

## 2009 Trails and Greenways Conference

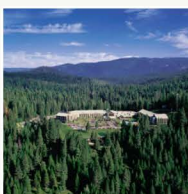
What a successful conference! Thank you for your support!

Did you miss any critical Sessions? Look for them below.



April 22-24, 2009

Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite National Park's south gate



We met right in the middle of the state.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Steve Elkinton has served as the program leader for the National Trails System since 1989 in the National Park Service's Washington Office. Trained as a landscape architect (University of Pennsylvania, 1976), he worked in a Pittsburgh landscape architectural firm before joining NPS in 1989. He has a particular interest in cultural landscapes and photography, both valuable skills for tracking the growing network of national trails across the American landscape.

As the Conference's opening speaker, Steve will discuss the National Trails System, established just 40 years ago when President Johnson signed into law the National Trails System Act. An experiment set into motion largely to protect the Appalachian and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails, the System has grown to include well over 50,000 miles of trail, with the largest share being protected heritage trails. California includes parts of one national scenic trail and four national historic trails, as well as 1,031 miles of national recreation trails. What did the National Trails System Act create? Is it working? What draws us to these trails? Are they sustainable? How can we continue to make them relevant to the American public? And what can be done to strengthen and enhance the System and its myriad connectors as we approach its 50th anniversary in 2018?

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**SESSIONS.** We enjoyed a broad variety of timely, well thought out and very relevant Sessions. Click on the links below for presentations in PDF format:

Pre-Conference Workshops

Trails in Low Income Rural Communities -21 pgs

The New Energy Ecosystem: Connecting Nature, People & Parks -37 pgs

Skill Building for Trail Maintenance

How to Get Public Funding Support- 7 pgs

Pacific Crest Trail Land Protection Inventory- 22 pgs

The New Access Guidelines

Armoring Volunteers for Trail Maintenance

Cheap Trails: No Money, No Problem

CEQA and Trails - A User's Guide. Part 1- 31 pgs Part 2- 34 pgs

Community Enhancement Through Trails

Creating Trails as Eco-Tourism Destinations

Lyme Disease & Other Tick Borne Risks. Part 1, Part 2, Part 3.

The Trail Maintenance Conundrum. Part 1, Part 2

Improving Urban Landscapes with Sustainable Trail Design

Recreational Trails Program Funding

Trails as Active Transportation: A National Policy Update. Part 1- 17 pgs Part 2- 24 pgs

The Value Trail: Nature's Contribution to a Developer's Bottom Line

Trails & Public Access - Lessons for Quick Action

Heritage Corridors. Part 1- 21 pgs Part 2- 13 pgs

It Takes a Community to Build a Trail System

Coastal Trail Plenary. Part 1, Part 2, Part 3- 14 pgs Part 4- 25 pgs Part 5- 16 pgs

**Links to Sessions will be added as they are processed--so check back if you don't see what you need!**

**Trail Awards.** You will be delighted at the amazing people and projects we celebrated this year!

2008:

**Website Award** [www.sjpark.org/trails](http://www.sjpark.org/trails) (City of San Jose)

[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) (East Bay Regional Park District)

**Program Award** Trails & Outdoor Leadership Workshop (Tahoe Rim Trail Assn.)

**Trails Challenge** (East Bay Regional Park District)

Basic Trail Maintenance for Volunteers Training Program &

Armoring Volunteers for Trail Maintenance (County of San Diego Trails Program)

**Event Award** Children Outdoors (Los Angeles County Dept of Parks & Recreation, City of Glendale Recreation and Community Services, National Park Service, US Forest Service, California State Parks, Rivers & Mountains Conservancy)

**Project Award** **Brushy Creek Regional Preserve Trail (East Bay Regional Park District)**

Centennial Way (City of South San Francisco)

Virginia Corridor Railroad (City of Modesto)

Honorable Mention--Santa Ana River Bikeway (County of Riverside)

**California Trails & Greenways Foundation Grant** Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Ecology Restoration Group at UC Berkeley

**Lifetime Professional Achievement Award** Peter Lewis

Past winners of the Trails & Greenways Conference Awards (16kb pdf)

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