

Ellwood Trails

Public Workshop #1 Station Comments

Trail Design:

- Benches, rest stops along trail
- Concern with closing trails
- Designation by use
- Trail hierarchy
- Natural trail design
- No benches
- More trash cans/poop bags
- Multi Use Trail
- Trash/recycle bins at discreet locations
- 6' max width
- Map showing trail width (2, 4, 6) color coded
- Native vegetation adjacent to trail if borders are used
- No fixed width trails
- No borders
- No signs/maps
- Borders only if done right
- Use native soil over CLII base

Habitat Restoration:

- Long term view: how can we start moving (parts?) back to an oak jungle?
- Re-establish at least a few oak groves- some shade and enhanced habitat for a wide variety of animals
 - o Agree- need to cultivate oak growth
- Keep putting native plans back
- Get rid of fennel before it obliterates the mesa
- Honestly, non-natives are fully dominant now (eucalyptus, etc.). deal with most invasive species first- ice plant, fennel, otherwise leave alone
- Fox trails are hazardous to dogs
- Incorporate concept of rainwater harvesting to bring water off trail and into restoration areas for plants and to perc into soil and recharge aquifer.
- There is a terribly invasive new plant moving into the western Devereux creek. It should be eradicated.

Bridges, Gullies and Crossings:

- No bridges needed. Improve slope and leave it be
 - o I agree
- Just fill them in where possible
- Contact for bridge design and input – Gilbert Perlebers, 7551 Palos Verdes Dr. Goleta CA 93117; 968-3983
- (Bridge images were numbered and the only ones that received comments were #1 and #2 (cornado bridge))
 - o #1- keep simple “fill in”; put in culvert
 - o #2 – my first choice; least obtrusive, blends in
 - Preferred this one
 - Good, minimal, blends in
 - Low profile- easy to maintain, keep it simple!
 - As low profile as possible – it's a preserve, not a park!
 - Yes!
 - There already is a bridge that crosses the creek at Ellwood Main. It works well.

Beach Access:

- Improve access; make accessibility a priority
- Make it natural as possible, safe as possible, fiscally responsible
- Improving access is important but no super trails
- Look at design as related to proposed leg (?) for ADA (beachside)
- Look at access/County of San Diego trails master plan, how it handled ADA
- Coal Oil point – like new stairs as shown in power point, unobtrusive
- No changes, leave alone
- Look at old Oil road access history
- Look at putting bike racks at entrances to Mesa
- Ramps, not stairs, so you can bring surfboards and bikes to beach
- Stairs at More Mesa, look nice, not boxy
- Emergency access at Access Point F
- Consider horses/Coastal Commission approved for horses?
 - o Can horses use stairs?
- Over time, erosion may make bluff less steep
- Do something that fits geography; minimal, stabilize erosion
- Look into natural wood appearance for stairs- like More Mesa
- “We don't want to see it on google earth”
- Minimize changes
- Opening at SB Shores/gate- can't get stroller through
- Logs (don't turn it into shoreline park)
- No asphalt

- Have staircase follow curvature of bluff- not straight down. Use treated natural materials
- Use maybe one rail
- Look at the end of SB Shores road

Other Comments:

- Please do not make this another off-leash dog park as it is right now!
 - o I agree
 - o Disagree (3 times)
- Impact to "fauna" not just "flora"
- Too many people on bluffs is a problem! Don't make it too nice!
 - o I agree (2 times)
 - o There are already many places that are wheel chair accessible. Let's leave one mesa that you do have to walk always!
- Trails should be as natural as possible, not Shoreline park, but solve erosion problems!
 - o I agree
- Removing hazards should be the high priority- barbed wire, metal, etc.
 - o I agree
- Think about the kids: if jumps are removed, consider putting in "approved" features like a pump-track. These are low maintenance and low liability improvements that would be well used by the community.
 - o Agree
 - o No! Do that somewhere else!
- Trails should be multiuse to allow for mountain bikes and families riding with kids
- Please address bus parking issues... (like no bus parking...)
 - o Yes, please!!