

Calero Trails Master Plan

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Great outreach program. I support multi-use including mountain bikes. All pay taxes and should be welcome.
Like to access Calero by bike from Rancho Canada del Oro. Need connectivity for bikes to get from park to park
Ask equestrians to pay a day use fee to provide for equestrian/hiker only trails
SC County Parks are great - we have special park for gunmen, a park for "Speed" bikes, for off-road vehicles, hikers, bikers, picnickers - where is a safe place for equestrians - some horsemen will no ride in parks with bikes. Please don't take away another "safe" place.
How about adding a separate bike trail adjacent to, but not attached to, the existing wide roads, so equestrians and bikes don't go on the same path? How about sharing some trails, but keep a few only for equestrian and hikers, and others just for bicycles? Manage conflict at intersections only. It's hard to police trails for inappropriate behaviors. How about selling license plates to bikers and equestrians? The can be reported for infringements - becomes self-policed.
Nice presentation of a nice planning process tonight. I am glad to see studying multi-use trails is a top priority. As a cyclist and citizen I would like to see the successful multi-use policy practiced in RCdO and Grant Ranch for examples, expand to Calero. Another priority for me would be connectivity of local parks with multi-use trails, i.e. RCdO, Almaden, and Sierra Azul.
I'd like a trail connection for mountain bikes from Santa Teresa Park to Calero Park, to RCdO, to Sierra Azul and Almaden
Connection from Santa Teresa Park to Calero for bikes. Parking lot at Fortini. Also bike access from RCdO to Almaden Q.
We need more mountain bike and running trails.
Bicycles can ride anywhere - even on streets but equestrians cannot. It would be great if some trails in Calero can be kept for equestrians only and hikers. These trails can cross multi-use trails, and then people will have more choices. And if their horses are more bike-sensitive, they can use the equestrian-only trails.
People leave their plastic bags with dog waste along the trail or throw kleenex everywhere. Appreciate how well-maintained the trails are - just wish users were better.
Thank you for the great information provided. I feel like you guys have some great plans for our park system. My only request is to keep up all the multi-use trail systems.
New trails for bikers so that have thru access to connector trails. Leave majority of park closed to bikes. Steep part of Pena trail could be realigned. Provide good signage at blind corners, especially where it's steep, saying "go slow and LOOK". Rock trails where seeps, marshy places are, so trails can be all weather or at least open more - just where needed. If bikes are allowed in, do an educational clinic, handout that explains etiquette. Call me.
Clinics for bikers, hikers and equestrians - a county-sponsored event.
Bicyclists can be inexperienced, too - new riders, those who have never ridden with horses - can cause problems.
Thank you for an informative event - as a horseman and hiker I use the parks frequently. I believe in multi-use trails but sometimes bikes are in conflict with hikers and horses. Yes, there should be a trail to connect Calero to Open Space, but have some trails for hikers and horses only. Dog on leash - great idea.
I would like to encourage shared trails and educational signage of mutual respect.
Almaden Rendeat, Almaden Times - advertize there
Please no bikes - only safe park for equestrians
Horses & bikes - limit shared trail use or allow horses 1st and 3rd weekend, bikes 2nd and 4th weekend.
Allow trail access from Lake View stable to Calero
Went on an official night Mt. bike ride at Canada del oro and hope the program continues. It was great!
Possible trail access from Lake View Stabel to Calero Park - on horseback
Good to take public comment as you develop plan - keep it up. We do need a park well-suited for novice horses and you have it. No bikes on many trails. It's possible to me that BART can come through and be 3-way multi-use. Nice to have camping for all user groups along BART route.
Trim back the poison oak. Route trails through shade when possible. Don't close entire park so long after rain. Minimize bike and horse trails and construct joint trails to avoid blind corners.
Horses and bikes get along fine - it's the riders that have problems. Education and mutual respect is the key. Having well designed trails is a plus also. Narrow trails equals low speeds and less surprise. A narrow trail with a turnout along each sight-line is the way to go!
