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December 4, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors via email

RE: Departmental Agenda Item #1 - Countywide Fee Adjustments for Santa Barbara County Parks and Services. Revenue Options and Southcoast County Comparison – County-Owned Equestrian Facilities

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Several months ago, our equestrian coalition and the Santa Ynez Valley Riders submitted a letter to your Board supporting the County-wide Recreation Management Plan (Plan) currently being developed for Santa Barbara County. However, we continue to have concerns about the future of the grandfathered-equestrian uses at Live Oak Camp and Trail. Our primary concern is to ensure that **safe** equestrian trails and horse camping are **prioritized and included** in the Plan.

You may or may not be familiar with the Santa Barbara County Park Commission Handbook, on Pages 14 and 17 of the Fee Credit Program and Park Fee Credit Program (attached), where Equestrian Facilities are listed as a Demand Level One Recreational Activity in High Demand. These sections were last updated 12/2/99 and 4/20/2000, respectively, over 20 years ago. In the list of six high level demand facilities described, only the demand for Equestrian Facilities has not been addressed by the County.

Upon further research, the data indicate that Santa Barbara County is the only California south coastal County Park system that does not offer horse camping and offers only one equestrian only or hiker/equestrian trail when compared to the surrounding coastal Counties where most offer several equestrian only and equestrian/hiker trails. Equestrian riding and camping demand in Santa Barbara County has been overlooked as a revenue source.

The Parks Division has posted a short write-up about Live Oak Trail since the trail was opened to hikers in 2000, but the information appears to be geared to hikers, rather than the safety and exceptional experience offered to horseback riders. You can review that web page [HERE](#). Note that in the entire 30 years prior to 2020, there was no mention nor advertisement of Live Oak Trail nor up until recently, when horse camping was allowed at Live Oak Camp.

Southcoast County-Owned Equestrian Facilities Comparison: The attached table is a Summary and Comparison of Equestrian Facilities (attached) and other trails that are owned by County Park Departments or

by Regional Park Districts in that County – those under local control - in surrounding counties from Monterey to San Diego (7 Counties). In summary:

- 5/7 Counties have several equestrian only or hiker/equestrian trails, that exclude mountain bikes. (Santa Barbara County has but one – Live Oak Trail).
- 4/7 Counties have equestrian camping facilities - with corrals and water. (Santa Barbara County has none)
- 4/7 Counties have some form of Equestrian Park or Center with arenas. (Santa Barbara County has none)
- 2/7 have equestrian facilities in planning, under construction or refurbishment (Santa Barbara County has none).
- 6/7 Counties have detailed informational websites about the equestrian recreational activities at each facility/park. (Santa Barbara County has minimal equestrian recreation information)

Frankly, we were surprised at the findings and shocked at the dismal attention paid to equestrian recreational activities and need for facilities in Santa Barbara County. Even Los Angeles County has an equestrian facility in the urban Long Beach area which allows the surrounding underserved neighborhood access to horses. The detailed Summary and Comparison chart is attached for your information.

Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Equestrian Use History: The original horse camp at Cachuma Lake Recreation Area (beginning in the 1960's) was located at what is now the Mohawk Group site, at the main Recreation Area, on the south side of the lake. From the horse camp, equestrian riders had access to the trails around the Lake (including the Mesa Trail to the east of the horse camp), and under Hwy 154 to access the Tequipis Trail and up into the Los Padres National Forest. Eventually, the horse camp was removed, but without any notification to the well-developed equestrian community in the Santa Ynez Valley. Mohawk group camp is now home to mountain bike rallies and other events. The Mohawk rental fee is proposed to be raised 5% [\$600 to \$630] while Live Oak Camp is being raised 20% [\$1,400 to \$1600]).

We were all surprised when this happened and for a time, equestrian groups were satisfied with being able to rent Live Oak camp for group and riding club get-togethers and at that time equestrians still had access to both the trails around the Lake on the south shore and Live Oak Trail that was created as an equestrian trail in 1989 adjacent to Live Oak Camp on the north shore. Equestrian and other community groups frequented Live Oak Camp. However, revisions in the fee schedule and in particular, rental fees for Live Oak Camp around the 2012 timeframe (early teens) has made it prohibitively expensive for local community groups to recreate at Live Oak Camp. As examples, two local groups that have had to refrain from renting due to facility cost include the Backcountry Horsemen and the Santa Ynez Elks.

Then in 2017, several events happened that would totally remove equestrians from the Main Recreation Area (south shore of Cachuma Lake):

- The Whittier Fire burnt through the eastern end of the Recreation Area exposing the Mesa Trail in 2017. Then, in 2019, just prior to the pandemic Cachuma Park staff and local mountain bike advocates "rehabbed" the Mesa Trail for mountain bike use. Attached is the article (since removed from SAGE Trail Alliance's website) for your review. You can see the extensive alterations to the trail in the photos making this trail inappropriate for hikers or equestrians and is now an exclusive mountain bike track. Again, no notice or opportunity for equestrian or the general public input on the trail use was provided.

- Following the demise of equestrian facilities on the south side of the Lake, equestrians were banned completely from the main Recreation Area trails in 2020 – 2021 during the pandemic. Camping at Cachuma had sky-rocketed and it has become too busy to accommodate horseback riding safely in the Main Recreation Area.
- Live Oak Trail and the Live Oak Camp (an arena and water faucets remain throughout the camp and are in place to support equestrian activities and camping) are the only remaining County-owned equestrian facilities and trail in Santa Barbara County.
- In 2020, during the pandemic, the Parks Division proposed a Pilot Program^[1] to open the Live Oak Trail to hikers, then planned six months later to allow mountain bikes, yet again, with no notice or opportunity for equestrian or general public input. Equestrians only discovered the plan because the kiosk that the Santa Ynez Valley Riders had donated over 30 years ago (and the kiosk had a plate with our club's name and dedication date) was missing, and we contacted Park staff to ask if we could replace it, but we were denied the opportunity to donate a workforce or funding to make that happen.

Summary and Conclusions: Given these findings and history of the Parks Division in their lack of considering and prioritizing equestrian facilities in any form and continuing to limit equestrian riding and camping opportunities in the County, points to several deficiencies in the Santa Barbara County Parks system and in particular the Division's cultural reluctance to support recreational activities for equestrians. Compliance with the policy directive in the Parks Commission Handbook to review considerations/requirements for equestrian facilities as a high demand recreational resource, has set a standard for, but Parks has failed to consider such facilities in the past 20 years the requirement has been on the books. In summary:

