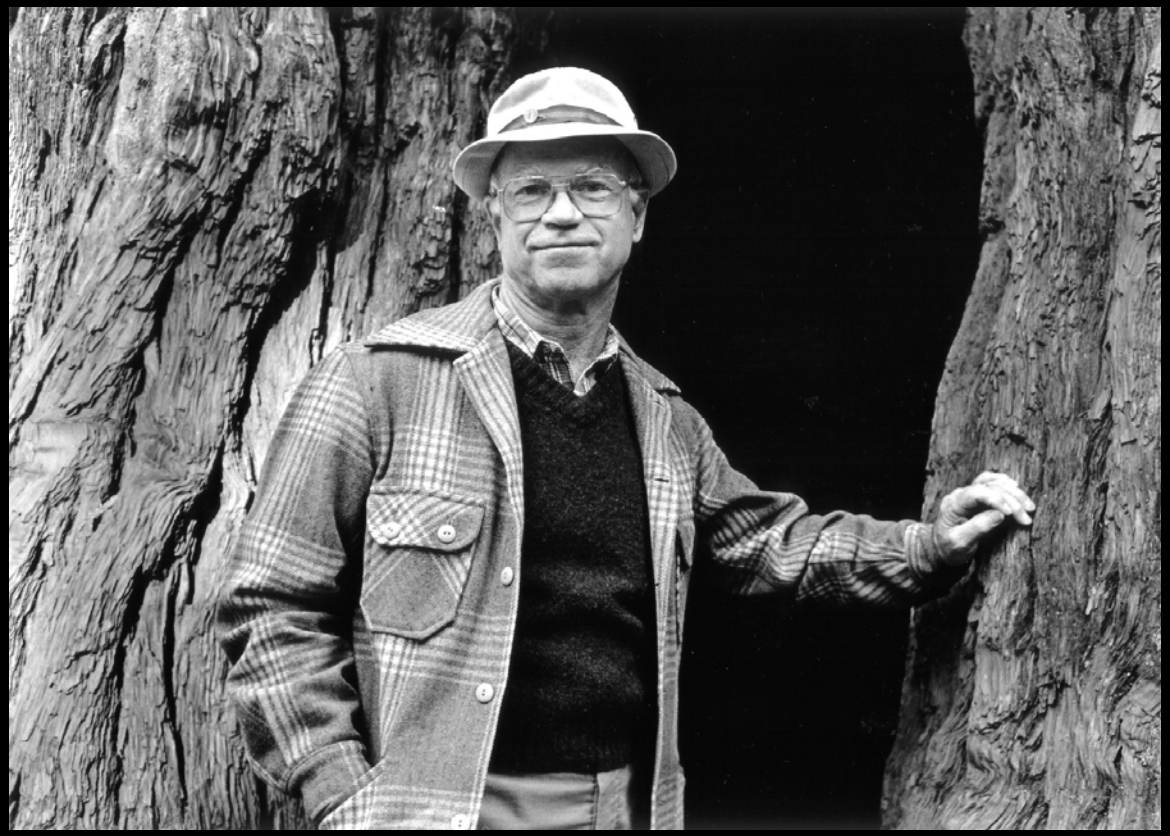
California Trails Day

Whether it be Access, Advocacy, Education, Fundraising, Maintenance or Repair...

California Trail Days is the perfect opportunity to contribute to the many efforts necessary to keep our trails open to the public and available to future generations

California Trail Days Founder
Claude A. (Tony) Look
1917 – 2006



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PLANNING A GREAT TRAIL EVENT

Raising Funds, Raising Awareness, Improving and Maintaining your Trail System

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WHY?

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Raise $$ for organization, specific trail project, tool & equipment purchases

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↑ Positive Publicity

↑ Political Support

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Increase membership or volunteer base

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Complete routine and special maintenance projects

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Have Fun

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What Kind of Events?

