Road Trail (E-16) Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14), Valley View Trail (P-37), connecting to the Beekhuis Road (E-17), Travertine Springs (E-6) , and Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29) trails, and to the MROSD's Long Ridge Open Space Preserve Red Mountain and Nutmeg trails cross Highway 9.

**Description/Comments:**

Old dirt road. 0.91 Mi. This trail connects the Summit Meadows Trail northern junction at Red Mountain East (Ho Gate) at Highway 9 with the Saratoga Toll Road at 1.71 miles from Saratoga Gap, just below the Indian Rock Ranch private subdivision. The “Bay Laurel Trail”, also known in the past as the “Laurel Wood Trail”, is an existing, well-used trail, but one that is not currently designated as an official park trail. In the past it had been approved for use by a horse concessionaire at Big basin to run overnight trail rides to Castle Rock. The concessionaire opened the road as a double track trail and improved an existing horse corral near the Hoe Gate. Needs a short reroute to avoid homes.

**Construction Requirements:**

The Bay Laurel Trail is an existing trail following an old road, but with a short to moderate length reroute necessary to avoid residences.

**B.2.2 TIN CAN CREEK TRAIL, P-28**

- Name:** Tin Can Creek Trail, P-28
- Class:** II
- Facilities:** None
- Facility #:** None
- Purpose:** This trail provides a short connection between the Skyline-to-the-Sea and the Saratoga Toll Road Trails. It connects the two major north/south running trails at the point where the two are closest together, just south of Tin Can Ranch. It will provide convenient access to Tin Can Ranch from the Saratoga Toll Road, and from the Castle Rock Trail Camp (via Travertine Springs Trail).

<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	Between the Skyline-to-the-Sea and Saratoga Toll Road Trails, near Tin Can Ranch.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, low priority</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct when need for trail is evident.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Saratoga Toll Road, Wildlands, Tin can Ranch, San
<b>Zones:</b>	Lorenzo River
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, Madrone, Tan Oak and Douglas Fir.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 1. Special Protection (SLR RMZ), 2. Recreation Enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect and preserve riparian and aquatic communities; Protect water quality; Protect springs and seeps; Protect significant cultural features; Exotic species removal.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, Saratoga Toll Road Trail, connecting to the Beekhuis Road and Old Beekhuis Road (P-30), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), Brush Creek Fault (P-32), Majestic Firs Whole Access (P-34), Bay Laurel (P-27), and Valley View (P-37) trails.
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	The proposed trail would be about 0.6 of a mile long and have an elevation gain of approximately 200 feet from the Toll Road Trail to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. The Tin Can Creek Trail will leave the Toll Road at the north side of Tin Can Creek. From the Toll Road, the trail would run northwesterly on an old logging road and then along a seasonal tributary to Tin Can Creek. The trail would follow the logging road for about 500 feet. At that point there is a very large log across the road which will have to be cut. Beyond the log, the road becomes very steep so the trail will leave the road and switch back and head up the hill on a new track. The log will be an effective barrier to shortcutting across the switchback. After the switchback, the trail will head in a southeasterly direction until it reaches a deep gully. There will have to be a switchback at the gully to take the trail northwestward again. Just below the Tin Can Ranch driveway the trail would make a sweeping curve to the left and connect with the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail approximately 140 feet south of the driveway to Tin Can Ranch.

**Construction Requirements:**

Construction of the lower part of the trail will simply require clearing a 40-inch wide swath on the old road. Portions of the early part of the road are quite steep with slopes of up to 27%. The steepest slope occurs just after leaving the Toll Road and can be eliminated by routing the trail in a semi-circular arc to the south of the logging road and rejoining the road after about 120 feet. This area is covered by a forest of small Douglas Firs so; very little clearing would be required. Beyond the 120-foot point, the slope averages 15% with one short stretch of 23% slope. Little clearing will be required. After leaving the road, the trail will climb quickly along a new track that will have to be cut into the hillside. A significant cut will have to be made for the first 100 or so feet because of the steep cross slope. Beyond that, trail construction will be straightforward. Unfortunately, a switchback will be required where the trail comes to a gully. Measures will have to be taken to discourage shortcutting across the switchback. There will be little brush to clear until the trail reaches the vicinity of the Tin Can Ranch driveway. A considerable amount of brush will have to be cleared below the driveway. Shortcutting at the turn just below the Tin Can Ranch driveway should not be a problem since the trail will be in heavy underbrush.

**B.2.3 UPPER SAN LORENZO RIVER TRAIL, P-29**

<b>Name:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Trail, P-29
<b>Class:</b>	III
<b>Facilities:</b>	Three bridges might be required to make the trail “all season”.
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide a route through the heart of Castle Rock State Park and its major drainage: the San Lorenzo River. The trail will lead the user through many varied life zones: Chaparral, Oak-Madrone Woodland, Creek-side Alder, Maple, and Willow, and Redwood forests. It will be an excellent and unique opportunity to be able to hike alongside a major riparian zone within the Santa Cruz Mountains.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking only.
<b>Location:</b>	From the Travertine Springs Trail at 1640 feet in four segments to the western end of the Perimeter Trail (Kings Creek Truck trail) at 760 feet.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct when resources needed for trail construction and maintenance are available.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Wildlands, San Lorenzo River RMZs, and the probable extension of the Wildlands and San Lorenzo River RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Aquatic and Riparian
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest interior views, some Mixed Evergreen Forest interior views, views of San Lorenzo River canyon that the trail will follow over its entire length,

- Riparian ecosystem, cascades of the San Lorenzo River, historic old sawmill site, historic lumbering railroad bed.
- Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Special Protection 2. Natural Process Management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
- Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and where necessary, restore stream ecosystem processes;  
Protect, preserve, restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
Protect special status species and their habitats; where appropriate restore anadromous fishery;  
preserve and protect riparian and aquatic communities;  
Protect Springs and seeps;  
Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
Protect and preserve historic road alignments;  
Control/eradicate feral pigs;  
Exotic species removal;  
Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance.
- Connecting Trail Loops:** Perimeter Trail (Kings Creek Truck Trail) (P-26a), Saratoga Toll Road Trail (E-16), Travertine Springs Trail (E-6), Old Beekhuis Road Trail (P-30), and Crosscut Trail (P-31).
- Description/Comments:**  
The 2.5-mile Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29) has been divided into four segments for construction purposes. They are:  
**Craig Fork Link (P-39a)** 0.6 miles, mostly on the old Hansen Road.  
**Cascades link (P-29b)** 0.4 miles, mostly new construction, challenging terrain.  
**Sawmill Link (P-29c)** 0.6 miles, mostly following an old road or railroad bed.  
**Railroad link (P-29d)** 0.9 miles, mostly following an old railroad bed and ultimately the River Fire Road to its intersection with the Kings Creek truck trail at about 760 feet. Traveling from north to south, the trail (Craig Fork Link) starts from the Travertine Springs Trail (E-6) at 1640 feet descending through Chaparral in an eroded sandstone-boulder hillside on an existing roadbed, formerly called the Hansen Road, There are fine views south down the San Lorenzo River canyon that the trail will follow over its entire length. The trail continues to descend as it enters Oak-Madrone Woodland with maples and Alder groves growing in spring seeps. The road finally enters a Redwood Forest and comes to an end at the confluence of the San Lorenzo River and Craig Springs Creek. At this junction the San Lorenzo River is actually smaller than Craig Springs Creek, so this is a logical place to cross the San Lorenzo River. From this point south to Tin Can Creek, a combination of new trail construction over rough terrain and sections of an old trail will be used. At Tin Can Creek, the trail, (now the Cascade Link) intersects Old Beekhuis Rd (P-30) in a beautiful Redwood flat. Continuing south from the flat, new trail construction will need to climb gradually over steep terrain and then descend moderately down to where the route will finally reconnect with old roadbed alongside the river. All told, new trail construction both north and south of the flat at Tin Can Creek should be approximately 1/3 mile.  
The route (now the Sawmill Link) continues south along the old roadbed another 1/3 mile before coming to the major obstacle of the trail: a crossing of the San Lorenzo River. In winter, the river here can be quite high and dangerous to cross. Following the river

crossing, the trail goes a very short distance to the junction of the proposed Crosscut Trail (P-31a). The trail then crosses an existing bridge that's in poor shape and then continues into a flat believed to be the end of an old logging railroad the Dougherty Extension. A sawmill and a couple buildings used to exist here, but no signs of them seem to exist today. The trail, now on the east side of the San Lorenzo River, follows well above it but within site and sound the rest of the way (approximately 1.1 miles).

The trail route here (now the Railroad Link) is on an old roadbed, some of which is on the old railroad bed. About a third of a mile before the trail meets the Kings Creek Truck Trail; there is a short spur trail on the west that allows access to the river for picnickers. The Upper San Lorenzo River Trail gives a visitor a chance to hike on the western edge of the San Lorenzo River Headwaters Natural Preserve in a deep, beautiful canyon. A narrow gauge logging railroad grade and logging history are apparent—although hidden in the forest—in many places along the lower part of the trail along the river, including parts of a donkey engine, a boiler, other logging parts, and railroad track and crossties. The north end of the trail has wonderful vistas of the San Lorenzo River canyon and the old Hansen property. The upper end of the San Lorenzo River offers spectacular cascades and a boulder-strewn riverbed.

#### **Construction Requirements:**

The upper part of the trail follows an old roadbed that requires significant brush and debris clearing. The first crossing of the river might require a small bridge. From here, new trail construction totaling about 1/3 mile will be required in fairly rough, but possible, terrain. The crossing of Tin Can Creek may also require a bridge to maintain all-season access. The next section south covers about 3/4 mile on an old road that will require minor brush and tree removal. The crossing of the river in this section will require a major bridge, something that will need to be constructed by state park staff because of the scope of the project. Getting bridge materials to the site could be problematic unless the southern part of the trail is reopened to vehicle traffic. The trail is still open to vehicle traffic for the last 3/4 mile (from the old state park boundary gate) to the Kings Creek Truck Trail.

### **B.2.4 OLD BEEKHUIS ROAD, P-30**

<b>Name:</b>	Old Beekhuis Road Trail, P-30
<b>Class:</b>	III
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extends the Beekhuis Road Trail (E-17), provides a connection between the Saratoga Toll Road and the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (W3), and creates many loop possibilities from various trailheads.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, equestrian
<b>Location:</b>	On the west side of the park, adjacent to Tin Can Creek. Starts across from the current junction of the Beekhuis Road-Saratoga Toll Road and ends at the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29).
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, medium priority</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct when the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail is also built.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Saratoga Toll Road, Wildlands
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium

<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest, historic Hall's Rest Stop site.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation Enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment and historic tavern site.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect significant cultural features; Exotic species removal; Protect seeps and springs; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	: Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), and Beekhuis Road (E-17) trails, connecting to the Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Crosscut (P-31), and Travertine Spring (E-6) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

From the Beekhuis Road trail at the Saratoga Toll Rd, the old road descends through an Oak, Madrone and Fir Forest with a carpet of Vinca Minor escaped from an historic site, the Hall's Tavern Rest Stop. It then switchbacks above the Tin Can Creek and contours through Redwoods before switch backing down steeply to a large, beautiful flat next to the San Lorenzo River, where it ends at the junction of the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29). At the junction of the Saratoga Toll Road was Hall's Rest Stop, an old stage stop. The old building site is not visible any longer, but the Vinca field is still quite apparent. The flat at the bottom of the trail must have been a major staging area during logging operations.

**Construction Requirements:**

The trail follows an old roadbed for its entire length, so brushing and tree removals are the main requirements. In some places, the over growth is thick. The upper switchback has drainage issues that will need to be addressed. The middle switchback (where another old road continues straight) has a 100 yard section of extremely steep (40%) roadbed which should be routed around, possibly by continuing south on the other old road for about 100 yards, then switching back to the north with new trail construction to meet the road below the steep section.

**B.2.5 CROSSCUT TRAIL, P-31**

<b>Name:</b>	Crosscut Trail, P-31
<b>Class:</b>	III
<b>Facilities:</b>	None

<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provide a Loop connection between the Perimeter Trail at the Saddleback Link and the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail at the Old Beekhuis Junction. Provide an extraordinary interpretive trail through the San Lorenzo Watershed Natural Preserve.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	In the center of the Park between the Perimeter Trail at the Saddleback Link and the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail at the Old Beekhuis Junction.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, lower priority</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct when the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail is available.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Wildlands, San Lorenzo River RMZs, and the probable extension of the Wildlands and San Lorenzo River RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	I Low (In the San Lorenzo Watershed Natural Preserve and its probable extension into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River, Aquatic and Riparian
<b>Communities:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest interior views, Riparian ecosystem, large specimen old growth Redwoods, turn-of-the-century 1900 log skids with cross ties are along the trail.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Special Protection 2. Natural Process Management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and where necessary, restore stream ecosystem processes; Protect, preserve, restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; where appropriate restore anadromous fishery; preserve and protect riparian and aquatic communities; Protect Springs and seeps; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Exotic species removal; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Trail (P-29), Perimeter Trail (Saddleback Link) P-26), connecting with Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), Old Beekhuis Road (P-30) Beekhuis Road (E-17), and Cableway (E-19) trails.
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	The 2.1.mile Crosscut Trail is in two segments or links from north to south from the Upper San Lorenzo River Trail they are:



**Cabin Canyon Link (P-31a)** 1.0 mile, through a creek canyon, largely using an old road, to a cabin and from there to the junction with the Crosscut Old Redwood Link (P-31b)

**Old Redwood Link (P-31b)** 1.1 miles along an existing trail built by the Sempervirens Fund.

The Cabin Canyon Link goes up, north-eastward, through a year-round creek canyon using an old road on the north side of the creek, levels off where numerous debris-flows off Castle Rock Ridge have deposited, going on using the overgrown road, past an old cabin ruin and across a couple of small creeks, thence south-west along a very overgrown logging road to the semi-existing Old Redwood Link which goes past several old growth Redwood giants to meet up with the Saddleback Link of the Perimeter Trail (P-26e). After its climb up the creek it follows contours at about 1400 ft elevation. It varies from riparian in north end to Oak-Madrone-native bunchgrass, old growth Redwood, and 100 year old second-growth Redwood at south end.

The cabin Canyon Link goes through the Natural Preserve. The trail demonstrates dramatically the contrast between the northern half, which was logged 30years ago with bulldozers and the southern half which was logged over 100 years ago with oxen and donkey engines. Many invasive exotics thrive in the northern half, while few exotics; mostly natives grow in the southern half.

**Construction Requirements:**

Northern half is on overgrown logging road and requires extensive brushing and drainage work, southern half is on newly constructed (2003) 4ft. trail.

**B.2.6 BRUSH CREEK FAULT TRAIL, P-32**

<b>Name:</b>	Brush Creek Fault Trail, P-32
<b>Class:</b>	IV
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To create a loop to link the Toll Road to the Skyline to Sea Trail in an area where there is no connection between the two.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking
<b>Location:</b>	In the southwest part of the Park between the Skyline-to-Sea Trail and the Toll Road.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, low priority</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Construct when need for trail is evident and resources are available.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Saratoga Toll Road
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, Redwoods.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Recreation Enhancement, 2. Natural Process management 3. Historic Area Management of Toll Road alignment.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Access and recreation enhancement when compatible with

resources;  
 Protect steep slopes and erosive soils;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
 Protect special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect significant cultural features;  
 Exotic species removal.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), connecting to Beekhuis Road (E-17), Old Beekhuis Road (P30), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), Crosscut (P-31), Bay Laurel (P-27), and Valley View (P-37) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Length 0.2 of a mile. Goes downward from the Skyline-to-the-Sea Tr. steeply through Redwood Forest utilizing some overgrown logging bulldozer cuts.

**Construction Requirements:**

Clearing brush and fallen trees, creating some new trail, correcting drainage on logging cuts.

**B.2.7 SEMPERVIRENS POINT LOOP TRAIL, P-33**

**Name:** Sempervirens Point Loop, P-33  
**Class:** I  
**Facilities:** None  
**Facility #:** None  
**Purpose:** Provides a short scenic loop for people making short stops at Sempervirens Point.  
**Use Potential:** Hiking  
**Location:** At the east end of the Sempervirens Point Parking Lot  
**Status** **Planned, active, high priority; Follows route of existing heavily used volunteer trail.**  
**Recommendations:** **Recommend construction.**  
**Resource Management Zones:** Wildlands  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed  
**Communities:** Bald Hills and Non-native Annual Grassland. Raptor foraging habitat  
**Significant Values:** Views of the San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, and canyons to the south including rock outcrops on Saddleback Ridge (and old car wrecks in the edge of the woods below).  
**Mgmt. Approach:** 1.Natural Process management  
**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
 Access and visitor enhancement when compatible with resources;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails;

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Protect significant cultural resources.  
Summit Meadow Trail (E-15) Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14), Majestic Firs All-Access Loop (P-34)

**Description/Comments:**

This is an existing heavily used volunteer trail which can easily be upgraded to create a short scenic loop accessed from the Sempervirens Point Parking Lot. It traverses the meadow then turns up at the edge of and through the woods to join the Summit Meadow Trail, near the bench.

**Construction Requirements:**

Extend trail's traverse from where it appears to end in the middle of the meadow to join the obvious trail at the edge of the woods below the Summit Meadow Trail. Construct intersections with the parking lot and Summit Meadow Trail. Remove volunteer trail heading down the ridge from where the traverse presently appears to end in the middle of the meadow. Provide signs at the parking lot and intersection with the Summit Meadow Trail.

**B.2.8 MAJESTIC FIRS ALL-ACCESS LOOP, P-34**

**Name:** Majestic Firs All-Access Trail, P-34  
**Class:** I  
**Facilities:** All-Access (ADA) requirements  
**Facility #:** None  
**Purpose:** To provide an All-Access loop trail at one of the few significant flat pieces of terrain located adjacent to an existing heavily used parking area.  
**Use Potential:** Wheelchairs, hiking  
**Location:** South end of Sempervirens Point parking lot out to point and back.  
**Status:** **Planned, high priority.**  
**Recommendations:** **Recommend construction whenever funding is available.**  
**Resource Management Zones:** Wildlands  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Pescadero Creek Watershed  
**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest  
**Significant Values:** Views of the San Lorenzo River drainages and canyons to the south, very large Douglas Firs  
**Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Natural Process Management, 2. Historic Area Management.  
**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
Protect springs and seeps;  
Protect and preserve historic road alignments;  
Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
Exotic species removal;  
Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14), Sempervirens Point Loop (P-33) and Summit Meadow Trail (E-15) and connecting to the Valley View (P-37) and Bay Laurel (P-27) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

This trail forms a short (roughly 0.7 mile) loop around a flat spur of land to the west of the Sempervirens Point parking lot. This area is noteworthy for a grove of spectacular old-growth Douglas Firs. Within the park, this is one of the few significant flat pieces of terrain located adjacent to a parking area. A new All-Access (wheelchair-capable) trail is planned for this area. The Douglas Firs plus the views to the South over the San Lorenzo River drainage are an additional bonus. As a short trail next to a parking area, it is likely to be used not only by wheelchair users and physically challenged hikers, but also by families with young children. It is a good candidate for interpreted nature trail.

**Construction Requirements:**

Half of the proposed trail is an existing trail segment. The remainder of the trail will be new construction. The entire trail will be built to conform to the appropriate standards for wheelchair access, with little change of grade throughout.

## **B.2.9 HISTORIC RAILROAD ALL ACCESS LOOPS, P-35**

**Name:** Historic Railroad Whole Access Loops., P-35  
**Class:** I  
**Facilities:** All-Access (ADA) requirements  
**Facility #:** None  
**Purpose:** Provide All-Access trail in the riparian environment by the San Lorenzo River and the historic railroad cultural area.  
**Use Potential:** Hiking, handicap access.  
**Location:** Adjacent to the Saratoga Toll Road near Highway 9.  
**Status** **Planned, lower priority.**  
**Recommendations:** **Recommend construction when public visitor parking is available.**  
**Resource Management Zones:** Probable extension of the Wildlands RMZ into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed  
**Communities:** Mixed Evergreen Forest, Upland Redwood Forest; habitat for several special status species.  
**Significant Values:** Late-phase second Redwood growth, historic toll road alignment, riparian ecosystem by the river, locale of old lumbering railroad.  
**Mgmt. Approach:** 1. Natural Process management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.  
**Mgmt. Objectives:** Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;  
 Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
 Protect special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect Springs and seeps;  
 Exotic species removal;  
 Protect and preserve historic road alignments;

<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Control/eradicate feral pigs. Saratoga toll Road (E16), connecting to the Cableway (E-19) Waterman Fault (P-36), Perimeter (P-26), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), Michael's Summit Loop (P-38), and Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14) trails.
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	An almost-level gravel All-Access path of three small connected loops, meandering through the Redwood Forest alongside the San Lorenzo River. Provides interpretive opportunities in the riparian ecosystem by the river with vistas of river pools where small fish can be spotted feeding with the musical sounds of the flowing water under a canopy of huge Redwood trees.

**Construction Requirements:**

Leveling terrain irregularities, installing edge headers, decomposed granite pathway.  
Nature trail and past logging railroad and lumbering interpretive signing.

**B.2.10 WATERMAN GAP FAULT TRAIL, P-36**

<b>Name:</b>	Waterman Fault Trail, P-36
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provides a regional connection from the southern end of the Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), along with the western end of the Cableway Trail (E-19), with the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14) and Big Basin State Park, bypassing a dangerous section of Highway 9.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, equestrian, bicycle
<b>Location:</b>	West of Highway 9, across from the end of the Saratoga Toll Road To about the middle of the Cableway Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, low priority.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Recommend construction; follows route of existing dirt roads.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	Probable extension of the Wildlands RMZ into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed
<b>Communities:</b>	Upland Redwood Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest; habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Remnant isolated ancient trees and large, late-phase second growth Redwood, historic toll road alignment, excellent interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest, and Redwood Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance;

Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads;  
 Special protection for special status species and their habitats;  
 Protect Springs and seeps;  
 Exotic species removal;  
 Protect and preserve historic road alignments;  
 Control/eradicate feral pigs.