- There is only one equestrian/hiker trail in the County's trail system when equestrian trail riding is a County-wide and regional need. There need to be more equestrian/hiker trails, but at a minimum, Live Oak Trail needs to be preserved for equestrians and hikers in Santa Barbara County.
- There are no County-owned equestrian camping facilities and there is demand - all other coastal Counties recognize the demand and have taken advantage of it as a revenue source. Earlier this year our coalition prepared a draft proposal for a horse camp at Live Oak with help from the Atascadero Horsemen's Association in San Luis Obispo County (See Santa Margarita Lake on the attached Summary and Comparison Table). The proposal for a horse camp at Live Oak is attached for your information and has previously been submitted to the Parks Staff, our Supervisor and the County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee (CRAHTAC). The amenities of a horse camp are minimal and could be set up during time when Live Oak Camp is not in use. Pens, roll-off bins and water troughs are portable and can be moved at times to accommodate other uses (such as Festivals) at Live Oak Camp.
- To our knowledge, there has been no initiative nor research on the County's part into other Counties, how those organizations budget for and make decisions to establish equestrian trail riding and camping as potential viable revenue generating resources, including the various ways they are managed (in-house, via concessionaire, partner non-profit).
- The research has shown that the staffing structure of the Santa Barbara Parks Division is very different from any surrounding Counties. Santa Barbara County Parks:
 - Appears understaffed and lacks many positions to undertake responsibilities that have become synonymous with Recreation – natural resource protection, law enforcement, diversity of users, continual analytical evaluation, and communication with all recreation visitors.
 - Must shift the focus from relying exclusively on large event organizers and organizations who, through their dollars hold influence over Division decisions as opposed to the wants and needs of the local community.

We ask your Board to consider adding the Live Oak equestrian camp and trail to the County's array of advertising and outreach and consider making additional trails equestrian or equestrian hiker only. Recently the Parks Division has launched video filming for each park as information and advertising of each recreation amenity. Equestrian recreational opportunities at Cachuma Lake must be made part of that effort, the web site enhanced with information for equestrian riders and the camping option at Live Oak given serious consideration and implemented as a revenue source.

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the status of equestrian recreational activities offered at surrounding Counties and to ask that your Board direct staff to undertake the expansion of equestrian recreational opportunities at Live Oak Camp and Trail, add additional equestrian trails and make the rental fee at Live Oak equitable to the other camps at Lake Cachuma. There were at one time many equestrian venues throughout the Country, particularly in the Santa Ynez Valley, all have been quietly dismantled and equestrians prohibited from those parks. Live Oak is the last of its kind in Santa Barbara County and the past eliminations of equestrian venues in the County and the long history of Live Oak as an equestrian venue going back to Rancho times make this the most appropriate place to establish a County equestrian facility.

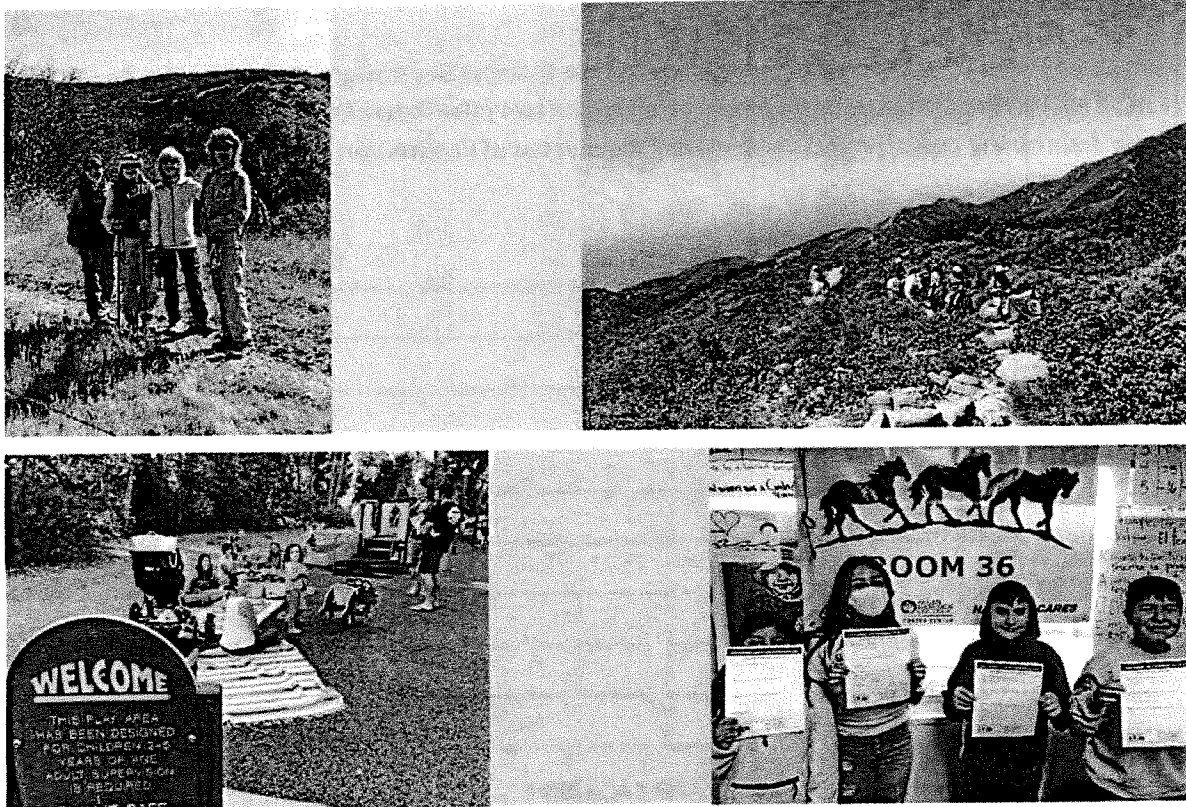
We understand the Parks Division is not meeting the County's full cost recovery policy and it seems more revenue opportunities should be explored in line with the community's needs and in comparison with recreation opportunities offered in neighboring Counties. Additionally, it must be recognized that the need for accompanying advertising and media attention is required to make the venture successful. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Best Regards,

Kathy Rosenthal
2022 President
Santa Ynez Valley Riders

^[1] The Pilot Program was altered, after equestrians' intervention, to open the Live Oak Trail to hikers and equestrians for a period of 18-months. That period ended in October 2022 but a lawsuit was filed by individual equestrians and has delayed a decision on what the outcome will be at Live Oak. Trail user data gathering during the Pilot Program has been sporadic and unreliable. It is bad data and is not usable.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION



Handbook

Adopted by the Park Commission: December 2, 1999

Revision: August 2022



Exhibit F: Fee Credit Program

Fee Credit Program

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adopted by the Park Commission 12/2/99

The following recreational activities have been determined to have the greatest demand by Santa Barbara County residents:

Demand Level	Activities/Facilities
1 (high demand)	Group Picnicking Outdoor Sports (regulation hard court or regulation field sports) Tot Lots Swimming in Pools Equestrian Facilities Community Recreation Building
2 (medium demand)	Picnicking (individual units) Outdoor Sports (soft court or informal court & field sports) Bicycling Beach Use
3 (low demand)	Informal Recreation Passive Recreation Recreational Trails

The provision of these private activities/facilities by the sub divider/developer helps meet the County's Recreation Demand and consequently credit may be assigned against the payment of fees pursuant to the credit schedule contained in this section.

Provision by a sub divider/developer of activities/facilities that include conditions of availability for use by the general public may be reviewed as a higher demand level or other enhanced consideration for fee credit at the discretion of the Park Commission.

