

**2020
Annual
Report**



MARIPOSA TRAILS

About Us

Incorporated in May 2020, Mariposa Trails is a charitable non-profit with Federal 501(c)(3) status obtained through the extended Form 1023 application process.

Our Vision

We believe that individuals, communities and the planet can all thrive together, and that this health is attained through relationships of reciprocity. Through our sojourns, be it hiking, riding, camping or trail-tending, we offer a fresh hope of restoration and invite you to build comradery with one another and with nature.

OUR COMPASS

- points to understanding that through healing and sustaining the natural world, the natural world sustains us as well.
- includes a bearing that encourages people to nourish and teach a meaningful relationship of reciprocity with the earth and all her beings, to mindfully listen and learn from the natural world, and in gratitude, share and apply that knowledge.

OUR MAP

- charts the recognition that it is essential to gather, support and celebrate the diverse gifts of individuals and organizations to enable achievement of shared missions.
- reveals that exploring, tending and experiencing the natural world brings understanding that nature is an essential part of humanity, and in turn, humanity can be a benefit to nature.

OUR JOURNEY

- embraces trails as gifts, and in gratitude, we use them respectfully, enhancing and creating beauty and joy.

Our Mission

We provide trail access and promote its use for adventure, health, stewardship, education and community prosperity.

Our Board

Bill King, President and Executive Director

Beth Kellner, Treasurer

Ursula Stock, Secretary



Our 2020 Volunteers

Mariposa Trails would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions to trails in 2020:

- David Nelson
 - Debra Rockwood
 - Connie Wylie
 - Jack Wooten
 - Ron Allen
 - Bruce Beall
 - Mark Riegel
 - Val Riegel
 - Dick Ewart
 - Mike Wichmann
 - Alexie Mendez
 - Dominick Orduna
 - Arianna Gonzales
 - Destiny Vargas
 - Chelsea Arnold
 - Sean Murray
 - Marina C Stein
 - Sabine Barajas
 - Jason Schmidt
 - Ruth A Kepler
 - Greg Harper
 - Annie Scott
 - Berit Scott
 - Jim Wittkopf
 - Steve Humpfry
 - Nate Gorham
 - Elaine Denny
 - Ben Kurtz
 - Tony McDaniel
 - Sesar Sanchez
 - Marty Acree
 - Bill Lowe
 - Erin Stacy
 - Steve Garland
 - Ralph Mendershausen
 - Paul Wagner
 - Shelly Kniss
 - Jim Donovan
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Annual Letter from the Board

Hello Friends,

It's the season when we look back at the past year and forward to the next; Mariposa Trails is no different. 2020 has been a year of challenges for many of us and we hope that you have come through ready and able to set your sights on a fresh year of opportunities.

As we look back at 2020, despite the obstacles of the times, Mariposa Trails thrived. As an outdoor activity, our trail-tending outings can occur with COVID safety protocols. **Also in 2020, Mariposa Trails attained 501(c)(3) non-profit status!** Not only does this mean Mariposa Trails can accept your donations, it means they are Tax-Deductible! It also means Bill King, founder of Mariposa Trails, has set aside his "lone-wolf" status and has chosen a board to join him in this venture. Ursula Stock aka "Little Bear" is our Secretary, and Beth Kellner aka "Scout" our Treasurer. We look forward to meeting and working with Bill's trailblazers in the coming year.

In other good news this year, we were awarded a matching grant from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance. Thank-you to our donors for your contributions to our matching grant fund; it doubled our resources for trail tending tools and supplies. Also, great news, the Hite's Cove Trail has at long last been officially reopened. So many of you have worked on this as a labor of love and can be proud it is open to the public once again. Probably the best wild flower hike in Mariposa County, gateway to the South Fork Trail and closed since the 2018 Ferguson Fire, Mariposa Trails volunteers have worked tirelessly to restore this historic trail.

We now urge you to get out and enjoy it.

Before we begin any grand fundraising plans for the coming year, we would like to let you know that our new non-profit status allows local trails to benefit from Pioneer Market's program that gives a percentage of sales back to local non-profits. Save your receipts from Pioneer Market and bring them to a Mariposa Trails event, or mail them to Mariposa Trails. Grocery shopping turns into support of our local trails!

When you get the chance, visit our new "Trails Map." Updated as trail-tending efforts occur, the map gives a view of the scope of work completed, ongoing and aspirations for the future. Then, check in on our calendar and see if there is a trail tending event you would like to join. The map can be found at: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer...>

We wish you an adventurous New Year.

The "Mariposa Trails" Board



Year in Review

Trails

In 2020, Mariposa Trails completed 31 trail-tending outings, including 2 overnight trips, on 9 different trails with 39 volunteers resulting in 1,279 volunteer hours equating to a labor value of \$32,524 (1,279 @ \$25.43 per hour). Over 10 miles of trail were cleared, over 189 logs cut from trails; and 6 major trail gully crossings repaired.



2020 Accomplishments

Hite's Cove Trail restoration completed/9 logs over trail cleared/1-mile of trail cleared

Mariposa Trails incorporated/Board formed

NWSA awards competitive grant to Mariposa Trails for purchase of tools, PPE and marketing supplies

IRS awards non-profit status

Granite Saddle Trail located and 25 logs over trail cleared/1 mile of trail cleared

Macready Trail scouted and 1 mile of trail cleared

Pinoche Ridge Trail located/50 logs over trail cleared/1.5-mile of trail cleared

Skelton Creek Trail cleared of 16 logs off the trail/1-mile of trail cleared/0.1-mile of new tread installed.