Need a bus or some type of public transportation from Almaden to the park
There are some really useful resources on trail building for sustainability and multi-use on the IMBA wesite, plus an army of volunteers in our local mountain bike community to lend a hand. Please feel welcome to contact me about rounding up help and info. I would love to have dog access at least at and around the lake. I would love to have mountain bike access to most of the trails, especially loops and connecting trails from the neighboring spaces. New trails with cyclists in mind, certain trails designated for cycling, because it makes sense when you ride them and features that slow us down due to the difficulty. If non-cyclists are aware that certain trails are popular among cyclists, while others are not, I feel the interactions between users will be more positive.
Need access and staging areas for RSV from McKean (or New Almaden). Need some (but not necessarily all) multi-use trails in Calero/RSV. Some of the Calero Trails (mostly the old roads) are not sustainable & should be re-routed
I sure hope you listen and act on our comments. Calero Stables plan was a fiasco!
My main concern is having more access for my dogs in Calero, Rancho Canada to the county parks and the regional open space preserves. Looking forward to getting access to the west end of Calero, west of the dam. I used to hike on the now Rancho San Vicente area, when it was private. I miss being able to access the trails at the west end - at Cherry Creek, etc. My new recent favorite hike is the Mayfair Ranch Trail in Rancho Canada, but can't take my dogs. I have hiked every
Want to see trail connections to Almaden Quicksilver from Canada del Oro
I am interested in seeing mountain bike trails at Calero and Rancho San Vicente. It would be great to have it connect from Quicksilver. Also would like Quicksilver Mcabee entrance to open up to bikers as I live right by there.
Please change tape recording and signs after it rain by 8 am, not 10 am. We like to be riding somewhere that's open by 10. Calero is the only place where therapeutic riding is safe
Calero is the only place you can ride young horses safely
Young horses need a place to step aside on narrow trails.
Do bikes choose technically challenging trails? Riders do too because they are more interesting.
Bikes don't always obey "no bike" trails. Bikes often ride 2 across.
Staging area on McKean with 4 way intersection @ Fortini.
Make document available at Almaden Library
I'm a mountain biker who rides at RCdO all the time. It's hard to comment intelligently on multi-use at Calero because I can't see the trails by bike, and there are too many miles of them to hike easily. Could an access day be allowed, in which we could survey the trails by bike? We might then be able to offer more useful input, and perhaps assuage some of the equestrians fears, or even agree with them in part
This is the only SAFE park for horses to use and biker can use Quicksilver and see other places. Horses only have Calero for 40 years!
I would like to see the trails remain open only to horses and hikers. This is the only county park where riders don't have to worry about having bikes surprise them on blind curves or come speeding down the steep hills toward them. Please give us one place we can ride in peace.

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Allow bikes and dogs in the park and on the trails.
Station #7
Connections to Santa Teresa & Almaden Quicksilver
Open Calero to bicycles from Canada del Oro
Restrict bicycles in Calero to avoid conflicts with equestrians
Keep some trails for horses/hiking only
Separate trails for just horses
Separate through route for bikes
Group campground in Rancho San Vicente
No bikes
Restroom at staging areas
Shaded trail loops
Add wilderness campground
Multi-use trail parallel to Mckean. Connect Santa teresa to Canada del Oro
For resource protection, minimize number of trails
Better poison oak control
More shady trails
Better weatherproofing of trails
Connect Open Space and county parks
include interpretive programs (environmental importance) with new trails
more passing areas on narrow trails
one way loops
google maps have errors - parklands are not driveable
multi-use trail around reservoir
no bikes at Calero. Horses are a prey animal
Horses have no other safe non-bike park in Santa Clara Valley
Had AQ, what's left?
Alternating access for bikes every other day or weekend.
Station 3
neighbor access on Mckean road
good place to hike with family
open RSV to public - can't wait
trailhead/parking at RSV
allow bikes from open space trails
more restrooms
Figueroa Flat is a good line of site for bikes but very popular horse loop
Bike parks, boating parks, gun range, why not a horse park?
something to eat poison oak - goat
wind or solar energy
group camping at RSV (drive in)
night bike ride event at CDO
dog walk on leash
need car camping at Calero
bikers need to support parks more
need bike workshops to teach trail etiquette
parking lot / staging area at RSV
horse/hiking only trail
yield signs at trail intersections
Signs for warning, traffic ahead - beware - intersection ahead
If camping, place away from trail
rent out riding arena
equestrians will pay to use equestrian trails (5 dollars a day)
young horses,injured horses, young riders, or elders, need safe place to ride
need area for dogs OFF leash
no dogs - will threaten horses
walk to serpentine wildflowers
fight or flight will always rule horses

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bikes don't need the park and won't stay on designated trails
bikes and horses don't mix
camping opportunities
studies show bike and horses kick up asbestos in serpentine area. Hiking only in RSV
bikes need to be able to get from Santa Teresa park to Rancho Canada del oro
Station 5
if there are select trails for bikes, need to have separate access points (so bikes and horses aren't forced to mix at trail entrances)
take bikes out of Almaden and more to Calero. Almaden is steep and blind corners - bikes don't observe speed limit
trails at Almaden were mining roads
more opportunity to design trails at Calero
if some trails are restricted, bikes are not expected. If bikes use restricted trails it's a safety issue. If trails are multi-use, make them all multi-use so it's safer
cannot enforce speed at AQ
some trails eq/ hike only
fee for some uses? Some agree, some disagree
all program elements are important
cell phone access important for emergencies
no cell phone access at ranger station
designated running only trails
consider landslides and erosion
whitewater kayak use of canal? Is it safe?
paddlesport racing on lake as revenue generator?
fishing contest on lake?
look at other revenue generating activities at lake
more volunteer days at park for specific purpose
night rides
bikes need to support parks by buying park passes and trails service
Santa Cruz event at Wilder Ranch - annual training for equestrians and bikers that ride together (Mountain bikers of Santa Cruz Equestrian group)
bikes can stop quickly; more understanding needed
people need to think of access as a privilege, not a right and report the "bad apples" - self-policing
the issues can be resolved
call boxes with designated number to report an issue
incident app for smart phone
dog-walking seminar at humane society
mountain bikers need to inform of presence "on your left" etc.
common poowill nesting site at RSV May 15th - hen and 2 chicks on serpentine next to trails - GPS located, first sighting in that area
safety issues with RSV staging off of McKean
Bring access from the AQ side? Already a loop trail with ranch roads
how to service both equestrian / bicyclists both communities
bicyclists don't honor the rules
limit usage on some trails
seen a lot of accidents and near misses
blind corners and hills are the most dangerous, keep separate or lots of warning signs
up and down hills takes effort for horses. Separate some trail lengths
Err on the side of lots of signs
Reward system for people who are helping - sponsor support of each other
less fancy stables at Rancho San Vicente
Brannenbergs trail easement - already installed under powerlines
From Bailey beyond Cinnabar Hills Golf Course - not a formal dedication, but Brannenbergs would probably give easement. Use tunnel by golf course
Have trail connection from Lakeview Stable to Calero
Are there docent-led equestrian tours of RSV?
Need to streamline permit process. Need permit to cross McKean Road
Beautiful area within RSV for staging
Post says open up within 5 years
What will be use of arena at Stables Area?
No bikes on Calero, please - only park left without bikes
Have separate access points for bikes/equestrians. Allow equestrians to get into park without bicyclists streaming down hill leaving the park. Ex. Deep Gulch at AQ for eq, Mine Hill for bikes
Staging area at RSV - leave cows

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Mine Hill macabee entrance - wet. Equestrians went 4-wide when wet and messed up trail
Most people are considerate
concern about bikes/equestrians together on trails
don't want bikes - equestrian safety concern
trail connection Canada del Oro through Calero, through RSV, over to AQ
Do something with Fortini Road (dirt easement) to connect Santa Teresa to RSV
Moonlit rides.