In all cases, fee credit consideration shall not exceed 50% of assessed fees per project.

CREDIT SCHEDULE

Adopted by the Park Commission 12/2/99

At the discretion of the Park Commission, the application of this credit schedule may be considered upon review of all the factors that affect the provision, by residential projects, of on-site recreational activities/facilities and their ability to help meet the County's Recreation Demand.

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| 1. Provision of 4 Demand Level #1 activities on site. | 50% |
| 2. Provision of 3 Demand Level #1 and 1 Demand Level #2 activities on site. | 40% |
| 3. Provision of 2 Demand Level #1 and 1 Demand Level #2 activities on site. | 30% |
| 4. Provision of 2 or more Demand Level #2 activities or the combination of 1 Demand Level #1 and 1 Demand Level #2 activities on site. | 20% |
| 5. Provision of 1 Demand Level #1 or provision of 2 from any combination of Demand Level #1, #2, or #3 activities on site. | 10% |

NOTE: Credit is based on the types of activities (facilities) provided regardless of the number of those activities (facilities).

PARK FEE CREDIT PROGRAM

SUBMITTAL REQUIRMENTS OF APPLICANTS

Adopted by the Park Commission 12/2/99

Requests for credit on assessed Park Quimby and Development Mitigation Fees for the on-site provision of recreational facilities shall comply with the following submittal requirements:

1. Request for Park fee credit must be submitted to and received by the Director of Parks prior to project approvals. The initial submittal for staff review shall include one copy of each of the following (materials shall be submitted for staff review a minimum of one week prior to Park Commission submittal):
 - a. A detailed project description of the recreational amenities/facilities proposed for the development project including requirements of the zone district for recreation and open space.
 - b. A landscape site plan for the overall project including the recreational facilities and topographical and circulation information.
 - c. Site design of proposed recreation areas including facility capacity estimates, area calculations, elevations, floor plans, equipment specifications (catalog cuts) and other appurtenant materials.
 - d. Preliminary cost estimate of proposed facilities to be considered for credit.

2. Submittals for Park Commission Review shall include:
 - a. Complete materials shall be submitted two weeks prior to Park Commission meeting.
 - b. (7) copies of materials are required in 1 a-d reflecting revisions that may have occurred through staff review of initial submittal.

NOTE: The Park Commission's recommendation will be included in County Park's conditions of approval letter for the project. Final decision-making authority on fee credits rests with the decision-maker on the project (Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors). It is the intent of the Park Fee Credit Program that processing, through the Park Commission's final recommendation, be complete prior to the decision-making hearing.

PARK FEE CREDIT PROGRAM

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS/REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATION FACILITIES

Adopted by the Park Commission 12/2/99 (rev. 4/20/00)

Demand Level One Recreation Activities:

(High Demand)

Group Picnicking: Accommodates associated groups of persons from 25 to over 100 in number, utilizing tables clustered together in a single area with larger cooking facilities (i.e. large barbecue and serving/prep table) and water facilities (i.e. hose bib, drinking fountain).

Outdoor Sports: (Regulation hard court or regulation field sport): Games and sports where there is competition against other persons or against a clock or a record. Includes: football, softball, baseball, rugby, handball, tennis, racquetball, full court basketball, soccer, etc. with associated facility infrastructure (e.g. back stops, nets, hoops, bases, etc.) and permanently marked for sports (e.g. baselines, infields, side lines, etc.)

Swimming Pools: Swimming pools which conform with public health and safety requirements including deck space, fencing requirements, changing facilities and an occupancy load per state regulations of 1 bather per 20 square foot of water surface for pools and 1 bather per 10 square foot for spas.

Tot Lots (children's play areas): Includes separate facilities to accommodate distinct age grounds of 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds. Structure shall be institutional grade with surfaces and clear area as required for health and safety including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Equestrian Facilities: Horseback riding that is done for recreation, including trails and on-site support facilities (e.g. stables, corrals, storage, etc.)

Community Recreation Building: Includes separate building space within the development which demonstrates the capacity to house indoor recreational activities such as community meeting/banquet space, physical fitness room, leisure activities (e.g. library/reading room, game room, etc.), indoor recreation (e.g. ping pong, billiards/pool room, etc.), music room, etc. Said building space shall include separate restroom facilities contained within the building. Space allocated for administration and or management of developments shall not be included for consideration.

Demand Level Two Recreational Activities:

Picnicking: An outdoor activity that includes a table and barbecue where the primary purpose is the preparation or eating of a meal outdoors (e.g. individual picnic units). Provision of 1 unit per 150 persons in development, minimum 2 units per development.

Outdoor Sports: (soft court or informal field sports): Games and sports where there is competition against other persons or against a clock or a record. Includes: volleyball, soccer, half-court basketball, informal ball fields (i.e. backstop only) etc. with associated facility infrastructure (e.g. back stops, nets, etc.)

Bicycling: Any bicycle riding done only for pleasure which includes bike racks and dedicated recreation bike paths, but not including to work or school. Does not include bike paths required by Transportation Improvement Plans.

Beach Use: Includes and provides for a wide variety of recreation activities, which can be enjoyed at a sandy beach (such as swimming, surfing, picnicking, sunbathing, playing, volleyball, etc.) and excluding use of motorized vehicles.

Demand Level Three Recreational Activities:

(Low Demand)

Information Recreation: Includes active recreation not easily allocated to specific facilities, but which require sufficient irrigated turf open space for activities such as children's games, Frisbee throwing, strolling, etc. Includes: shuffleboard, horseshoe, badminton, archery, jogging courses, lawn bowling, and croquet.

Passive Recreation: Includes sites designed with amenities and specifically designated for passive recreational activities including, but not limited to, bird watching, outdoor reading spaces, community gardens, interpretive nature walks.

Recreational Trail: Trail use of a substantial nature.

Reference <https://www.sagetrail.org/cachuma-lake-trail-day/>



CACHUMA LAKE TRAIL DAY

- March 10, 2019
- [Sophia Dentzel](#)
- [Uncategorized](#)
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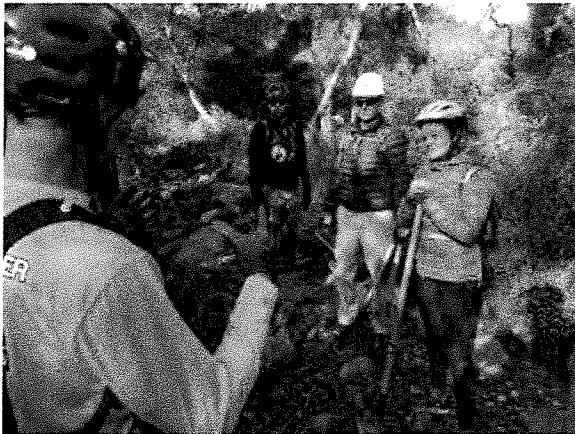
Lake Cachuma Trail Work
March 10th, 2019

Today we worked on developing new bike trails at Lake Cachuma Recreation Area! Yes, New Bike Trails!



