

PROJECT OVERVIEW

From July 23 2014 until mid-April 2015, China Camp State Park's Shoreline Trail will undergo major restoration work.

Many sections of our 14-mile trail system are severely eroded, resulting in unsafe and environmentally destructive conditions. These trails are heavily used, and need to be brought up to a safe and environmentally sound multi-use trail standard.

This restoration project will involve grading and stabilization of about one third of the existing trails. No new trails will be built, no existing trails will be rerouted, and no work will be done in environmentally sensitive areas (which requires a permit process). In some sections of trail, erosion control and stabilization will require work extensive enough to leave a rather wide denuded dirt area; these areas will grow over after a normal wet season.

Friends of China Camp, through its operating agreement with California State Parks, has contracted with the California Conservation Corps to do the project. The heavy work done by the California Conservation Corps will be supplemented by lighter "amateur level" work done by volunteers. All trail work is being done in coordination with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and projects comply with all DPR policies and guidelines. Volunteer work will be coordinated through the California State Parks Foundation.

Thanks to then-assembly member Jerald Huffman's efforts, AB1478 was passed in 2012, providing match funds for donations and volunteer hours to help State Parks that were scheduled to close. According to AB1478, all the match funds have to be used or encumbered by June 30, 2014. FOCC were able to make good use of the match funds to finance park operations for 2 years and have funds encumbered for much needed trail repair by CCC. All the donations from our fundraising efforts stay in a contingency account dedicated exclusively to China Camp, with no deadline on expenditure. The account has build up a vital reserve to fund future operating cost of China Camp.

Sections of shoreline trail will be closed during the project. Up to date information on trail closure will be posted on the events calendar and on signs posted throughout the park.

As extensive as this project is, it will still only rehabilitate about one third of the trails. Friends of China Camp will continue to need the support of our community in the form of donations and volunteers. Please join us!

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