**Connecting Trail Loops:** Saratoga toll Road (E-16), Cableway Trail (E-19), Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Waterman Switch Railroad Loops All-Access trail (P-35), connections to Upper San Lorenzo River (P-28), and Perimeter trails (P-26).

**Description/Comments:**

This 0.4 of a mile trail runs from Highway 9 - just across from the proposed new parking/staging area at the southern end of the Saratoga Toll Road Trail, to a point on the Cableway Trail. It mostly utilizes an existing dirt road through a mixed forest of Redwoods, Douglas Fir, and Tan Oak. The Waterman Gap Fault Trail (P-36) helps form a regional connection with the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail (E-14), Highway 236, and Big Basin State Park, bypassing a dangerous section of Highway 9. Because the trail starts at the proposed new staging area at the end of the Saratoga Toll Road (E-16), it is likely to be popular with users traveling to/from Big Basin or the Waterman Gap Trail Camp. It also forms a short loop with the eastern end of the Cableway and the Saratoga Toll Road trails. A longer loop can be formed by combining this trail with the western end of the Cableway, the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, the new Brush Creek Fault Trail (P-32), and the Saratoga Toll Road (E-16). As a wide dirt road, this trail offers a shared-use alternative to the narrower eastern section of the Cableway Trail.

**Construction Requirements:**

The lower (eastern) section of this trail follows an existing dirt road, with no new construction being necessary. However, the upper section of the existing dirt road - near the junction with the Cableway Trail- becomes eroded as it follows a drainage. Some new trail construction will be necessary here to reroute this section of the trail in a more environmentally sound manner.

**B.2.11 VALLEY VIEW TRAIL, P-37**

**Name:** Valley View Trail, P-37  
**Class:** II  
**Facilities:** None  
**Facility #:** None  
**Purpose:** Connect the Bay Laurel Trail with the Summit Meadow Trail, to provide short and medium length loops.  
**Use Potential:** Hiking  
**Location:** From south end of the Bay Laurel Trail to the Summit Meadow trail at the orange gate.  
**Status** **Planned, medium priority.**  
**Recommendations:** **Recommend construction.**  
**Resource Management** Wildlands  
**Zones:**  
**Allowable Use Intensity:** II Medium  
**Ecological Units:** Upper San Lorenzo River, Watershed  
**Communities:** Bald Hills and Non-native Annual Grassland, Mixed

<b>Significant Values:</b>	Evergreen Forest, Northern mixed Chaparral; Raptor foraging habitat Views of the San Lorenzo River drainages to Monterey Bay and Pacific Ocean, and canyons to the south.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Natural Process management 2. Recreation enhancement, 3. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect special status species and their habitats; Protect seeps and springs; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Exotic species removal; Control/eradicate feral pigs; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Bay Laurel Trail (E-27), Summit Meadow Trail (E-15), Connecting to the Sempervirens Loop (P-33), Majestic Firs All-Access Loop (P-34), and Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14) trails.

**Description/Comments:**

Old dirt road, new construction, 0.35 of a mile. An existing, but largely overgrown road from the middle of the Summit Meadows Trail at the orange gate to the middle of a steep meadow, from which with new trail runs to the south end of the Bay Laurel Trail switchback. Views across the San Lorenzo Headwaters Natural Preserve, and Goat Rock.

**Construction Requirements:**

The overgrown road requires heavy brushing near the Summit Meadow Trail. New trail is required from where the old road runs out in the middle of the meadow through the meadow and through steep woods near the Bay laurel trail Switchback, which it will join. May require removal of some small trees.

**B.2.12 MICHAEL'S SUMMIT LOOP TRAIL, P-38**

<b>Name:</b>	Michael's Summit Loop Trail, P-38
<b>Class:</b>	II
<b>Facilities:</b>	Log bench
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide hiking opportunity to hikers seeking good views of the lower park and San Lorenzo River valley, and a vigorous hiking experience.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Hiking, equestrian
<b>Location:</b>	The trail starts and ends on the western segment of the Kings Creek Truck Trail link of the Perimeter Trail (P-26). It includes 0.9 miles of the Kings Creek Truck Trail that is not a part of the Perimeter Trail.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Planned, lower priority, Semi-active. Area is closed to public use; however there is an agreement with the Sempervirens Fund to permit them to conduct docent led hikes.</b>

<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Provide steps and/or rerouting around steep parts to bring trail into conformance with State Park trail standards. Creek crossing needs to be rebuilt. Trail needs to be rerouted through the “Drunken Forest” slide area.</b>
<b>Resource Management Zones:</b>	The extension of the Wildlands and San Lorenzo River RMZs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	The extension of the Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed and Aquatic and Riparian EUs into the San Lorenzo Watershed Property acquired in 2004.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest, Northern Mixed Chaparral, Upland Redwood Forest, and habitat for several special status species.
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Second growth Redwood including rings, views of San Lorenzo Valley and back to Castle Rock Ridge.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Special protection; 2. Natural Process management; 3. Historic Area Management of historic roads.
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Special protection for status species and their habitats; Protect and preserve historic road alignments; Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per resource significance; Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads; Protect springs, seeps and riparian communities; Exotic species removal; Control/eradicate feral pigs.
<b>Connecting Trail Loops:</b>	Perimeter Trail, (Kings Creek Truck Trail Western Segment) (P-26), connecting to the Crosscut (P-31), Upper San Lorenzo River (P-29), and Saratoga Toll Road (E-16) Trails.
<b>Description/Comments:</b>	Single-track trail, 2.5 miles, plus 0.9 miles on a portion of the existing Kings Creek Truck Trail not included in the Perimeter Trail (P-26), in addition to another 0.9 mile on the Perimeter Trail (Kings Creek Truck Trail, Western Section) to complete the loop and another 0.7 miles back to parking. It provides 1160 feet of elevation gain, loss up and down ridges. The Michael's Summit Loop Trail is a recent addition to the park and is not an official trail. It was established during the period of time that Sempervirens Fund owned the property before it became part of Castle Rock State Park. It starts and ends on the western portion of the existing Kings Creek Truck Trail western link of the Perimeter Trail. The trail traverses beautiful, mixed forests of tan Oak, Douglas fir, Madrone, and second and third-growth Redwoods common in other parks in the area, but not so common in Castle Rock State Park. Features include a few burned-out old-growth Redwood snags, Redwood circles or rings, a nice view of the San Lorenzo Valley and a view back to Castle Rock Ridge from the high point. It crosses a seasonal stream, and the so-called Drunken Forest—an area where a number of trees lean at interesting angles probably brought about by old and new sliding of the ground. Because the trail is very steep in places, some



reroutes are warranted, and the creek crossing and slide area need to have major improvements. The tread is generally wide enough to allow for hikers and equestrians. There are no facilities along the route, except for a couple of log benches near the viewpoint. The trail essentially provides its own loop in combination with a portion of the Kings Creek Truck Trail and the western end of the Perimeter Trail.

**Construction Requirements:**

Provide steps and/or rerouting around steep parts to bring trail into conformance with State Park trail standards. Creek crossing needs to be rebuilt. Trail needs to be rerouted through the "Drunken Forest" slide area.

**B.2.13 BREWERS STATION TRAIL, P-39**

<b>Name:</b>	Brewers Station Trail, P-39
<b>Class:</b>	I
<b>Facilities:</b>	None
<b>Facility #:</b>	None
<b>Purpose:</b>	This trail provides hiker, equestrian, and possibly bicycle access from the Brewers Station parking area to the Skyline-to-the-Sea, Toll Road, Saratoga Gap, Skyline, and MROSD Saratoga Gap trailheads. It also provides hikers, equestrians and possibly bicycle access to the above three trailheads from the Saratoga Gap parking lot.
<b>Use Potential:</b>	Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle
<b>Location:</b>	Brewers Station parking pull-off on the east side of Highway 9 about 0.1 mile south of Saratoga Gap to Saratoga Gap and along Highway 35 opposite the Saratoga Gap parking lot.
<b>Status</b>	<b>Active, high priority. In spite of the highway signs obstructing passage the route is used by hikers going from Saratoga Gap to the trailheads.</b>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Build new. Necessary for safe use of both the Brewers Station and Saratoga Gap parking areas for functionally reasonable access to the Skyline-to-the-Sea, Toll Road, Saratoga Gap, Skyline, and MROSD Saratoga Gap trails. Move two Caltrans signs blocking the trail route to allow the trail to pass.</b>
<b>Resource Management</b>	Saratoga Gap
<b>Zones:</b>	
<b>Allowable Use Intensity:</b>	II Medium
<b>Ecological Units:</b>	Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed.
<b>Communities:</b>	Mixed Evergreen Forest,
<b>Significant Values:</b>	Near site of historic Saratoga Gap Toll Station, interior views of Mixed Evergreen Forest.
<b>Mgmt. Approach:</b>	1. Recreation Enhancement 1. Natural Process Management
<b>Mgmt. Objectives:</b>	Protect, preserve, and restore natural ecosystem processes and elements; Protect significant cultural resources; Protect steep slopes and erosive soils;

Access and recreation where compatible with resources;  
 Maintain visitor impacts within acceptable levels per  
 resource significance;

Prevent/control erosion related to trails and roads.

**Connecting Trail Loops:**

Skyline-to-the-Sea (E-14), Saratoga Toll Road (E-16),  
 Saratoga Gap (E-1b), Skyline (E-9), and MROSD  
 Saratoga Gap trails and connecting to the MROSD  
 Achistaca Trail.

**Description/Comments:**

Single track trail, About 0.1 mile. The trail is to be constructed on the berm along the east side of Highway 9 and around the corner along the shoulder berm on the south side of Highway 35 parallel to the Saratoga Gap parking lot to the southern most of two trail signs. Two Caltrans highway signs block the trail route from the Saratoga Gap parking lot to the Skyline-to-the-Sea, Toll Road, and Saratoga Gap trailheads. It is necessary to go under or around, or move, the large highway sign identifying the directions to San Francisco, Saratoga, and Castle Rock State Park, as well as around a smaller "Do not enter" and "Yield" sign. The large sign completely straddles the shoulder/berm, leaving no room for a trail and requires hikers to either pass it in the road or duck under it. The smaller sign is in the middle of the berm with little room to go around it. As a result this is presently not a good route from Saratoga Gap to the Skyline-to-the-Sea, Toll Road, and Saratoga Gap trailheads for hikers and impossible for equestrians or bicycles without using the Hwy 9 pavement unless the 2 highway signs are moved, particularly the large one.

**Construction Requirements:**

Put obvious trail on highway berm, which should create minimal soils movement. The signs must be moved either to one side or to some other location as there is insufficient room for them and a trail. Coordination with Caltrans will be required to resolve the highway sign obstacle problem, and also because part of this trail is on the Caltrans right of way along Highway 35.



## APPENDIX C: EXISTING TRAILS, MEASURED LENGTHS

Mileages for most existing official and a few unofficial trails were measured by State Park staff with a wheel and recorded in Tables C-1 for trails on the ridge and C-2 for trails on the west side of the park. Exceptions are the Kings Creek Truck Trail (Table C-2), not an official trail, which was measured by vehicle odometer and the Castle Rock Main Parking Lot All Access Trail E-12 (Table C-1), which paced off at about 500 feet, about a tenth of a mile. Other unofficial trails that have been measured are the Bay Laurel and San Lorenzo River fire Road trails (Table C-2). Data entry into these tables from the original worksheets into which the measurements were entered was 19 April 2007. Original worksheets are in the Park office.

TABLE C-1: TRAIL LENGTHS, EXISTING TRAILS – RIDGE

### CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK MEASURED (with wheel) TRAIL LENGTHS (Ridge)

Feet	Miles	Location	Feet	Miles	Location
<b>SARATOGA GAP TRAIL E-1A (East to west)</b>			<b>GOAT ROCK TRAIL E-3</b>		
0	0	Castle Rock Main parking Lot	0	0	Goat Rock Overlook (fence - 42', 2 benches)
245	0.046	Footbridge /railing	91	0.017	Fence - 117'
634	0.12	Footbridge	218	0.041	Fence - 15'
732	0.139	Castle Rock Tr Junction	312	0.059	Goat Rock (top) Fence - 42' (Ridge Tr E junction)
2279	0.432	Footbridge	1246	0.235	Interpretive Shelter, 2 picnic Tables, garbage can (1.355 mi to old HQ trailer)
2591	0.488	Ridge Tr Junction	1970	0.373	Ridge Tr W junction
3363	0.637	C R Falls Overlook Platform	<b>CASTLE ROCK TRAIL E-4</b>		
6236	1.181	Footbridge/railing	0	0	Castle Rock Main parking Lot
7903	1.497	Interconnector Tr junction	141	0.02	Top of "Y"(Junct /Parking Lot Rock Tr)
11709	2.218	Steps/security cable	1299	0.25	Service Road junction
11995	2.272	Old Russell Point	1914	0.36	North Side Castle Rock (Junct /Parking Lot Rock Tr)
13184	2.497	Ridge Tr junction	3860	0.73	Volunteer Tr junction (future Waterfall Rocks Tr)
13260	2.511	Oak Meadow Tr Junction	5168	0.98	Saratoga Gap Tr junction
13329	2.524	Footbridge	5910	1.12	Castle Rock Main parking Lot
13393	2.537	Footbridge	<b>LOGHRY WOODS TRAIL E-5</b>		
13537	2.564	Oak Meadow Tr Junction	0	0	Skyline Tr junction (Hwy 35 @ 12.8)
13798	2.613	Office (trailer)	8625	1.634	Service Road Tr junction
<b>SARATOGA GAP TRAIL E-1A (West to east)</b>			9278	1.757	HQ trailer
0	0	HQ trailer	<b>TRAVERTINE SPRINGS TRAIL E-6</b>		
531	0.1	Oak Meadow Camp (#1)	0	0	Saratoga Gap Tr B (Indian Tr Rd)
1376	0.26	Ridge Trail Junction (north end)	4554	0.86	Footpath Trail (Road)
5042	0.96	Kings Throne	5559	1.05	San Lorenzo River
5919	1.12	Interconnector Tr Junction (lower end)	9360	1.77	Travertine Springs
7590	1.44	Memorial bench/bridge	11034	2.09	Saratoga Toll Road Tr junction
10461	1.98	Castle Rock Falls			
11263	2.13	Ridge Tr Junction (south end)			
13134	2.49	Castle Rock Tr junction			
13840	2.62	Castle Rock Main parking Lot			
<b>SARATOGA GAP TRAIL E-1B ( West to East)</b>					
0	0	Saratoga Gap			
803	0.15	Skyline to the sea Tr junction			

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**TABLE C-1: TRAIL LENGTHS, EXISTING TRAILS – RIDGE (CONTINUED)****CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK MEASURED (with wheel) TRAIL LENGTHS (Ridge)**

1960	0.37	Paved Rd. (Indian Trail Rd.)
8238	1.56	Ind. Tr pavement ends (Manning house)
9445	1.79	Gate (Park boundary)
12498	2.37	Travertine Springs Tr junction
13200	2.5	Twin Bridges
14470	2.74	Frog Flat Tr junction
16250	3.08	HQ trailer, (Service Road Tr junction)

**RIDGE TRAIL E-2**

0	0	Saratoga Gap Tr A junction (.488 mi from Castle Rock Main parking Lot)
1780	0.337	Billy Goat Rock,(30' fence)
1998	0.378	Goat Rock (bottom)
2108	0.399	20' fence (west side of Goat Rock)
2446	0.501	Fence (12')
3444	0.652	Goat Rock Tr W
4196	0.794	Canyon Live Oak specimen
4410	0.835	Emily Smith Bird Observatory junction
4938	0.935	Interconnector Tr junction (upper end)
5414	1.025	Summit of Ridge Tr at Varian Peak
8143	1.542	Overlook (above Ridge Trail Cliff)
9278	1.757	Saratoga Gap Tr junction (distance to HQ trailer = 598', 0.113mi) Total mileage to main lot via Ridge Tr = 2.358 mi

**LINK TRAIL E-10 (Map estimate)**

0	0	CRSP Main parking Lot
	0.1	Jcn With Skyline Tr, Sanborn Co. Park

**INTERCONNECTOR TRAIL E-11**

0	0	Ridge Tr junction
837	0.159	Saratoga Gap Tr junction

**OAK MEADOW TRAIL E-13 (map estimate)**

0	0	Saratoga Gap Tr E junction
	0.2	Saratoga Gap Tr W junction

**SERVICE ROAD TRAIL E-7 (from map not from wheel)**

	0	Highway 35
	1.0	Loghry Woods Trail junction
	1.1	Saratoga Gap Trail junction

**FROG FLAT TRAIL E-8**

0	0	HQ trailer
842	0.2	Frog Flat
3034	0.57	Saratoga Gap Tr (Indian Tr Rd) junction

**SKYLINE TRAIL E-9 + Sanborn Park(East to west)**

0	0	Castle Rock Main parking Lot
156	0.03	Sign @ Hwy 35 (trail direction)
264	0.05	Skyline Trail (Sanborn Park) (est)
4961	0.94	Skyline Trail sign Summit Rock Rd Tr junct
7334	1.39	Skyline Trail sign (by McElroy Rd)
8051	1.52	Loghry Woods Tr junction
8176	1.55	Sign; No Dogs, Motor Veh, Fires, or Horses
10434	1.98	log bench
10483	1.99	Loghry Woods Rd (skyline trail sign)
12049	2.28	Sewage line by Donovan trailer
12764	2.42	Skyline Trail sign (Sproul property)
14825	2.81	Skyline Trail Sign (near Hwy 35)
15041	2.85	Sign at CRSP boundary "No person shall etc, no Dogs, Fire , Cycles, Tents" (Hwy 35 @ Chesborough)
15118	2.86	Hwy 35
15582	2.95	Pac Tel building
16382	3.1	Saratoga Gap (bench)

**CASTLE ROCK ALL ACCESS TRAIL E-12 (paced off)**

0	0	CRSP main Parking Lot
	0.1	End of trail at picnic table

TABLE C-2: TRAIL LENGTHS, EXISTING TRAILS – WEST

## CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK MEASURED (with wheel) TRAIL LENGTHS (West)

Feet	Miles	Location	Feet	Miles	Location
<b>SKYLINE-TO-THE-SEA TRAIL E-14</b>			<b>BEEKHUIS ROAD TRAIL E-17</b>		
0	0	Saratoga Gap trail Head	0	0	Hwy9 @ MM 23.23
552	0.105	Wood Culvert	216	0.041	Skyline to the Sea Tr junction
794	0.15	Saratoga Gap Tr Junction	968	0.183	Cut-off Tr junction
1209	0.23	Wood Culvert	1996	0.378	Whistle
1849	0.35	5' wood bridge	2235	0.423	Saratoga Toll road Tr junction (north west)
2000	0.379	19' retaining wall	2795	0.529	Saratoga Toll road Tr junction (south east)
2255	0.427	Saratoga Toll Road Tr Junction	4222	0.7996	Power lines overhead
2645	0.501	Hwy 9 crossing	6527	1.236	Join old Beekhuis Road
2786	0.528	Fence/"squeeze"	7092	1.343	Western Grove sign
4970	0.941	Retaining wall	7383	1.398	San Lorenzo River (old log bridge)
5737	1.087	Red Mountain log barricade	7993	1.514	Logger's flat (junction w/road to cabin site)
5971	1.131	"Stella M Kester" bench (top of Red Mntn)	<b>CUT OFF TRAIL E-18</b>		
6217	1.177	Summit meadows Tr Junction	0	0	Beekhuis Road Tr junction
10275	1.946	Hwy 9 crossing (Camp Chesborough)	871	0.165	Skyline to the sea Tr junction
10527	1.994	Summit Meadows Tr Junction (Semp. Pt)	<b>CABLEWAY TRAIL ( S-t-t-S to STR Int) E-19</b>		
13290	2.517	Gimbal Driveway	0	0	Skyline to Sea the Tr junction
15312	2.9	Tin Can Ranch Driveway			(off Hwy 236 @ sign)
15944	3.02	Ruth Nash Woodland Grove sign	1276	0.241	Unmarked fire road
17582	3.33	12' bridge/railing	1791	0.339	Power lines crossing
18283	3.463	Beekhuis Road Tr Junction	8556	1.62	Hwy 9 (east side) - no sign
18863	3.573	Retaining wall (Cut Off Trail Junction)	8695	1.647	Hwy 9 (west side) - sign OK
19385	3.671	Wood trench	9873	1.87	Saratoga Toll Road Tr junction
20650	3.911	El Camino Hospital Grove sign	<b>BAY LAUREL TRAIL P-27 (Not an official trail)</b>		
22212	4.207	3' bridge w/o rails	0	0	Ho gate (Hwy 9@ MM 25.99)
24348	4.611	Gimbal Rd	311	0.06	Horse corral
26802	5.076	7' bridge w/ rails	3298	0.62	Proposed trail intersection
26833	5.082	17' bridge	4803	0.91	Saratoga Toll Road Tr junction
26946	5.103	7' bridge w/ rails	<b>SAN LORENZO RIVER TRAIL P-29 (Not an official trail)</b>		
26994	5.113	Retaining wall	0	0	Logger's Flat
27208	5.153	4' bridge w/ rails	2586	0.49	Park's southern boundary
29433	5.574	6' bridge	6602	1.25	King's Creek Truck Tr junction
30369	5.752	Road	7138	1.352	San Lorenzo River
31681	6	Waterman Gap Camp Service Road	7548	1.43	Saratoga Toll Rd & King's Creek Truck Tr
32714	6.196	Waterman Gap Trail Camp			Junction
34327	6.501	Steps (50')			
34377	6.511	Hwy 9 (Waterman Gap Crossing)			
	7.1	Jcn with S-t-t-S/Toll Road Interconn.			