With a lot of rallying help from Mike Hecker we were joined with many NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) student-athletes, parents, and coaches–The total number of volunteers for the day was 123!! NICA hopes to have a XC race course set at Cachuma Lake in 2020.

The work day began with a tool safety talk from our president and one of the days event leaders, Doug Jacobson. After this we broke up into two area groups and hiked in. Lauren and Doug led crews in the Upper Mesa area and Chris and Sophia led in the Lower Mesa area.



With the help of 15 crew leaders, 11 who had recently competed SBMTV's Trail Academy this January!, Leaders were able to work with small crews of 5-10 volunteers and provide sustainable trail building education and guidance. What are they like? What did we build? We built 1.5 miles of trail. We did a lot of trail defining: built berms in turns, scraped the ground to show where the trail tread goes, helped block of directions to not go in. We built drainage features. We lopped/sawed/and axed back brush that was encroaching on the

trail corridor, greatly improving line of sight and taking away edge of trail hazards. A small reroute was built across a creek, I wish we had some before and after photos—solid rock moving and now buried work was done to make it hold up for years to come.



These trails are twisty and turny, they have some rock gardens, they have berms, they have some amazing views of the lake—Come check them out! Riding the two loops is about 3 miles and adding in laps or the Sweetwater trail you can easily get over 10 miles of riding in.

So, after all this work, we got back had pizza delivered straight from the Rangers! Plus this was supplemented with an amazing TJs spread from Kurt. Thank you!



Thank you SB County for the food and tools, Trails Council for tools and volunteers, The LP Hotshots for more tools. NICA students, coaches, and parents, SBMTV Trail Academy Crew Leaders and all other volunteers, Thank you for coming out and volunteering at this event!

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments at info@sbmtv.org

Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook group and page and Email Announcements for upcoming events!



















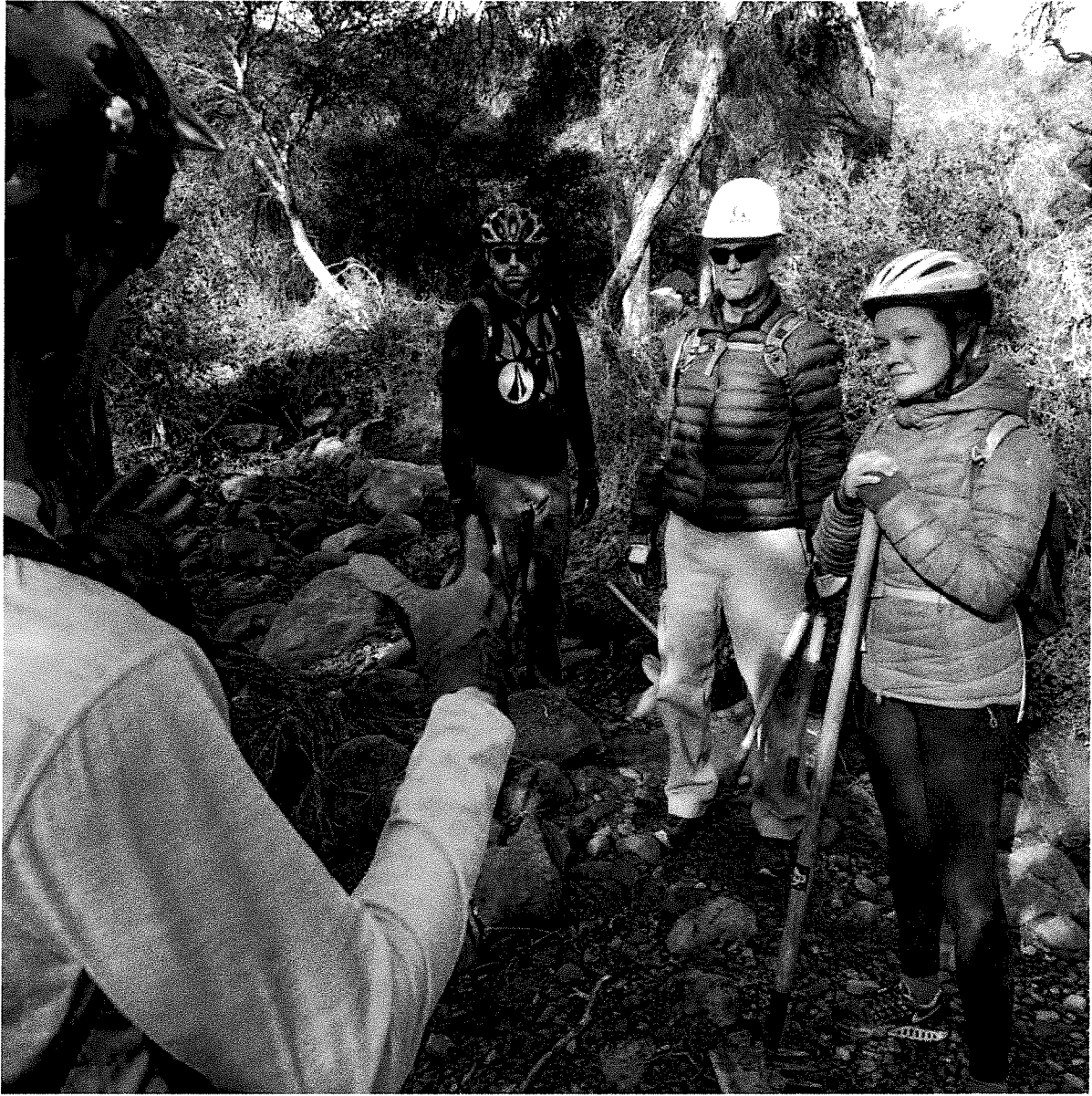




















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Summary and Comparison Equestrian Facilities and Trails California Southcoast Counties

County	Facility & Address	Owner/Operator & Contact Info	Web Site	Equestrian Amenities	Camping	Arena	Pens/ Corrals	Water Available	Activities	Equestrian Trail(s)	Hikers Allowed	Bikes Allowed	Dogs Allowed	Notes
Monterey	Long Trail located adjacent to Lake San Antonio at Los Robles Equestrian Camp, North shore of Lake San Antonio.	Monterey County Public Works, Facilities & Parks Public Works 1441 Schilling Place Salinas, CA 93901 (831) 755-4800	https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-12/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/long-trail-equestrian-permit	Hot showers, restrooms, corrals, some trees for lining, water for horses, arena, round pen, campsites, manure bunkers with wheelbarrows & rakes	Y - Adjacent to Los Robles Equestrian Camp, North shore of Lake San Antonio.	N	Y-At adjacent Los Robles Equestria n Camp, North Lake San Antonio.	Y-At adjacent Los Robles Equestrian Camp, North shore of Lake San Antonio.	Trail rides, Fundraisers, Group events.	Y	N	N	N	There is no permit fee to access the Long Trail. Day Use Entry fees and horse fees are applicable when entering North Shore, Lake San Antonio. Somewhat complicated reservation system. The Long Trail is located on an active cattle ranch adjacent to the Los Robles Equestrian Camp (EREC) at Lake San Antonio. Use of the Long Trail is a privilege for permitted equestrians giving them the opportunity to ride their horse on an eleven (11) mile trail ride. This trail is not a hiking trail - only permitted equestrians may access it. There are no amenities located on the Long Trail is property.
	Garland Ranch 700 West Carmel Valley Rd Carmel, CA	Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.	https://www.mp-rpd.org/garland-ranch-regional-park	Trail	N	N	N	N	Day use activities include hiking, photography, horseback riding, jogging, walking, bird watching, painting and simple solitude, and limited mountain bike riding in the Cooper Ranch area.	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Hiking, Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Hiking, Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Must be leashed or under immediate voice & visual command at all times. District Rangers are authorized to issue citations.	Garland Ranch Regional Park is a 3,464 acres public recreational area.
	Jacks Peak Park 25020 Jacks Peak Park Rd. Monterey, CA 93940	Monterey County Public Works, Facilities & Parks 1441 Schilling Piece Salinas, CA 93901 (831) 755-4800	https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-12/public-works-facilities-parks/county-parks/jacks-peak-park	Horse Trailer parking, Trail Riding	N	Y	N	Y	Trail riding.	Y	Y	N	Y - Must be leashed or under immediate voice & visual command at all times. District Rangers are authorized to issue citations.	Jacks Peak Park has almost 8.5 miles of horseback riding and hiking trails

