



East Bay
Regional Park District

IVAN DICKSON VOLUNTEER TRAIL
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Ivan Dickson

Volunteer Trail Maintenance News

IN THE EAST BAY REGIONAL
PARK DISTRICT
Spring 2020

2020 Events Cancelled Until Further Notice Due to COVID-19 Concerns

Dear Valued Ivan Dickson Volunteers,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. As you likely know, the East Bay Regional Park District is doing everything in its power to keep as many parks and trails open to the public as we can during this time. We believe that the physical and mental wellness that our parks and trails provide is truly an essential service. However, we have been ordered to close all facilities, restrooms, picnic areas, and other popular gathering places and to cancel all events and volunteer programs that encourage gathering of 10 or more people to comply with the social distancing requirements currently in place. We regret to inform you that all 2020 Ivan Dickson Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program events are cancelled until further notice.

We are working very closely with local public and California state public health authorities, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), and OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Administration) for guidance during this time.

With the uncertainty of how COVID-19 will effect our community in the short term, and forever, we feel it is best to cancel events we had planned for this year until we feel it is safe for our volunteers and our staff. If things improve this summer, we will send an additional message to you to notify you of any trail maintenance events that we are able to hold with ample time for you to register. In lieu of an entire newsletter this year, we have recapped some highlights from last year on the following page.

Please remember that we value and appreciate your continued support of our parks and trails and the generous contributions from our program sponsors. Our hearts go out to you during this time. Please stay safe and healthy and stay tuned for further updates later in 2020.

Sincerely,
Sean, Sean, and Suzanne

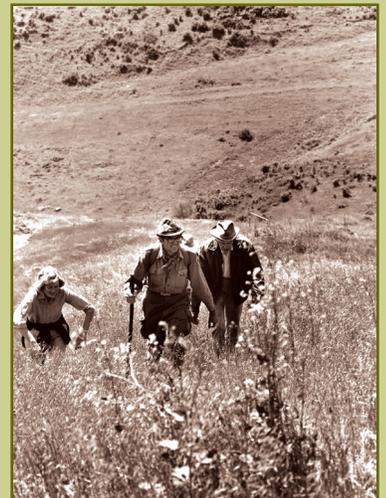
Keeping Ivan's Dream Alive Taking the High Road

The East Bay Regional Park District's goal is to build the Ivan Dickson Gift Fund to \$5 million dollars. By doing so, we can expand our current trail maintenance efforts using only the interest generated from the bequest, guaranteeing a perpetual trail building and maintenance program involving staff and volunteers that will serve current and future generations.

Examples of ways the funds are utilized include purchasing tools for volunteer and staff use, building materials, such as rock or timbers for retaining features, and erosion control materials, such as straw waddles and geotextile fabrics. Last but not least, lunch and acknowledgements are part of every Ivan Dickson volunteer project.

Be a part of Ivan's dream of "taking good care of the trails" that we all enjoy. Tax-deductible donations can be made to:

Regional Parks
Foundation
Attn: Ivan Dickson Program
P.O. Box 21074
Crestmont Station
Oakland, CA 94620
Federal Tax Identification
#23-7011877





Ivan Dickson Program Partnerships

Thank you for Supporting our Program

REI: The Ivan Dickson Program has partnered with REI for over 20 years! Local REI stores have provided support for National Trails Day, Bay Area Ridge Trail Service Day, and other Ivan Dickson projects via promotion and volunteer acknowledgements. In 2019, REI awarded \$15,000 to the Regional Parks Foundation. This support funded efforts to design a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Fremont which will be constructed in the near future. You can visit REI's website at www.rei.com.



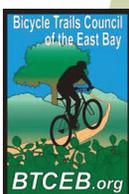
Tilden-Wildcat Horseman's

Association: TWHA has been a financial supporter of the Ivan Dickson Program for many years. Members turn out to give back to the trails they love by volunteering for trail maintenance events. In 2019 TWHA donated \$3100 to the Ivan Dickson Program through funds raised at the East Bay Hills Hike and Ride event!



Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay:

The Bicycle Trails Council envisions a united trails community where mountain bikers, equestrians and hikers happily coexist on trails, both narrow and wide, extending each other due courtesy and caution, in open spaces, everywhere. In 2019 BTCEB volunteers dedicated over 300 hours of trail work maintaining the trails at Crockett Hills Regional Park! Visit www.btceb.org for more information.



Volunteers Improve Trail Drainage, Crockett Hills – March 2019

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council:

The Ridge Trail Council's mission is to plan, promote and sustain a connected hiking, cycling, and equestrian trail on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay; linking people, parks and open space for today and future generations. EBRPD manages over 55 miles of the Ridge Trail, and is working to close critical gaps. Visit www.ridgetrail.org for more information.



V-O-Cal: Volunteers for Outdoor California, V-O-Cal, was founded to provide a volunteer workforce for large-scale trail maintenance and construction projects, habitat restoration and related land stewardship activities on public lands. Visit www.v-o-cal.org to register and for more information.



Drakes Brewing Company:

In 2019 Drakes donated over \$10,000 of their proceeds from their delicious Kick Back IPA to the East Bay Regional Park District. This year you can find Kick Back IPA year-round! Come to Drake's Barrell House in San Leandro to "Kick Back" at their First Friday event on June 5th when they will be donating proceeds to the Park District. Who knew drinking beer could help your regional trails – it's a win-win!



2019 Program Highlights!

REI Dirt, Sweat, and Beers, July 13, 2019 Tilden Regional Park

The District partnered with the REI to host over 60 volunteers to realign an unsustainable and eroded section of the Vollmer Peak trail. Participants worked hard to cut a new trail bench with moderate grades, better sight lines, and grade reversals to help make this new alignment more sustainable and user friendly. The Park has received positive feedback from hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers alike since improving this stretch of multi-use trail.



Working Hard to Cut New Trail

Ivan Dickson Trail Maintenance Day, May 18, 2019

Round Valley Regional Preserve

Volunteers helped repair severely entrenched well-loved trail open to hikers and equestrians. This required crews to work together to move A LOT of dirt to restore an out-sloped tread, allowing for proper sheetflow drainage. Volunteers also constructed drain dips in strategic locations just before the spring rains came down!



*Look at the Difference!
Round Valley – May 2019*