

RTA ADOPT-A-TRAIL 2023

How It Started:

RTA did a soft launch of the Adopt-a-Trail Program during the last quarter of 2023 via a single email to our volunteer list explaining the program and opening the door for formal adoption of trails under BLM or City of Redding management.

Interested parties reached out immediately!

This program is much more than your standard litter pick-up adoption. By means of an orientation meeting for each adoptee, trail maintenance standards were reviewed in detail regarding brushing and scattering techniques. The trail issue reporter app was highlighted for reporting of any issues outside of the adoptees training or ability: downed trees, failed water bars or culverts, trail degradation etc.

Our goal to is equip our already passionate trail stewards and users with the knowledge and skills to confidently and effectively take care of the trails they love so much. This also helps create a cohesive maintenance strategy that contributes to the overall enjoyment of our entire trail system!

So for those of you that have taken on the role of Trail Parent - we thank you!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The adoption program will be shared with the public via social media to officially open the door to grow our team of trail stewards.
- Training in water mitigation and trail tread maintenance coming this Spring!!
- A signage plan for BLM managed trails is currently under way. This involves not only signing trails formally adopted, but the replacing of all old carsonites with a new version as well updated names and wayfinding stickers.



RESULTS

- 8 Trails Adopted
- 113.5 Hours
- 18.4 Miles Monitored
- 23 Youths Engaged



MEET THE TEAM

Clear Creek Ditch Trail Adopted by: The Webb Family

Nick Webb is one of our BLM approved volunteer sawyers and his boys know the importance of PPE! (personal protective equipment) Nick and his family not only adopted this trail, but are often ready and willing to help RTA with tree removal elsewhere.



Salt Creek Heights Trail

Adopted By: The Crummett Family
Land Manger: City of Redding

And we thought the Clear Creek Trail was going to be the most trash heavy trail! The Crummetts took their job seriously and packed out all of this construction debris so we could continue to appreciate the beauty of Salt Creek with no distractions.



MEET THE TEAM

Clear Creek Trail

Adopted By: River's Edge Academy

Land Manager: BLM



This crew spent a cumulative 36 hours picking up trash, brushing, and reporting trail issues. They are an amazing organization that impacts our youths in a positive way and we're excited to partner with them!



Mule Ridge Trail

Adopted By: Max Walters

Land Manger: BLM

It's not uncommon to find Max working on whatever trail he happens to be riding on that day! This super volunteer puts in over 100 hours of trail maintenance each year so while we would normally encourage a group of people to adopt this lengthy trail, we knew it would be in good hands with Max. He had a personal vendetta with buckbrush this year and helped cut back the excessive growth encroaching on multiple trails.

Below is a great example of a before & after that highlights 1) increased visibility on a turn, 2) proper distribution of cut material - no stobs sticking up and material is scattered well out of view. Great job Max!



MEET THE TEAM

Upper & Lower Salt Creek

Adopted By: Jim & Carry Dobbs

Land Manager: BLM

Whether out riding or working on the trail, you're guaranteed to be met with two of the best smiles out there! Not only are they keeping busy with Salt Creek, but they are part of the Composite MTB team and engaging those kids with their own adopted trail!



Trail 58

Adopted By: Tuesday Night Rides

Land Manager: BLM

Spreading the stoke for trail love by means of weekly group rides and now trail maintenance! The group's founder Reed Crane is another one of our BLM approved sawyers and awesome community advocate!



Meiners Trail

Adopted By: The Morris Family

Land Manager: BLM

Another great example of trail maintenance 'leave no trace' methods. The Morris family spent a fair amount of time brushing, pruning, and weed eating their trail and the general user would never know because the evidence has been disposed of out of sight!



MEET THE TEAM

The Escalator

Adopted By: Redding Composite MTB Team

Land Manager: BLM

This group spends a lot of time on the trail with their coaches and we couldn't be happier to have them take on ownership of the Escalator. We know it will be in great hands!



THANK YOU!

We can't say enough how appreciative we are of the initial response we received with this first roll out of the Adopt-a-Trail Program! With hundreds of miles of trails in our region, maintenance has always been a struggle. That job more than tripled after the Carr Fire, which makes community involvement like this, that much more valuable.

Our goal with the program is to make a bigger impact on maintenance needs, leveraging community support, focused training, and streamlining of RTA's resources. There are still a lot of trails out there that need adopting! For more information reach out to Camille@reddingtrailalliance.org or visit our website under the "Trails" page.

With Appreciation,

Redding Trail Alliance