Pines to Mines
Local governments and trail advocates are coming together to link the towns of Nevada City and Truckee with a multi-use connector trail.

Celebration of Trails 2016
Trail lovers of all ages and backgrounds showed up to hike, run, ride and learn during this fun annual community event.

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BYLT’s popular sets of trail cards now include seven new maps!

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It might sound odd – but a local trail changed my life!

Shortly after moving to Nevada County I hiked the Humbug Trail at Malakoff Diggins State Park. Along the way I met another nature lover doing a point-to-point hike who needed a ride to his car. He was John Skinner, retired Tahoe National Forest Service Supervisor. John became my hiking mentor and later introduced me to the Land Trust.

I hiked with John for a year exploring many of the most beautiful trails in our area, encountering bears, picnicking at stunning lakes, examining the unique geology of the Sierra Nevada. Before his passing I helped him with Land Trust treks, which lead to my becoming the Land Trust Treks Coordinator – the best job ever!

Trails offer opportunities to get outside, get healthier, meet with old friends and make new ones. Our communities have so much to offer: breathtaking vistas, oak woodlands, rich ranchlands and scenic rivers. Trail systems connect neighborhoods, schools, and shopping, are used by families, retired folk, runners, cyclists, equestrians, and those with mobility issues. Trail use is free and open to everyone!

With your ongoing support, BYLT staff and volunteers have built and maintain more than 35 miles of community trails, with more being planned. However, we can’t continue to do this work without your help.

Please donate to local trails by “buying” a foot of trail today! Buy 10 feet for $100 and get a free I’d Rather Be Hiking bumper sticker. Use the enclosed remittance or go to: www.bylt.org/support/donate. Thank you!

I hope to see you on the trail…

Melony Vance
Development and Programs Manager

Honor Loved Ones on the Trail

Memorial Trail Mileage Markers with brass plaques are available for a $1,000 donation. Markers are available on the Orene-Wetherall Trail, Black Swan Trail and Yuba Rim Trail. Markers will be set a quarter mile apart on sturdy wooden posts, with the mileage on the side and the memorial plaque for engraving on top.

To learn more contact Melony at melony@bylt.org or (530) 272-5994 x 200.
Last year more than 20 trail advocates came together with the intent to increase the number and variety of trails countywide and hatch a plan for an East meets West trail.

Dubbed the “Pines to Mines Trail” the route will link the towns of Nevada City and Truckee drawing recreationists from near and far for premier non-motorized trail experiences in the Sierra Nevada mountain range and foothills.

The committee includes representatives from trail and outdoor recreation advocacy groups, area land trusts (including BYLT), U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Irrigation District, Counties of Nevada and Placer and Cities of Truckee, Nevada City and Grass Valley. A meeting was held in June among major stakeholders.

“A goal for the Pines to Mines advocates is to begin refining the potential trail alignment, which will likely involve inspecting the terrain. This task, however, is dependent upon the Forest Service identifying areas of concern, such as cultural sites, that an alignment will need to circumvent,” said District 5 County Supervisor Richard Anderson.

This summer scouting parties will inspect a proposed route drawn with input from topographic maps and Google Earth.

“It has to be ground truthed,” said Jane Ragan of Bicyclists of Nevada County.

PG&E lands in the Grouse Ridge area where BYLT holds conservation easements could become important pieces in the trail project, along with missing links closer to home.

“We are working on locations that cross PG&E land and a suitable route from Nevada City that will connect with the existing trails on Harmony Ridge,” said BYLT’s Executive Director Marty Coleman-Hunt.

For years, adventurous types have found ways to hike, bike and ride horses between Nevada City and Truckee on existing trails, Forest Service roads and OHV routes. But these routes are not always obvious, practical or pleasant.

“Much of the proposed route already exists, however there are sections that have no viable trail connection and this is the challenge - finding a suitable route that can be constructed at a reasonable cost,” said BYLT Trails Coordinator Bill Haire.