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TABLE C-2: TRAIL LENGTHS, EXISTING TRAILS – WEST (CONTINUED)

## CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK MEASURED (with wheel) TRAIL LENGTHS (West)

<b>SUMMIT MEADOWS TRAIL E-15</b>		
0	0	Skyline to sea Tr junction (Red Mountain)
319	0.06	Hoe gate (Hoe Road)
2381	0.45	Lester Woodland (grove sign)
2640	0.5	Capped well
3345	0.63	Linus Pauling grove sign
4563	0.86	McGann Ginzton Grove sign
5587	1.06	Skyline to Sea Tr junction (Sempervir Pt)

<b>SARATOGA TOLL ROAD TRAIL E-16</b>		
0	0	Saratoga Gap
63	0.012	Signs
730	0.138	Saratoga Gap Tr junction
2240	0.424	Skyline to Sea Tr junction
6264	1.186	Private road junction
8834	1.673	Park boundary sign
9023	1.709	Bay Laurel Tr junction (to Hoe gate)
14866	2.815	Travertine Springs Tr junction
16242	3.076	Tin Can Creek bridge
17177	3.253	Ruth Nash sign
18023	3.413	Lydia Wheeler sign
19237	3.643	Beekhuis Road Tr junction (west bound)
20708	3.922	John Cavallini Grove
22260	4.216	Countryside Grove
27402	5.19	Power lines cross trail
30042	5.69	Boundary sign
32698	6.193	Footbridge (house)
35342	6.694	King Creek Truck Trail junction (Forestry gate)
35938	6.806	Skyline-to-Sea Tr/Toll Rd Interconnector Tr junction (Cableway Trail)
37410	7.085	Hwy 9

<b>KINGS CREEK TRUCK TRAIL * (Not an official trail)</b>		
0	0	Hwy 35 @ Mt Bielawski
211	0.04	Gate
475	0.09	State Park boundary
1742	0.33	Old road to McPherson's (original roadbed)
3010	0.57	Junction/old road & road to Smead Spring
3802	0.72	Isacson's northern boundary
4594	0.87	Isacson's house
5386	1.02	Isacson's southern boundary
8554	1.62	Double Gates (only one left standing)
12302	2.33	McDonald Road
12355	2.34	Park's southern boundary
17582	3.33	Vajrapani Gate
19800	3.75	Sleeper Gulch Road
20750	3.93	Kings Creek Road & Sleeper Gulch Rd
20803	3.94	Kings Creek (road crossing)
23971	4.54	Water District boundary gate (w/ State Park sign)
35957	6.81	San Lorenzo River
36854	6.98	Forestry gate and Saratoga Toll Road
* This mileage data was provided in miles only.		
Feet were derived from miles.		





## **APPENDIX D: EXISTING & PLANNED TRAILS, LENGTHS AND ELEVATION GAINS**

Tables D-1 and D-2 contain mileages between trail features and junctions, elevations of each trail junction, physical feature, and high and low points, and elevation gains and losses for each trail junction or feature and for the whole of each trail, in each direction. Elevations were determined from maps and from some altimeter measurements.

Table D-1 contains the MEASURED distances for existing trails from Appendix C along with elevations for parking lots and other important locations, and for trail junctions and trail high points and low points. Elevations of each junction, physical feature, and high and low points are recorded for each trail from maps and altimeter measurements. Gains and losses are recorded for each trail junction or feature and for the whole of each trail, in each direction. Note: “jcn” means “junction.”

**TABLE D-1: TRAIL DISTANCES AND ELEVATIONS - EXISTING TRAILS**

Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles	Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles
<b>Main Parking Lot '07</b>	<b>3000'</b>				<b>Red Mountain</b>	<b>2510'</b>			
<b>Partridge parking area</b>	<b>2990'</b>				<b>Red Mountain/Hoe Gate</b>	<b>2500'</b>			
<b>Summit Rock Parking Lot</b>	<b>2800'</b>				<b>Sempervirens Point</b>	<b>2360'</b>			
<b>Interpretive Shelter</b>	<b>2980'</b>				<b>Waterman Gap</b>	<b>1320'</b>			
<b>Saratoga Gap</b>	<b>2600'</b>				<b>Toll Road Gate at Hwy 9</b>	<b>720'</b>			
<b>Saratoga Gap Trail E-1A</b>					<b>Skyline Trail E-9, CRSP &amp; Sanborn</b>				
Main Parking Lot	3000'		+ 70'	0	Sanborn/Link Trail jcn	3040'		+140'	0
Castle Rock Trail jcn	2930'	- 70'	+210'	0.14	Sanborn/Low Point	2900'	- 140'	- 10'	
Waterfall Rocks Trail jcn	2720'	- 210'	0'	0.49	Partridge Skyline Trail jcn	2910'	+ 10'	- 100'	0.3
Ridge Trail east jcn	2720'	0'	+ 40'	0.49	Sanborn/Summit Rock Loop	3010'	+ 100'	+100'	0.7
Castle Rock Falls	2680'	- 40'	- 40'	0.64	Sanborn/Summit Rock Loop	2910'	- 100'	+ 30'	0.8
High point	2720'	+ 40'	+ 80'		Service Road jcn (Spur)	2880'	- 30'	+ 80'	1.0
Interconnector Tr jcn	2640'	- 80'	+300'	1.5	Summit Rock Parking Lot	2800'	- 80'	0'	1.3
Low point	2340'	- 300'	- 20'		<b>Sanborn/CRSP boundary</b>	<b>2800'</b>	<b>0'</b>	<b>0'</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Russell Point (old)	2360'	+ 20'	- 40'		Loghry Woods Tr jcn	2800'	0'	+ 80'	1.5
Ridge Trail west jcn	2400'	+ 40'	+ 10'	2.5	CRSP/Low Point	2720'	- 80'	- 100'	
Oak Meadow Trail south jcn	2390'	- 10'	- 40'	2.51	CRSP/High Point	2820'	+ 100'	+ 80'	
Oak Meadow Trail north jcn	2430'	+ 40'	- 10'	2.56	CRSP/Low Point	2740'	- 80'	- 80'	
Service Road Trail Jcn	2440'	+ 10'		2.6	CRSP/Oak Knoll Trail jcn	2820'	+ 80'	+ 80'	1.9
		+150'	+630'		CRSP/Low Point	2740'	- 80'	- 60'	
					CRSP/High Point	2800'	+ 60'	+200'	
<b>Saratoga Gap Trail E-1B</b>					CRSP/Saratoga Gap Parking Lot	2600'	- 200'		3.1
Service Road Trail jcn	2440'		+240'	0			+ 350'	+790'	
Frog Flat Trail west jcn	2200'	-240'	+ 40'	0.4					
Travertine Springs Trail jcn	2160'	- 40'	-440'	0.7	<b>Link Trail E-10</b>				
Saratoga Gap Parking Lot	2600'	+440'	+280'	3.1	Main Parking Lot	3020'		- 0'	0
		+440'	+280'		Skyline Trail jcn, Sanborn	3040'	+ 0'		0.05
							+ 0	- 0'	
<b>Ridge Trail E-02</b>									
Saratoga Gap Trail A, west jcn	2400'		-420'	0	<b>Interconnector Trail E-11</b>				
Varian Peak	2820'	+420'	+ 60'		Ridge Trail jcn	2760'		+120'	0
Interconnector Trail jcn	2760'	- 60'	-120'	0.8	Saratoga Gap Trail jcn	2640'	-120'		0.16
Goat Rock Trail west jcn	2880'	+120'	- 80'	1.1				+120'	
High point	2960'	+ 80'	+ 20'		<b>Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail E-14</b>				
Goat Rock top	2940'	- 20'	0'	1.3	Saratoga Gap Parking Lot	2600'			0
Goat Rock Trail east jcn	2940'	0'	+ 70'	1.3	Saratoga Gap Trail junct	2600'	0'	+ 80'	0.1
Low point	2870'	- 70'	- 20'		Saratoga Toll Road Trail jcn	2520'	- 80'	0'	0.4
High Point	2890'	+ 20'	+120'		Cross 9/Achistaca Trail jcn	2520'	0'	+ 40'	0.5
Ridge/Ridge Reroute*	2770'	- 120'	+ 80'	1.6*	Nutmeg Trail jcn	2480'	- 40'	+ 40'	0.6
Saratoga Gap Trail A, East jcn	2720'	- 80'		1.8 1.7*	Summit Meadow/Bay Laurel Trails ju.	2440'	- 40'	+160'	1.2
		+640'	+350'		Sempervirens Point Parking Lot	2360'	- 160'	+160'	1.8
<b>Goat Rock Trail E-3</b>					Tin Can Creek Trail jcn	2200'	- 160'	+320'	2.3
Ridge Trail west jcn	2880'		- 100'	0	Beekhuis Road Trail jcn	1880'	- 320'	+ 40'	3.5
Interpretive Shelter	2980'	+100'	+ 40'	0.1	Beekhuis Cut-off Trail jct.	1840'	- 40'	+320'	3.6
Goat Rock top, Ridge Trail E jcn	2940'	- 40'	+ 20'	0.3	Brush Creek Fault Trail junct *	1520'	- 320'	+160'	3.9
Goat Rock Overlook	2960'	+ 20'		0.4	Waterman Gap Trail Camp	1360'	- 160'	+ 40'	6.2
		+120'	+ 60'		Waterman Gap	1320'	- 40'	+ 40'	6.5

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TABLE D-1: TRAIL DISTANCES AND ELEVATIONS - EXISTING TRAILS (CONTINUED)

Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles	Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles
<b>Castle Rock Trail E-4</b>					S-t-t-S Toll Rd Interconnector Trail	1280'	- 40'		7.1
Main Parking Lot	3000'		- 140'	0			-1400'	+1400'	
Service Rd jcn	3140'	+140'	- 30'	0.25	<b>Summit Meadows Trail E-15</b>				
Castle Rock	3170'	+ 30'	+160'	0.36	Ho Gate/Bay Laurel trail jcn	2500'		-100'	0
Waterfall Rocks Trail jcn	3010'	- 160'	+ 80'	0.73	High Point	2600'	+100'	+100'	
Saratoga Gap Trail A jcn	2930'	- 80'		0.98	Valley View Trail jcn	2400'	- 100'	+ 20'	0.9
		+170'	+240'		Sempervirens Point Tr jcn *	2360'	- 20'	+ 20'	1.0
<b>Loghry Woods Trail E-5</b>					Sempervirens Point Parking lot	2360'	- 20'		1.1
Service Road Trail Jcn	2460'		-380'	0			+100'	+140'	
Skyline Trail jcn	2840'	+380'	-380'	1.76	<b>Saratoga Toll Road Trail W-16</b>				
		+380'	-380'		Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail jcn	2520'		+300'	0
<b>Travertine Springs Trail E-6</b>					Bay Laurel Tr junct		-300'	+720'	1.7
Saratoga Gap Trail B jcn	2160'		+480'	0	Travertine Springs Trail jcn	1800'	-720'	+200'	2.8
San Lorenzo River	1680'	-480'	+ 60'	1.1	Tin Can Creek Tr junct *	1800'	-----	-----	2.8
Travertine Springs	1720'	- 60'	+ 10'	1.8	Beekhuis Road Trail jcn	1600'	-200'	+280'	3.5
Low point	1710'	- 10'	- 90'		Brush Creek Fault Trail jcn*	1320'	-280'	+520'	4.7
Saratoga Toll Road Trail jcn	1800'	+ 90'		2.1	Kings Creek T Trail jcn (Gate)	800'	-520'	+ 20'	6.7
		+ 90'	+550'		Sky-Sea Trail Interconn Trail jcn	780'	-20'	+ 40'	6.8
<b>Service Road trail E-7</b>					Waterman Switch Parking Lot *	740'	-40'	+ 20'	7.0
Saratoga Gap Trails A, B jcn	2440'		- 20'	0	Hwy 9 jcn (gate)	720'	-20'	0'	7.1
Loghry Woods Trail jcn	2460'	+ 20'	-420'	0.1	Sky-Sea Trail Int Cut-off	720'	0'		7.1
State Route 35 jcn	2880'	+420'	- 20'	0.9			-1800'	+1800'	
Skyline, Sanborn Trail jcn	2900'	+ 20'		1.05	<b>Beekhuis Road Trail E-17</b>				
		+460'	-460'		Hwy9 @ MM 23.23	1880'		+ 40'	0
<b>Frog Flat Fire Road E-8</b>					Skyline to the Sea Tr junction	1840'	- 40'	+ 120'	0.04
Service Road/Saratoga Gap Tr junct	2440'		+240'	0	Cut-off Tr junction	1720'	- 120'	+ 100'	0.2
Saratoga Gap Trail B jcn	2200'	-240'		0.6	Saratoga Toll Road Tr junction (NW)	1620'	- 100'	+ 30'	0.4
		-240'	+240'		Saratoga Toll Road Tr junction (SE)	1590'	- 30'		0.5
<b>Castle Rock All Access Trail E-12</b>							- 290'	+ 290'	
Main Parking Lot	3000'		- 5'	0	<b>Cut-off Trail E-18</b>				
Rock, Bend in Trail	3005'	+ 5'	- 10'		Skyline to the sea Tr junction	1780'		+ 120'	0
Picnic table, end of trail	3015'	+ 10'		0.1	Low Point	1660'	- 120'	- 60'	
		+ 15'	- 15'		Beekhuis Road Tr junction	1720'	+ 60'		0.2
							+ 60'	+ 120'	
<b>Oak Meadow Trail E-13 *</b>					<b>Skyline-to-the-Sea Interconnector Trail E-19 (Cableway Trail)</b>				
Saratoga Gap Tr E junction	2400'		- 10'	0	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail jcn	1280'		+260'	0
Chimney ruin	2410'	+ 10'	- 30'	0.1					
Saratoga Gap Tr W junction	2440'	+ 30'		0.2	<b>Waterman Fault Tr jcn*</b>	1040'	-260'	+500'	0.7
		+ 40'	- 40'		Saratoga Toll road Tr jcn	780'	-500'		1.9
<b>Estimate *</b>							-500'	+500'	

Table D-2 contains ESTIMATED distance, elevation and elevation gain and loss for planned trails. Most trail mileage is taken from maps but trail mileage for the Kings Creek Truck Trail, Bay Laurel, and San Lorenzo River Fire Road trails was measured. Elevations of each junction, physical feature, and high and low points are recorded for each trail from maps and a few altimeter measurements. When accurate distance and elevation information becomes available this appendix should be corrected. "jcn" means "junction."

**TABLE D-2: TRAIL DISTANCES AND ELEVATIONS - PLANNED TRAILS**

Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles	Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles
<b>Ridge Trail Realignment P-20</b>					<b>Old Beekhuis Road Trail P-30</b>				
Saratoga Gap Trail jcn	2720'		- 50'	0	Join old Beekhuis Road & Toll Road	1600'		+480'	0
Ridge Trail (E-R02) jcn	2770'	+ 50'	- 310'	0.1	San Lorenzo River (old log bridge)	1120'	-480'	- 40'	0.87
High Point	3080'	+310'	+ 100'		Logger's flat (jcn w/road to cabin site)	1160'	+ 40'		0.99
Interpretive Shelter	2980'	- 100'		0.5			+ 40'	+480'	
		+360'	+ 100'		<b>Crosscut Trail P-31</b>				
<b>Waterfall Rocks Trail P-21</b>					Cabin Canyon/River Trail junction				
Castle Rock Trail jcn	3010'		+ 20'	0	Joins Old Redwood Trail segment	1400'	+480'	---	1.0
Clearing	2990'	- 20'	+190'	0.02	Joins Cabin Canyon Trail segment	1400'	---	- 40'	1.0
Muffins/East top of Waterfall	2800'	-190'	+ 40'	0.4	Old Redwood Trail High Point	1440'	+ 40'	+ 80'	
Saratoga Gap Trail A jcn	2760'	- 40'		0.6	Old Redwood Trail Low Point	1360'	- 80'	- 80'	
		-250'	+250'		Perimeter Trail jcn	1440'	+ 80'		2.1
						+600'	+ 80'		
<b>Skyline Crossing trail P-22</b>					<b>Brush Creek Fault Trail P-32</b>				
Partridge Main Parking Lot	2990'		- 10'	0	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail jcn	1520'		+200'	0
High Point	3000'	+ 10'	+ 10'		Saratoga Toll Road jcn	1320'	-200'		0.2
Hwy 35	2990'	- 10'	- 30'	0.25			-200'	+200'	
High Point	3020'	+ 30'	+100'		<b>Sempervirens Loop Trail P-33</b>				
Skyline , Sanborn	2920'	-100'		0.35	Sempervirens Point Parking Lot	2360'		+10'	0
		+ 40'	+110'		Sempervirens Loop Low Point	2350'	- 10'	- 50'	
<b>Partridge Whole Access Trail P23</b>					Summit Meadow Trail junction				
Parking Lot	2990'		- 10'	0	Sempervirens Point Parking Lot	2400'	+ 50'	+40'	0.2
Lion Caves Trail jcn	3000'	+ 10'	+ 30'			2360'	- 40'		0.3
Goat Rock Trail jcn	2970'	- 30'	- 10'	0.3			+ 60'	+50'	
High Point	2980'	+ 10'	+ 0'		<b>Majestic Fir All Access Trail P-34</b>				
Interpretive Shelter	2980'	+ 0'	- 10'	0.4	Sempervirens Point Parking Lot	2360'		+20'	0
Partridge Main Parking Lot	2990'	+ 10'		0.5	Point	2340'	- 20'	- 40'	
		+ 30'	+ 30'		Skyline-to-Sea Trail jcn	2380'	+ 40'	+20'	0.6
<b>Oak Knoll Trail P-24</b>					Sempervirens Point Parking Lot				
Skyline Trail jcn	2840'		+120'	0		2360'	- 20'		0.7
MROSD Saratoga Open Space Pres.	2720'	- 120'	- 100'	0.25		+ 40'	+ 40'		
Trail End View Point	2820'	+100'		0.4	<b>Waterman Switch All Access Trail P-35</b>				
		+100'	+120'		Waterman Switch Parking Lot	700'		- 20'	0
					Saratoga Toll Road	720'	+ 20'	+ 20'	

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TABLE D-2: TRAIL DISTANCES AND ELEVATIONS - PLANNED TRAILS (CONTINUED)

Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles	Trail Location	Elev.	Dn.	Up	Distance miles
<b>Lion Caves Docent trail P-25</b>					Waterman Switch Parking Lot	700'	- 20'		0.2
Partridge Whole Access Trail R4	3000'		+240'	0			+ 20'	+ 20'	
Low Point 1	2760'	-240'	- 60'	0.2	<b>Waterman Fault Trail P-36</b>				
High Point 1	2820'	+ 60'	+240'		Saratoga Toll Road jcn	720'		-240'	0
Low Point 2	2580'	-240'	- 40'		Skyline-to-Sea Toll Road Inter jcn	960'	+240'		0.4
High Point 1	2620'	+ 40'	+ 40'				+240'	+ 0'	
Low Point 3	2580'	- 40'	- 420'	1.4	<b>Valley View Trail P-37</b>				
Partridge Whole Access Trail R4	3000'	+420'		1.6	Bay Laurel Trail junction	2290'		-110'	0
		+520'	+520'		Summit Meadow Trail junction	2400'	+110'		0.35
<b>Perimeter Trail P-26</b>							+110'	+ 0'	
Castle Rock Trail jcn	3180'		+ 60'	0	(Cableway Trail)				
Old Summit Road Segment/KCTT	3120'	- 60'	+ 240'	0.4	<b>Interconnection Skyline-to-the-Sea to Toll Road Trail E-19</b>				
Kings Creek Truck Trail/Panorama	2880'	- 240'	+ 200'	0.8	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail jcn	720'		-260'	0
Panorama Segment/KCTT	2680'	- 200'	+1120'	1.2	Saratoga Toll Road Trail jcn	980'	+260'		0.4
Kings Creek Truck Trail/Kings Ck Crossing.	1560'	-1120'	+ 400'	3.0			+260'	+ 0'	
Kings Creek Crossing Low point	1160'	- 400'	- 240'		<b>Tin Can Creek Trail P-28</b>				
Saddleback Ridge Segment/King CC	1400'	+ 240'	- 80'	4.5	Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail jcn	2000'		+200'	0
High Point	1480'	+ 80'	+ 120'		Saratoga Toll Road trail jcn	1800'	-200'		0.6
Old Redwood Trail jcn	1360'	- 120'	- 60'	5.0			-200'	+200'	
Saddleback Ridge/KCTT	1420'	+ 60'	+ 500'	5.1	<b>Michael's Summit Loop Trail P-38</b>				
Michael's Summit Loop Trail jcn	920'	- 500'	+ 160'	6.1	Perimeter/Kings Creek TT jcn	1480'		- 40'	0
Saratoga Toll Road jcn (gate)	760'	- 160'	0'	6.3	Kings Creek Truck Trail jcn	1520'	+ 40'	-160'	0.9
		+ 380'	+2810'		Michael's Summit Loop High point	1680'	+ 160'	+280'	
<b>Bay Laurel Trail P-27</b>					Michael's Summit Loop Low Point	1400'	- 280'	-400'	
Hoe Gate/Summit Meadows Trail jun	2440'		- 20'	0	Michael's Summit Loop Summit	1800'	+ 400'	+880'	
Bay Laurel Trail High Point	2460'	+ 20'	+170'		Perimeter Trail jcn	920'	- 880'		2.5
Valley View Trail jcn	2290'	-170'	+210'	0.6			+ 600'	+1160'	
Saratoga toll Road jcn	2080'	-210'		0.9	<b>Red Mountain Trail - MROSD</b>				
		+20'	+380'		Red Mountain/Skyline to Sea	2580'		- 20'	0
<b>Upper San Lorenzo River Tr. P-29</b>					Red Mountain/HP	2600'	+ 20'	+560'	
Travertine Springs Trail jcn	1640'		+460'	0	Red Mountain/end	2040'	-560'		0.2
Bridge over San Lorenzo River	1180'	- 460'	+ 60'				+ 20'	+540'	
Beekhuis Road Trail jcn	1120'	- 60'	+160'	0.7	<b>Achistaca Trail - MROSD</b>				
Low Point	960'	- 160'	- 40'		Achistaca/Skyline to Sea @ 9 crossing	2520'			N/A
High Point	1000'	+ 40'	+ 80'						
Cabin Canyon Trail jcn	920'	- 80'	+160'	1.1	<b>Nutmeg Trail - MROSD</b>				
Perimeter Trail jcn	760'	- 160'		2.5	Nutmeg Trail Head - Red Mountain	2510'		-150'	0
		+ 40'	+920'		Red Mountain Tr/Nutmeg jcn	2360'	-150'	-140'	
					Nutmeg/Skyline to Sea jcn	2500'	+140'		0.2



## **APPENDIX E: LOOP TRAILS**

### ***EXISTING TRAIL LOOPS***

Tables E-1 and E-2 describe twenty (20) EXISTING trail loops based on the existing trail system. Provided are Loop Number, Name, Length in miles, Hiking Time in hours (fast and slow), Cumulative Elevation Gain, Starting/Ending Point (roadhead parking), a list of trails comprising the loop in order of use, (from the top parking area listed), the mileage and elevation gain or loss of each trail, the natural, historic and recreational resources available on the loop, and connections to other parks. Loop names are descriptive, usually the name of the major trail or trails comprising the loop. Hiking times are based on 3 miles per hour (fast) and 2 miles per hour (slow). The additional effect of elevation gain is predicted as 15 minutes per hour per 1000 feet (fast) and 30 minutes per hour per 1000 feet (slow). Mileages for existing trails were measured and recorded in Tables C-1 and C-2 in appendix C and in Table D-1 in Appendix D. Elevation gains are from maps and recorded in Table D-1 in Appendix D.

