

# 2022 Impact Report

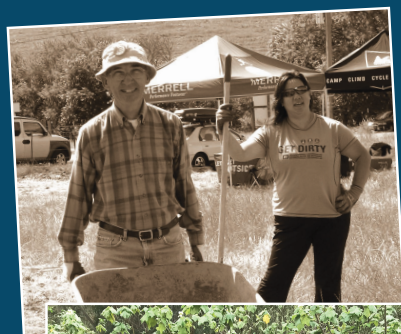


## A Year of Milestones

2022 was a year of major milestones! Together, we celebrated 400 miles of dedicated Ridge Trail, and kept the momentum going by dedicating more trail, planning for new miles ahead, and getting more people on the trail than ever before with signature events celebrating big-year anniversaries. Here is a look at what your gifts made possible last year:

- Closed a key gap to connect 23 continuous trail miles in Santa Clara County
- Over 4,700 people attended 65 events and trail outings
- Supported communities of color out on the trail with new partnerships and outings
- And over 20 miles of trail readied to open in 2023!

Last year we hit some major milestones for our signature events, and through the years have accomplished a great deal together:



### 15 YEARS OF RIDGE TRAIL SERVICE DAY

**6,500** Volunteers  
**26,000** Volunteer Hours  
**200** Stewardship Projects



### 20 YEARS OF EAST BAY HILLS HIKE & RIDE

**1,200** Volunteers  
**1,500** Equestrians & Hikers  
**\$350,000+** Raised



### 25 YEARS OF RIDGE TO BRIDGE

**5,000+** Trail Enthusiasts  
**80,000** Miles Hiked, Biked & Rode  
**\$500,000+** Raised





## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### Making Progress, Mile by Mile

Small gap closures can have a BIG impact on trail connectivity, and that is certainly the case for one such trail project completed this year in the South Bay. In partnership with Santa Clara County Parks and the City of San José, we dedicated a new 0.7-mile Ridge Trail segment linking the Los Alamitos Creek Trail to Almaden Quicksilver County Park. This small-but-mighty gap closure links up 23 continuous miles of multi-use Ridge Trail! Mile by mile, we are linking up long, connected stretches for epic and uninterrupted trail experiences.

Last year we also laid the groundwork for future trail openings. With over 20 miles potentially lined up to open in 2023, we are ready to tackle the miles ahead and keep the Ridge Trail growing. In Napa County, we broke ground on 4.9 miles of new Ridge Trail between Bothe-Napa Valley and Robert Louis Stevenson state parks via Calistoga in partnership with the Napa Valley Vine Trail. And in Solano County, anticipation is growing for 2.5 miles of new Ridge Trail at Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space Preserve, expected to open in 2023. Additionally, our trail team has been studying new route options in Santa Clara County, funded by the WoodNext Foundation, to identify a connection from Mount Umunhum to Mount Madonna.



### A Little Help Goes a Long Way

The Trail Opportunity Fund, our quick-action fund, allows us to move critical and time-sensitive trail projects forward. Seeded with over \$450,000 and growing, the fund allocations in 2022 are helping to put the finishing touches on two trails, slated to open soon. These projects include a 4 mile section in Napa County and 2.5 miles of the newly-named "Doris Klein Ridge Trail" at Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space Preserve in Solano County. Your support of the Fund keeps us moving closer to our goal of completing all 550 miles of Ridge Trail. Interested in learning more? Email our Development Director at [mariesayles@ridgetrail.org](mailto:mariesayles@ridgetrail.org).



### Back on the Trail Together Again

The Ridge Trail Council was thrilled to return to hosting in-person events and outings in 2022, including fan favorites like the Solano Overnight and San Francisco's Super Stroll and Roll. We revived our Very Important Trail (VIT) outings, making it possible for you to visit some of the 60 miles of special access trails, not otherwise open to explore. Staff and volunteers led 23 hikes at three VIT locations: Hill Ranch in Marin, La Honda Open Space Preserve on the Peninsula, and the Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail through the SFPUC watershed, south of San Francisco. More VIT outings in new locations are on the horizon in 2023.



### A Journey Around the Ridge Trail

We kicked off 2022 by refreshing tools to support Circumnavigators, including our trail tracker and registration system. On the new webpage you will find a collection of trail tales, including one from Walter Moore, who shared: "circumnavigation really opens up extraordinary experiences almost everytime you go out. If it's not learning about a new area, it's just the trail itself that's stunning." We hope you find inspiration from these stories and take on this challenge yourself! When you are done, you will have 400+ miles of your own stories, plus your name on the coveted wall-of-fame. [RidgeTrail.org/Circumnavigation](https://RidgeTrail.org/Circumnavigation)





# BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL 2022 PROJECTS

— Dedicated Trail  
..... Planned Trail



## KEY

Advocacy

Planning/Design

Funding

Construction

### 1. Helen Putnam Park to Downtown

ACTIVE PROJECT, 1 mile

Expands iconic park and improves connectivity with Petaluma neighborhoods

### 2. Sugar Hood Loop/McCormick Ranch

ACTIVE PROJECT, 2.4 miles

Connects through a historic ranch in the Mayacamas Mountains with views of San Francisco Bay

### 3. Calistoga Ridge Trail

OPENING SOON, 4.9 miles

Connects Bothe-Napa Valley and Robert Louis Stevenson State parks

### 4. Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space

OPENING SOON, 2.5 miles

Access to 1,500-acre preserve including an accessible "All People's Trail"

### 5. Suscol Headwaters Park Phase 2

ACTIVE PROJECT, 2 miles

Trail extension and new staging area to improve access

### 6. Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail

ACTIVE PROJECT, 30 miles

Five regional trails linking Martinez, Benicia, Vallejo, Port Costa, and Crockett

### 7. Garin Regional Park to Niles Canyon

ACTIVE PROJECT, 6.5 miles

Extends the East Bay's longest continuous stretch to nearly 50 miles

### 8. Máyyan 'Ooyákma - Coyote Ridge Open Space

OPENING SOON, 3.8 miles

Access to 1,800-acre new preserve, home to wildlife like tule elk and golden eagles

### 9. Los Alamitos Creek to Almaden Quicksilver

DEDICATED, 0.7 miles

Small-but-mighty gap closure creates 23 miles of continuous multi-use Ridge Trail

### 10. Mount Madonna to Mount Umunhum

ACTIVE PROJECT, 31 miles

Evaluating potential route improvements with regional partners

### 11. Southern Skyline Ridge Trail Extension

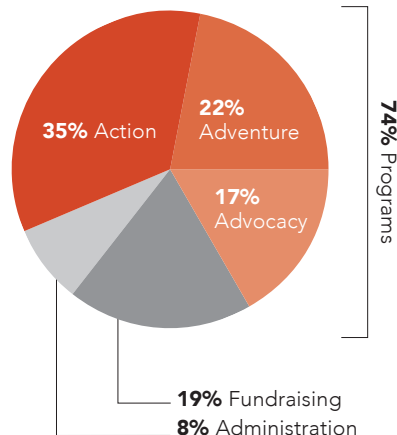
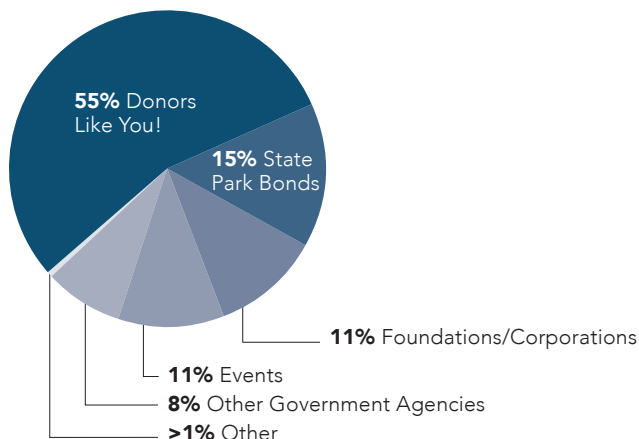
COMING SOON, 6 miles

Significant extension of new trail miles through SFPUC watershed





## 2022 FINANCIALS



### Income

Individuals.....	\$672,998
State Park Bonds.....	\$179,823
Foundations/Corporations .....	\$138,759
Events .....	\$135,170
Other Government Agencies.....	\$106,115
Other.....	\$557
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,233,421</b>

### Expenses

<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	
Action: Trail Planning, Coordination & Construction .....	\$432,673
Advocacy: Outreach and Education .....	\$202,691
Adventure: Trail Outings & Events .....	\$264,719
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS .....</b>	<b>\$900,082</b>
Fundraising .....	\$226,557
Administration .....	\$92,342
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,218,981</b>

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

...along with the thousands of Ridge Trail members, advocates, volunteers and supporters propelling our mission forward to connect people to parks and open space, now and for future generations.

### State Coastal Conservancy

The Coastal Conservancy acts with others to protect and restore, and increase public access to, California's coast, ocean, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

### WoodNext Foundation

#### REI Co-op

American Trails  
Bay Area Barns and Trails  
City of San José  
Clif Family Foundation

Columbia Sportswear  
East Bay Regional Park District  
Greater California Delta Trail  
Greater Vallejo Recreation District  
GU Energy Labs  
JINS Eyewear  
John Muir Land Trust  
Marin County Parks and Open Space  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
Mountain Hardware  
Napa County Regional Parks & Open Space District  
Peninsula Open Space Trust

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
San Francisco Recreation & Park District  
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority  
Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers  
Spottswode Winery  
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Solano Land Trust  
Solano Open Space  
Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District  
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