Virginia Creek Trail cleared of 75 logs off the trail/1.5-miles of trail cleared

Alder/Willard Creek Trail cleared of 5 logs off the trail/1-mile of trail cleared

North Fork Merced Trail cleared of 3 logs off the trail/0.5-mile of trail cleared

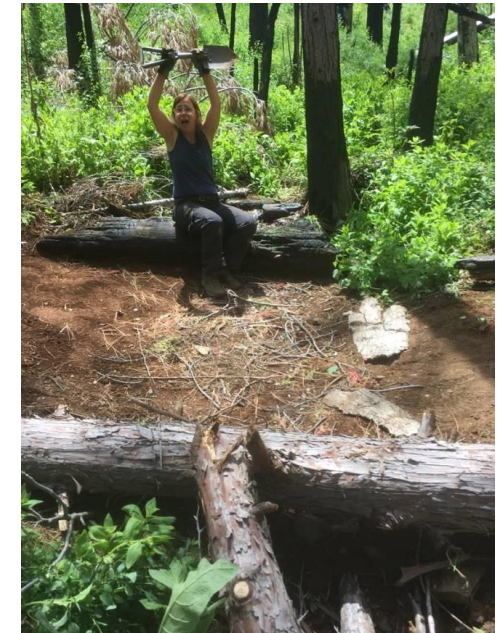
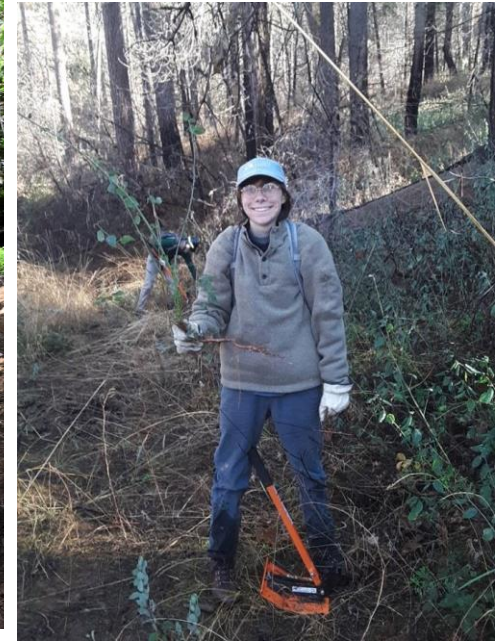
Owl Creek Area Trails cleared of 6 logs off the trail/2-mile of trail cleared/0.6-mile of erosion control applied.

Online trail map created.

Jerseydale 2020 Project

United States Forest Service lands near Jerseydale are the most proximate public lands to the population centers of Mariposa. They also contain roads and trails used by a variety of users, including hikers, trail-runners, mountain bikers, equestrians and OHV's. A total of 816 volunteer hours were dedicated to the improvement of trails in this area, and include:

- Macready Trail
- Upper Skelton Creek
- Manzanita Loop Trail
- Heliport Service Road
- Virginia Creek Trail



Highland Trails

Temperatures in the South Fork Canyon can be extreme in the summertime. Fortunately, there are 2 trails of note that provide respite and spectacular views from the highlands of the South Fork. 4 outings (2 of these overnight trips) were dedicated to scouting and clearing portions of the trails, and include:

- The Granite Creek Saddle Trail
- The Pinoche Ridge Trail



The South Fork Trail

The 21-mile long “South Fork Trail” is a key link in a regional trail system that connects the foothills in Mariposa County with Yosemite National Park. It spans an elevation of 4,000 feet, traversing through some of the wildest and culturally rich landscapes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. In 2018, portions of the trail were closed due to fire and floods.

HITE’S COVE TRAIL

In 2020, 310 volunteer hours were dedicated to completing the initial restoration efforts of the Hite’s Cove Trail, which enabled the trail to be opened in November 2020, having been closed since July 2018.



ALDER/WILLARD CREEK TRAIL

In 2020, 100 volunteer hours were dedicated to repairs. Unlike the Hite’s Cove Trail, which is more popular and more easily accessed, this trail is in great need of repairs, and will be a focus of work in 2021.



Fiscal Overview

For fiscal year 1/1/2020 to 12/31/20
Figures as of December 31, 2020

Assets	\$6,115.96
Liabilities	\$ 646.47
Funding Sources & Revenue	
Grants	\$1,802.75
Material Donations	\$ 413.00
Donations -Direct public support	\$2,789.00
Total Annual Revenue	\$5,004.75
Expenses	
General Administration/Operations	\$ 298.10
Program Services/Supplies/Equipment	\$3,780.44
Total Annual Expense	\$4,078.54

GRANTS

Much thanks to the *National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance* (NWSA) for awarding *Mariposa Trails* a \$2,237 competitive grant for marketing and to expand our trail tool and personal protective equipment cache.

OUR 2020 DONATIONS

We would like to express our profound gratitude to our financial supporters. Without their contributions, we would not have been able to lay the foundation for “Mariposa Trails,” upon which our work will grow into the future.

Jeannette Mero
Jeanine Wilson
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Michael Red Earth
Ruth Kepler
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Beth Kellner
Richard Nelson
Shelby Edwards

Our Thanks!

Without your support we would not be so successful. Thank-you volunteers, the Sierra National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, the Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite, the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, contributors, behind the scene helpers, and the Board of Directors.

Your support will help “Mariposa Trails” continue to keep trails open to the public. Mariposa Trails is dedicated to supporting, maintaining and educating the public about Mariposa’s unique trail system. To support our efforts, please visit: www.MariposaTrails.org



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