TABLE E-1: EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM, TRAIL LOOPS, RIDGE

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
							Natural	Historic	Recreational & connections
ELR1	<b>Castle Rock</b>	<b>1.12</b> 0.4 - 0.7	+260'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Castle Rock Tr, E-4 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A	0.98 +170' 0.14 + 70'	Sandstone Tafoni (Castle Rock+) Mixed Evergreen Forest		Hiking trails Climbing rocks
ELR2	<b>Skyline Loghry Service</b>	<b>3.4</b> 1.2 -2 .0	+470'	Summit Rock Parking (2800')	Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Skyline Tr, E-9 Loghry Woods Tr, E-5 Service Road Tr, E-7 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park	0.1 0' 0.1 0' 1.8 - 380' 1.0 +440' 0.4 + 30'	Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park
ELR3	<b>SaratogaGap, Ridge, Gap</b>	<b>3.6</b> 1.4 - 2.2	+700'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Interconnector Tr, E-11 Ridge Tr, E-2 Goat Rock Tr, E-3 Ridge Tr, E-2 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A	1.5 + 40' 0.2 +120' 0.5 +200' 0.4 + 40' 0.5 + 20' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock+) Mixed Evergreen Forest Upland Redwood Forest Chaparral Waterfall Black Oak Forest Vistas	Interpretive shelter Old orchard	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Goat Rock Vista CR Falls viewing platform. Interpretive shelter
ELR4	<b>Ridge Goat Rock Service Skyline OR</b>	<b>4.7</b> 1.8 - 2.9	+1060'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Ridge Tr, E-2 Goat Rock Tr E-3 Service Road Tr, E-7 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10	0.5 -280' 1.8 +350' 0.2 + 40' 1.1 +460' 1.0 +210' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock+) Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Black Oak Forest Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Interpretive shelter Old orchard	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Goat Rock Vista Trail camp & toilet Interpretive shelter Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park
ELR5	<b>OR Saratoga Service Skyline</b>	<b>4.8</b> <b>1.8 - 2.8</b>	+820'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Service Road Tr, E-7 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10	2.6 +150' 1.1 +460' 1.0 +210' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni Waterfall Mixed evergreen forest Upland Redwood Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas		Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park

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TABLE E-1: EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM, LOOPS, RIDGE (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
							Natural	Historic	Recreational & connections
ELR6	<b>Ridge Goat Rock Saratoga</b>	<b>5.1</b> 1.9 - 3.0	+1170'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Ridge Tr, E-R02 +Goat Rock Tr E-3 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A	2.5 +150' 1.8 +640' 0.3 +100' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock+) Waterfall Mixed evergreen forest Upland Redwood Forest Chaparral Black Oak Forest Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Interpretive shelter Old orchard	Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Goat Rock Vista Interpretive Shelter Trail camp & toilet
ELR7	<b>Skyline Saratoga Service OR</b>	<b>5.5</b> 2.1 - 3.2	+990'	Summit Rock Parking (2800') Main Parking Lot (3000')	Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Service Rd Tr, E-7 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park	1.3 +350' 0.1 0' 2.6 +150' 1.1 +460' 0.4 + 30'	Mixed evergreen Forest Waterfall Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Loghry Woods Demo Forest Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park
ELR8	<b>OR Skyline Ridge Loghry</b>	<b>5.8</b> 2.2 - 3.5	+1100'	Summit Rock Parking (2800') Main Parking Lot (3000')	Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Ridge Tr, E-2 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Service Rd Tr, E-7 Loghry Woods Tr, E-5 Skyline Tr, E-9	1.3 +350' 0.1 0' 0.5 - 280' 1.8 +350' 0.1 0' 0.1 + 20' 1.8 +380' 0.1 0'	Mixed evergreen forest Chaparral Interior Live Oak Woodland Knobcone Pine forest Loghry Woods demo forest Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails CR Falls viewing platform Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park

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TABLE E-1: EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM, LOOPS, RIDGE (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, Hours	Gain, feet				Natural		Recreational & connections
ELR9	<b>Ridge Goat Rock Loghry Skyline OR</b>	<b>5.9</b> 2.2 - 3.5	+1150'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Ridge Tr, E-2 +Goat Rock Tr E-3 Service Rd Tr, E-7 Loghry Woods Tr, E-5 Skyline Tr, E-9 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10	0.5 - 280' 1.8 +350' 0.2 + 40' 0.1 + 20' 1.6 +380' 0.1 0' 1.5 +360' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock+) Mixed evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Interpretive shelter Old orchard <b>Historic</b>	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Goat Rock Vista Trail camp & toilet Interpretive shelter Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park
ELR10	<b>OR Saratoga Loghry Skyline</b>	<b>6.0</b> 2.2 - 3.5	+900'	Main Parking Lot (3000')	Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1A Service Rd Tr, E-7 Loghry Woods Tr, E-5 Skyline Tr, E-9 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Link Tr, E-10	2.6 +150' 0.1 + 20' 1.6 +380' 0.1 0' 1.5 +350' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed evergreen Forest Chaparral	Waterfall Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park
ELR1	<b>Skyline Service Saratoga OR</b>	<b>6.2</b> 2.3 - 3.6	+960'	Saratoga Gap Parking Lot (2600')** Summit Rock Parking (2800')	Skyline Tr, E-9 Skyline Tr, Sanborn Park Service Rd Tr, E-7 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1B	1.7 +440' 0.3 + 80' 1.1 - 460' 3.1 +440'	Mixed evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Louis Seek homesite Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park MROSD's Saratoga Gap Trail
ELR12	<b>OR Skyline Loghry Saratoga</b>	<b>6.6</b> 2.4 - 4.0	+800'	Saratoga Gap Parking Lot (2600')** Summit Rock Parking (2800')	Skyline Tr, E-9 Loghry Woods Tr, E-5 Service Rd Tr, E-7 Saratoga Gap Tr, E-1B	1.6 +360' 1.8 - 380' 0.1 - 20' 3.1 +440'	Mixed evergreen forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine forest Vistas	Louis Seek homesite Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Trail camp & toilet Connects to Skyline Trail in Sanborn Park MROSD's Saratoga Gap Trail

\* Fast = miles/3+0.00025 x elev. gain; Slow = miles/2+0.0005 x elev. Gain

\*\* Plus Brewers Station pullout on the east side of Highway 9 which is close to Saratoga Gap



TABLE E-2: EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM, LOOPS, WEST

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
							Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
ELW13	<b>Summit Meadow</b>	<b>1.9</b> 0.6 - 1.0	+150'	Red Mountain/ Ho Gate (2510') Sempervirens Pt. (2360')	Summit Meadow, E-15 Skyline-to-the-Sea, E-14	1.1 -150' 0.8 +150'	Mixed Evergreen Forest Meadow Vistas		Hiking Trails Toilet Connects with MROSD Red Mountain Trail
ELW14	<b>Saratoga Travertine Toll</b>	<b>7.6</b> 2.7 - 4.2	+890'	Saratoga Gap (2600') **	Saratoga Gap, E-1B Travertine Springs, E-6 Saratoga Toll Road, E-16 Skyline-to-Sea, E-14	2.4 - 440' 2.1 + 90' 2.8 +720' 0.3 + 80'	Travertine Springs Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Saratoga Toll Road Louis Seek homesite	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with MROSD Saratoga Gap Trail
ELW15	<b>Toll Beekhuis Sky-to-Sea</b>	<b>7.9</b> <b>3.0 - 4.5</b>	+1090'	Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Sempervirens Pt. (2360')	Skyline-to-Sea, E-14 Saratoga Toll Road, E-16 Beekhuis Road, E-17 Skyline-to-Sea, E-14	0.3 - 80' 3.6 - 920' 0.4 +260' 3.6 +840'	Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Saratoga Toll Road	Hiking Trails Connect with MROSD Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails
ELW16	<b>Skyline Saratoga Ridge OR</b>	<b>8.6</b> 3.3 - 5.1	+1540'	Main Parking (3000') Saratoga Gap (2600') **	Link, E-10 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Skyline, E-9 Saratoga Gap, E-1B Ridge, E-2 Saratoga Gap, E-1A	0.1 0' 1.4 +110' 1.7 +240' 3.1 +280' 1.8 +640' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock+) Waterfall Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Interpretive Shelter Old orchard Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Trail Camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park Skyline Trail
ELW17	<b>OR Skyline Saratoga</b>	<b>8.9</b> 3.3 - 5.0	+1260'	Main Parking (3000') Saratoga Gap (2600') **	Link, E-10 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Skyline, E-9 Saratoga Gap, E-1B Saratoga Gap, E-1A	0.1 + 0' 1.4 +110' 1.7 +240' 3.1 +280' 2.6 +630'	Sandstone tafoni Chaparral Mixed evergreen Upland Redwood & Knobcone forests Waterfall Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest	Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park Skyline Trail

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TABLE E-2: EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM, LOOPS, WEST (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
ELW18	<b>Sky-to-Sea Toll Beekhuis</b>	<b>9.0</b> 3.3 - 5.1	+1110'	Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Skyline-to-Sea, E-14 Cableway, E-19 Saratoga Toll Road, E-16 Beekhuis Road, E-17 Skyline-to-Sea, E-14	0.5 - 40' 1.9 - 500' 3.2 +820' 0.4 +290' 3.0 - 570'	Mixed Evergreen Forest Riparian forest Redwood Forest SL River Canyon	Saratoga Toll Road	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Big Basin State Park
ELW19	<b>Skyline Loghry Travertine Beekhuis Sky-to-Sea</b>	<b>10.8</b> 4.1 - 6.4	+2020'	Summit Rock (2800') Saratoga Gap (2600')** Sempervirens Pt. (2360')	Skyline, E-9 Loghry Woods, E-5 Service Road, E-7 Saratoga gap, E-1B Travertine Springs, E-6 Saratoga Toll Road, E-16 Beekhuis Road, E-17 Skyline-to-Sea, E-14 Skyline, E-9	0.2 0' 1.8 -280' 0.1 - 20' 0.7 -280' 2.1 + 90' 0.4 -200' 0.4 +290' 3.5 +1200' 1.6 + 440'	Travertine Springs Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Knobcone Pine Forest Vistas	Saratoga Toll Road Louis Seek homesite	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park:- Skyline Tr MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain & Achistaca trails
ELW20	<b>Sky-to-Sea Toll Travertine Saratoga Skyline</b>	<b>21.6</b> 7.8-12.2	+3150'	Saratoga Gap (2600')** Sempervirens Pt. (2360') Waterman Gap Pullout (1320') Main Parking (3000')	Skyline-to-Sea, E-14 Cableway, E-19 Saratoga Toll Road, E-16 Travertine Springs, E-6 Saratoga Gap, E-1B Saratoga Gap, E-1A Link, E-10 Skyline, Sanborn Park Skyline, E-9	7.1 -1400' 1.9 - 500' 4.0 +1080' 2.1 + 550' 0.7 + 280' 2.6 + 630' 0.1 0' 1.4 +110' 1.7 +240'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Waterfall Upland Redwood Forest Knobcone Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon Riparian forest Redwood Forest Vistas	Saratoga Toll Road Louis Seek homesite	Hiking trails Climbing rocks CR Falls viewing platform Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park: Skyline Trail MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails Big Basin State Park

\* Fast = miles/3+0.00025 x elev. gain; Slow = miles/2+0.0005 x elev. gain

\*\* Plus Brewers Station pullout on the east side of Highway 9 which is close to Saratoga Gap

## ***PLANNED TRAIL LOOPS***

Tables E-3, E-4, and E-5, describe the thirty one (31) PLANNED trail loops that will be possible when the planned trails have been completed. Provided are Loop Number, Name, Length in miles, Hiking Time in hours (fast and slow), Cumulative Elevation Gain, Starting/Ending Point (roadhead parking), a list of trails comprising the loop in order of use, (from the top parking area listed), the mileage and elevation gain or loss of each trail, the natural, historic and recreational resources available on the loop, and connections to other parks. Planned new trails and parking areas are in *Italics*. Loop names are descriptive, usually the name of the major trail or trails comprising the loop. Hiking times are based on 3 miles per hour (fast) and 2 miles per hour (slow). The additional effect of elevation gain is predicted as 15 minutes per hour per 1000 feet (fast) and 30 minutes per hour per 1000 feet (slow). Mileages and elevation gains for most of the planned trails are from maps and recorded in Table D-2 in Appendix D. Most are estimates as their routes have not yet been measured and they can be expected to change some when the routes are measured by GPS or trails are measured by wheel as they are completed. As planned trails are completed, descriptions of the loops they permit can be corrected, added to the tables of existing trail loops, and used in park brochures and trail-head signs.



TABLE E-3: PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, RIDGE

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
							*Time, hours	Gain, feet	Natural
PLR1	<b>Goat Rock</b>	<b>0.4</b> 0.15 - 0.2	+160' (+240')	Partridge Parking (2990') (1)(2)	Goat Rock E-3 (Goat Rock Overlook) (to base of Goat Rock) Ridge E-2	0.3 + 40' 0.1 + 20' 0.05 -+ 80' 0.1 +100'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock +) Black Oak Forest Chaparral Vistas	Old orchard	Interp. Shelter Goat Rock Overlook Toilets
PLR2	<b>Partridge Farm All Access (4)</b>	<b>0.5</b> 0.2 - 0.3	+30'	Partridge Parking (2990')(4)	Partridge All Access P-23	0.5 + 30'	Black Oak Woodland Meadow Vistas	Old orchard	Interp. Shelter All Access trail Toilet
PLR3	<b>Waterfall Rocks</b>	<b>1.8</b> 0.7 - 1.1	+450'	Main Parking (3000') (1)	Castle Rock E-4 Waterfall Rocks P-21 Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.7 +170' 0.6 - 250' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Vistas	Smead cabin ruins	Toilets
PLR4	<b>Castle Waterfall Ridge Skyline</b>	<b>2.65</b> 1.0-1.7	+760'	Main Parking (3000') (1)(2) Partridge Parking (2990')	Castle Rock E-4 Waterfall Rocks P-21 Ridge E-2 Ridge Realignment P20 Skyline Crossing P-22 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Link E-10	0.7 +170' 0.6 - 250' 0.1 + 50' 0.5 +360' 0.35 + 40' 0.3 +140' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni (Castle, Goat Rocks) Castle Rock Falls Mixed Evergreen Forest Black Oak Woodland Chaparral Vistas	Smead cabin ruins	Hiking trail Interp. Shelter Goat Rock Vista Toilets Connects with Sanborn Park Skyline Trail
PLR5	<b>Lion Caves Docent</b>	<b>3.2</b> 1.3-2.0	+820'	Main Parking (3000') (1) Partridge Farm Parking (2990')(4)	Link E-10 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Skyline Crossing P-22 Lion Caves Docent P-25 Skyline Crossing P-22 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Link R-10	0.1 + 0' 0.3 + 10' 0.4 + 110' 1.6 + 520' 0.4 + 40' 0.3 + 140' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed Evergreen Forest Black Oak Woodland Chaparral Meadow	Old orchard	Hiking trail Interp. Shelter Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park Skyline Trail

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TABLE E-3: PLANNED TRAIL LOOPS, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, RIDGE (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
PLR6	<b>Castle Waterfall Saratoga Interconn Ridge</b>	<b>4.4</b> 1.5 - 2.5	+910'	Main Parking (3000') (1)(2)	Castle Rock E-4 Waterfall Rocks P-21 Saratoga Gap E-1A Interconnector E-11 Ridge E-2 Goat Rock E-3 Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.7 +170' 0.6 -250' 1.0 + 60' 0.2 +120' 1.0 +220' 0.4 + 60' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni (Castle, Goat Rocks+) Castle Rock Falls Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Vistas	Old orchard	Hiking trails Waterfall viewing platform Interp. Shelter Climbing rocks Toilets
PLR7	<b>Loghry Saratoga Ridge Skyline Crossing Skyline</b>	<b>4.85</b> 1.8 - 2.8	+790'	Summit Rock Parking (2800') Partridge Main Parking (2940') (1)(2)	Skyline E-9 Loghry Woods E-5 Saratoga Gap E-1A Interconnector E-11 Ridge E-2 Skyline Crossing P-22 Skyline (Sanborn Park )	0.2 0' 1.6 -380' 1.1 +310' 0.2 +120' 0.4 +220' 0.35 + 40' 1.0 +100'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock) Mixed Evergreen Forest Black Oak Woodland Chaparral Vistas	Old orchard	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Interp. Shelter Trail Camp Toilets
PLR8	<b>Castle Waterfall Saratoga Ridge Goat</b>	<b>6.6</b> 2.5 - 4.0	+1400'	Main Parking (3000') (1)(2) Partridge Parking (2940')	Castle Rock E-4 Waterfall Rocks P-21 Saratoga Gap E-1A Ridge E-2 Goat Rock E-3 Ridge Realignment P-20 Ridge E-2 Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.7 +170' 0.6 -250' 2.6 +150' 1.4 +640' 0.3 + 60' 0.4 +100' 0.1 - 50' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni (Castle, Goat Rocks) Castle Rock Falls Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Vistas	Old orchard	Hiking trails Waterfall viewing platform Interp. Shelter Climbing rocks Toilets
PLR9	<b>Skyline Skyline Crossing Ridge Saratoga</b>	<b>7.2</b> 2.7-4.1	+1160'	Saratoga Gap Parking (2600') ** Summit Rock Parking (2800') Partridge Parking (2940') (1)(2)	Skyline E-9 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Skyline Crossing P-22 Goat Rock E-3 Ridge E-2 Saratoga Gap E-1B	1.7 +340' 1.1 +210' 0.4 +110' 0.4 - 60' 0.5 + 60' 3.1 +440'	Sandstone tafoni (Goat Rock) Mixed Evergreen Forest Black Oak Woodland Chaparral Vistas	Old orchard	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Interp. Shelter Trail Camp Toilets

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\*\* Plus Brewers Station pullout on the east side of Highway 9 which is close to Saratoga Gap

- (1) When the Partridge Parking Lot replaces the present Main Parking Lot, about 1.0 mile and about 300' of additional elevation gain will be added or subtracted.
- (2) Goat Rock and Ridge trails will change. Ridge trail will go to and from Interpretive Shelter. Goat Rock Tr will go from Goat Rock to Interpretive Shelter and Ridge Tr.
- (4) Not feasible until the main parking lot is moved from its present location near Castle Rock to Partridge Farm.