- ✓ Volunteer trail maintenance projects

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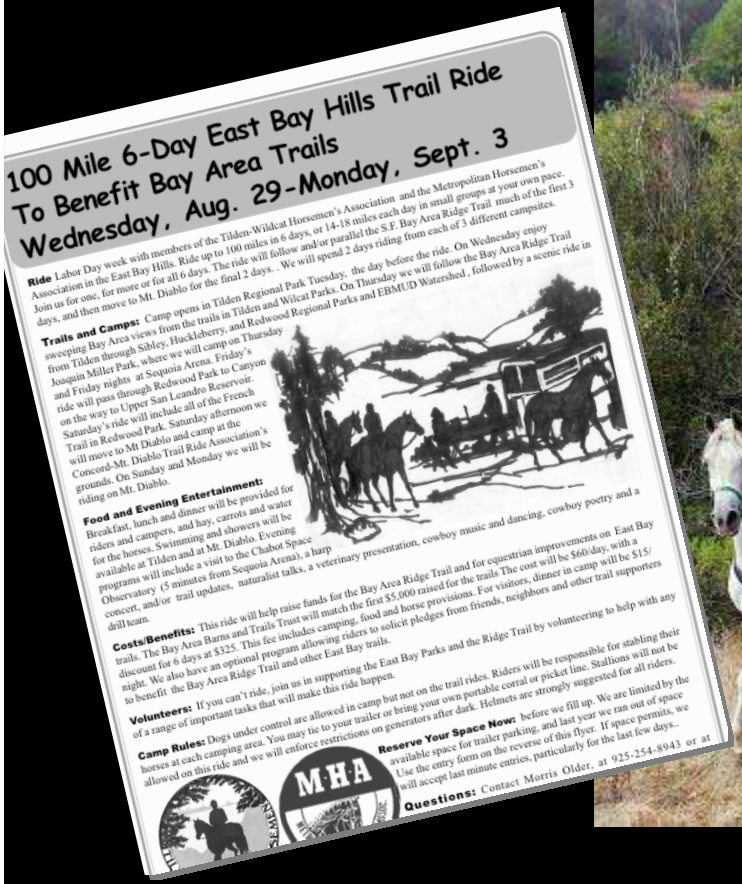
✓ Trail maintenance training events

✓Hiking/biking/equestrian events



100 Mile 6-Day East Bay Hills Trail Ride
To Benefit Bay Area Trails
Wednesday, Aug. 29-Monday, Sept. 3

Ride Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association in the East Bay Hills. Ride up to 100 miles in 6 days, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. Join us for one, for more or for all 6 days. The ride will follow and/or parallel the S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the first 3 days, and then move to Mt. Diablo for the final 2 days. . We will spend 2 days riding from each of 3 different campsites.

Trails and Camps: Camp opens in Tilden Regional Park Tuesday, the day before the ride. On Wednesday enjoy sweeping Bay Area views from the trails in Tilden and Wilcat Parks. On Thursday we will follow the Bay Area Ridge Trail from Tilden through Sibley, Huckleberry, and Redwood Regional Parks and EBMUD Watershed , followed by a scenic ride in Joaquin Miller Park, where we will camp on Thursday and Friday nights at Sequoia Arena. Friday's ride will pass through Redwood Park to Canyon on the way to Upper San Leandro Reservoir. Saturday's ride will include all of the French Trail in Redwood Park. Saturday afternoon we will move to Mt Diablo and camp at the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association's grounds. On Sunday and Monday we will be riding on Mt. Diablo.

Food and Evening Entertainment: Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and campers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming and showers will be available at Tilden and at Mt. Diablo. Evening programs will include a visit to the Chabot Space Observatory (5 minutes from Sequoia Arena), a harp concert, and/or trail updates, naturalist talks, a veterinary presentation, cowboy music and dancing, cowboy poetry and a drill team.

Costs/Benefits: This ride will help raise funds for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and for equestrian improvements on East Bay trails. The Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust will match the first $5,000 raised for the trails The cost will be $60/day, with a discount for 6 days at $325. This fee includes camping, food and horse provisions. For visitors, dinner in camp will be $15/ night. We also have an optional program allowing riders to solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and other trail supporters to benefit the Bay Area Ridge Trail and other East Bay trails.

Volunteers: If you can't ride, join us in supporting the East Bay Parks and the Ridge Trail by volunteering to help with any of a range of important tasks that will make this ride happen.

Camp Rules: Dogs under control are allowed in camp but not on the trail rides. Riders will be responsible for stabling their horses at each camping area. You may tie to your trailer or bring your own portable corral or picket line. Stallions will not be allowed on this ride and we will enforce restrictions on generators after dark. Helmets are strongly suggested for all riders.

