

Mount Sutro Open Space Preserve – Volunteers Needed

Beginning on **Saturday, September 2**, we will meet **EVERY FIRST SATURDAY of EACH MONTH at 9 AM**. Meet at the Woods Lot located on Medical Center Way, half way up the hill from Parnassus. Parking is available here for volunteers, **ONLY** during our scheduled activities.

There will always be something for everyone to do, from pruning and removal of invasive plants to the more physical trail building activities.

Please spread the word among your neighbors, find a friend to bring along, and mark your calendars in advance.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH THE PROS

In addition to the regular schedule listed above, there are two additional scheduled work days with the Trail Center listed below. The Trail Center is a non-profit volunteer organization formed in 1983 to provide and promote quality non-motorized trail opportunities for all people in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda and San Francisco counties. The Trail Center works with government agencies, outdoor enthusiasts and other interested parties to create and manage an interconnected network of trails for the five-county region.

Mt. Sutro Open Space Preserve Overview

The Mt. Sutro Open Space Preserve is an amazing wilderness area set in the middle of a very urban place. Dense groves of elderberry, blackberry, mugwort, soaproot, osoberry, ferns and eucalyptus clinging to steep, fog-shrouded hillsides make this land, located above the UC San Francisco campus, an interesting place to explore and a quiet refuge for students and residents of the area.

In October, 2003, the Trail Center, in response to requests from UCSF for hiking trail development, began construction of the "North Ridge Trail", a vital connecting link from the summit to the Woodland Canyon Trail. Successful completion of this project, and the desire of local citizens for greater access to the land, bring us back to Mt. Sutro for the opening up of the West Side Trail.

This trail, recently rediscovered through surveys of the land, was originally created as a WPA project in the 1930's. Our mission is to open up this trail and provide a major new hiking route on the western perimeter of the Preserve.

Location: UCSF, San Francisco, California - West Side Trail - Mt. Sutro Open Space

Agency: UCSF - Orlando Elizondo, Manager

Supervisor: Scott Heeschen

Project Lead: Ben Pease, <http://www.peasepress.com>

Additional Information: Participants should bring water, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, lunch and normal precautions against poison oak exposure (work gloves, long sleeved shirts and long pants). The Trail Center provides tools, training, gloves, and refreshments after the workday.

Saturday, October 14, 2006 - West Side Trail - Day 1

Activities: We will start by brushing this trail as needed and then commence tread repair where the original WPA grade is no longer safe or usable. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the trailhead (Woods Lot). We will commence work at 9:00. The weather might be cold or damp, so bring suitable layers of clothing to keep yourself comfortable.

Saturday, December 02, 2006 - West Side Trail - Day 2

Activities: Continuing our tread repair, we will tackle any projects that were not completed in our previous visit. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the trailhead (Woods Lot). The weather might be cold or damp, so bring suitable layers of clothing to keep yourself comfortable.

For additional information on any of our stewardship activities, including those not on the regular schedule, please feel free to contact me directly.

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