

New Projects for the Trailblazers

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The Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers are a group of property owners, equestrians and pedestrians whose purpose is the preservation and safeguarding of the Lake Don Pedro pedestrian/equestrian trail system, and education of the property owners.

We will also assist property owners in clearing easements around your property. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, call 852-9459 for more information or e-mail ldptrailblazers@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.ldptrailblazers.com.

Looking back on the past year, we can't help but think that the LDP Trailblazers have accomplished quite a bit! We have marked many miles of easements, and cleared numerous obstacles. We have established positive working relationships with both Mariposa and Tuolumne counties and have our LDP Owners Association supporting our projects. We have documented areas needing improvement and are now working on several sources of funding for projects that will benefit our subdivision.

Two of our priority projects for the coming year are improvements to the Gregoris Pond area and the Horse Camp at El Prado Park. We want to make these areas more accessible to the area residents and also to visitors. We would like to install kiosks with trail maps and information, tie racks for horses, water troughs, define parking areas and gravel the roads and parking areas to improve accessibility. We have identified several sources of funding for these projects and we will be submitting applications to them this year. We have sought budgetary support from our LDPOA and the counties, and will also be seeking grants from the STEP Program, sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association. And we are still looking for additional sources of funding for our projects! If you have any information or ideas on funding sources for our projects, please contact the LDP Trailblazers.

One other item on note, please leave property pins in place! These are short lengths of rebar that have been driven into the ground to mark the legal, surveyed corners of your property. We have discovered several situations recently where property pins were moved, or removed. In some cases, it was during the course of fence installation, in other cases, it was the property owner removing what they thought was an obstacle or hazard. DON'T DO IT! It is illegal (see Penal Code Section 605) and you could be liable for a property survey to re-establish the legal boundaries of your property. This could be a very costly proposition. Property pins are VERY IMPORTANT and need to be left in place.

The LDP Trailblazers would like to sincerely thank all of the property owners that have supported us and welcomed us when we are visiting or working on their easements. We truly want to partner with the property owners and want them to understand the responsibilities of having a trail easement on their property. Thank you for your support!