Reserve Your Space Now: before we fill up. We are limited by the available space for trailer parking, and last year we ran out of space Use the entry form on the reverse of this flyer. If space permits, we will accept last minute entries, particularly for the last few days..

Questions: Contact Morris Older, at 925-254-8943 or at

East Bay 6-day Ride (& Hike in 2008)

Ridge to Bridge 2007

Sold Out!

Shuttle out and return hike:
30-, 20-, or 13 miles

Reserve early for April 28

Ridge to Bridge 2008

Sold Out!

Shuttle out and return
Hike or Ride
Reserve early for April 26

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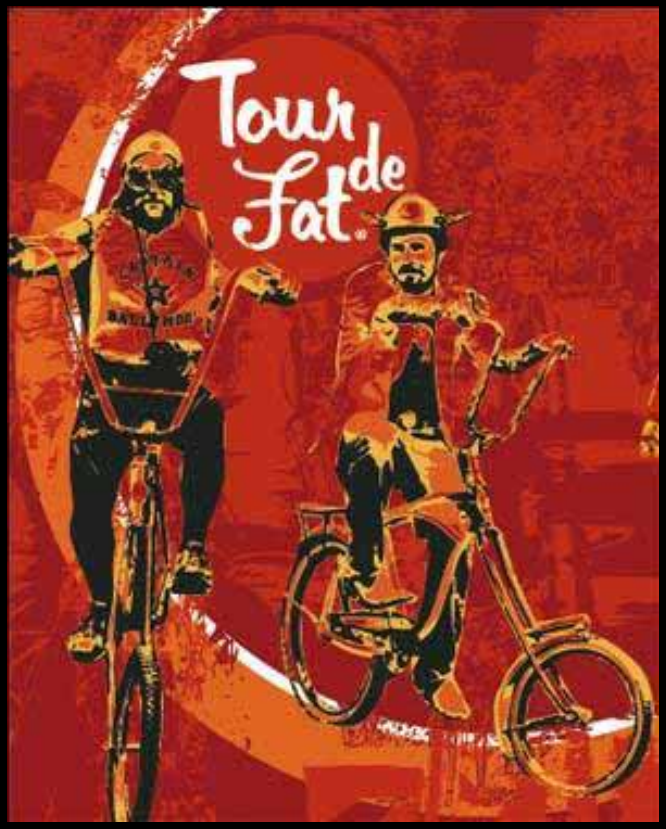
- ✓Food & wine, auction-type events
- ✓Beer busts



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Planning Your Event

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Goals

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Logistics

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Estimating Participants

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Staffing: Recruiting & Scheduling

