



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Trails and Paths Committee Meeting
March 20, 2024
9:00 am PT

Fred Leach, Chair
Gary Hanning, Vice Chair
Jacquelyn Davis, Secretary
Liz Babb, Member
Joe Coleman, Member
Alex Doherty, Member
Barb Eckstein, Member
Elle Ferrari, Member
Susan Gold, Member

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE– 765 PORTOLA RD. – PORTOLA VALLEY, CA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Approve minutes from past meetings
 - b. Hawthorns
 - c. Maps - Trails + Safe Routes
 - d. Town Hike
 - e. Horse Fair
 - f. Capital improvements
 - g. Trail maintenance review
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is April 17, 2024.

Land Acknowledgement:

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.

TOWN of PORTOLA VALLEY

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February 28, 2024

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Glossary:

BPTS: Bicycle, Pedestrian, Traffic Safety Committee

Midpen: Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space

SRTS: Safe Routes to Schools

TC: Portola Valley Town Council

T&PC: Trails and Paths Committee

WFPD: Woodside Fire Protection District

RECORDING OF MEETING HERE:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2j_u8NCLy1c

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order by Chair F. Leach at 9:00
- Roll Call

	A	B	C	D
1	Member	Attending in Person	Attending via Zoom	Absent
2	Fred Leach, Chair	✓		
3	Gary Hanning, Vice Chair	✓		
4	Liz Babb, Secretary			✓
5	Joe Coleman	✓		
6	Jacquelyn Davis	✓		
7	Alex Doherty			✓
8	Barb Eckstein	✓		
9	Ellie Ferrari	✓		
10	Susan Gold	✓		

a. Also present: H. Young, Public Works Director; S. Wernikoff (NEW Town Council Liaison - via Zoom), **Teresa Coleman (in person, member of the public/Conservation Committee), Caroline Vertongen (zoom, member of the public/BPTS Committee) Dave Evans (zoom, member of the public)**

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- a. C. Vertongen - called in to follow-up up on her email regarding SRTS physical trail issues related to weather.
- b. T. Coleman - annual town broom pull coming Sunday at 9am. Meet at schoolhouse. █

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approve meeting minutes from past meeting (12/13/23)

- J. Coleman motion to approved. E. Ferrari seconded. Unanimous approval.

b. Hawthorns

- Next PAWG meeting Thursday 6pm. Primary focus on parking.

c. Trails Map update

- Howard and Fred synced on areas Howard felt needed to be fixed - use of Valley Oak trail, clarifying of Town Center trails and Spring down trails, a final check with resolution, and noting volunteer produced. Dave will update. It will be posted in B&W as well as the more detailed color version.
- F. Leach to send final map with list of changes to committee with goal of posting on website following the next meeting.

d. Town Hike

- B. Eckstein is in touch with Lucy Neely/Neely Winery in town about how to involve them to add to social element.
- Likely Fall timeframe. F. Leach to touch base with A. Doherty to see how he wants to proceed.

e. Trail maintenance review

- H. Young shared that clearing of water bars and fallen trees occurred in January. A couple large trees fell in the Ranch, 2 on pedestrian bridges. The town is working with homeowners and insurance company to deal with. H. Young to place warning signs ahead of bridges.
- Working with school (CMS) to look at drainage off school property
- Hayfields loop in need of contract work
- It is time to begin preparing capital improvement requests for next FY. J. Coleman to send request for feedback to committee.
- Ongoing Sausal erosion issues. J. Davis to send images. Consider additional capital improvement work.
- H. Young to look into whether there is drainage coming off of Mid-Pen property resulting in erosion issues on Alpine Trail or is it a town only maintenance issue. Possible candidate for capital improvement and/or discussion with MidPen.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee officers for 2024

- G. Hanning nominated F. Leach as chair. J. Coleman seconded. Unanimous approval.
- F. Leach nominated G. Hanning as vice-chair. J. Coleman seconded. Unanimous approval.
- F. Leach nominated J. Davis as secretary. G. Hanning seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- G. Hanning made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.



MEMORANDUM

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO: Trails and Paths Committee

FROM: Scott Weber, Maintenance Worker
Howard Young, Public Works Director

DATE: **March 15, 2024**

RE: Trail work for February 2024

Attached is the trail work recording form completed for February.

The total maintenance staff hours worked in February was 20 hours.

The total contracted staff hours worked February was 0 hours.

Total hours worked: **20 hours**

Attachments: Trail Map
Work sheet

Trail	Length	Work Completed	Date
Admiral Quilter	0.5	Cleared water bars, two fallen trees	2-13
Alpine	3.0		
Arroyo	1.6		
Bay Laurel	0.5		
Black Oak	0.8		
Blue Oak	0.5		
Buckmeadow	0.5		
Cervantes	1.3		
Cherokee	0.2		
Coalmine	0.8		
Deer Path	0.7		
Dwight Crowder	2.0		
Eagle	0.6	Installed trail post	2-16
Fawn	0.3		
Fire Road	0.5		
Firethorne	0.1		
Georgia	0.3		
Golden Hills	0.7		
Golden Oak	0.2		
Grove	0.6		
Hay Forks	0.7	Cleared water bars	2-1
Hillbrook	0.4	Cleared water bars	2-8
Indian Crossing	0.4		
Iroquois	0.2		
Lake	0.4		
Larry Lane	1.5	Cleared water bars, fallen tree	2-1/14
Los Trancos	1.1		
Los Trancos Rd	0.4		
Meadowwood	0.4		
Minoca	0.7		
Nathorst	0.3		
Old Spanish	1.9	Cleared three fallen trees	2-15
Palmer	0.6		
Portola	2.3		
Possum	0.2		
Priory	0.5		
Redberry	0.2		
Sausal	0.6		
Sequoia	0.5		
Shady	0.8	Cleared fallen tree, water bars	2-1/7
Shawnee	0.5		
Sunrise	0.8		
Sweet Springs	0.8		
Toyon	2.4	Cleared fallen tree	2-15
Veronica	0.2		
Westridge			
Willowbrook	0.8		
TOTAL	36.0 miles		