TABLE E-4: PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, WEST

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational/ Connects with:
PLW1	<b>Sempervirens Point</b>	<b>0.3</b> 0.15 - 0.2	+80'	Sempervirens Point (2360')	Sempervirens Loop P-33 Summit Meadow E-15	0.2 +80' 0.1 -40'	Meadow Mixed Pine Forest Vistas		Hiking trails Toilet
PLW2	<b>Majestic Firs</b>	<b>0.6</b> 0.2 - 0.3	+40'	Sempervirens Point (2360')	Majestic Firs All Access P-34	0.6 +40'	Mixed Pine Forest Large specimen firs Meadow Vistas		All Access Hiking Toilet
PLW3	<b>Bay Laurel Valley View Summit Meadow</b>	<b>1.9</b> 0.7 - 1.1	+320'	Red Mountain/Ho Gate (2500') Sempervirens Point (2360')	Bay Laurel P-27 Valley View P-37 Summit Meadows E-15	0.7 +40' 0.3 +160' 0.9 +120'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow, Vistas		trails Toilet
PLW4	<b>Sky-to-Sea Bay Laurel Summit Meadow</b>	<b>2.1</b> 0.8-1.3	+340'	Sempervirens Point (2360') Red Mountain/Ho Gate (2500')	Skyline to Sea E-14 Bay Laurel P-27 Valley View P37 Summit Meadows E-15	0.8 +140' 0.7 +40' 0.3 +160' 0.3 40'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow Vistas		trails Toilet
PLW5	<b>Bay Laurel Toll Tin Can Summit Meadow</b>	<b>3.5</b> 1.2 - 2.0	+540'	Red Mountain/Ho Gate (2500') Sempervirens Point (2360')	Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Tin Can Creek P-28 Skyline to Sea E-14 Summit Meadows E-15	0.9 +40' 0.9 -300' 0.6 +200' 0.5 +160' 1.1 +140'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow Vistas	<del>Tin Can Ranch</del> Hiking	Hiking trails Toilet Connects with MROSD Red Mountain trails
PLW6	<b>Sky-to-Sea Bay Laurel Toll Road</b>	<b>4.1</b> 1.5 - 2.5	+820'	Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Red Mountain/Ho Gate (2500')	Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Skyline -to-Sea E-14	1.2 '-160' 0.9 +20' 1.7 +720' 0.3 +80'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon	Redwood Forest Vistas	Hiking trails Toilet Connects with MROSD Red Mountain trails
PLW7	<b>Michael's Summit Loop (3)</b>	<b>4.5</b> 1.9 - 3.0	+1460'	<i>Waterman Switch (720') (1)</i>	Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Perimeter P-26 Kings Creek Truck P-26 Michael's Summit P-38 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-16	0.3 +60' 1.2 +800' 0.9 +40' 1.6 +560' 0.2 -120' 0.3 60'	SL River Canyon Riparian forest	Redwood Forest Vistas	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet
PLW8	<b>Sky-to-Sea Bay Laurel Brush Toll Road</b>	<b>5.1</b> 2.0 - 3.1	+1080'	Sempervirens Point (2360')	Summit Meadows E-15 Valley View P-37 Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Brush Creek Fault p-32 Skyline -to-Sea E-14	0.2 +40' 0.3 -110' 0.2 -210' 2.0 -440' 0.2 +200' 2.1 +840'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon	Riparian forest Redwood Forest Vistas	Hiking trails Toilet

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TABLE E-4: PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, WEST (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational/ Connects with:
PLW9	River Crosscut (3)	5.4 2.0 - 3.1	+840'	Waterman Switch (720') (1)	Saratoga Toll Road E-W16 River P-29 Crosscut P-31 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-W03	0.3 + 60' 1.4 +160' 2.1 +560' 1.3 + 60' 0.3 - 60'	Mixed Pine Forest SL River Canyon Cascades Riparian forest Redwood Forest Large Redwoods	Toll Road Cabin site Historic sawmill site Hall's rest stop	Hiking trails Toilet
PLW10	Sky-to-Sea Summit Meadows Bay Laurel Toll Road	5.9 / 2.2 - 3.4	+960'	Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Red Mountain/Ho Gate (2500') Sempervirens Point (2360')	Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Summit Meadow E-15 Valley View P-37 Bay laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Skyline-to-Sea E-14	1.8 - 160' 1.1 + 140' 0.3 110' 0.7 + 20' 1.7 + 720' 0.3 + 80'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon	Redwood Forest Vistas	Hiking trails Toilet Connects with MROSD Achistaca, Red Mountain trails
PLW11	Bay Laurel Toll Road River Beekhuis Sky-to-Sea	6.4 2.5 - 4.2	+1430'	Sempervirens Point (2360')	Summit Meadows E-15 Valley View P-37 Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Travertine Springs E-6 River P-29 Old Beekhuis Road P-30 Beekhuis Road E-17 Skyline-to-Sea E-14	0.2 + 40' 0.3 -110' 0.2 -210' 0.9 -300' 1.0 + 60' 0.7 -520' 0.9 +480' 0.5 +290' 1.7 +560'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon Travertine Springs Riparian forest Cascades Redwood Forest Vistas	Toll Road	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet
PLW12	Toll Road Beekhuis River	6.4 2.3 - 3.6	+880'	Waterman Switch (720') (1)	Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Old Beekhuis Road P-30 River P-29 Saratoga Toll Road E-16	3.5 +880' 0.9 -480' 1.8 -400' 0.2 - 60'	Mixed Pine Forest SL River Canyon Cascades Riparian forest Redwood Forest	Toll Road Historic sawmill site Hall's rest stop	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet
PLW13	Sky-to-Sea Brush Creek Toll Road	7.8 2.8 - 4.3	+800'	Waterman Switch (720') (1) Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Cableway E-19 Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Brush Creek Fault P-32 Saratoga Toll Road E-16	0.2 + 60' 1.9 +500' 3.1 +240' 0.2 -200' 2.4 -820'	Mixed Evergreen Forest SL River Canyon Riparian forest Redwood Forest	Toll Road Historic sawmill site Hall's rest stop	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Big Basin State Park

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TABLE E-4: PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, WEST (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational/ Connects with:
PLW14	<b>Toll Road Travertine River</b>	<b>8.1</b> 3.0 - 4.6	+1140'	Waterman Switch (720') (1)	Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Travertine Springs E-6 River P-29 Saratoga Toll Road E-16	4.3 +1080' 1.0 + 60' 2.5 -920' 0.3 - 60'	Mixed evergreen Forest Chaparral Meadow SL River Canyon Riparian forest Cascades Redwood Forest	Toll Road Historic sawmill site Hall's rest stop	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet
PLW15	<b>Toll Road River Sky-to-Sea</b>	<b>12.2</b> 4.5 - 6.9	+1680'	Sempervirens Point (2360') Waterman Switch (720') (1) Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Summit Meadows E-15 Valley View P-37 Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Travertine Springs E-6 River P-29 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Cableway E-19 Skyline-to-Sea E-14	0.2 + 40' 0.3 -110' 0.2 -210' 0.9 -240' 1.0 + 60' 2.5 -920' 0.2 - 60' 1.9 +500' 5.0 +1080'	Mixed Pine Forest Meadow SL River Canyon Riparian forest Cascades Redwood Forest Vistas	Travertine Springs Toll Road Historic sawmill site Hall's rest stop	Hiking trails Toilet
PLW16	<b>Bay Laurel Sky-to-Sea Toll Road</b>	<b>12.5</b> 4.6 - 7.1	+1620'	Sempervirens Point (2360') Waterman Switch (720') (1) Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Summit Meadows E-15 Valley View P-37 Bay Laurel P-27 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Cableway E-19 Skyline -to-Sea E-14	0.2 + 40' 0.3 -160' 0.2 -210' 4.9 -1300' 1.9 +500' 5.0 +1080'	Mixed Pine forest Meadow SL River Canyon Riparian forest Redwood Forest Vistas	Toll Road	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Big Basin State Park

\* Fast = miles/3+0.00025 x elev. gain; Slow = miles/2+0.0005 x elev. gain

\*\* Plus Brewers Station pullout on the east side of Highway 9 which is close to Saratoga Gap

(1) When the Waterman Switch Parking Lot is completed.



TABLE E-5: PLANNED TRAIL SYSTEM, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, CIRCUMFERENCE

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
							Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
PLA1	<b>Around and through the Park</b>	<b>15.8</b> 6.0 - 9.5	+3150'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge (2940') (2)(4) Saratoga Gap (2600')** Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3)	Castle Rock E-4 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-14 Travertine Springs E-6 Saratoga Gap E-1B Saratoga Gap E-1A Ridge E-2 Goat Rock E-3 Ridge Reroute P-20 Saratoga Gap Trail E-1A	0.2 +170' 6.3 +380' 3.9 +1000' 2.1 +550' 0.7 + 40' 0.1 0' 1.1 +530' 0.4 +100' 0.5 +100' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed Evergreen Forest Chaparral Upland Redwood Knobcone Pine and riparian forests, Black Oak Woodland Meadow SL River Canyon Vistas	Toll Road Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Interp. Shelter Trail camp Toilet
PLA2	<b>Around the Park</b>	<b>17.1</b> 6.4 - 9.8	+2810'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge (2940') (2)(4) Saratoga Gap (2600')** Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3)	Castle Rock E-4 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Skyline E-9 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Link E-10	0.2 +170' 6.3 +380' 6.7 +1740' 0.3 + 80' 1.7 +440' 1.4 +350' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni Mixed evergreen, riparian & Redwood Forests Chaparral Meadow SL River Canyon Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest Toll Road Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park: Skyline Trail MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails
PLA3	<b>All Around and through the Park # 1</b>	<b>18.6</b> 6.9 - 10.7	+2890'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge (2940') (2)(4) Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3)	Castle Rock , E-4 Perimeter , P-26 Saratoga Toll Road , E-16 Skyline-to-Sea- . E-14 Saratoga Gap E-1B Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.2 +200' 6.3 +380' 6.7 +1320' 0.3 + 80' 2.5 +280' 2.6 +630'	Sandstone tafoni Chaparral Waterfall Mixed evergreen, upland Redwood, Knobcone, riparian, and Redwood Forests Meadow SL River Canyon Vistas	Toll Road Louis Seek homesite Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Castle Rock Falls viewing platform Trail camp Toilet Connects with MROSD: Saratoga Gap Trails

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TABLE E-5: PLANNED TRAIL LOOPS, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, CIRCUMFERENCE (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
PLA4	<b>All Around the Park</b>	<b>19.0</b> 7.0 - 10.9	+2890'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge (2940') (2)(4) Summit Rock (2800) Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Red Mountain (2510') Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3)	Castle Rock E-4 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Cableway E-19 Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Skyline E-9 Skyline (Sanborn Park) Link E-10	0.2 +170' 6.3 +380' 0.3 - 60' 1.9 +500' 7.1 +1400' 1.7 +440' 1.4 +350' 0.1 0'	Sandstone tafoni Chaparral Mixed evergreen, Knobcone, riparian, & Redwood Forests Meadow SL River Canyon Vistas	Loghry Woods Demo Forest Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park: Skyline Trail MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails Big Basin State Park
PLA5	<b>All Around and through the Park # 2</b>	<b>19.8</b> 7.8 - 12.1	+3650'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge (2940') (2)(4) Saratoga Gap(2600') ** Red Mountain (2510') Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3) Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Castle Rock E-4 Perimeter P-26 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Waterman fault P-36 Cableway E-19 Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Saratoga Gap E-1B Saratoga Gap E-1A Ridge E-2 Ridge Reroute R1 Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.2 +170' 6.3 +380' 0.3 - 60' 0.4 +240' 0.7 +500' 7.1 +1320' 2.5 +280' 0.1 0' 1.2 +620' 0.5 +100' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni Chaparral Mixed Evergreen, Upland Redwood, Redwood, Knobcone, & riparian forests Meadow SL River Canyon Vistas	Toll Road Louis Seek homesite Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Trail camp Toilet Connects with Sanborn Park: Skyline Trail MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails Big Basin State Park

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TABLE E-5: PLANNED TRAIL LOOPS, ADDED TRAIL LOOPS, CIRCUMFERENCE (CONTINUED)

Loop No.	Loop Name	Length, miles	Cumm. Elev.	Starting/Ending Point (parking area)	Trails Comprising the Loop	Length, mi. Gain-Loss, ft.	RESOURCES		
		*Time, hours	Gain, feet				Natural	Historic	Recreational & Connections
PLA6	All Around and through the Park #3	22.0 8.3 - 12.9	+3770'	Main (3000') (1)(2) Partridge(2940') (2)(4) Saratoga Gap (2600') ** Red Mountain(2510') Sempervirens Point (2320') Waterman Switch (720') (3) Waterman Gap Pullout (1320')	Castle Rock E-4 Perimeter P-26 Crosscut P-31 San Lorenzo River P-29 Saratoga Toll Road E-16 Waterman Fault P-36 Cableway E-19 Skyline-to-Sea E-14 Saratoga Gap E-1B Saratoga Gap E-1A Ridge E-2 Ridge Reroute P-20 Saratoga Gap E-1A	0.2 +170' 5.0 +380' 2.1 +120' 1.4 - 160' 0.3 - 60' 0.4 +240' 0.7 +260' 7.1 +1320' 2.5 +280' 0.1 0' 1.2 +620' 0.5 +100' 0.5 +280'	Sandstone tafoni Chaparral Mixed Evergreen, Upland Redwood, Redwood, Knobcone, & riparian forest Meadow SL River Canyon Cascades Vistas	Toll Road Louis Seek homesite Kings Creek Truck Trail	Hiking trails Climbing rocks Trail camp Toilet Connects with MROSD: Saratoga Gap, Red Mountain, & Achistaca trails Big Basin State Park

\* Fast = miles/3+0.00025 x elev. gain; Slow = miles/2+0.0005 x elev. gain

\*\* Plus Brewers Station pullout on the east side of Highway 9 which is close to Saratoga Gap

- (1) When the Partridge Parking Lot replaces the present Main Parking Lot, about 1.0 mile and about 300' of additional elevation gain will be added or subtracted.
- (2) Change to Goat Rock and Ridge trails. Ridge trail will go to and from Interpretive Shelter. Goat Rock Tr will go from Goat Rock to Goat Rock Overlook, Interpretive Shelter, & Ridge Tr.
- (3) When the Waterman Switch Parking Lot is completed.
- (4) When the main parking lot is moved from its present location near Castle Rock to Partridge Farm.



## **APPENDIX F: TRAIL CLASSIFICATION MATRICES**

Both the existing and planned trails have been classified using the State Parks Classification Matrix and instructions from the Trails Manual. Table F-1 presents the completed classification matrix for all of the existing trails along with their lengths, elevation gains (and losses), a list of visitor use facilities, and a list of major (not all) destinations. Table F-2 presents the completed classification matrix for all of the planned trails, along with the same additional information as presented for existing trails.

**TABLE F-1: EXISTING TRAIL CLASSIFICATION MATRIX/TRAIL NAME**

Criteria / Trail number	POINT VALUES	Saratoga Gap East (A)	Saratoga Gap West (B)	Ridge	Goat Rock	Castle Rock	Loghry Woods	Travertine Springs	Service Road 35 to Trail Camp	Frog Flat Fire Road	Skyline	Link - Skyline to Parking Lot	Interconnector Ridge to Sar G	Parking Lot Whole Access	Oak Meadow	Skyline-to-the-Sea	Summit Meadows	Saratoga Toll Road	Beekhuis Road	Cut Off	Cableway	Total miles
		E-1A	E-1B	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-10	E-11	E-12	E-13	E-14	E-15	E-16	E-17	E-18	E-19	
1 Handicapped Accessible	20													20								
2 Interpretive	20														20							
3 Within Visitor Use facility	20																					
4 Equestrian and Bike	15								15									15		15	15	
5 Adjacent to Visitor Use Facility																						
0 -1/4 mile	12	12	12	12	12	12	12		12	12	12	12		12	12	12	12					
1/4 - 1 mile	8												8					8		8	8	
1 - 2 mile	4							4											4			
2 or more miles	0																					
6 Connection with Visitor Use Facilities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		5	5	5	5		5		5	5					
7 Parking Access	5	5	5			5					5	5				5	5					
8 Destination Oriented																						
0 - 1 mile	3	3	3		3	3		3	3	3				3								3
1 - 3 miles	2						2															
3+ miles	1			1							1					1		1				
9 Connection with Other Agency Trail	+3 to+5	1	4			1	3		2		2	2	1			3						
10 Special use or Access	1																					
11 Dead end Trail	0 or -3													-1								
12 Loop or Connecting Trail	+1 to+3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
13 Fragile Environment																						
Protected by lessening Use	-1 to-3																					
Protected by Upgrading	+1 to+3					1		2														
14 Safety Factors																						
a Encourage less use, no improve	-1 to-5																					
b Provide and maintain improvements	0 to+5	3		1							2					3		2	1			
15 Staff Determined Use Patterns																						
little or no use	-1 to-3																					
higher use	+1 to+3																		1	1	1	
Level of Accessibility (1)	1 to 4	1	1	1	I	1	1		1		1	1	1	3	2	1	1					
<b>TOTAL CLASSIFICATION POINTS</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>TRAIL CLASSIFICATION</b>		<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	
<b>TRAIL LENGTH miles</b>		<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>ELEVATION GAIN/LOSS feet</b>		+150	+440	+560	+120	+200	+380	+180	+460	-240	+240	+20	+120	+10	+40'	-1360	+100	-1800	-290	+60	-500	
		-630	+280	+250	+40	+260	-380	+560	-460	+240	+440	-20	-120	-10	-40'	+1360	-140	+1800	+290	+120	+500	

<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>				<b>DESTINATIONS:</b>			
<b>I=20+</b>	<b>II=10-19</b>	<b>III=5-9</b>	<b>IV =0-4</b>	Castle Rock	Climbing Rocks	Big Basin/Pacific Ocean	CR Trail Camp
<b>VISITOR USE FACILITIES:</b>				Castle Rock Falls	Travertine Springs	Upper San Lorenzo River	WG Trail camp
Main Parking Lot	CR Trail Camp	Tin Can Ranch facilities		Goat Rock	Oak Knoll	Redwood groves	Louis Seek Homesite
Sempervirens Point	WG Trail camp	Interpretive Shelter		Hiking Loops	Benches (7)	Large individual Redwoods	Loghry Demo Forest
Waterman Kiosk	Saratoga Gap	Waterfall View pl		Goat Rock View Pt.	ES Bird Obs Area	Remains of railroad bed	Native American Sites

**TABLE F-2: PLANNED TRAIL CLASSIFICATION MATRIX/TRAIL NAME**

POINT VALUES		Ridge Trail Realignment	Waterfall Rocks	Skyline Crossing	Partridge All Access	Oak Knoll	Lion Caves Docent	Perimeter Tr-KCTT Links	Perimeter Tr-Old Summit	Perimeter Tr-Panorama Ridge	Perimeter Tr-KC Crossing	Perimeter Tr-Saddleback Ridge	Bay Laurel	Tin Can Creek	River Trail Craig Fork	River trail Cascades	River Trail Sawmill	River Trail Railroad	Old Beekhuis	Crosscut Cabin Canyon	Crosscut Old Redwood	Brush Creek Fault	Sempervirens Point Loop	Majestic Firs All Access	Waterman Switch All Access	Waterman Fault	Valley View	Michal's Summit Loop	Brewers Station	Total miles		
CRITERIA	TRAIL NUMBER	P21	P22	P23	P24	P25	P26a	P26b	P26c	P26d	P26e	P27	P28	P29a	P29b	P29c	P29d	P30	P31a	P31b	P32	P33	P34	P35	P36	P37	P38	P39				
1	Handicapped Accessible	20		20																												
2	Interpretive	20				20																	20	20								
3	Within Visitor Use facility	20																														
4	Equestrian and Bike	15				15																							15			
5	Adjacent to Visitor Use Facility																															
	0 -1/4 mile	12	12	12	12																		12	12	12	12						
	1/4 - 1 mile	8	8			8		8					8													8	8					
	1 - 2 mile	4					4	4	4			4					4															
	2 or more miles	0																														
6	Connection with Visitor Use Facilities	5	5	5	5																	5	5	5								
7	Parking Access	5			5	5		5	5			5										5	5	5					5			
8	Destination Oriented																			3												
	0 - 1 mile	3	3	3	3																											
	1 - 3 miles	2																														
	3+ miles	1												1	1	1	1															
9	Connection with Other Agency Trail	+3 to +5		3		1																								3		
10	Special use or Access	1			1	1																										
11	Dead end Trail	0 or -3				-2																										
12	Loop or Connecting Trail	+1 to +3	3	3	3	2		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0		
13	Fragile Environment																															
	Protected by lessening Use	-1 to -3																														
	Protected by Upgrading	+1 to +3			2			2		2						1	1	1		1	1											
14	Safety Factors																															
	a Encourage less use, no improve	-1 to -5				3							1																			
	b Provide and maintain improvement	0 to +5	1	3	3	5	4		3							2	1		1								1					
15	Staff Determined Use Patterns																															
	little or no use	-1 to -3																														
	higher use	+1 to +3																					3									
	Level of Accessibility (I)	1 to 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL CLASSIFICATION POINTS</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>			
<b>TRAIL CLASSIFICATION</b>		<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>I</b>			
<b>TRAIL LENGTH miles</b>		<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>21.7</b>		
<b>ELEVATION GAIN/LOSS, feet</b>		<b>+100</b>	<b>+320</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>+30</b>	<b>+100</b>	<b>-520</b>	<b>-2030</b>	<b>+80</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>+240</b>	<b>+140</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>-840</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>+480</b>	<b>+80</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>+60</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+240</b>	<b>+110</b>	<b>+600</b>	<b>+80</b>			
		-360	-320	+110	+30	+120	-520	+1860	-80	+200	+400	+620	-380	=200	+840	--	--	--	+480	-480	+120	-200	-50	-40	+20	-240	-110	+1160	-80			

CLASSIFICATION:		DESTINATIONS:	
<b>I=20+</b>	<b>II=10-19</b>	<b>III=5-9</b>	<b>IV =0-4</b>
<b>VISITOR USE FACILITIES:</b>		Castle Rock	Climbing Rocks
Main Parking Lot	CR Trail Camp	Castle Rock Falls	Travertine Springs
Sempervirens Point	Tin Can Ranch facilities	Goat Rock	San Lorenzo River
Waterman Kiosk	WG Trail camp	Interpretive Shelter	Oak Knoll
		Hiking Loops	Redwood groves
		Benches (7)	Louis Seek Homesite
		Large individual Redwoods	Loghry Demo Forest
		Remains of railroad	Lion Caves



**APPENDIX G: PARKING SURVEY, HIGHWAYS 9 AND 35**

As a result of parking surveys done for the Castle Rock Advisory Committee and the Castle Rock Trails Committee, Tables G-1 and G-2 list the possible locations along State Highways 9 and 35 that may permit the development of parking. Driveways and private road entrances are not included. All locations on Highway 35 except the CRSP Main Parking Lot are on CalTrans controlled property. All locations on State Highway 9 are on State Parks property. Some changes have been made in the "APPROX. # OF VEH." from the original survey based on subsequent information. These are indicated with a single asterisk \*.

**TABLE G-1: PARKING SURVEY, HIGHWAY 9**

The following are locations along State Highway 9 that permit the development of parking and the approximate number of vehicles each site might hold. Driveways and private road entrances are not included. All locations along State Highway 9 are on State Parks property.

