



CVTA NEWS

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ANNOUNCING...THE CARSON VALLEY DISCOVERY TRAIL!

The Carson Valley Trails Association and the Douglas County Economic Vitality Tremendous Trails group recently invited the public to participate in a survey to help determine a name for the 100-mile loop trail system that may eventually encircle the Carson Valley. This trail system is envisioned in the Douglas County Trails Master Plan and CVTA’s Strategic Plan, and is on the way to becoming a “destination trail”, with recognition as a National Recreation Trail. The system will also have theme-trail opportunities to benefit Carson Valley residents, visitors and businesses. Several planned trail segments are currently under construction and the need to order signage and continue ongoing planning processes determined the timing for choosing a name for the trail by the end of Summer, 2011.

CVTA and the Douglas County Tremendous Trails group conducted a trail naming workshop in July. Individuals representing CVTA, the Tremendous Trails group, equestrians, Carson Valley Visitors’ Authority, the Douglas County Commission, the Washoe Tribe, Nevada State Lands, ranchers, local businesses, Basque culture and others were invited. The workshop participants reviewed a list of suggested trail names, brainstormed additional names and then narrowed those to 6 top choices: Carson Valley Discovery Trail; Carson Valley Loop; Carson Valley Trail; Carson Valley Trek; Carson Valley Vista Trail and Trail of the Valley.

Following the workshop, an online survey was posted using Survey Monkey. Participants were asked to rank the trail names selected during the workshop or to select an “other” option and offer write-in suggestions. The survey results were evaluated by a committee comprised of individuals who participated in the trail naming workshop. The trail name that received the most survey votes and was selected by the committee is Carson Valley Discovery Trail.

Of the 191 survey participants, 80% percent of those responding are Douglas County residents, 29% are CVTA members and almost 60% currently use local trails. Implementation of the full and complete Carson Valley Discovery Trail will take a community-wide effort, and CVTA and Douglas County Tremendous Trails group encourage everyone to participate. More information on the progress of the Carson Valley Discovery Trail will be upcoming on the CVTA website

CVTA thanks Duane Petite with the Nature Conservancy for providing the meeting space and Carl Dahlen from UNR Cooperative Extension for facilitating the trail naming workshop. In addition, we appreciate the efforts of everyone who is contributing to the successful completion of this project.

For more information about CVTA visit www.carsonvalleytrails.org

CVTA RECEIVES EVERY DAY GRANT

CVTA recently received a \$5000 Every Day Grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF). NEEF's Every Day Grants are designed to improve the stewardship of public lands by strengthening volunteer groups through funding for organizational capacity building, such as training new board members, updating technology or facilitating strategic planning.

CVTA will work with local consultants to design a series of training workshops to educate CVTA board members, members and volunteers about the history, vision and goals of the organization, as well as to provide training in specific skills areas. Workshops will focus on skills training for trail building, fundraising, board development, partnership building and community outreach.

Major funding for the NEEF Every Day Grants is provided by Toyota Motor Sales, US, Inc. CVTA is one of 22 organizations out of over 300 applicants to receive a 2011 Every Day Grant.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE RED BARN RANCH by Kerstin Wolle

Our CVTA fundraiser for 2011 took place in June at the Red Barn Ranch. We sincerely thank Ed and Sara Groenendyke for their generosity in opening their beautiful home for this special event. It was a perfect afternoon and evening, with over 150 people attending.

Our incredible volunteers served home-prepared gourmet food, truly a delight for our guests to behold and taste. Drinks were free and expertly poured by our own volunteers, with each attendee receiving their own Red Barn Ranch wine glass to take home. Live music was provided by Monique and Wesley. Combined with the enthusiastic skill of our auctioneer, Doug Lubushkin, CVTA raised \$30,000 at the event.

A big Thank You to our many donors, dedicated volunteers and everyone who supported the event with their attendance.

The laying of a trail ... becomes not only a pleasure in itself, but an inducement to plan a better way of life, to construct worth-while things, or to weave a better product in the loom of our being.

EARLE AMOS BROOKS
A Handbook of the Outdoors, 1925

WORK CONTINUES ON GENOA AREA

TRAILS PROJECT by Jeremy Vican

Nearly half of the estimated 16 miles of trail in the Genoa area are complete as of the middle of August, including about 35% of the Sierra Canyon Trail, 65% of the Genoa Loop and 90% of the Genoa section of the Carson Valley Discovery Trail.

The successful completion of this CVTA trail building project will require active, ongoing participation of YOU and other community volunteers over the next few months. So join us for one or more of the upcoming trail building work days. Dates, times and locations are always posted on the home page of the CVTA website in the "Mark Your Calendar". Dates, times and locations for September work days are listed in the "Help Wanted—Volunteers" section on the back page of this newsletter.