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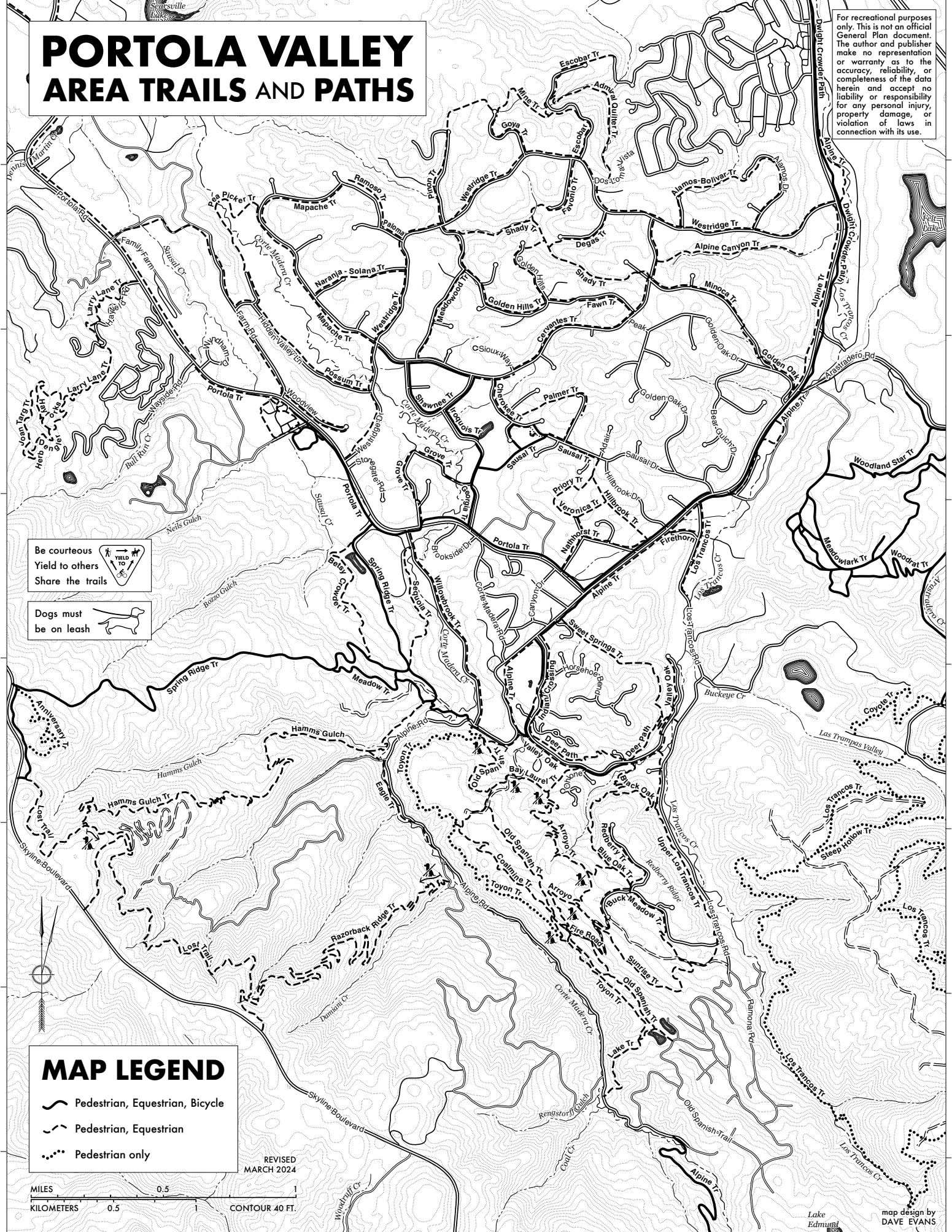
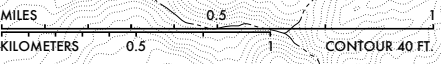
Be courteous
Yield to others
Share the trails

Dogs must be on leash

MAP LEGEND

- Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle
- Pedestrian, Equestrian
- Pedestrian only

REVISED MARCH 2024



Lake Edmund map design by DAVE EVANS

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MILES 0.5 1
KILOMETERS 0.5 1
CONTOUR 40 FT.

VOLUNTEER PRODUCED
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- Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle
- Pedestrian, Equestrian
- Pedestrian only

- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space
- Portola Valley Open Space
- Coal Mine Ridge Nature Preserve
- Town of Portola Valley
- Town of Woodside
- City of Palo Alto
- Westridge Trails

Trails subject to seasonal or conditional closure. To report Town of Portola Valley trail issues use the "PV Connect" mobile app or visit www.portolavalley.net/pvconnect.

No dogs in Coal Mine Ridge Nature Preserve or south of Hamms Gulch in Windy Hill OSP.

Westridge trails are natural surface - rocky, uneven, steep, and subject to unexpected hazards - WASC permits access pursuant to Civil Code § 846.

COAL CREEK OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

Map design by Dave Evans