NAME	LOCATION	APPROX. NO. OF VEHICLES	NOTES
<b>Brewers Station**</b>	26.90 (east)	15 - 20	4 - 5 Horse trailers, call Box
	26.81 (west)	15 - 20	Water wells in center
	26.78 (east)	10 - 15	
	26.71 (east)	3 - 5	
<b>Oil Creek**</b>	26.68 (west)	10 - 25	Berm will need modification
	26.24 (west)	7 - 13	
<b>Red Mountain**</b>	26.00 (west)	40 - 50	Two separate areas, Gate, Call Box
<b>Ho Gate**</b>	25.90 (east)	10 - 12	Horse camp gate
	25.90 (west)	10 - 15	
<b>Sempervirens Point**</b>	25.20 (east)	21*	Paved, toilet, Call Box, picnic tables
	25.10 (west)	7 - 10	
	24.68 (east)	7 - 20	
	24.50 (east)	7 - 10	Passing lane
	24.45 (west)	15 - 20	
	24.39 (west)	15 - 20	Call Box
	23.54 (east)	3 - 5	
	23.33 (east)	3 - 5	Call Box
<b>Beekhuis Road**</b>	23.31 (east)	3 - 5	
	23.02 (west)	5 - 7	
	22.97 (west)	2 - 5	
	22.80 (west)	7 - 10	
	22.61 (west)	3 - 7	
	22.48 (west)	2 - 5	
	22.38 (east)	5 - 8	
	22.12 (east)	7 - 15	Call Box
<b>South Boundary (Old)</b>	22.03 (east)	10 - 15	
	21.95 (east)	5 - 7	
	21.57 (east)	5 - 7	
<b>Trail Camp**</b>	21.43 (east)	7 - 12	Turnout
<b>Waterman Gap**</b>	21.00(west)	20 - 25	Call Box
<b>APPROXIMATE MINIMUM VEHICLES:</b>		279	
<b>APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM VEHICLES:</b>		404	

\*\* Locations have developed trail access.

**TABLE G-2 PARKING SURVEY, STATE HIGHWAY 35**

The following locations along State Highway 35 may permit the development of parking and the approximate number of vehicles might hold outside the NO PARKING zone between mileposts 10.8 and 12.67. Driveways and private road entrances are not included. All locations except the CRSP Main Parking Lot are Caltrans property.

NAME	LOCATION	APPROX. NO. OF VEHICLES	NOTES
<b>Saratoga Gap Parking</b>	14.1 (east)	20 - 30	Paved Parking area
<b>Lot. Trail head **</b>	14.0 (east) 13.9 (east)	8 - 10 8 - 10	Call Box
<b>Park begins**</b>	13.87 (east) 13.76 (east) 13.7 - 13.6 (west) 13.66 - 13.53 (west) 13.66 - 13.53 (west) 13.65 (east) 13.23.- 13.2 (east) 13.2 (west)	6 - 8 10 - 12 10 - 11 20 - 25 8 - 10 2 - 3 15 -17 8 - 10	Equestrian entrance Possible trailer parking
<b>Loghry Woods**</b>	13.0 West 12.99 (east) 12.95 (east) 12.8	12 - 15 5 - 6 3 - 6	Overlook to the west Loghry Woods Trail
<b>Summit Rock Lot**</b>	12.67 (east)	20 - 25 *	No Parking Zone
<b>Gun Club**</b>	12.4		Service Road Trail
<b>Main Parking Lot**</b>	11.59 (west) 11.59 - 11.50 (west)	50 - 55* 10 - 30*	CRSP Main Parking Lot Parked Vertically
<b>Indian Rock**</b>	11.50 - 11.42 (east)	10 - 20*	
<b>Large open space</b>	10.9 (east)	50 -75	If developed (included in total)
<b>End of zone</b>	10.8		End of No Parking Zone
<b>APPROXIMATE MINIMUM VEHICLES:</b>		255	
<b>APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM VEHICLES:</b>		378	

Locations have developed trail access\*\*





## **APPENDIX H: RESOURCE MAPS**

In 1979 a Resource Inventory of the Park was prepared by H.T. Harvey and Associates under the sponsorship of the Sempervirens Fund. Among other things it included “constraint maps,” maps showing area that should be avoided when trails or other developments were planned for the Park. Copies of their report are available but the quality of the constraint maps in them is very poor. The originals of the maps were large scale hand drawn while the copies in the report were small reproductions. Unfortunately all the original materials were destroyed during a housecleaning project. However copies of drafts of a few large scale maps were found in Sempervirens’ office in 2007. These were scanned on a large flatbed scanner to produce two of the maps included here; Wildlife Protection and Roads and Trails. The scan files, approximately 8 MB in size, are available for printing on a larger scale or examination on a computer. The Bird Migration and Closure Areas maps included here are overlays produced by hand from poor quality maps included in the report.

In addition to the maps included here others are available in the report, including the following:

**Plant Communities**

**Slopes**

**Seismic Hazards**

**Landslides & Geology**

FIGURE H-1: CLOSURE AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

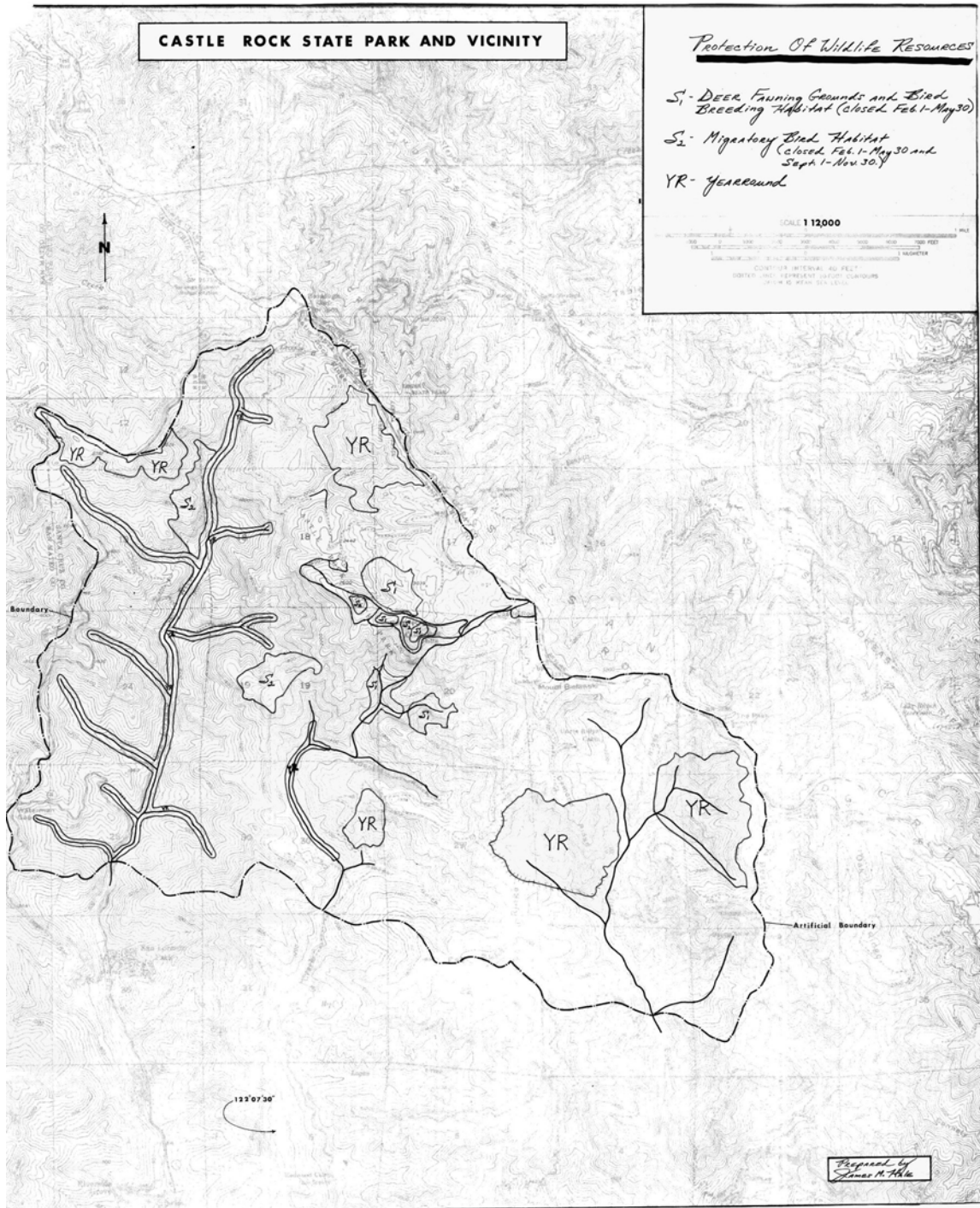


FIGURE H-2: BIRD MIGRATION ROUTES

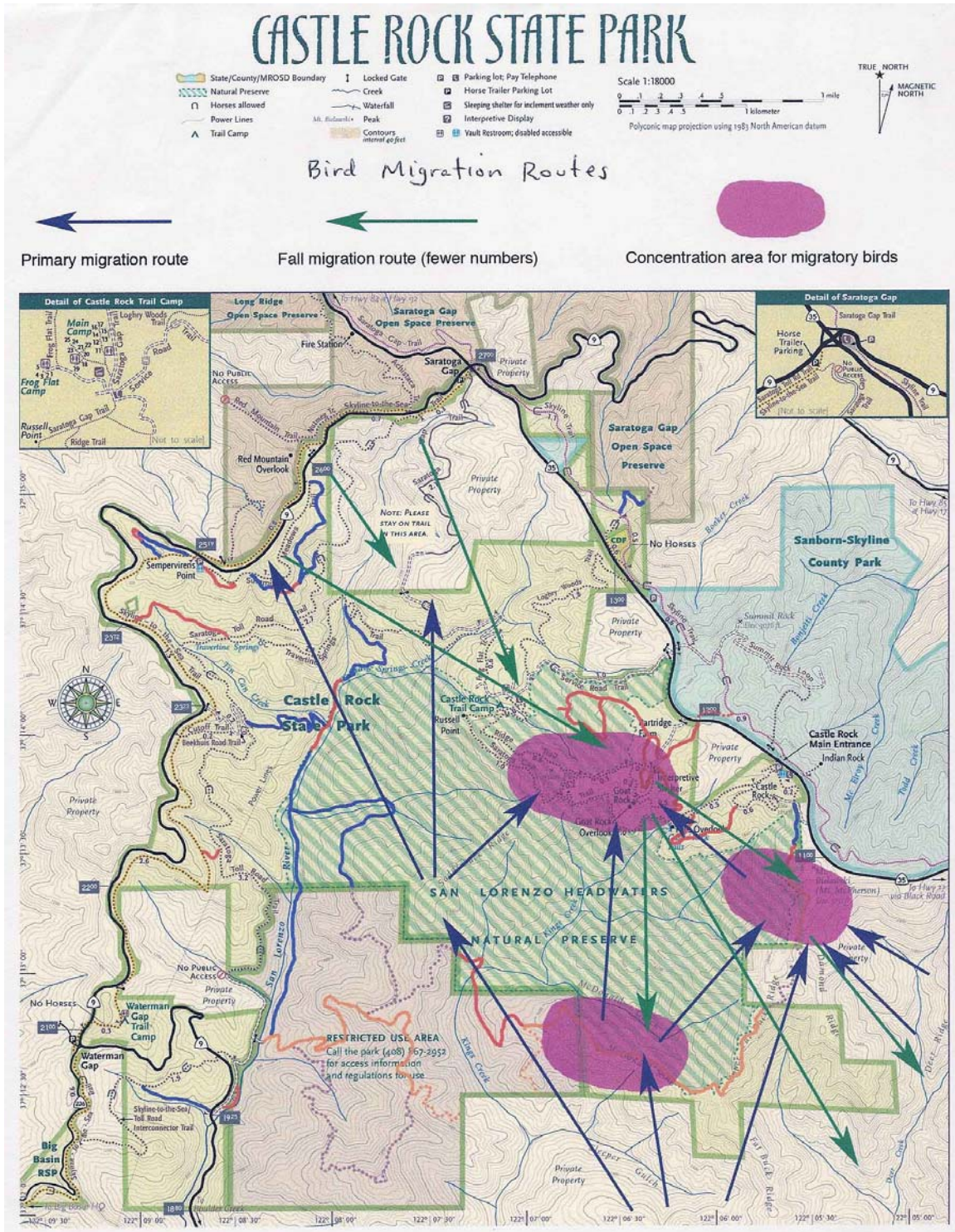


FIGURE H-3: WILDLIFE PROTECTION

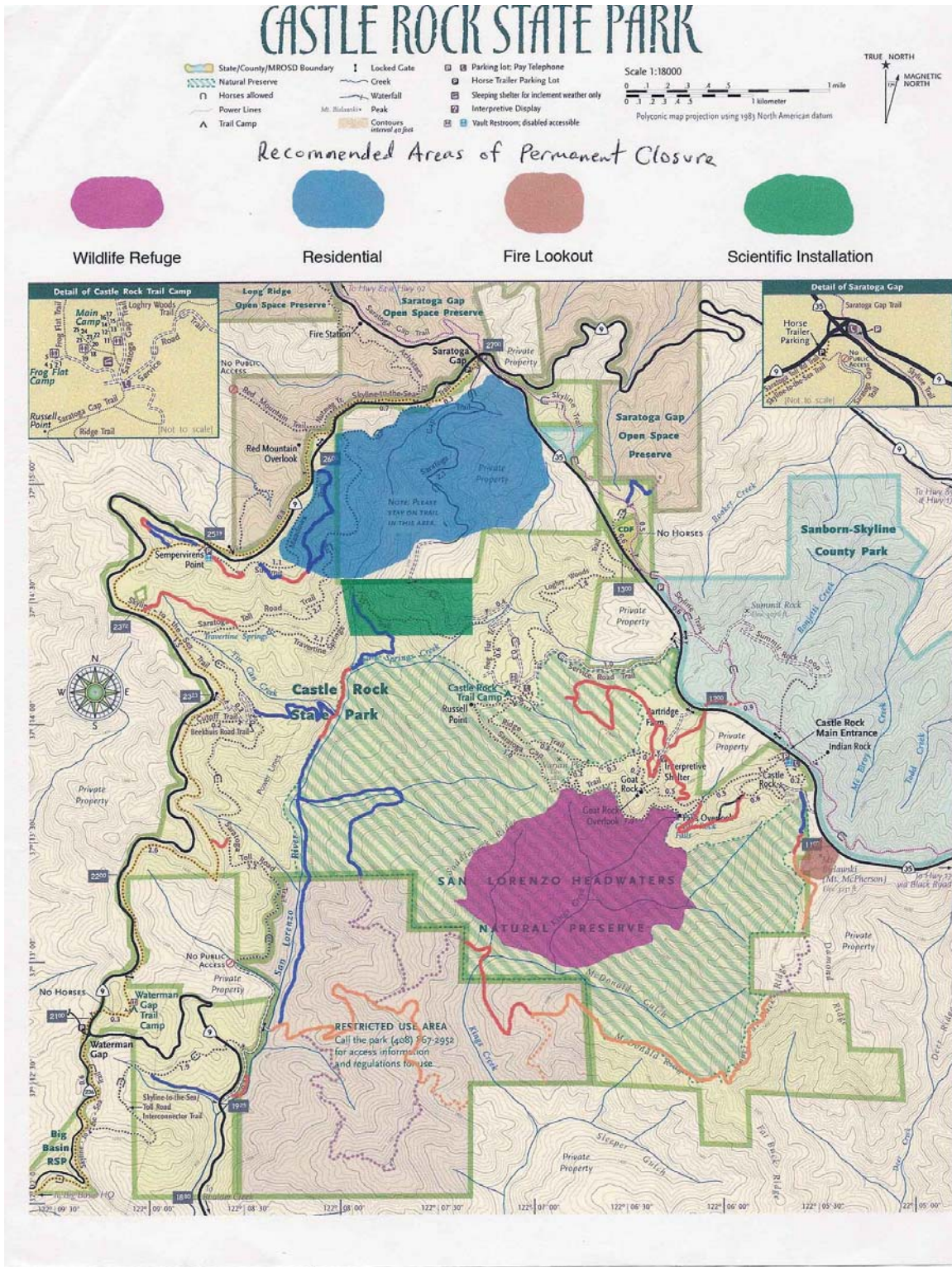
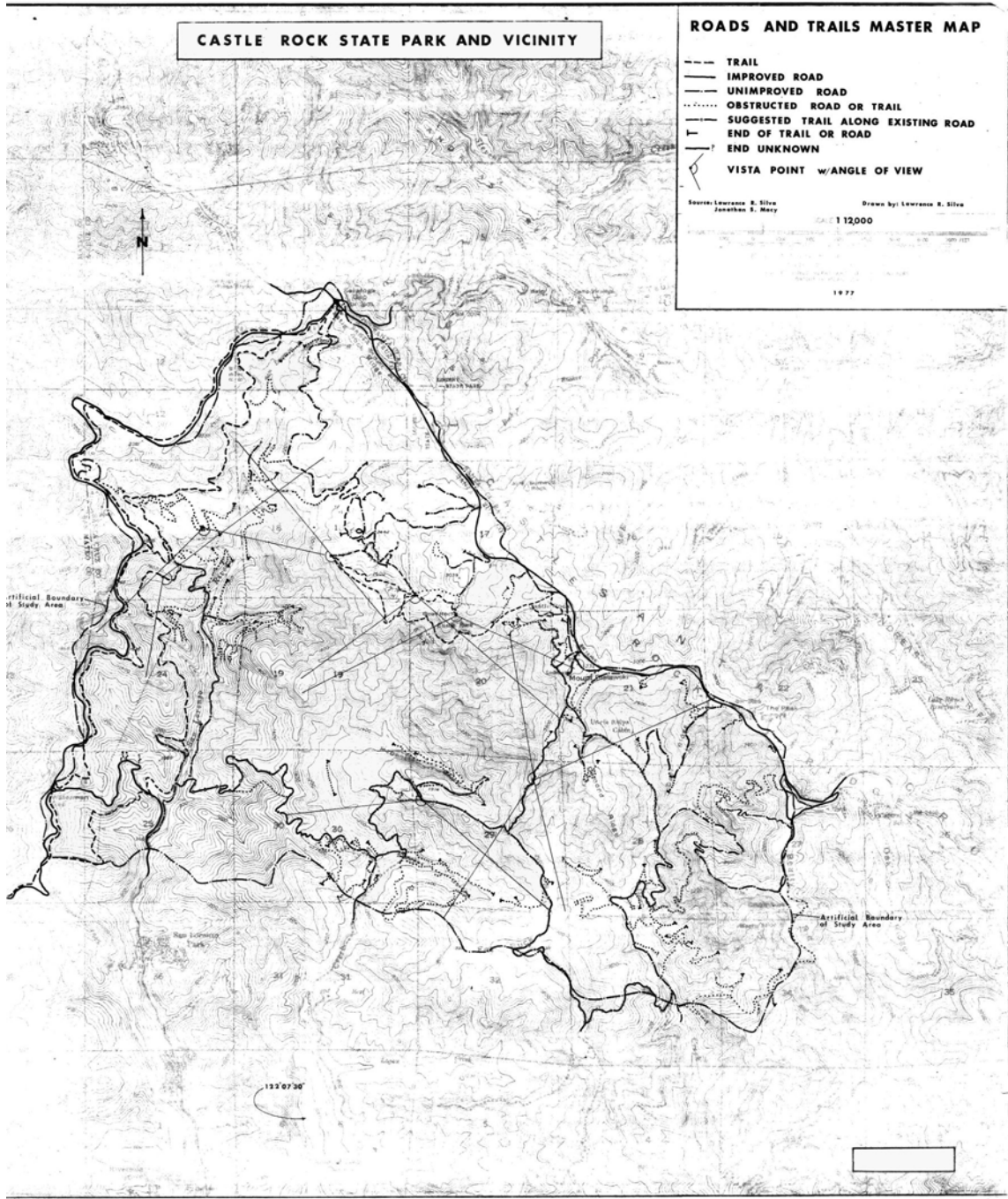


FIGURE H-4: OLD ROADS AND TRAILS

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## **APPENDIX J: GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES**

### **GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND GUIDELINES**

The General Plan for Castle Rock State Park dated February 1999 (with Amendment 2, March, 2000) provides much direction as to the nature of the Park trail system. It includes characterizations of individual resources and areas of the park as more or less tolerant of visitor impacts and includes operational considerations. These and the following goals and guidelines are respected in preparation of this Unit Trails Plan. The following text restates the goals and individual “guidelines” of the General Plan as they relate to the trails themselves, to parking and access to trails, to Partridge Farm as it relates to parking, trail camps, interpretation, to historic features as they relate to trail issues, and to resource management as it relates to trails and trail issues. Page numbers, e.g. (Pg XX), refer to pages in the General Plan.

Table J-1 lists these goals and guidelines and the paragraph, table and figure numbers where the individual goals or, in most cases, guidelines are addressed within the Trails Plan.

### **J.1 Trails**

“The trail system is the primary recreation facility and means for visitors to experience undeveloped areas of the park. Unless well planned and maintained, they also may constitute a significant environmental impact. Impacts resulting from existing trail use at Castle Rock State Park include the propensity of numerous “social trails” (volunteer trails), vegetation damage and soil erosion that alters drainage patterns and increases sediments to Streams” (Page 74)

**Goal: (Pg 74) “Provide appropriate access and opportunities for the visiting public to enjoy the park, while not degrading the natural features and ecological processes.”**

**Guidelines:**

#### **J.1.1 UNIT TRAILS PLAN**

(Pg 74) “A Unit Trails Plan should be prepared that strives to create opportunities for visitors to enjoy the unique and diverse topography, geology, biotic communities, and scenic view at Castle Rock State Park. The actual location, distance, and use of future trails should be governed by this plan.”

#### **J.1.2 LOW IMPACT ACCESS**

(Pg 74) “Castle Rock State Park has opportunities to provide a trail experience where access and low impact use remains a priority in future park management, and complements the preservation of wild-lands and diverse resource values.”