OK with horses and bikes together.
Upcoming run June 4: 50 miles, 32, 16, 9, or 2.8 distance. Starts at Calero Park trailhead - connects to Rancho Canada del Oro
How to integrate more users: Cyclists arbitrarily stopped @ Rancho/Calero border
there's plenty of room. Calero would be good for beginning / young cyclists because there is some flat/rolling hills. Like multi-use trails.
do quickly a loop with Rancho CDO
Schedule another night ride.
Open Coyote Creek Parkway @ night - great for people going to Morgan Hill for dinner - it's safe
Need to get more kids into parks
support bikes on trails
more access for dogs
used to walk a lot and now areas are closed
used to park at "dead man's curve" on McKean and walk to reservoir, walk to Cherry Creek
would like to see dogs @ RCdO
Wet/ clay soils need to be hardened
Need cattle management for trails
should not mix bikes and horses
give hikers/equestrians a soft trail (trample trail)
would like to see bikes kept out only place horses can go and not get surprised
grant ranch - wide open space - visibility - it works but blind curves where you can't see is dangerous
yellow kit trail sign - "no bikes" at Englishtown, but no sign at other end
Have different days for bikes and equestrians
Documented within EBRPD there have been horse accidents with no one else involved in last 5 years, but not a single reported equestrian bicycle accidents. Separate anecdotes from statistics
IMBA - trail solutions - most issues can be mitigated by design
Nat and Rachel Lopez - Hilride - trail designers
"I should not have to train my horse"
Would like to see rental horses come back
Station 4
concern about opening calero to bicyclists
Support for TMP goal #3 to comply with NRM goals and protect sensitive habitats (e.g. no trails in those areas)
support for TMP goal #8 connectivity (for bicyclists) from Canada del Oro to Calero - seamless trail user experience
Mtn. bicyclists support for TMP goal #5, to have narrow, single-track trails
retain single-use / dual-use only. Separate from new multi-use trails
consider a park for equestrians, hikers, and dogs on leash, because there are other places for bikes to use
support TMP goal #3 - grazing uses are not a problem for equestrian trail uses
support TMP goal #1 for multi-use as long as there are still single/dual use trails for hiking/equestrians
support for dogs on leash - TMP goal #1
more access for mountain bikes- prefer narrower trails for bikes
resources from mountain biking community for partnerships - assistance with trail building IMBA - TMP goal #9
TMP goal #5 - concern re: narrower trails not having adequate space for hikers to step off for safety when bicyclists com by
support narrower trails for hikers/joggers/dog walkers
TMP goal #10 - concern re: dogwalkers not cleaning up after their dog poop (esp. at staging areas)
support for a tiered system of narrower trails (e.g. separate narrow single-use trails for bicyclists, single-use trails for hikers/dogwalkers/joggers
TMP goal #1 - bicyclists have a lot more places to ride than equestrians - do not need more multi-use opportunities
TMP goal #1- value Calero for equestrians uses to be preserved
need to mitigate for increased risks with multi-use, especially bicycling uses with equestrians
bicyclists not following rules
TMP goal #5 - keep single-use trails separate. Wear ID like license plate for both bikes and eq. for enforcement
TMP goal #9 - opportunities for bicyclists to learn about equestrian uses on trails by volunteering with trail maintenance activities
TMP goal #5 - concern re: trail users going into RSV areas that are currently grazed - are these impacting grazing operations? Are there types of human exclusionary fencing to mitigate impacts on grazing at RSV?
