

Calero Trails Master Plan

Site Tour Summary



Addendum
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A second site visit was held on November 3, 2010 with Elish Ryan, John Falkowski, Drew Merry, William Burr, Greg Bringelson and Lee Steinmetz. The following is a summary of this second visit.

Stop 1: Pena Trail Near Picnic Area/Pond

The Pena Trail is too steep in many places and as such is difficult to maintain each year. Consider relocating trail access, and converting the Pena Trail to an “unmaintained” access road for access to the water tank. A new trail could be located on the other side of the knoll which is to the north of the Pena Trail, and could provide access to the Vallecitos and Los Cerritos Trails.



Stop 2: Pena/Vallecitos Trails Junction

If the Pena Trail is closed and a new access trail is created, provide a realigned Los Cerritos Trail connection to the Vallecitos Trail at this location. Also, consider an “upper Vallecitos” Trail alignment that stays on higher ground and may be dryer in Winter months, while the current Vallecitos Trail alignment that follows the drainage is desirable in the hot summer months.



Stop 3: Pena/Los Cerritos Trails Junction

With the closure of the Pena Trail, the Los Cerritos Trail would be re-aligned to connect with the Vallecitos Trail to the southeast, and would follow the lake edge contours to the west.



Stop 4: Calero Bat Inn

This is an important interpretive location and trail access needs to be maintained suitable for vehicles.



Stop 5: Cottle /Chisnantuk Peak Trails Junction

This area has potential for backcountry camping. The Chisnantuk Peak Trail is problematic for bike use and has one area that is difficult for quad turning. A trail realignment may be possible if the adjacent Open Space Preserve property could be considered for a joint trail that crosses jurisdictional boundaries.