#### **J.1.3 INTERPRETATION & TRAIL USE SIGNING**

(Pg 74) “Trailhead connections and signing for interpretive information and visitor safety should be improved throughout the park and at main points of entry along State Highways 9 and 35.”

### **J.1.4 LOOP TRAIL SYSTEM**

(Pg 75) “A loop-trail system should be designated to distribute people throughout the park and encourage use of perimeter parking locations, and to facilitate a balance of trail use that is commensurate with resource values.”

### **J.1.5 NATURAL PRESERVE**

(Pg 75) “First consideration should be given to trail routes and connections outside the natural preserve boundaries, such as portions of the Kings Creek Truck Trail, through use of recreation and/or conservation easements.”

### **J.1.6 PARK, REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM**

(Pg 75) “Trails should provide for public access within the park and to adjacent regional trail systems, with priority for achieving unit-wide resource management goals and objectives. The Department should support regional trail objectives, coordinate with other land management agencies in the Santa Cruz Mountains vicinity to evaluate and monitor resource conditions, and share information to develop open space management programs and multiple use trails plans on a regional scale.”

### **J.1.7 DEPT TRAIL SPECIFICATIONS**

(Pg 75) “Future trails planning and construction should include the Department's specifications and policies concerning trail construction and maintenance, and be coordinated with soil erosion and sediment practices prescribed in the” San Lorenzo River Watershed Management Plan.

### **J.1.8 MULTI-AGENCY VISITOR CENTER**

(Pg 74) “A primary visitor contact location, such as a multi-agency visitor center, should be considered for dissemination of regional trails information.” (See guideline J.5.8, Multi-Agency Center Concept, under Interpretation)

### **J.1.9 CLIMBERS' ACCESS TRAILS**

**Goal:** (Pg 89) “**Manage Castle Rock State Park for protection of significant resource values and opportunities for low-impact recreation, including rock climbing.**”

**Guideline:**

(Pg 89) “The department should improve access trails and signing based on a unit-wide trails plan, including information on climbing and park rules, regulations, and resource sensitivities.”

### **J.1.10 MOUNTAIN BIKES**

(Pg 74) “With one exception trails at Castle Rock are currently closed to mountain bike use. The District Superintendent has the authority to open and close specific roads and trails to mountain bike use in the park based on Department policy and criteria for establishing environmental and social impacts.”



### **J.1.11 NATURAL PRESERVE TRAILS**

(Pg 84) “Existing and new trails may be considered in the natural preserve for guided and self-guided interpretive opportunities. These limited trails should be designed to provide access in areas where they would have the least impact on wildlife habitat and ecological systems.”

## **J.2 Parking and Access**

**Goal:** (Pg 90) “Satisfy operational needs for improving the management of access and parking for visitors.”

**Guidelines:**

### **J.2.1 ROADSIDE PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Retain roadside parking where appropriate.”

Regional trailhead Parking

Provide trailhead parking facilities for access to regional trails.

### **J.2.2 DAY USE, OVERNIGHT PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide safe and secured day use and overnight parking areas.”

### **J.2.3 CONSOLIDATE VISITOR PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Consolidate visitor parking areas to avoid multiple contact stations, if possible.”

### **J.2.4 SHORT TERM PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide short-term parking for dissemination of park/regional trails information. (See guideline J.5.9, Multi-Agency Center Concept, under Interpretation)

### **J.2.5 DISABILITY PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide parking for people with disabilities.”

### **J.2.6 GROUP SPECIAL USE PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide parking opportunities for groups by special use Permit.” “Provide drop-off location and bus parking where feasible.”

### **J.2.7 DROP-OFF, BUS PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide drop-off location and bus parking where feasible”

### **J.2.8 HORSE TRAILER PARKING**

(Pg 90) “Provide parking for horse trailers.”

### **J.2.9 DAY USE, OVERNIGHT PARKING**

(Pg 91) “Day use parking in the existing or proposed parking lots may be allocated for overnight use of trail camps.

**Goal:** (Pg 91) **“Provide overnight parking for visitors who want to camp.”**

**Guideline:**

### **J.2.10 WALK-IN CAMPSITE PARKING**

(Pg 91) “Walk-in campsites proposed at Partridge Farm will require an estimated 30 parking spaces for overnight use.”

### **J.2.11 INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION, TOILETS**

(Pg 92) Parking lots near existing trailheads should be upgraded with interpretive information panels and restrooms”.--”Sempervirens Point, Red Mountain, Oil Creek and Waterman Gap.” “Smaller roadside parking areas should be removed if determined necessary through further evaluation and coordination with Caltrans”

### **J.2.12 HIGHWAYS 9 AND 35 ROADSIDE PARKING**

(Pg 92) --”Coordinate with Caltrans to evaluate existing roadside parking areas along State Highways 35 and 9 for possible closure or improved parking use and trailhead access.

**Goal: Consolidate parking for appropriate access and effectiveness.”** (Page 92)

**Guideline:**

### **J.2.13 HORSE TRAILER PARKING**

(Pg 92) “Management of roadside parking along State Highway 9 should consider accommodations for parking a horse trailer where there is sufficient size and easy access to equestrian trails (for example, at Ho Gate and Oil Creek parking lot).”

### **J.2.14 SUMMIT ROCK, VISTA POINT**

(Pg 92) --”Coordinate with Santa Clara County, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space and Caltrans for parking management and use at the Summit Rock and (Saratoga Gap) Vista Point parking lots.” “Uniform signing and regulations for appropriate parking and use are desirable at all designated parking potentially used by visitors to Castle Rock State Park.

### **J.2.15 VISITOR IMPACT CONTROL**

(Pg 93) The amount and location of visitor parking is a basis for management of visitor impact on the park.

## **J.3 Partridge Farm Area Parking**

### **J.3.1 ESTABLISH PARTRIDGE ENTRANCE**

(Pg 86) **Goal: “Establish Partridge Farm as an entrance (or portal) into Castle Rock State Park. As such, it will provide for improved vehicle access, visitor contact, parking, orientation, and interpretive facilities at the park's perimeter.”**

**Guidelines:**

### **J.3.2 DAY USE, OVERNIGHT PARKING**

(Pg 87) “Day use parking should be provided (estimated at 50 to 100 cars). Walk-in campsites and overnight parking (estimated at 20 campsites and 30 cars) should be developed”

### **J.3.3 ALTERNATE MAIN ENTRANCE**

(Pg 87) “If additional lands suitable for development become available from willing sellers, alternative design solutions could be explored for vehicle access, entrance road, and facility locations in the vicinity of partridge Farm.”

### **J.3.4 PHASED PARKING RELOCATION**

(Pg 90) **Goal: “Relocate the park entrance and main parking area to Partridge Farm. Phasing will allow for monitoring resource impacts and changes in visitor use, and determining the appropriate management actions to be taken.”**

**Guidelines:**

### **J.3.5 INCREMENTAL CHANGE**

(Pg 91) “Subsequent changes in the pattern of use should occur incrementally, so that visitors can be oriented to the appropriate areas and informed about the resource values and any new changes in park rules.

### **J.3.6 DAY USE PHASES**

(Pg 91) “Day use parking at Partridge Farm would consist of 2 phases.

**Phase 1** - Manage day use parking at Partridge Farm in conjunction with the existing Castle Rock parking lot for an overall capacity of approximately 100 cars between the two parking areas. Request Caltrans to post “no parking” signs for approximately 2 miles along State Highway 35 south of Summit Rock parking lot.

**Phase 2** - If the results of visitor assessments and resource monitoring support the initial parking capacity in Phase 1, then additional parking could be developed at Partridge Farm. Parking would be removed from the existing main parking lot, with no net increase in parking capacity for this area. Alternatively, the parking arrangement could vary between the two parking areas, based on the outcomes from resource monitoring and management of visitor impacts. If a portion of the existing main parking lot remains, then problems with surface run-off should be mitigated; contact with park staff based at Partridge will need to be considered.

## **J.4 Trail Camps**

**Goal:** (Pg 94) “Rehabilitate existing campsites and trails, and restore the primitive camping experience”

**Guidelines:**

#### **J.4.1 CASTLE ROCK TRAIL CAMP**

(Pg 95) “Remove or relocate existing structures and restore plant and wildlife habitat at the Castle Rock Trail Camp. The existing Boy Scout-constructed shelter could remain and be considered as a possible site for interpretive panels.”

#### **J.4.2 WATERMAN GAP TRAIL CAMP**

(Pg 94, 5) Retain and rehabilitate the Waterman Gap Trail Camp. “Trail access and campground use should remain compatible with adjacent land uses and not diminish natural or cultural resource values.”

#### **J.4.3 OTHER TRAIL CAMP LOCATIONS**

(Pg 95) “Alternative trail camp locations should be investigated (potential site at the intersection of the Saratoga Toll Road and Beekhuis Road Trail, and a site north of Craig Springs Creek off the Travertine Springs trail) if future sites are needed due to campsite removal, or if recreational needs are not being met at existing campgrounds.”

#### **J.4.4 TRAIL CAMP AMENITIES**

(Pg 95) “All trail camp amenities and use shall be governed by the elements of a unit wide Trails Plan.”

### **J.5 Interpretation Goals, Guidelines**

#### **J.5.1 INTERPRETATION GOAL**

(Pg 78) **Goal: “Acquaint the public with the park's resource values and the need for preserving and protecting the significant resources.**

**Guidelines for Parking Lots and Other Entrances:**

#### **J.5.2 CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION**

(Pg 79) “The proliferation of directional signs, park regulation signs, information signs, and interpretive signs should be reviewed, and, where possible consolidated.”

#### **J.5.3 ROCK CLIMBER ORIENTATION**

(Pg 79) “Interpretive material that informs rock climbers of the area's geologic resources, and the care that must be taken to preserve these resources, should be developed for appropriate entrances.”

#### **J.5.4 SEMPERVIRENS POINT**

(Pg 79) Interpretive panels are currently being developed in conjunction with the parking lot improvements at Sempervirens point. The panels will interpret the panoramic view of the area, identifying mountain tops, the Monterey Peninsula, and other significant geographical features. Additional information on park trails and general park orientation should be provided at this site.

### **J.5.5 HISTORIC ROADS**

(Pg 95, 6) “There are four historic roads, in addition to the Saratoga Toll Road, that should be considered historically significant.” “Smead-Damon-Macdonald Road”, also known as the Kings Creek Truck Trail; “Craig Road”, now the “Service Road Trail: “Louis Seek Road” alignment, lies under the Indian Rock Ranch Road and part of the Saratoga Gap Trail, E-1B; John W. Chace Road, underlies Highway 9 Saratoga gap to Sempervirens Point. Hall's Rest Stop and the A. F. Craig cabin site are considered historic locations. The Hall's Rest Stop archaeological site is just west of the crossing of Beekhuis Road and Saratoga toll road and no ground-disturbing activities shall take place there until professional archaeological investigators can determine its significance and required protection.

**Goal: (Pg 95) Preserve the historic integrity of old roads (and sites) that are determined significant to the history of Castle Rock State Park.**

**Guidelines:**

### **J.5.6 SARATOGA TOLL ROAD**

(Pg 96) The use and maintenance of the Saratoga Toll Road alignment should respect its historic value.

### **J.5.7 HISTORIC ROAD ALIGNMENTS**

(Pg 96) The historic alignments of the other significant historic roads should be retained for their interpretive value.

### **J.5.8 INTERPRETATION OF ROADS, SITES**

(Pg 96) Historic roads and sites are candidates for interpretation.

### **J.5.9 MULTI-AGENCY VISITOR CENTER**

A multi-agency visitor center should not focus just on Castle Rock State Park. The visitor center could include office space for staff and/or volunteers, exhibit areas, and sales counters, as well as visitor parking, depending on agency needs and the site and its physical constraints. If located at Saratoga Gap, parking for a visitor center should be planned and managed to give priority to short term visits and fewer parking spaces. Trailhead or long-term parking for other day use visitors should be planned at other locations.”

**Goal: (Pg 98) “Consider a multi-agency visitor center facility in the vicinity of Castle Rock State Park, that could serve park visitors with an orientation to the entire Santa Cruz Mountains, including state parks. It could supplement the park's interpretation through exhibits, brochures, and publications on recreation opportunities and the natural and cultural history of this entire region.**

**Guidelines:**

## **J.6 Managing Resources and Visitor Impacts (PG 48)**

### **J.6.1 SURVEY AND REVIEW.**

Per CEQA, survey and review by appropriate personnel and responsible agencies is required to add trails.

### **J.6.2 RESOURCE STANDARDS, MONITORING.**

Set resource standards and monitor conditions to avoid establishing arbitrary carrying capacity. When impacts threaten to exceed standards consider actions to bring resource conditions within standard limits.

### **J.6.3 CARRYING CAPACITY (PG 70)**

Carrying capacity of the park or a park area or feature is reached when demands on resource values (natural, cultural, aesthetic, or recreational) due to human use (activities or facility development) exceed the ability of the resources to regenerate.

#### ***J.6.3.1 Trail System***

The trail system should be planned, routed, and constructed to help in maintaining park use within its carrying capacity. Parking capacity limits general park use and trails and trail camps can distribute use.

### **J.6.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ZONES (PP 54-55 AND TABLE 4, PP 57-58, MAP 5)**

In order to characterize the park's resources and to have a structure for their management, including the routing and character of park trails, the General Plan defines fourteen **Resource Management Zones (RMZs)** which are identified in General Plan Table 4, and listed and located on General Plan Map 5, "Resource Management Zones". Each RMZ is also identified with one or more of seven "Ecological Units" (watersheds,); several "**Significant Cultural and Natural Values and Constraints**" (plant and animal habitat, natural, cultural, and view-shed resources); one or more of four "**Resource Management Philosophical Approaches (prioritized)**"; and several "**Resource Management Objectives**". The RMZs are:

<b>Castle Rock Campground RMZ</b>	<b>Saratoga Gap RMZ</b>
<b>Castle Rock Ridge RMZ</b>	<b>Saratoga Toll Road RMZ</b>
<b>King's Creek RMZ</b>	<b>San Lorenzo River RMZ</b>
<b>King's Creek Canyon RMZ</b>	<b>Skyline RMZ</b>
<b>Lion Caves RMZ</b>	<b>Tin Can Ranch RMZ</b>
<b>Mt. Bielawski RMZ</b>	<b>Travertine Springs RMZ</b>
<b>Partridge Farm RMZ</b>	<b>Wildlands RMZ</b>

#### ***J.6.4.1 Ecological Units.***

One or more of 7 "Ecological Units" are identified within each RMZ and are listed and located on General Plan Map 3, "Ecological Units":

**Aquatic and Riparian EU**  
**Saratoga Creek Watershed EU**  
**Deer Creek Watershed EU**  
**Pescadero Creek Watershed EU**

**Upper Kings Creek Watershed EU**  
**Upper San Lorenzo River Watershed EU**  
**Upper Stevens Creek watershed EU**

#### ***J.6.4.2 Plant Communities.***

One or more of 9 “Plant Communities” are identified within each RMZ and are listed and located on General Plan Map 1, “Plant Communities”:

<b>Mixed Evergreen Forest</b>	<b>Upland Redwood Forest</b>
<b>Black Oak Woodland</b>	<b>Northern Mixed Chaparral</b>
<b>Live Oak Woodland</b>	<b>White Alder Riparian Forest</b>
<b>Knobcone Pine Forest</b>	
<b>Mixed Evergreen Forest: Coyote Brush/Madrone successional phase</b>	
<b>Bald Hills Prairie and Non-native Annual Grassland</b>	

#### ***J.6.4.3 Wildlife Habitat Types and Sensitive Animal Species.***

One or more of 9 “Wildlife Habitat Types and Sensitive Animal Species” are identified within each RMZ and are listed and located on General Plan Map 2, “Wildlife Habitat Types and Sensitive Animal Species”:

<b>Redwood (Old growth critical)-</b>	<b>Marbled Murrelet</b>
<b>Closed-cone Pine -</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>Montaine Hardwood-Conifer-</b>	<b>Peregrine Falcon, Cooper's Hawk</b>
<b>Montaine Hardwood -</b>	<b>Cooper's Hawk, Golden Eagle</b>
<b>Mixed Chaparral -</b>	<b>Mountain Lion</b>
<b>Annual Grassland -</b>	<b>Golden Eagle (foraging habitat)</b>
<b>Montaine Riparian -</b>	<b>Peregrine Falcon, Cooper's Hawk</b>
<b>Riverine -</b>	<b>Steelhead (spawns in park)</b>

#### ***J.6.4.4 Cultural Resources.***

One or more of 12 “Cultural Resources” are identified within each RMZ and are listed and located on General Plan Map 4, “Cultural Resources”:

<b>Partridge House</b>	<b>Loghry Woods Demonstration Forest</b>
<b>Partridge Farm</b>	<b>Saratoga Gap Toll station</b>
<b>Historic Orchard</b>	<b>Saratoga Toll Road</b>
<b>Hall's Rest Stop Site</b>	<b>Smead-Damon-Macdonald Road</b>
<b>Travertine Springs</b>	<b>James Archibald-McDuff-Craig Road</b>
<b>Louis Seek/A. F. Craig cabin Sites</b>	<b>Louis Seek Road</b>

#### ***J.6.4.5 Other Features and View-sheds***

**Other plant, animal, and geologic features and view-sheds.** Each RMZ also has identified within it several resource features too numerous to list here. See General Plan Table 4 (Pp 57-58) and Trail Plan Table 2 “Park Resources to be Considered in Planning Trails” and map, “Park Resources”, Figure 2.

#### ***J.6.4.6 Resource Mgmt Approaches***

**Resource Management Philosophical Approaches.** Each RMZ is identified with one or more of four following “**Resource Management Philosophical Approaches (prioritized)**”.

**Natural Process Management** (Permit and restore natural processes.)

**Cultural Area management** (Preservation/interpretation of significant features)

**Recreation Enhancement** (Enhance visitor appreciation of park features)

**Special Protection** (Giving priority to a specific element or condition)

#### ***J.6.4.7 Resource Mgmt Objectives***

**Resource Management Objectives.** Each RMZ is also identified with several “Resource Management Objectives” too numerous to list here. See General Plan Table 4 (Pp 57-58)

### **J.6.5 ALLOWABLE USE INTENSITY (PP 70-73)**

Three levels of “Allowable Use Intensity” are used as a general planning tool and take into account an area's significance, sensitivities, physical constraints and intended park use. (See General Plan map Figure 2, pg 73) They are:

**I, Low Use Intensity** (The natural preserve)

**II, Moderate Use Intensity** (Most of the rest of the park)

**III, High Use Intensity** (An area in Partridge Farm, primarily the location of the proposed new parking and park entry facilities and the Interpretive Shelter)

## **J.7 NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **J.7.1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (PG 59)**

**Goal: Restore upper watershed function and remedy unnatural soil erosion and stream sedimentation problems within Castle Rock State park.**

**Guidelines:**

#### ***J.7.1.1 CRSP Watershed Mgmt Requirements***

(Pg 59) Follow CRSP watershed management requirements in trail system planning and construction.

#### ***J.7.1.2 San Lorenzo River Watershed Management Plan***

(Pg 75) Follow The San Lorenzo River Watershed Management Plan, Santa Cruz County Planning Department and State of California Resources Agency 1979) or revisions thereof.



### J.7.2 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (PP 59-60)

**Goal:** Preserve and perpetuate examples of natural plant communities, and restore, protect, and maintain native ecosystems and indigenous flora (and Fauna).

**Guidelines:**

#### *J.7.2.1 Trail System Impact*

(Pg 60) The trail system and its construction should have minimum impact on the natural condition of vegetation or disruption of natural processes.

#### *J.7.2.2 Trail System Help Restore*

(Pg 60) The trail system and its construction should not hinder, but should help to perpetuate and restore the composition and structure of native plant communities that would prevail in the absence of human influences, including fire suppression.

### J.7.3 WETLAND AND MEADOW SOILS (PG 60)

**Goal: Prevent wetlands soil compaction and destruction of associated vegetation.**

**Guidelines:**

#### *J.7.3.1 Wetlands Soils Trails*

(Pg 60) Trails through areas with wetland soils should be designed and constructed to allow access over, but not on, wetland soils. Where this is not feasible, trails should be rerouted to avoid such soils.

#### *J.7.3.2 Wetlands Soil*

Travertine Springs should be considered an area with wetland soils.

### J.7.4 SPECIAL PLANTS AND PLANT COMMUNITIES (PP 60-61)

**Goal: Protect special plants and special plant communities within Castle Rock State Park and manage for their perpetuation in accordance with state law (Public Resources Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, Section 1900).**

**Guidelines:**

#### *J.7.4.1 Special Plants Surveys*

(Pg 61) Prior to trail, trail camp, or new parking facility development, construction, or public use, additional surveys should be made which contain quantitative baseline information for long term monitoring of special plants.

#### *J.7.4.2 Special Plant Communities*

(Pg 61) Ancient Redwood Forest, Knobcone Pine Forest, White Alder riparian Forest and California Black Oak Woodland should be considered as special plant communities.

### J.7.5 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

**Goal: Protect and perpetuate native wildlife populations at the park.**

**Guidelines:*****J.7.5.1 Trail System Interference with Wildlife***

(Pg 63) Trails, trail camps, or new parking facilities should be planned and constructed that they do not interfere with the protection and preservation of native wildlife populations and that avoid ecological imbalances that result from human caused activities.

***J.7.5.2 Sensitive Species Surveys***

(Pg 63) Park-wide surveys on sensitive species should be utilized during the appropriate season for detection to determine their probable presence in locations for planned trails, trail camps or new parking facilities.

***J.7.5.3 Construction Impacts on Wildlife***

(Pg 64) Trail system facilities should be designed and construction scheduled so that sensitive wildlife and their requisite habitat will not be adversely affected.

