

Earth Day at El Prado Park
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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.

The Trailblazers celebrated Earth Day a bit early, on April 17 by participating in a work day at El Prado Park, coordinated by LDPOA Vice President Ron Hunt and the Parks and Trails Committee. There were about 20 volunteers total that split their efforts between the park area and the horse camp. We averaged about 4 hours of work per person, or 80 hours total on the cleanup efforts.

The results were fantastic! At the park, volunteers cleaned and painted the barbeques and picnic tables, mowed lawns and cut weeds, cleaned the restrooms and cleaned up the playground area. Two dumpsters were donated to haul away the debris. The parking area was also scraped and smoothed.

At the horse camp, volunteers mowed lots of weeds and cleared parking areas, trimmed trees, and restored a culvert that had previously been installed so additional area could be accessed. A new hitching rack donated by Bill and Jane Cloud was installed. Water access was also reviewed for future improvements. Trail markers were installed at trailheads to indicate where the easements and trails connected to the camp. Measurements were also made for estimates to purchase gravel, in the event that we secure additional funding later this year.

Thanks to the Little League organization that maintains the baseball field, that area is looking great too.

Many thanks also to the kind folks at Bozsik's Pizzeria who saw us working hard and donated a pizza lunch for us. It was very much appreciated!

All in all, it was a very positive day and the park is greatly improved and ready for summer use. Our next event is "Get Out And Ride And Hike Day" on June 5. We will meet for a ride around the park area and a Barbeque at noon sponsored by the LDP Owners Association. Please join us!

The LDP Trailblazers meet on the third Thursday of each month in the LDP High School multi purpose room at 7:00 pm.