Toro Canyon Park 501
 Monterey Salinas Hwy,
 Salinas, CA 93908

Equestrian staging area (Horse Trailer Parking)

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Trail riding

Y - Hiking, Bicycling, and Equestrian designated trails.

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San Luis Obispo

Santa Margarita Lake Recreation & Natural Area
 4695 Santa Margarita Lake Road
 Santa Margarita, CA 93453
 (805) 788-2397

County of San Luis Obispo Parks & Recreation (under lease from the US Bureau of Reclamation)
 1144 Monterey Street, Ste. A
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
 (805) 781-5930

Lopez Lake Recreation Area
 6800 Lopez Drive
 Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
 (805) 788-2381

County of San Luis Obispo Parks & Recreation (under lease from the US Bureau of Reclamation)
 1144 Monterey Street, Ste. A
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
 (805) 781-5930

https://slocountyparks.com/camp/p/santa-margarita-lake/

https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/

https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/

Horse trailer parking, trail riding, horse camping.

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Y-Black Bear Camp

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Trail riding and camping

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Multi-use trails. Pack in/pack out equestrian camp created through the efforts and donations through the Atascadero Horsemen's Association

Multi-use trails. Equestrian camp and trails maintained by the Rinconada Trail Riders, a local equestrian group.

Santa Barbara

Cachuma Recreation Area
 Live Oak Camp/Trail

Santa Barbara County Community Services Parks Division
 123 East Anapamu St.
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 39a3b3164636

https://www.counyoofsb.org/689/Live-Oak-Trails?contentId=84f3e504-adfc-4a1d-8942-39a3b3164636

Horse Trailer Parking, arena at Live Oak Camp but not available to equestrians.

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Trail Riding.

Y Y Y Y Y Y

Only equestrian "facility" remaining in Santa Barbara County Parks.

Ventura

Las Posas Equestrian Park
 2084 Via Veneto, Camarillo, CA 93010

Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District
 1605 E. Burnley St
 Camarillo CA 93010
 (805) 482-1996

2-Acres + Horse Trail area Hitching Posts
 Dirt Horse Arena
 Picnic Tables
 Judge's Stand
 Tack Shed
 Horse Trail
 Horse Water
 Drinking Fountain

N Y N N N N

Horse Shows, Gymkhanas, Trail Rides, Clinics.

Y Y Y Y Y Y

Y - on-leash and controlled)

Conejo Creek Equestrian Park
 1350 E. Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
 Conejo Recreation and Park District
 403 W. Hillcrest Drive
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
 805-495-6471
<https://www.crp.d.org/park/conejocreek-equestrian-park/>
 AND
<https://etcorral37.org/equestrian-park/>
 Acres of land to ride
 Turn out arena
 Trail arena with obstacles
 Dressage arena
 Horseshoe pits

Santa Rosa Valley Park
 10241 Hill Canyon Rd, Camarillo, CA 93012
 County of Ventura
 800 S. Victoria Ave.
 Ventura, CA
<https://www.ventura.org/parks-department/inland-parks/santa-rosa-valley-park-camarillo/>
 50 acres of natural open space that is suitable for horse back riding.
 wilderness exploring, hiking, or other environmentally friendly activity
 Visitors can access a number of local trails from this park. Two equestrian riding areas, with a training area (round pen), picnic area restrooms
 horse wash racks, with ample trailer parking. Camp Host on-site.

Stetson Ranch Park
 221 N Figueroa Street
 Suite 350
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (213) 202-2700
<https://parks.lacounty.gov/equestrian/>
 Bridle Trail, Equestrian Center, Horseback Riding Arena(s)

Blackwill Equestrian Park
 10149 Rooks Road
 Whittier, CA 90660
 General: (626) 575-5756
 County of Los Angeles
 Two arenas, announcer's booth, bleachers, hitching posts, horse drinkers, and picnic tables. Access to the San Gabriel River Trail.

Blackwill Equestrian Park
 8.4 acre equestrian facility connecting to the San Gabriel River Trail. Blackwill Equestrian Park is adjacent to the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center.
 Y - On Leash only.

Conejo Creek Equestrian Park
 Y - on-leash and controlled

Santa Rosa Valley Park
 Y - Dogs allowed on 6-foot maximum leash (per ordinance).

Stetson Ranch Park
 Y - On Leash only.

Blackwill Equestrian Park
 Y - On Leash only.

Y - On Leash only.

72nd Street Equestrian Park Long Beach, CA 90805 (626) 369-8693	County of Los Angeles	https://parks.lacounty.gov/72nd-street-equestrian-park/	A 150 X 300 ft arena, along with a corral pen and bleacher area. This multi-purpose facility includes a two-story announcer building used for viewing and judging of special events.	N	Y	N	Y	Trail riding and the facility hosts a variety of equestrian and livestock related activities such as practices, training, and contests, including shows, and non-equestrian events.	Y	Y	Y	Y - On Leash only.	Serving inter-city neighborhoods, the 72nd Street Arena and Park is a three acre hidden gem in the city of Long Beach, California, adjacent to the Los Angeles River Trail that runs north to Santa Fe Dam Regional Park and south to Long Beach, ending at Lakewood boulevard near Carson Street.
Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center Via Verde and Camper View Rd San Dimas, CA 91773 General: (909) 599-8411	County of Los Angeles 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020	https://parks.lacounty.gov/frank-g-bonelli-equestrian-center/	Trail Riding, Horse Rentals, Horse Bording, Stables (Barn), Arena, Round Pen	N	Y	N	Y	Trail riding, Horse Bording.	Y	Y - No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails.	Y - On Leash only.	Adjacent to in Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park. The County is refurbishing the Bonelli Equestrian Center, including removal of existing horse stables and other structures, and construction/installation of a barn with 24 stalls, a concession building with restrooms, fencing, a retaining wall, security lighting, a horse pan, picnic tables, and improvements to infrastructure (i.e. water, sewer, and storm water drainage). An existing drainage ditch in the northern portion of the project site is being regraded, and the project would include an approximately 3,000 sf biofiltration planter (i.e. detention basin) immediately east of the equestrian center for collection of on site storm water runoff.	
Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center 7000 Esperanza Road La Verne, CA 91750 General: (909) 593-8739	County of Los Angeles 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020	https://parks.lacounty.gov/marshall-canyon-equestrian-center/	Horse boarding, two arenas, barns, corrals	N	Y	Y	Y	Riding lessons, guided trail rides.	Y	N	N	Y	equestrian services along scenic, shaded trails where a guided horseride offers views of wildlife, birds, streams and flowers along what is considered the best trails in Southern California! The Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center in La Verne, California has it all with riding lessons, guided rides for ages 7 and up, horse boarding and more.