TMP goal #1 - no reason to open up Calero for multi-uses (no dogs, bikes)

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Loves Javelin Trail, Cherry Cove, Gavicito and all trails at Calero
Concern re: bicyclists not knowing the rules
waste of money to do trails plan
explore connectivity and multi-uses with Calero and other O.S. areas
support for including everyone
TMP goal #5 - site design - wide (jeep roads) for bicycling - not good
edge vs. embankment side of trail - most people like to walk on edge of trail
steep slopes no appropriate for downhill uses by horses or bikes
enjoy flowing, contouring trails and switchbacks for bicycling
manage cattle so that you keep cattle away when wet weather or harden the trails (state parks trails are hardened)
provide trails in shady areas, under trees
boundaries are arbitrary between Calero and CDO - need linkages
Coe State Park - HQ trails system appropriate for children/family/elderly
Separate set of trails for equestrians, hikers and bicyclists
Separate entrances for equestrians and hikers, no bikes
No opportunity for conflicts. At trail heads, from parking lot
Staging area at Rancho San Vicente stables facility at RSV - simple with water, shade
Grazing program for Calero equals predator-friendly grazing practice (if cow killed by predator, no depredation permit to kill predator)
SCVWD's future plans for Calero Dam and Bailey-Fellows house - will trails/ staging area be planned outside flood areas?
TMP goal #7 - Likelihood for entrance to RSV from MCKean road or Almaden Road - evaluate new staging areas for new trails
Calero good training ground for teaching sport to new users
Almaden - Calero canal - will SCVWD allow continued access?
Keep consistency between SCCOSA and County Parks in trails system, transitioning from Canada to Calero
TMP goal #1 Consider dogs off leash, similar to EBRPD (verbal command response) on trails within select county parks or within select portions of parks (e.g. mountain biking and hiking with dogs off-leash on multi-use trails - like Garland Ranch at Carmel Valley)
TMP goal #7 - Limit certain areas to bikes or equestrians so these uses are not intermingled.
TMP goal #7 - if bikes allowed, allow designated days or trails for bike uses (instead of ALL trails open for multi-use). For newer trails, designate some for multi-use and some for single or dual use.
Support cattle grazing to keep weeds down
TMP goal #6 - trail maintenance needed - overgrown weeds, shrinking trails (e.g. Pena Trail, Los Cerritos Trail are overgrown)
Need water trough at staging area at ranger office
New trail connection to RSV would be great opportunities for equestrians
trail access for equestrians from boat launch
No bikes at Calero - only safe park for horses
Horses never get acclimated to bikes
Mid-Pen prohibited bikes 65% on trails due to conflicts, blind curves, steep downhill
Introducing new horses at Calero is good - bikes add stress
Allow all uses as long as users are considerate of each other
Train better-skilled horses and riders to acclimate
Wholesale restrictions not good use of tax payers money
Calero is a good site to acclimate horses
Mtn. bikes should be separate from hikers
Bike riding over serpentine rock creates asbestos
TMP Goals #5 and 6 - concern re: mtn biking speeds on multi-use trails that may pose conflicts with other trail users, like moms with strollers
TMP goal #7 - support new trails that provide access to new vista points and park features
TMP Goal #1 - support separating out some single-use dual-use trails from a core area of multiple-use trails
keep existing trails at Calero as - is and proposed multi-uses for new trails at RSV
Ron loves RSV and wants to go back out there in spring!
Station 6
Shared use signage at all trailheads
communication from bikers to other users
All trails should be shared
Horse awareness info. Posted "on the web"
More shared-use trail signs (e.g. blind corners)
Really narrow foot trails should be hiking/jogging/dogs on leash only (less than 2 ft)
Extreme trails - potential for extreme bikers. Also in Stevens Creek, Sanborn, St. Teresa, Table Mountain, San Andreas, Stiles
Night bike rides in OSA (scheduled event)

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Trails to allow horse carts wagon/draft. Gates too narrow.
Add to directional signs: "To" trail - destination
Ed Levin Trails hard to ride on bike due to cattle damage
keep bikes and horses off all trails
separate trails for each type of user
Comments on Program elements board
Most popular - trail user types
Secondary interest - trail loops, open space trail connections, and Rancho San Vicente trail access