**J.7.6 BIOCORRIDORS**

**Goal:** (Pg 64) **Maintain and enhance the movement of plants and animals within the park, and between the park and other wildland areas wherever possible.**

**Guidelines:*****J.7.6.1 Trail System Impacts on Biocorridors***

(Pg 64) Where biocorridors have been designated, trails, trail camps, or new parking facilities should be designed and construction scheduled so that biocorridors for wildlife and their requisite habitat will not be adversely affected.

**J.7.7 SEISMICITY & LANDSLIDES**

**Goal:** **Provide for public safety and prevent structural failures due to seismic activity and landslides through proper siting and design of future park facilities.**

**Guidelines:** (Pg 65)***J.7.7.1 Professional Geological Evaluations***

The siting and design of trails, trail camps, or new parking facilities should include professional geological evaluations, site investigations, and soil testing, particularly in areas recognized as having high potential for slope failure.

**J.7.8 GEOLOGIC FEATURES**

Geologic features include Tafoni, fossil resources and associated values (Pp 66-67)

**Goal:** **Protect and preserve tafoni features, including caves, spheroid masses called “cannonballs”, and lattice-work rock walls and faces. The fossil and mineral record and specimens of Castle Rock State Park should also be preserved.**

**Guidelines:**

### ***J.7.8.1 Route Trails to Access or to Protect Geologic Features***

(Pg 66) Trail system routing and siting should take into account the locations of rock outcrops containing tafoni, “cannonball” or lattice-work features that permit visitor access and those that are protected.

### ***J.7.8.2 Climbers' Trails***

Approved climbers' trails take climbers to approved climbing rocks. Low impact climbing practices help to protect tafoni, “cannonball” or lattice-work features from damage.

### ***J.7.8.3 Protected Geologic Features***

Park visitors are not provided direct access to rock outcrops with tafoni, cannonballs, or lattice-work that are located in the Natural Preserve.

## **J.8 Cultural Resources**

### **J.8.1 PREHISTORIC SITES**

**Goal: Identify and protect all significant prehistoric sites in the Park.**

**Guideline:**

#### ***J.8.1.1 Protected Prehistoric Sites***

(Pg 67) The trail system should not provide access to protected prehistoric sites.

### **J.8.2 HISTORIC RESOURCES**

**Goal: Identify and protect all significant historic sites and features in Castle Rock State Park.**

**Guideline:**

#### ***J.8.2.1 Impact on Historic Sites and Features***

(Pg 67-68) The trail system should not result in the deterioration of known significant historical sites and features.

## **J.9 Aesthetic Resources**

### **J.9.1 SCENIC PRESERVATION (PG 68-69)**

**Goal: Protect the scenic resources inherent to the vicinity of Castle Rock State Park from potentially degrading intrusions.**

**Guideline:**

#### ***J.9.1.1 Access Scenic Resources***

(Pg 68) The park trail system should provide access to appropriate scenic resources and viewsheds.

## J.9.2 ABANDONED AND UNSIGHTLY DEBRIS

**Goal: Eliminate unsightly debris and elements that pose an environmental risk to people and resources at Castle Rock state park. (pg 69)**

**Guidelines:**

### J.9.2.1 Remove Visible Debris

(Pg 69) The Department should remove abandoned tires, vehicles, and concrete culverts, where they can be seen from or near trails and the derelict buildings from the Castle Rock Trail Camp.

**TABLE J-1: CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK TRAIL SYSTEM GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES**

App. J par.	Goal, Guideline Name	Goal/Guideline Summary	Existing Described in Para., Tbl #	Plan Addresses in Para., Tbl #
J.1	<b>Trail Goals, Guidelines</b>			
J.1.1	<b>Unit Trails Plan</b>	Prepare a Unit Trails Plan to permit visitors to enjoy the unique, diverse geology and communities with location, distance, and use of future trails.	<b>Sections 1 and 2</b>	<b>Section 3, 3.3</b>
J.1.2	<b>Low Impact Access</b>	CRSP has opportunities to provide a trail experience where access and low impact use remains a priority in future park management.	<b>1.3.1, 2.4.1</b>	<b>3.2.3</b>
J.1.3	<b>Interpretation &amp; trail use signing</b>	Trailhead connections and signing for interpretive information and visitor safety should be improved throughout the park.	<b>Tbl 8</b>	<b>3.4.4, 3.4.5</b>
J.1.4	<b>Loop Trail System</b>	A loop-trail system should be designated to distribute people throughout the park and encourage use of perimeter parking locations.	<b>2.2.4, Table 6</b>	<b>3.3.8</b>
J.1.5	<b>Natural Preserve</b>	First consideration should be given to trail routes and connections outside the natural preserve boundaries, such as the Kings Creek Truck Trail.	<b>2.4.1</b>	<b>3.2.3.3, 3.3.1</b>
J.1.6	<b>Park, Regional Trail System</b>	Trails provide public access within the park and to adjacent regional trail systems, priority for achieving resource management goals and objectives.	<b>2.2.4.2</b>	<b>3.3.8.3</b>
J.1.7	<b>Dept Trail Specifications</b>	Future trails planning and construction should include the Department's specifications and policies concerning trail construction and maintenance.	<b>1.3.1</b>	<b>3.2.1., 3.2.2</b>
J.1.8	<b>Multi-Agency Visitor Center</b>	A primary visitor contact location, such as a multi-agency visitor center, should be considered for dissemination of regional trails information.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.4.5</b>
J.1.9	<b>Climbers' Access Trails</b>	Improve access trails and signing based on a unitwide trails plan, including information on climbing and park rules, regulations and resource sensitivities.	<b>2.2.2.3, Table 5</b>	<b>3.4.5, 3.4.5.1, Table 13</b>
J.1.10	<b>Mountain Bikes</b>	District Superintendent has authority to open and close specific roads and trails to mountain bikes in the park based on Dept. policy and criteria.	<b>2.2.1.7</b>	<b>3.2.1.5, 3.2.2.1.3, 3.3.6.1.2</b>
J.1.11	<b>Natural Preserve Trails</b>	Existing and new trails may be considered in the natural preserve for guided and self-guided interpretive opportunities.	<b>2.2.1.1, 2.2.1.2</b>	<b>3.2.3.3, 3.3.1.10, 3.3.1.12</b>
J.2	<b>Parking and Access Goals, Guidelines</b>			
J.2.1	<b>Roadside Parking</b>	Retain roadside parking where appropriate.	<b>2.3.1.1, 2.3.1.2, 2.3.1.3</b>	<b>3.4.1.1</b>
J.2.2	<b>Regional trailhead Parking</b>	Provide trailhead parking facilities for access to regional trails.	<b>2.2.4.2</b>	<b>3.4.1, Tbl 14</b>

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J.2.3	<b>Day Use, Overnight Parking</b>	Provide safe and secured day use and overnight parking areas.	2.4.1.1	3.4.1, 3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.3, Tbl 14
J.2.4	<b>Consolidate Visitor Parking</b>	Consolidate visitor parking areas to avoid multiple contact stations, if possible.	NA	3.4.1
J.2.5	<b>Short Term Parking</b>	Provide short-term parking for dissemination of park/regional trails information.	NA	3.4.1.1.6
J.2.6	<b>Disability Parking</b>	Provide parking for people with disabilities.	2.3.1.1.2	3.4.1.2.1, 2
J.2.7	<b>Group Special Use Parking</b>	Provide parking opportunities for groups by special use Permit.	NA	3.4.1
J.2.8	<b>Drop-off, Bus Parking</b>	Provide drop-off location and bus parking where feasible.	NA	3.4.1, 3.4.1.3, 3.1.1.4, Tbl 14
J.2.9	<b>Horse Trailer Parking</b>	Provide parking for horse trailers.	2.3.1.1.5, 7, 2.3.1.2.1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Table 8	3.4.1.2.3
J.2.10	<b>Day Use, Overnight Parking</b>	Day use parking in the existing or proposed parking lots may be allocated for overnight use of trail camps.	2.3.1.1.5, 7, 2.3.1.2.1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Tbl 8	3.4.1, 3.4.1.2, 3.4.1.3. Tbl 14
J.2.11	<b>Walk-in Campsite Parking</b>	Walk-in campsites proposed at Partridge Farm will require an estimated 30 parking spaces for overnight use.	2.3.1.1.2	3.4.1.2.1
J.2.12	<b>Interpretive Information, Toilets</b>	Upgrade of parking lots at existing trailheads with interpretive panels, restrooms. Sempervirens Point, Red Mountain, Oil Creek, Waterman Gap.	NA	3.4.5.1
J.2.13	<b>Hwys 9, 35 Roadside Parking</b>	Coordinate with Caltrans to evaluate existing roadside parking areas along State Highways 35 and 9 for possible closure or improved parking use.	2.1.3.1,	3.4.1.1
J.2.14	<b>Horse Trailer Parking</b>	Consider parking a horse trailer where there is sufficient size and easy access to equestrian trails, especially at Ho Gate and Oil Creek.	2.3.1.2.2, 2.3.1.2.4	3.4.1.2.3
J.2.15	<b>Summit Rock, Vista Point</b>	Coordinate / SC County, MROSD and Caltrans for parking mgmt and use at the Summit Rock and Vista Point parking lots, signing, regulations.	2.3.1.1.5, 7, Table 8	Table 14
J.2.16	<b>Visitor Impact Control</b>	The amount and location of visitor parking is a basis for management of visitor impact on the park.	2.4.1	3.4.1
J.3	<b>Partridge Farm Area Parking Goals, Guidelines</b>			
J.3.1	<b>Establish Partridge Entrance</b>	Establish Partridge Farm as an entrance (or portal) into Castle Rock State Park for improved vehicle access, visitor contact, parking, orientation.	2.3.1.1.2, 4, Table 8	3.4.1.3, Table 14
J.3.2	<b>Day Use, Overnight Parking</b>	Day use parking should be provided (50 to 100 cars). Walk-in campsites and overnight parking (20 campsites and 30 cars) should be developed.	2.3.1.1.4	3.4.1.3, Table 14
J.3.3	<b>Alternate Main Entrance</b>	If additional lands suitable for development become available from willing sellers, alternative design solutions could be explored for vehicle access.	2.3.1.1.4, Table 8	3.4.1.3, Table 14
J.3.4	<b>Phased Parking Relocation</b>	Relocate park entrance and main parking area to Partridge Farm. Phasing will allow for monitoring resource impacts and changes in visitor use.	NA	3.4.1.3, Tbl 14
J.3.5	<b>Incremental Change</b>	Subsequent changes in the pattern of use should occur incrementally, so visitors can be oriented to appropriate areas and informed about changes.	NA	3.4.1
J.3.6	<b>Day Use Phases</b>	Phase 1 - Manage parking at Partridge and existing Castle Rock lot at 100 cars. Phase 2 - Assess impacts and if OK increase to 130 between lots	NA	3.4.1

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<b>J.4</b>	<b>Trail Camps Goals, Guidelines</b>			
<b>J.4.1</b>	<b>Castle Rock Trail Camp</b>	Remove existing structures and restore plant and wildlife habitat at the Castle Rock Trail Camp. The Boy Scout-constructed shelter could remain.	<b>2.3.7.1</b>	<b>3.4.7</b>
<b>J.4.2</b>	<b>Waterman Gap Trail Camp</b>	Retain and rehabilitate the Waterman Gap Trail Camp. Access and campground use should not diminish natural or cultural resource values.	<b>2.3.7.2</b>	<b>3.4.7</b>
<b>J.4.3</b>	<b>Other Trail Camp Locations</b>	Alternative trail camp locations should be investigated (potential sites could be used in future sites if recreational needs are not being met.	<b>1.2.1</b>	<b>3.4.7</b>
<b>J.4.4</b>	<b>Trail Camp Amenities</b>	All trail camp amenities and use shall be governed by the elements of a unit wide Trails Plan.	<b>2.3.7.1, 2.3.7.2</b>	<b>3.4.7</b>
<b>J.5</b>	<b>Interpretation Goals, Guidelines</b>			
<b>J.5.1</b>	<b>Interpretation Goal</b>	Acquaint the public with the park's resource values and the need for preserving and protecting the significant resources.	<b>2.3.5</b>	<b>3.4.5</b>
<b>J.5.2</b>	<b>Consolidate Information</b>	The proliferation of directional, park regulation, information, and interpretive signs should be reviewed, and, where possible consolidated.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.4.5</b>
<b>J.5.3</b>	<b>Rock Climber Orientation</b>	Interpretive material for rock climbers about the area's geologic resources and the care required to preserve them should be at appropriate entrances.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.4.5.1, Table 14</b>
<b>J.5.4</b>	<b>Sempervirens Point</b>	Panels will interpret the panoramic view of the area, identifying mountain tops, etc., information on park trails and general park orientation.	<b>2.3.1.2.5, Tbl. 8</b>	<b>3.4.5.1, Table 14</b>
<b>J.5.5</b>	<b>Historic Roads</b>	Four historic roads, in addition to the Saratoga Toll Road should be considered historically significant and a cabin site could be interpreted.	<b>2.2.3.1, Tbl. 6</b>	<b>3.3.6.1</b>
<b>J.5.6</b>	<b>Saratoga Toll Road</b>	The use and maintenance of the Saratoga Toll Road alignment should respect its historic value.	<b>2.2.3.1, Tbl. 6</b>	<b>3.4.5.3.1</b>
<b>J.5.7</b>	<b>Historic Road Alignments</b>	The historic alignments of the other significant historic roads should be retained for their interpretive value.	<b>2.2.3.1, Tbl. 6</b>	<b>3.3.6.1</b>
<b>J.5.8</b>	<b>Interpretation of Roads, Sites</b>	Historic roads (and trails) and sites are candidates for interpretation.	<b>2.2.3</b>	<b>3.4.5.3</b>
<b>J.5.9</b>	<b>Multi-Agency Visitor Center</b>	Consider a multi-agency visitor center facility in the vicinity of CRSP, which could serve visitors with an orientation to the entire Santa Cruz Mountains.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.4.1.1.6</b>
<b>J.6</b>	<b>MANAGING RESOURCES AND VISITOR IMPACTS</b>			
<b>J.6.1</b>	<b>Survey and Review</b>	Per CEQA, survey and review by appropriate personnel and responsible agencies is required to add trails.	<b>2.4.1</b>	<b>3.2.3</b>
<b>J.6.2</b>	<b>Resource Stds, Monitoring</b>	Set resource standards and monitor conditions. When impacts threaten to exceed standards consider actions to reduce impacts.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3.1</b>
<b>J.6.3</b>	<b>Carrying Capacity</b>	Impacts from demands exceed the ability of the resources to regenerate. Do not set carrying capacity, but rather resource standards.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3.1</b>
<b>J.6.3.1</b>	<b>Trail System</b>	Should be planned, routed, and constructed to help in maintaining park use within its carrying capacity.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3</b>
<b>J.6.4</b>	<b>Resource Management Zones</b>	Park is divided into 14 Resource Management Zones (RMZs)	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3</b>
<b>J.6.4.1</b>	<b>Ecological Units.</b>	One or more of 7 "Ecological Units" are identified within each RMZ	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3</b>

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J.6.4.2	<b>Plant Communities</b>	One or more of 9 “Plant Communities” are identified within each RMZ	NA	3.2.3
J.6.4.3	<b>Wildlife Habitat Types</b>	One or more of 9 Wildlife Habitat Types and Sensitive Animal Species are identified within each RMZ	NA	3.2.3
J.6.4.4	<b>Cultural Resources</b>	One or more of 12 “Cultural Resources” are identified within each RMZ	NA	3.2.3
J.6.4.5	<b>Other Features and View-sheds</b>	Each RMZ also has identified within it numerous resource features and viewsheds.	NA	3.2.3
J.6.4.6	<b>Resource Mgmt Approaches</b>	Each RMZ is identified with one or more of four “Resource Management Philosophical Approaches (prioritized).	2.1.3	3.2.3
J.6.4.7	<b>Resource Mgmt Objectives</b>	Each RMZ is also identified with numerous “Resource Management Objectives”.	2.1.3	3.2.3
J.6.5	<b>Allowable Use Intensity</b>	Three levels of “Allowable Use Intensity” are used as a general planning tool.	NA	3.2.3.1
<b>J.7</b>	<b>Natural Resources Goals and Guidelines</b>			
J.7.1	<b>Watershed Management</b>	Goal: Restore upper watershed function and remedy unnatural soil erosion and stream sedimentation problems within CRSP.	1.2.1.2, Table 1, 2.4	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.1.1	<b>CRSP Watershed Mgmt Requirements</b>	Follow CRSP watershed management requirements in trail system planning and construction.	2.4	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.1.2	<b>SLR Watershed Mgmt Plan</b>	Follow The San Lorenzo River Watershed Management Plan, Santa Cruz County Planning Department and State of California Resources Agency.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.2	<b>Vegetation Management</b>	Goal: Preserve and perpetuate examples of natural plant communities, and restore, protect, and maintain native ecosystems	2.4	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.2.1	<b>Trail System Impact</b>	The trail system and its construction should have minimum impact on the natural condition of vegetation or disruption of natural processes.	2.4	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.2.2	<b>Trail System Help Restore</b>	The trail system and its construction should not hinder, but should help to perpetuate and restore native plant communities.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.3	<b>Wetlands, Meadow Soils</b>	Goal: Prevent wetlands soil compaction and destruction of associated vegetation.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.3.1	<b>Wetlands Soils Trails</b>	Trails through areas with wetland soils should be designed and constructed to allow access over, but not on, or avoid wetland soils.	2.2.1.6, App. A, A-1.6	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.3.2	<b>Wetlands Soil</b>	Travertine Springs should be considered an area with wetland soils.	2.2.1.6, App. A, A-1.6	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.4	<b>Special Plant Communities</b>	Goal: Protect special plants and special plant communities within Castle Rock State Park and manage for their perpetuation.	1.2.2	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.4.1	<b>Special Plants Surveys</b>	Prior to new trail system facility development, construction, or public use, quantitative baseline surveys should be made.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.4.2	<b>CRSP Special Plant Communities</b>	Ancient Redwood forest, Knobcone Pine forest, White Alder Riparian Forest and California Black Oak Woodland are special plant communities.	1.2.2	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.5	<b>Wildlife Mgmt Goal</b>	Goal: Protect and perpetuate native wildlife populations at the park.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.5.1	<b>Trail System Interference with Wildlife</b>	Trails, trail camps, or new parking facilities should be planned and constructed so that they do not interfere with the protection and preservation of native wildlife populations.	NA	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B
J.7.5.2	<b>Sensitive Species Surveys</b>	Surveys on sensitive species should be utilized during appropriate seasons to determine probable presence in locations for planned trails, trail camps or new parking facilities.	1.3.1	3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B

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<b>J.7.5.3</b>	<b>Construction Impacts on Wildlife</b>	Trail system facilities should be designed, and construction scheduled so that sensitive wildlife and their habitat will not be adversely affected.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.6</b>	<b>Biocorridors</b>	Goal: Maintain and enhance the movement of plants and animals within the park, and between the park and other wildland areas.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.6.1</b>	<b>Trail System Impacts on Biocorridors</b>	Where biocorridors have been designated, trails, trail camps, or new parking facilities should be designed, and construction scheduled, so that biocorridors for wildlife and their habitat will not be adversely affected.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.7</b>	<b>Seismicity &amp; Landslides Goals</b>	Goal: Provide for public safety and prevent structural failures due to seismic activity and landslides through proper siting and design of the trail system.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.7.1</b>	<b>Professional Geological Evaluations</b>	The siting and design of trail system facilities should include professional geological evaluations, site investigations, and soil testing, esp. in areas recognized as having high potential for slope failure.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.8</b>	<b>Geologic Features</b>	Goal: Protect and preserve tafoni features, including caves, spheroid masses called “cannonballs”, and lattice-work rock walls and faces.	<b>2.1.3.1</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.8.1</b>	<b>Route Trails to Access or to Protect Geologic Features</b>	Trail system routing and siting should take into account the locations of rock outcrops containing tafoni, “cannonball” or lattice-work features that permit visitor access and those that are protected.	<b>NA</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.7.8.2</b>	<b>Climbers' Trails</b>	Approved climbers' trails take climbers to approved climbing areas.	<b>2.2.2.3</b>	<b>3.3.5.4</b>
<b>J.7.8.3</b>	<b>Protected Geologic Features</b>	Park visitors are not provided direct access to rock outcrops with tafoni, cannonballs, or lattice-work that are located in the Natural Preserve.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.8</b>	<b>Cultural Resources Goals and Guidelines</b>			
<b>J.8.1</b>	<b>Prehistoric Sites</b>	Goal: Identify and protect all significant prehistoric sites in Castle Rock State Park.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.8.1.1</b>	<b>Protected Prehistoric Sites</b>	The trail system should not provide access to protected prehistoric sites.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.8.2</b>	<b>Historic Resources</b>	Goal: Identify and protect all significant historic sites and features in Castle Rock State Park.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, 3.4.8, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.8.2.1</b>	<b>Impact on Historic Sites and Features</b>	The trail system should not result in the deterioration of known significant historical sites and features.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, 3.4.8, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.9</b>	<b>Esthetic Resources Goals, Guidelines</b>			
<b>J.9.1</b>	<b>Scenic Preservation Goals</b>	Protect the scenic resources inherent to the vicinity of Castle Rock State Park from potentially degrading intrusions.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.9.1.1</b>	<b>Access Scenic Resources</b>	The park trail system should provide access to appropriate scenic resources and view-sheds.	<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.9.2</b>	<b>Abandoned and Unsightly Debris</b>	Goal: Eliminate unsightly debris and elements that pose an environmental risk to people and resources at Castle Rock state park.	<b>2.3.3.1</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, 3.4.4, App. A, B</b>
<b>J.9.2.1</b>	<b>Remove visible Debris</b>	The Department should remove abandoned tires, vehicles, and concrete culverts, where they can be seen from or near trails and the derelict buildings from the Castle Rock Trail Camp.	<b>2.3.3.1</b>	<b>3.2.3, 3.3, 3.4.4, App. A, B</b>