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Scheduling Event

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Permitting

- Environmental
- Jurisdictional

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Sponsorship

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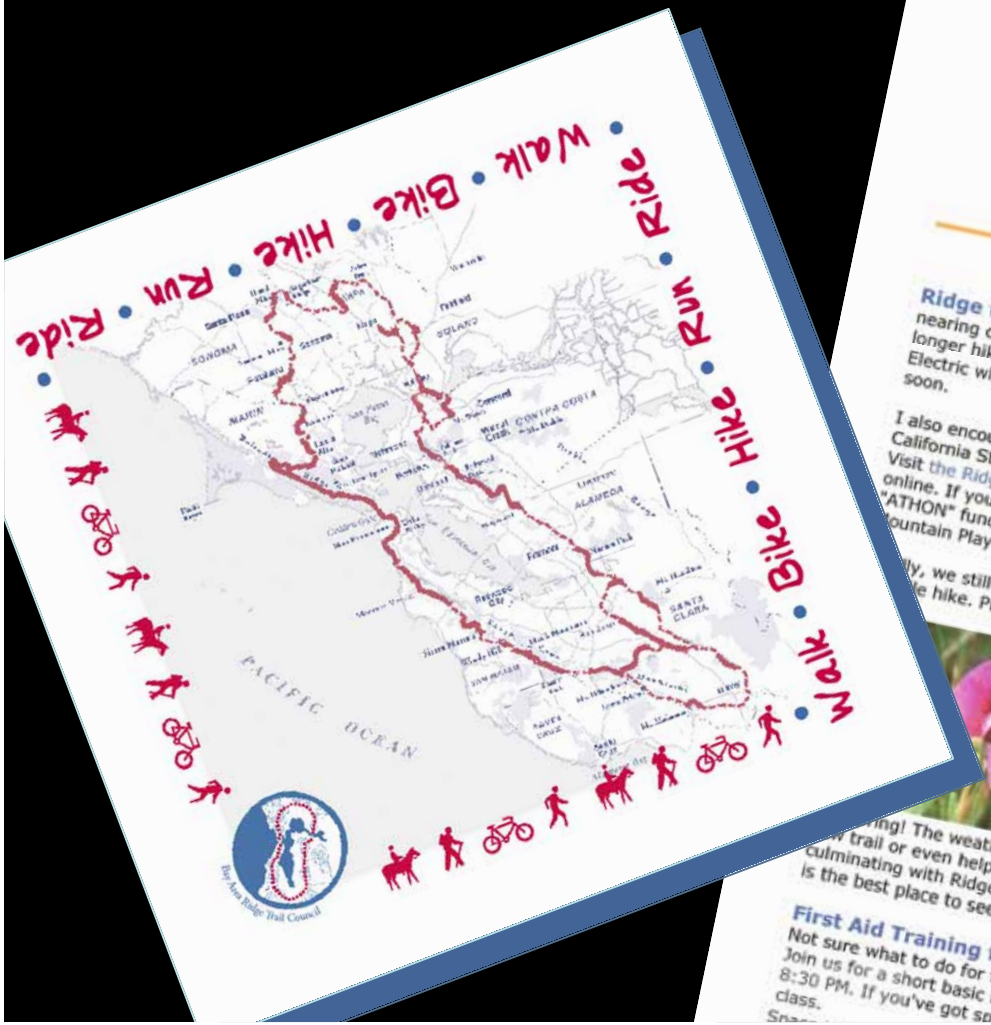
Promoting Your Event



Bay Area Ridge Trail

Welcome to the new Bay Area Ridge Trail Council e-News

Ridge to Bridge in Marin County--April 28 is one of our great annual traditions and it is quickly nearing capacity. The 13-mile hikes are completely sold out, with a wait list. There is still limited space on the longer hikes. Many thanks to our corporate sponsors: REI, Clif Bar, Peet's Coffee & Tea, and Pacific Gas & Electric who support us and help keep the fees reasonable. If you want to participate this year, please register soon.

I also encourage hikers to raise additional funds for the Ridge Trail and California State Parks by asking friends and colleagues to sponsor you. Visit the Ridge to Bridge event listing for a printable form or to donate online. If you can't hike this year, you can still sponsor someone. Top "ATHON" fundraisers can earn great prizes from REI and tickets to the Mountain Play production of *Hair*.

...ly, we still need event volunteers. We especially need leaders for the ...e hike. Please contact Joel at volunteer@ridgetrail.org.

Mt. Wanda Trail Dedication and John Muir Earth Day/Birthday in Martinez--April 21 As always, the Ridge Trail event happens early. Arrive at 8 AM for a short steep hike to the top, and a 9 AM trail dedication ceremony. We can promise bagels and Peet's coffee at the top. Michael Muir, renowned for promoting equestrian trail access, will be at the dedication with a team of horses. A full day of activities is being planned--more on our calendar page.

Enjoy the Trail--or Even Help Build One

...ing! The weather is mild, flowers are blooming and the trail beckons. It's a perfect time to explore a ...w trail or even help build one. Joel Gartland, our Volunteer Coordinator, is mobilizing trail work projects, culminating with Ridge Trail events around the region on June 2, to celebrate National Trails Day. ... is the best place to see the full range of our outings, work days, and trail dedications.

First Aid Training for Volunteer Leaders--April 17

Not sure what to do for the sprain or cut your hiking... Join us for a short basic First Aid class... 8:30 PM. If you've got specific... class.

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Running Your Event

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Registration and Welcome

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Health and Safety

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Work / Fun Time

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Concluding Your Event

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Postscript

- Feedback: what worked, what didn't
- Final Cost Accounting
- Publicity
- Reporting
- Planning for Next Event