Impact Report



A Growing Trail, A Growing Community

As gaps closed and new miles unfurled along the Ridge Trail in 2024, deeper connections formed among those who bring the trail to life—you, our members, volunteers, partners, and friends. Through shared trail adventures and celebrations, the Ridge Trail community reinforced the bonds that unite us as stewards of this remarkable landscape. Thank you for being a vital part of this growing community.





Expanding Our Trail Community

Connecting people to parks, open spaces, and each other remains at the heart of our mission. In 2024, we brought 3,000 people together on the trail at over 100 outings. A highlight was the "Mind, Body, Nature" hike series at Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve. Partnering with No Worries Amigo Hiking Club, Santa Clara High School, and Latino Outdoors, we expanded nature access, especially for youth and families. In 2025, we're continuing the "Mind, Body, Nature" series, along with even more outdoor adventures around the Ridge Trail.

New Tools for Exploring the Trail

Helping people discover the wealth of natural spaces around the Bay Area is core to our work. Last year, we launched an interactive Ridge Trail map, making it easy to explore the trail by zooming, scrolling, and filtering by length and dedication year. We also revamped our website's trail section information, providing everything you'll need to plan your next Ridge Trail adventure! Find these tools at RidgeTrail.org/trail-maps.





Celebrating 35 Years & the First 100 miles

May 13, 2024 marked 35 years since the first Ridge Trail dedications at Purisima Creek Redwoods Preserve and Huddart County Park. The trail quickly grew to 100 miles in the first year. Last year, we celebrated this anniversary with trail outings and commemorative merch. Join us as we continue the celebration through 2025.

RidgeTrail.org/events



Key Connections in the North Bay

In 2024, the Ridge Trail grew by 6.4 miles across three new segments: a vital crosswalk in San Francisco, the scenic Calistoga Ridge Trail in Napa County, and the Doris Klein Ridge Trail through Solano County's new Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Park. These transformative connections bring us closer to an uninterrupted trail network, and we look forward to more miles in the year ahead.



New Ways to Partner

Partners are the heart of our work, helping us open new miles and engage diverse communities along the Ridge Trail. In 2024, we connected with hundreds of trail runners at REI's Running Festival and over 1200 people hiked or biked on the Fifield Cahill Ridge Trail guided by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission volunteers. We also hosted a senior-friendly hike in partnership with AARP and expanded our special-access outings to three new locations, making the Ridge Trail more inclusive and accessible than ever.



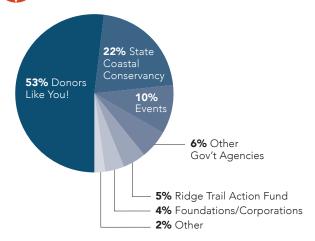
A Trail Fund in Action

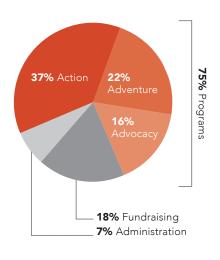
To expand the trail, close critical gaps, and enable more outdoor adventures, we launched the Ridge Trail Action Fund—a flexible resource that directs funds where they're needed most. In 2024, the Fund helped our efforts to dedicate 14 miles of Ridge Trail in Santa Clara County and will support new interpretive panels as part of the renovations atop San Francisco's Twin Peaks. Join us in reaching 50 new miles in five years! Learn more at RidgeTrail.org/trail-action-fund.











Income

TOTAL	¢1 590 436
Other	\$23,827
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Foundations/Corporations	\$56.273
Ridge Trail Action Fund	\$76,486
Other Government Agencies	
Events	\$150.433
State Coastal Conservancy	\$343,329
Individuals	\$832,847

Expenses

PROGRAMS:

Action: Trail Planning, Coordination & Construction	\$559,773
Advocacy: Outreach and Education	\$241,813
Adventure: Trail Outings & Events	\$333,742
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$1,135,327
Fundraising	\$275,797
Administration	\$107,550
TOTAL	\$1,518,675

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER

Many thanks to you, our Ridge Trail members, along with the funders, advocates, volunteers and supporters who drive our mission forward to connect people to parks and open space, now and for future generations.

State Coastal Conservancy

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

Bay Area Barns and Trails City of San José Clif Family Foundation Columbia Sportswear / Mountain Hardwear East Bay Regional Park District

Equator Coffee

Greater California Delta Trail

Greater Vallejo Recreation District

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Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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San Francisco Recreation & Park District

Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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