County	Agency	Address	Phone	Website	Trail Type	Trail Name	Access	Permitted Activities	Dogs Allowed	Notes	
Orange County	O'Neill Regional Park 30892 Trabuco Canyon Rd, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678 (949) 923-2260	Orange County Parks 13042 Old Myford Road Irvine, CA 92602 714-973-6865 or 866-OC PARKS		onellipark@ocparks.com	Y	Trail Riding, Horse Camping	Y	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Dogs are allowed in the park. They need to be kept on leashes no longer than 6 feet and be controlled by a competent person at all times. Dogs must be in a tent or enclosed vehicle at night. They are not allowed in Wilderness areas.	Access to the following equestrian and hiking trails: Coyote Trail, Hoffman Homestead Trail, Pawfoot Trail (Eagle Grove). Other trails designated for multi-use and hiker only.
	Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park 33401 Ortega Hwy (P. O. Box 395) San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 949-923-2210 or 949-923-2207	Orange County Parks 13042 Old Myford Road Irvine, CA 92602 714-973-6865 or 866-OC PARKS			Y	Trail Riding, Horse Camping	Y	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	N	Access to the following equestrian and hiking trails: Dick Loskorn, Easy Flats, Juanelo, Nature Trail Loop, Oak, and Quail Run Trails. Other trails designated for multi-use and hiker only.
	Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve 2301 University Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-923-2290	Orange County Parks 13042 Old Myford Road Irvine, CA 92602 714-973-6865 or 866-OC PARKS		https://www.ocparks.com/parks-trails/upper-newport-bay-nature-preserve#geofield-map-node-location-166-field-lat-long	N	Trail Riding	N	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Hiking, Hiking/ Bicycling, and Hiking/ Equestrian designated trails.	Y - Dogs are allowed. They need to be kept on leashes no longer than 6 feet and be controlled by a competent person at all times.	

San Diego

Lakeside Equestrian Park PO Box 1878 11055 Moreno Ave.(Project site), Lakeside, CA, United States, 92040	County of San Diego Parks and Recreation County Operations Center 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600 Once completed, the facility will be run by a concessionaire.	https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-5500-overland-avenue-suite-410-sd.html and https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewquestrianpa	Covered arena, an open arena, a maintenance building, concession building, restroom and 3,200 square-foot banquet hall, a public day-use staging area with a 24-foot x 24-foot shade pavilion with picnic tables with parking and ADA access, livestock corrals, and many other site improvements.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The facility will host a variety of equestrian and livestock related activities such as practices, training, and contests, including shows, and non-equestrian events such as wedding receptions and dog shows. Typical equestrian events draw between 50 and 125 attendees, with large events attracting as many as 300 (spectators and participants).	N	N	N	N	N	The Lakeside Equestrian Park is currently under development. The East County Equestrian Foundation, a non-profit corporation, advocates the preservation of equestrian and agricultural activities in San Diego's east county that is facilitating, through fund raising and promotion, the construction, completion and management of a premier equestrian event facility in Lakeside, California. County Parks will contract with a third-party lessee/operator for managing daily operations and maintaining the equestrian park. One supervising park ranger will be available and a dedicated County point of contact who will act as a liaison between the County and the property lessee/operator.
Sweetwater Summit Regional Park 3218 Summit Meadow Road, Bonita, CA 91902	County of San Diego Parks and Recreation County Operations Center 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600	https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-5500-overland-avenue-suite-410-sd.html	12 camp sites with partial hookups and corrals available for equestrians. 16 miles of multi-use trails in the park.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Trail riding, camping.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Other park amenities include a 60-foot pavilion, a covered structure and its kitchen facilities especially suited for group campers. Also four 16-foot picnic pavilions, a Campground Amphitheater, a 2,000-square-foot Community Room, and a T3-Station Exercise Course. An adjacent local park features a lawn area, tot lot, splash park and shaded picnic tables with panoramic views of the countryside.
Vallecito County Park 37349 Great Southern Overland Stage Route of 1849 Julian, CA 92036 (760) 765-1188	County of San Diego Parks and Recreation County Operations Center 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600	https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-5500-overland-avenue-suite-410-sd.html	Campsites with corrals and water, equestrian staging area.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Trail riding.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	There are 44 primitive campsites at Vallecito with tables, fire rings, and barbecue stoves, as well as eight equestrian campsites with corrals. Water is available at scattered locations throughout the campground. A youth area offers additional camping possibilities. A large covered picnic area is available.

<p>Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Monument Road, San Diego, CA 92154 428-2946</p>	<p>County of San Diego Parks and Recreation County Operations Center 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600</p>	<p>https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparcs/en/parck-pages/TJRVRP.html</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Camping, trail riding, Pedestrian Trails</p>	<p>Y - Equestrian/ Pedestrian Trails</p>	<p>Y - on designated trails.</p>	<p>Y - Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, restrained on a leash no longer than six feet, and attended at all times.</p>	<p>This Park is fairly new. Some design issues with the horse camps. Gravel pads do not accommodate living quarters horse trailers in some camps. Water water faucets are at a distance from some equestrian camp sites. This park is along the Tijuana River and at time is not useable due to mosquito infestation.</p>
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DRAFT Proposal for Equestrian (Horse) Camp

At

Live Oak Camp Cachuma Lake Recreation Area

February 2021

Submitted by:

Santa Ynez Valley Riders



February 10, 2021

Parks Division Department County of Santa Barbara

Subject: Proposal for Horse Camp at Live Oak Camp, Cachuma Lake Recreation Area

The equestrian community is currently underserved for camping within Santa Barbara County Parks. In fact, there are currently no equestrian (horse) camping facilities for individual horse campers in the entire County. This proposal is to establish eight to ten (TBD) individual drive-in horse campsites at Live Oak Camp in the vicinity of the existing riding arena, with easy access to the Live Oak Trailhead. These individual camp sites, as well as access to the Live Oak Trail, riding ring and restrooms and showers will promote additional usage at Live Oak Camp and the Lake, and provide additional funding sources for County Parks.

