



Protocol for Marking Trails in Lake Don Pedro

- I. Goal –
 - To standardize the method used to clear and mark the dedicated easements within the Lake Don Pedro Subdivision.

- II. Process –
 - A. Before beginning any work on the dedicated easements:
 1. Once a trail or area to be worked is determined, please post the (attached) notices to the properties with buildings on them a week in advance if possible. Please do not post the notices in or on the mailboxes as this is against postal regulations. Fences, gates or any other stationary object where the property owner will see it is recommended. This notice is imperative to open the lines of communication with the property owner of our future presence and if they have any concerns or suggestions, they are provided a phone number in which to contact us prior to any work being done.
 2. If an area is designated to be cleared and marked over a period of time, submit the information to the LDPOA office for publishing in the association paper, The Discoverer.
 3. Be sure to review the recorded surveyors map for the area you are working in. This can be accomplished by contacting the Trail Coordinator for the group to obtain a copy of the area to be cleared and marked.
 4. Recommend volunteers wear the yellow safety vests while working on the trails.

- III. Procedure –
 - A. Clearing –
 1. Trimming branches and brush must be done conservatively and only enough to open up a passage way for hikers and horse riders to pass safely. The standard for clearing low lying branches is 10-12 feet.
 2. All trimmings should be removed from the trail area if possible by those responsible for the clearing. If the trimmings can not be removed immediately, notify the Trail Coordinator for future pick up.
 3. Disposal of the trimming must be done at the transfer station or a volunteers' burn pile. If it is during permitted burn days, you may burn on site. Trimming should not be left in the path or on the side of the road.

 - B. Marking of the trails –
 1. To begin marking, be sure to refer to the recorded surveyors maps to find the property pins before placing any paddles in the ground.
 2. Use metal detection equipment, measuring tape or visual to help locate the pins. The pins are a ¾ inch rebar, set in the ground up to 30 inches. If these pins can not be located, attempt to locate surrounding pins to assist in locating the pin you are trying to originally locate.

3. The flagged property pins are not a surveyor's pin and should not be used as the point of reference for measurement.
4. Once the pins are located, place a PVC pipe over it and spray it with the "ORANGE" surveyor's paint for future reference.
5. If you are locating the corner pins that line the open space areas, once the PVC pipe is placed on it, paint the lower portion "ORANGE" paint and "GREEN" paint on the upper half indicating the park / open space boundary.
6. The trails should be marked with the white fiberglass paddles 66" long to ensure consistency throughout the subdivision. The paddles should show 48" above ground.
7. The paddles used must have the brown decals indicating horse and rider and no motorized vehicles allowed. These decals should face all roadways when used at the trailheads.
8. Placement of the paddles should be in "Line of Sight" of one another. This will ensure that the hiker or rider is able to see where the next paddle is and follow them to stay on course.
9. The paddles should be placed in the middle of the 30' easement, 15' from the property line that you are working from. This allows for passage on either side of the paddles.
10. At the trailheads, paddles should be placed 20 feet from the edge of the roadway. This is consistent with the location of the property pins.
11. Once the paddle is in place, use loose rocks at the base of the paddle, if possible, to protect it from damage.
12. Use the "ORANGE" reflective tape to highlight the paddle so it can be seen from a distance. It has been found that this color stands out in all types of weather, making it easier to spot.
13. Log the location of the paddle if you can (GPS or other means) or the trail you have cleared and marked and forward the info to the designated Trail Coordinator.

C. Ensuring that the markers remain in place –

1. It is important for all the volunteers to be responsible for periodic checking to see if the paddles have been removed, damaged or vandalized. Make note of the location and notify the designated Trail Coordinator for repair.

D. Attached documentation

1. Trail notification letter



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Dear Landowner,

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers. We are fellow landowners who care about the trails and parks here in the subdivision. Our mission is to help mark and clear the trails in order to provide a safe hiking or riding environment for the public. We are working closely with Mariposa and Tuolumne counties that encompass the subdivision and the Owner's Association to ensure that all party's rights are protected.

MISSION STATEMENT:

"The Tuolumne County and Mariposa County Trail Systems are a series of pedestrian and equestrian easements for use by community members in the Lake Don Pedro subdivision, as well as the public. The mission of the Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers is to ensure the pedestrian and equestrian trails are properly marked and clear of debris."

As part of our mission, we offer volunteer services to landowners in clearing the trails of debris. We will be in your area working on the trails during the month of **(Date & Time)**. If you need assistance in clearing the dedicated easement in or around your property or you would like to assist us in clearing and marking the area, please give us a call at 852-9459.

We thank for this opportunity to serve you.
The Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers