



2025 Impact Report

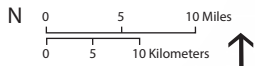
A hiker rests and takes in the view at Calero County Park in Santa Clara County, where over 14 miles of Ridge Trail were dedicated in 2025.

Photo by Michelle Hunt via AllTrails

CARRYING THE MOMENTUM FORWARD

With your support, we made remarkable strides last year, and laid the groundwork for more to come in 2026 and beyond.

— Current Trail
 Future Trail



RIDGE TRAIL PROJECTS

- 1. Coast View Trail**
 2.6 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Dedication expected in 2026
- 2. Easy Grade Trail**
 0.6 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Construction complete, dedication expected in early 2026
- 3. Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Parallel Ridge Trail**
 11 miles – **DEDICATED**
 Dedicated in February 2026
- 4. Suscol Headwaters**
 4.3 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Under construction, dedication expected in 2026
- 5. Briones Regional Park Alternate**
 20.5 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Dedication expected in spring 2026
- 6. Mission Blvd Alternate**
 4.9 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Dedication expected in 2026
- 7. Coyote Creek Trail: Maybury Rd to Watson Park and Phelan Ave to Tully Rd**
 1.6 miles – **DEDICATED**
 Dedicated in April 2025
- 8. Coyote Canyon**
 2.5 miles – **DEDICATED**
 Dedicated in May 2025
- 9. Rancho Cañada del Oro Preserve to Calero County Park**
 14.1 miles – **DEDICATED**
 Dedicated in May 2025
- 10. Southern Skyline Ridge Trail**
 5.4 miles – **COMING SOON**
 Under construction, dedication expected in early 2026



2025 HIGHLIGHTS



The Ridge Trail team celebrates the new Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve and Calero County Park section.

TRAIL DEDICATIONS

Progress by Leaps and Bounds

It was a banner year for connecting the Ridge Trail loop around the Bay. In May, a spectacular 14.1-mile section opened through Rancho Cañada del Oro Open Space Preserve and Calero County Park—one of the largest single additions ever. A 2.6-mile segment followed at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park, extending the Ridge Trail north along panoramic ridgelines. The year closed with a ribbon cutting for 1.6 miles of new paved trail along Coyote Creek in San José. These milestones, made possible through shared vision and collaboration, bring the Ridge Trail closer to completion.

RIDGE TRAIL ACTION FUND

Major Impact in Five-Year Campaign

The Ridge Trail Action Fund has proven to be a powerful, quick-response tool. From 2021 to 2025, the “50 Miles in 5 Years” campaign helped drive the dedication of nearly 60 miles of trail, raised over \$325,000, allocating \$300,000 across 10 projects—leveraging over \$2.5 million in additional funding. In 2025 alone, the fund raised \$203,000, surpassing our stretch goal, from just 15 donors. These contributions funded trail upgrades to the Easy Grade Trail on Mt. Tamalpais (opening soon) and construction on the future Blair Ranch section, providing timely, flexible support where it’s needed most.



The Easy Grade Trail in Marin will no longer be off-limits for bikes, thanks to upgrades funded in part by the Ridge Trail Action Fund.

Looking Ahead

The momentum of 2025 is carrying us into another exciting year of trail progress and adventure, with nearly 50 miles of trail in the pipeline for 2026 (including parallel and alternate routes), and a full calendar of trail outings. Especially exciting is the opening of Southern Skyline Ridge Trail in San Mateo County. This 5.4-mile stretch has been decades in the making, and will provide unprecedented access to a stunning landscape. Watch for updates, and we hope to see you on the trail!



Southern Skyline Ridge Trail. Image courtesy of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission/Photographer Sabrina Wong.

TRAIL PLANNING

Progress, Connections, and a National Scenic Trail Vision

In 2025, our trail planning team advanced Ridge Trail progress on multiple fronts, closing gaps in the South Bay with a Gilroy route study, and unlocking future connections



along the Napa-Solano border in the North Bay. In Marin, Contra Costa, and Alameda counties we assessed parallel route options to open Ridge Trail use gaps to cyclists and equestrians for the first time, creating a continuous, multi-use experience. And years of sustained advocacy paid off when legislation was introduced to study designating the Ridge Trail as a National Scenic Trail. Achieving NST status would be a transformative milestone, setting the Ridge Trail on par with iconic trails like the Appalachian and Pacific Crest.



Hikers enjoy some rest, snacks, and good company at our Blue Oak Ranch overnight event last November.

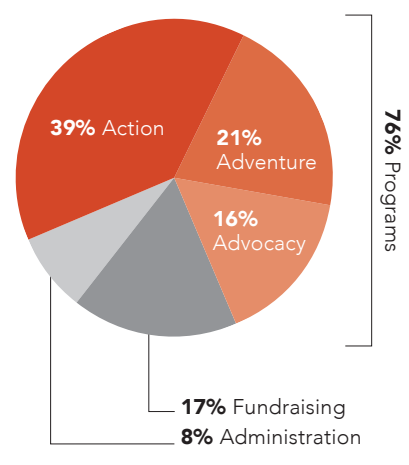
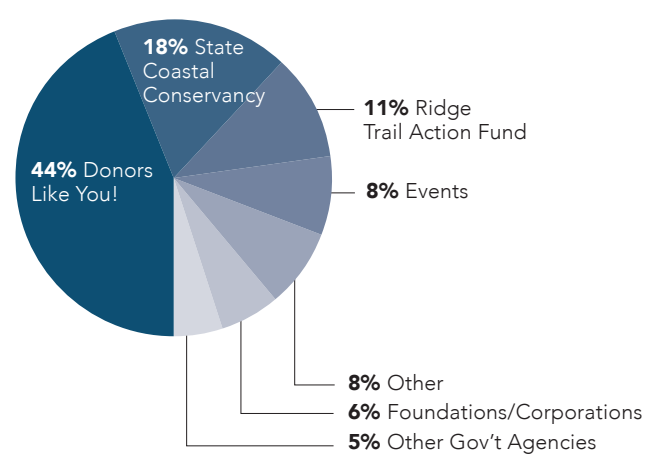
EVENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Expanding Access, Building Community

Last year, over 500 volunteers and nearly 3,000 attendees joined us at 45 events to connect in the outdoors and explore the Ridge Trail. To make these events more inclusive, we awarded 22 scholarships, eliminating cost and gear as barriers to participation. The impact was real: recipients gained confidence to explore trails independently and built lasting connections with fellow hikers, and they expressed a desire to come back again. Building on this success, we’re continuing the scholarship program in 2026 to remove obstacles that keep people from the outdoors and build a Ridge Trail that serves the entire Bay Area community.

RIDGE TRAIL ON A ROLL

2025 brought remarkable progress with nearly 20 miles of new trail and three inspiring dedications. The momentum shows no sign of slowing down as we look ahead to even more transformative connections in the year to come.



Income

Individuals.....	\$828,670
State Coastal Conservancy.....	\$343,302
Ridge Trail Action Fund.....	\$199,873
Events.....	\$152,512
Other.....	\$152,210
Foundations/Corporations.....	\$114,399
Other Government Agencies.....	\$97,403
TOTAL.....	\$1,888,369

Expenses

PROGRAMS:	
Action: Trail Planning, Coordination & Construction.....	\$682,542
Advocacy: Outreach and Education.....	\$274,688
Adventure: Trail Outings & Events.....	\$358,569
TOTAL PROGRAMS.....	\$1,315,797
Fundraising.....	\$298,024
Administration.....	\$135,281
TOTAL.....	\$1,749,103

DRIVING THE RIDGE TRAIL VISION FORWARD

Because of you—our members, funders, volunteers, and advocates—the Ridge Trail grows stronger and more connected every year, bringing an outdoor legacy for all within reach.



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.

- Athletic Brewing Company, LLC
- Bay Area Barns and Trails
- City of San José
- Columbia Sportswear / Mountain Hardwear
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Fork Full of Earth
- Greater California Delta Trail
- Greater Vallejo Recreation District
- Janice and Matthew Barger Fund
- JINS Eyewear US
- John Muir Land Trust
- Land Trust of Napa County
- Marin County Parks and Open Space
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Napa County Regional Parks & Open Space District

- Pamakids Runners
- 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
- Santa Clara Valley Water
- Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers
- Sports Basement
- Solano Land Trust
- Solano Open Space
- Solano Transportation Authority
- Sonoma County Regional Parks
- Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District
- University of California San Francisco