This proposal is primarily from the Santa Ynez Valley Riders with additional support from the Back Country Horsemen of California, Los Padres Unit, and the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association. Other south coast riding organizations are also interested to participate in this project. Each organization is committed to providing resources in the form of man hours and financial support.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this proposal and are available for further details as needed.

Sincerely,

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Introduction

Live Oak Camp at Cachuma Lake is a jewel in the County Park system. Equestrian use at the Camp has a long history, and was originally a camp for the Rancheros Visitadores, a philanthropic and historical equestrian riding organization in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Live Oak Camp is not well visited and therefore, underutilized for several reasons:

1. The public perception is that Live Oak Camp is only for Group events and festivals.
2. The daily rental price for Live Oak Camp was increased several years ago. The current pricing has left many traditional users out of the market, and the most adversely effected are the equestrian groups, such as the BCHA, who used Live Oak Camp most often and up until recently held bi-yearly and yearly camping events at Live Oak.
3. Large festivals and other events detracted from Live Oak Camp's original intent (equestrian events and trail riding) and its purpose changed to emphasize revenue generation for the County.
4. Recent research has brought to light that advertising the equestrian trail riding opportunities at Live Oak Trail was prohibited to keep Live Oak Trail as a local recreational resource, although today, with the advent of social media, individual riders come from all over the south coast Counties and beyond to ride. Today, one cannot find mention of the Live Oak Trail and the opportunity for equestrian trail riding on the Cachuma Recreation Area website(s).

Promoting opportunities for users to enjoy the Lake more fully is important to the community as well as for those who enjoy a quieter outdoors experience. Also important is increasing revenue sources for County Parks.

As the Parks Division is proposing to expand and open Live Oak Trail to other users, this proposal focuses on horse camping to provide a RELIABLE source of revenue and increase equestrian users on the Live Oak Trail. The trail provides a nice 12.5-mile loop in conjunction with several single-track trails with the potential to expand trails to the east toward the boundary with Rancho San Fernando Rey. This proposal focuses on equestrian camping at Live Oak Camp

The Need

The equestrian community in Santa Barbara is currently underserved in opportunities for camping with their horses. Los Angeles and San Diego Counties to the south and San Luis Obispo (SLO) and Monterey Counties to our north both have several public recreational camping areas for equestrians. This impacts both residents and tourists. Live Oak Camp is close to and easily accessible from major metropolitan areas (i.e., Los Angeles), near a destination vacation city (Santa Barbara) and tourist-driven economy centers (Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez, and Los Olivos).

Recently the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center has become the new “hot-spot” on the central coast for a variety of horse shows and other equine events. The American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) has held rides traversing both Live Oak Trail and Rancho San Fernando Rey. Exhibitors, participants, and tourists alike want to stay in the Santa Barbara region, not just for equine events, but to enjoy the many museums, wineries, and other tourist destinations in the Santa Barbara County area. Many extend their stays after events and look for a safe, secure place to camp with their horses. In addition, the popularity of living-quarters horse trailers makes it possible for equestrian travelers to do just that, in relative comfort.

The only public equestrian camps in the immediate area are at Montana de Oro State Park, Santa Margarita and Lopez Lake County Parks. All are in San Luis Obispo (SLO) County.

Under the jurisdiction of Parks & Recreation, the County of Santa Barbara has two parks with camping facilities, however, neither offer horse camping:

- Jalama Beach offers 107 campsites, all overlooking the ocean or beachfront. Each site has a picnic table and BBQ pit, with hot showers, restrooms, and water nearby. 31 sites offer electrical hookups, and dump stations are available. Due to its location, site constraints, poor access for horse trailers, limited beach access, and lack of trails, Jalama Beach would not be suitable for horse camping.
- Cachuma Lake Recreation Area offers several hundred basic and lake-view sites throughout the main park area that can accommodate tents and/or self-contained RV's. These campsites are defined by a permanent fire

pit/ring and a single picnic table with flowing boundaries. Hot showers, restrooms and water are nearby.

- Live Oak Camp on the eastern end of the Lake is 40 acres that is rented for large events. Live Oak Camp accommodates 1,500 campers in "open" site fashion, and an additional 2,000 non-camping patrons on a daily basis. The Rental rates for Live Oak Camp currently are:
 - \$200.00 Non-Refundable Reservation Fee
 - \$1,400.00 per night with a 2-night minimum
 - For Special Events (Large Groups Only), commercial events open to the public and/or charging admission pay \$1,400-\$4,000/day (Fee may vary depending on the use and duration of the event) and add \$2.00 facility fee to their event ticket price, per ticket/per day.
 - A completed event request form and non-refundable \$200 reservation fee will apply. All events are subject to reimbursables, e.g., site cleanup, trash disposal, and security services.

On the individual web pages for the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, under the Camping Section - no mention is made of Live Oak as an option as a Group Equestrian Camping venue:

Note that there is no mention of Equestrian Trail Riding at Live Oak Trail, nor instructions on how to access the Trail for day use on the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area website(s).

- The Fee Schedule does not provide a listing for Equestrian Day Use at Live Oak Trail.
- The lack of drive-in horse camping in Santa Barbara County again underserves the local equestrian community and greatly reduces equestrian transient opportunities.
- This is a potential loss of revenue for the County, further underserving the local equestrian community and reducing tourism opportunity.

The Proposal

This proposal is for eight to ten (TBD) individual drive-in equestrian camping sites.

Main Park

The main Park, located at the western end of and on the south shore of Cachuma Lake has drive-in camping available for tent camping and RV's, Yurts, Cabins, and areas that could be expanded to provide additional "Glamping" cabins (not currently available). All camping is in the main area, which is defined as within the vicinity of the kiosk, store, dock, and pool area. All infrastructure to support intensification of use, i.e., "Glamping Cabins", is available within the main Park.

Live Oak Camp

Several potential horse camping site locations are available at Live Oak Camp and require discussion with Parks staff. The site proposed for horse camping at Live Oak Camp is near the existing riding arena and need not impact any existing facilities or expansion plans while providing easy access for horse trailers. Infrastructure and restroom/showers were upgraded a few years ago so no further disturbance to upgrade existing facilities would be necessary. Picnic tables, a fire ring (if permitted) and pipe corrals for each camp site would be additional required equipment. The recommended location for horse camping sites is located near the existing arena at Live Oak Camp and near trees for shade.

Trucks and trailers (rigs) would access the camping sites from the existing access road to Live Oak Camp from Highway 154. The access road to campsites should provide for a "pull through" type configuration with picnic tables, a fire ring (if permitted) and 12 X 16 (TBD) horse corrals at each site. Maximum number of rigs (truck + trailer) would be eight to ten (unless more than one rig were allowed at each site). No portable corrals or tie-lines would be permitted and would reduce impact on the site. Nearby water sources would be provided, as well as receptacles for manure removal.

Minimal site work is anticipated. As the road is very flat in this area, little to no grading is required for rigs. The corrals can be placed on the slight slope or may require minimal site work to level out each corral area. Oak trees would need some pruning to avoid trailers scraping on limbs.