Everyone is welcome to come and help out on any of the work days. No previous trail building experience is necessary. Just come, enjoy the camaraderie, learn about trail construction and take part in the completion of this great new trail system. Work for all or part of the day. When you come, be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy hiking shoes or boots and glasses or sunglasses. Bring water and lunch. CVTA will provide hard hats and tools. If you want to be reminded about trail building work days via e-mail, let us know by sending an e-mail to info@carsonvalleytrails.org.

Thanks to Trailscape for their continued, behind-the-scenes tough work in the most challenging construction areas. Thanks, also, and to the many volunteers who have helped build over one mile of trail and donated over 1000 hours thus far on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail and the Sierra Canyon Trail. At \$18 per hour, that's worth \$18,000 in grant matching funds. As the weather turns cooler, we hope to see even more volunteer participation.



Volunteers working on the Genoa area trails project

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Carson Valley Trails Association Invites You To Join Our

HIKE FOR HEALTH TRAILS TOUR

A Day to Explore & Enjoy Our Local Trails

Saturday, September 17, 2011 — Free



7:30 TO 10:30 A.M. BIRDING UNDER NEVADA SKIES WITH JIM WOODS ON THE BENTLY-KIRMAN TRACT TRAIL

Meet at Bently-Kirman Tract Trailhead on Heybourne Rd. 0.5 miles north from Stephanie Ln. Join Jim Woods from Birding Under Nevada Skies for a birding and Carson River adventure.

Distance and difficulty: 2 to 3 miles, easy/moderate, flat terrain



11 A.M. TO 2 P.M. CARSON VALLEY DISCOVERY TRAIL HIKE

Meet at Eagle Ridge Trailhead located next to the water tank 1.8 miles north of Genoa off of Jacks Valley Rd. on Adams Ranch Rd. Join a CVTA trail guide and hike a portion of the new Carson Valley Discovery Trail from the Eagle Ridge Trailhead to Sierra Canyon Trail. Enjoy breathtaking valley views! Complimentary snacks and water will be provided at this location.

Distance and difficulty: 4 miles, moderate, rolling terrain



2:30 TO 5 P.M. "FOREST BUGS AND CRUD" FAMILY NATURE HIKE ON THE FAY-LUTHER TRAIL

Meet at Fay-Luther Trailhead located on Foothill Road 4.5 miles south of Kingsbury Grade. Join Gail Durham, Forest Health Specialist from the State of Nevada Forestry Division, on a family-friendly, educational "Forest Bugs and Crud" hike.

Distance and difficulty: 2 to 3 miles, easy/moderate, rolling terrain



Come for one adventure or all three! If you come for all three, bring lunch and water. Snacks and water will be available at the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hiking location. All participants must register and sign a waiver and release agreement at the first event attended. Parent or guardian signature required for participants age 17 and under. Please do not bring dogs to this event.

Questions? Contact Chic & Sue Moxley, 775-265-0766

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CVTA NEWS GOES ELECTRONIC!

This will be the last mailed issue of CVTA News. Beginning with the next issue, this newsletter will be e-mailed to all members who have provided an e-mail address. In addition, it will be posted on the CVTA website. If you wish to be added to the CVTA member e-mail contact list, contact Barb Wilson at 782-6859 or send an e-mail to info@carsonvalleytrails.org.

In addition to using this list to e-mail the newsletter, we will use it periodically when there is news that might be of interest to our members. We respect your privacy and will not sell or share your e-mail address with anyone else. The elimination of a mailed newsletter will save money and volunteer time, plus you will receive CVTA NEWS much quicker.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HELP WANTED—VOLUNTEERS

TRAIL BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

CVTA's Trail Beautification Committee works diligently to keep our trails clean and attractive. The commitment of time is about an hour a week and your reward is a lovely, clean trail for you and other trail users to enjoy.

Trail Beautification Committee Chair, Joyce Richardson, needs volunteers to take Fay-Luther trail duty on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The Saturday volunteer can either take every Saturday or split Saturdays with someone else. A temporary helper is also needed on Tuesdays to fill in for Steve and Amy Delius, who have been faithful Tuesday volunteers for over 4 years. Amy recently had back surgery and Steve has been called out of town frequently in recent months.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Joyce at 783-8462 or jlnev@charter.net.

TRAIL BUILDING WORK DAYS

Volunteers are needed to continue trail building work on the Genoa area trails project. The location for all of the following work days is Sierra Canyon, located 0.5 miles north of Genoa, then follow Centennial Dr. 0.5 miles to Snowshoe Lane. The time for all work days is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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| Friday, September 2 | Saturday, September 3 |
| Sunday, September 11 | Friday, September 16 |
| Tuesday, September 20 | Friday, September 23 |
| Thursday, September 29 | Friday, September 30 |

Check the CVTA website regularly for information about upcoming Fall trail building work days.

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