

Public Meeting - Written Comments
Draft Trails Management Plan
Torrey Pines State Reserve
Meeting Date: February 6, 2007
Meeting Location: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

PURPOSE & GOALS OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM

- Future planning efforts for the Reserve road should not be limited to the alternatives described in Appendix 4. The plan should so state.
- To make it clear to the public through signage at the North & South entrance stations, the purpose of the reserve as primary and to stipulate that rules carries out the purpose.
- The reserve is in crisis with the number attending and the soils, fossils, floral, found destroyed.

TRAIL USE

- Runners on Guy Fleming Trail - need to reconsider
- Add Parry Grove to no jogging list. It's a narrow tranquil trail also, and subject to "overuse" damage.
- Why cut out interpretive signage on Guy Fleming Trail?
- Should be more and better signage and a self guided nature trail guide.
- Ellen Browning Scripps set aside Torrey Pines as a Reserve, not a "Park" for recreational use.
- Runners have no place on any of the trails. They should be specifically designated as a passive place to view and reconnect with nature.
- I am a "Runner" but have been run off the trails and disrupted too many times by runners on our trails.
- The Torrey Pines Road and Beach should be the only places in the Reserve for running.
- How about a trail etiquette sign on Guy Fleming instead of an outright ban?
- Runners and walkers both should co-exist and be tolerant of each other's use of all trails and roads.

- More signage at the beginning of the trails indicating prohibitions (e.g. no food).
- Compromise in certain times of use, or permit requirement for running on trails, biking on road, etc.
- In addition, instead of more rule signs, have prominent info regarding why Torrey Pines *IS* a Reserve and the importance of protecting it.
- Some visitors *now* will not follow rules, nor will they respond to guidance. New ideas are unenforceable.

TRAIL CLOSURE & RE-ROUTES

- The reason why the trail along Fat Man's Misery is in such bad shape is that it has been neglected for years. This is the most spectacular view of the park and should be reopened.
- When you close them please focus enforcement there long enough to make it stick!! Footprints passing a "Trail Closed" sign only encourages others to make new bootleg trails.

TRAIL – SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- Cars should not be permitted on the road. A shuttle should be available for people that cannot walk up. High speed bicycles should be heavily fined.
- If the reserve road bicycle traffic is limited to uphill only, that leaves only one way down...N. Torrey Pines road, a high speed high volume vehicle roadway with no safe access to the North Reserve parking lot. (Need to cross 5 lanes of traffic!)
- Don't ruin the reserve for particular group, either handicapped or jogger. Keep handicapped on nearby level ground like Discovery Trail.
- Strollers on the trails are difficult.
- Beach access is the most important issue.
- Specify limited access or permit requirements for kayaking in lagoon.
- Please don't make Guy Fleming "accessible" It's too beautiful.
- Keep joggers off Guy Fleming Trail
- Tram (Electric) Rather than individual cars.

- RE: A Shuttle. There would still be a problem of vehicular use of the road/ trail. I think a one-way system should be pursued before a shuttle system – then re-evaluate. Plus a shuttle system would be really expensive.

TRAILS MONITORING + PATROL PROGRAM

- Great to have monitoring by volunteers. Trail patrol docents frequently do this. Unfortunately there is no feed back Re: Reports of problems. (Or little)
- Very good idea – Docent trail patrol already serves this function to an extent.
- What is needed is more cooperation with docents + TPA \$ is there for beach trail, bureaucratic inefficiencies keep it closed.
- Signage is essential – clear signs at all trail entrances, especially in the extension. Monitoring is difficult if people “didn’t know.”

TRAILS AESTHETICS

- Keep the trails simple and not too “BUILT”
- Naturalness is important – avoid too much structural modification.
- The trails are magnificent just as they are, but a little maintenance would help.
- 18’ rails are dangerous – s/b higher
- Peeler/Posts are appropriate in larger parks with larger paths but not within most areas of TPSR. They encourage walking outside the paths & don’t provide aesthetic improvement over cable and posts, shorten the cables/add posts to reduce maintenance costs.