Other Particulars:

- Restrooms: the restroom/showers at Live Oak Camp will be available for campers. (Many rigs have their own toilets).
- Manure: The recommended solution for removal of manure is to bring in a green waste container and require campers to place all manure in the container for removal as needed. This type of manure disposal is required in horse camps in Yosemite.

- Water: A water piping system exists throughout the level portion of Live Oak Camp. Near the proposed horse camping sites, a water faucet is located at the north end of the existing arena and another just to the north. The addition of one to two faucets between the existing faucets may be necessary.
- Fire: No open fires will be allowed, unless in above ground fire pits as available in regular camp sites and approved by Parks. Campers may use propane or charcoal BBQ's, and portable propane fire pits.
- Camping area would be closed when soil conditions are wet and camping temporarily suspended during festivals and events.
- Access: Gates to Live Oak Camp/Trail are closed at dusk. Emergency instructions or electronic App will need to be developed.
- Pipe Corrals: Should be placed separately to minimize interaction between horses, and one horse per corral. Recommendation is for installation of 16 to 20 corrals (TBD) (2 corrals per camp site - TBD).
- Reservations: Individual pens may be reserved rather than having Live Oak Camp be a group-only site.
- Future plans: TBD

Other Particulars:

- Restrooms: There is currently no toilet facilities at the trailhead. It is recommended that a pit toilet be placed by the Live Oak Trailhead, for use by day-use people and by campers.
- Reservations: Individual camp sites may be reserved rather than having Live Oak Camp be a group-only site. It is suggested that if the entire site is reserved by an equestrian group, then portable corrals and "highlining" (with tree protectors) also be allowed, to accommodate larger groups.
- Future: TBD

Construction, Maintenance, Equipment and Funding

Construction: Minimal construction will be required at both sites in the short term.

- Each site may require the use of a bulldozer to level pads.

- The County would need to handle the bulldozer work unless approval is given for an outside firm or individual be hired to do the work under supervision by County staff.
- Installation of the corrals and gates, and fencing maintenance would be performed by the clubs listed above.
- Future: TBD

Maintenance:

- The County will need to
 - Mow the grass at the campsites.
 - Arrange for and coordinate manure removal.
 - Do infrastructure upkeep (i.e., water leaks, restroom/shower cleaning and repair)
 - Routine campsite grading.
 - Provide equipment for club maintenance responsibilities (i.e., tractor to drag the arena).
- Other maintenance will be performed by the clubs.

Equipment:

- For initial development: The corrals, gates and fencing materials will be purchased by the clubs. It is our understanding that The Santa Barbara Trails Council and the BCHC-LP have previously donated gates, and there are a few pipe corrals at near the entrance Kiosk at the main Park. Corrals are approximately \$1100- \$1500 each. 8-10 x \$8,800 - \$11,000 up to \$12,000 - \$15,000
- Alternatively, there are several pipe corral panels that make up the large arena at Live Oak Camp. The arena may be made smaller and the excess panels used for camp site corrals. This would further reduce overall start up costs.
- Security gates have been recently installed. Total estimated cost for all new equipment is (TBD) including incidentals.
- Future plans: TBD

- Funding: Funding will be provided mainly by the clubs via donations to the Park Foundation specifically for Live Oak Camp/Trail. Grants will also be applied for from equestrian, tourism, trails and recreation organizations and grants.

Camping Fees

Comparative Fees

- There are no County-owned horse camps in Santa Barbara County, except for Live Oak Group Camp at approximately \$1400 per night.
- In the Los Padres National Forest, the Upper Oso Equestrian Camp individual corrals are \$30 per night, and at the Sage Hill Group Equestrian Camp, fees are \$150 per night.
- Horse camp at Montana de Oro State Park; Individual Campsites are \$50 per night; Group Camp fees are \$150 per night.
- Fees for primitive camping (water only) at Lopez Lake and Santa Margarita Lake (SLO County) is \$25 - \$28.
- Black Bear Group Horse Camp at Lopez Lake (SLO County) is \$363 for two nights (18 corrals).
- \$40 per night per night at Horse camp at San Antonio Lake, County of Monterey
- \$24 per night per night at Rancho Del Oso horse camp at Big Basin State Park (Monterey County)

Suggested Fees & Stay Duration

- As water and restrooms/showers would be available at the proposed campsites, suggested fee is \$40-50 per campsite per night.
- Stay length should take into consideration that many campers are snowbirds and full-timers. Suggest stay length be consistent with the allowed stay duration at the trailer park at the Main Park.
- Additionally, it is recommended that individuals be provided the opportunity to reserve either one campsite, multiple, or the entire horse camp to increase use and revenue.

- Horse Campers should have access with their pass to amenities at the main Park such as the pool, dock, restaurant, laundry, and dump station.

Marketing Plan

Live Oak Camp and Live Oak Trail as well as other trails, now prohibited to equestrians have been and are open to equestrian use. In the past there has been no advertisement of equestrian activities and/or activities available to riders at Cachuma Lake. Up until recently, there has been no mention of equestrian activities on Cachuma's web site.

To ensure success of the horse camp:

- Developing a marketing plan is vital to the success of the horse camp at Live Oak. Getting the camp on the equestrian's public's mind and on their "map" initially is a key component to revenue generation and long-term viability.
- In the long-term, word of mouth and social media will add to the marketing of the horse camp.

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Please forward the attached to the Board of Supervisors for Departmental for Agenda Item #1 discussion. I will be speaking on this item at tomorrow's BOS hearing and will be referring to these photos.

Thank you-
Kathy Rosenthal

Festival - Associated Illegal Trail Construction

2022 Live Oak Trail, Santa Ynez River Crossing

April 2022 (following Lucidity Festival)	October 2022 (following Reggae on the Mountain Festival)
 A black and white photograph showing a wide, rocky trail in a dry, hilly landscape. The trail is composed of many small, light-colored stones and gravel. In the lower-left corner, the head and neck of a dark horse are visible, looking towards the trail. The background shows rolling hills with sparse vegetation under a clear sky.	 A black and white photograph of a rocky trail in a similar landscape to the April photo. The trail is heavily strewn with large, dark rocks and boulders, making it appear more rugged and difficult to traverse. The surrounding vegetation is sparse and dry, with hills in the background.
 A black and white photograph showing a rocky trail winding through a dry, brushy area. The trail is made of loose stones and gravel. The vegetation consists of low-lying shrubs and bushes. Hills are visible in the distance under a clear sky.	 A black and white photograph of a rocky trail in a dry, brushy area. The trail is heavily strewn with large, dark rocks and boulders, making it appear more rugged and difficult to traverse. The surrounding vegetation is sparse and dry, with hills in the background.

April 2022 (following Lucidity Festival)



October 2022 (following Reggae on the Mountain Festival)



Note that this sign remains in place after the first illegal trail was constructed for the Lucidity Festival in April 2022 and was in place before, during and after the Reggae on the Mountain Festival. It directed trail users to use the established trail in April 2022. The trail was rehabbed during the spring and summer by equestrian volunteers over time and for the most part was obliterated. The trail was illegally rebuilt during the Reggae on the Mountain Festival. Signs were ignored by the festival goers and organizers.