Some routes popular among equestrian riders include the Pacific Crest Trail, but do not allow bicycles. One seamless route for all trail users will take time, fundraising efforts and participation by many stakeholders.

When complete, the new scenic, long-distance trail will link two mountain towns with quality lodging, dining, breweries, wineries and thriving art and music scenes further enhancing our region’s status as a destination for outdoor recreation.

Trail Volunteers Rock!
Thank You
Rose Asquith
David Brennan
Cicely Brookover
Ray Bryars
Daniel Chapman
Kent Cooper
Sam Fishman
Gene Haroldsen
Bill Haselhorst
Dan Heibel
Nadine Kapper
John Keefe
Jonathan Keehn
David Kemph
Bill Lawrence
Fran Loop
Dan Melius
Scott Rogers
Ralph Silberstein
Mike Smith
Mark Tenboer
Larry Tonkin
Alan Waters
Jerry Westfall
Dan Worden
Family Hikes

Hiking with loved ones can be one of the most enjoyable ways to spend a day. Bear Yuba Land Trust has created a number of trails with families in mind.

Consider the following trails the next time you and your family want to hit the trail.

Alan Thiesen
Well known and loved by locals around Alta Sierra, this trail loops through a small nature preserve on a hill with a park-like forest, small meadows, and some nice views.

Cascade Canal to Orene Wetherall Trail
Located on Woodpecker Preserve, this popular trail offers an almost level walk along a peaceful canal through a forest with many Douglas firs and dogwoods.

Litton Trail
This well-established trail offers shady forests along an irrigation canal in the vicinity of Sierra College campus in Grass Valley.

Hirschman Trail
Only a mile from the heart of downtown Nevada City, this nature trail features the Hirschman’s Pond where otters, geese and ducks can be found.

Deer Creek Tribute Trail
This trail memorializes the native Nisenan with a tribute suspension bridge “Anqkula Seo” spanning a beautiful section of Deer Creek, connecting to the Environs Trail on the other side.

Yuba Rim
This trail on Rice’s Crossing Preserve offers views of snow-capped peaks and the confluence of the Middle Yuba River and North Yuba River.

For full trail descriptions and interactive maps, visit BYLT’s online trails portal: www.bylt.org

Backpack Bliss BYLT adds 7 new maps!

BYLT’s popular sets of trail cards are better than ever with the addition of seven new trail maps. Now these trusty sets of cards held together with a sporty carabiner include 27 local trail maps and descriptions.

Trail lovers will find new maps for: Black Swan Trail, Yuba Rim Trail, Condon Park Trails, Osborne Hill Trails, Nevada City Airport Trails, Sugarloaf Mountain Trail and Nevada County Government Center Trail.

BYLT’s trail cards are an extension of the popular online Trails Portal www.bylt.org. On one side of each trail card find a detailed map and legend. On the flip side, read a short trail description with distance, difficulty level, elevation change and directions to the trail head.

Stop by BYLT’s office at the historic North Star House property, 12183 Auburn Road, Grass Valley to purchase your own set of trail cards today.

OR visit one of these local retailers:
- Nevada City Chamber of Commerce
- Outside Inn, Nevada City
- The Earth Store, Nevada City
- Mountain Recreation, Grass Valley

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A big, big THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people who made Celebration of Trails 2016 a success!

Created to coincide with National Trails Day, it was encouraging to see such a diversity of ages and backgrounds and the number of families with young kiddos who got out of bed early on a Saturday morning to hit the trails. Thank you to our Trek Leaders – Hank Meals, Shaun Clarke, Richard Thomas, Ana Acton, Mark Erickson and Jamiel Fox.

There was a fabulous collection of activities, educational resources, knowledge, killer outdoor merchandise and the best tacos on the planet. Thank you to our festival booth partners – BONC, YBONC, IMBA, Face Full of Fun, Fatbelly Taqueria, Forest Trails Alliance, FREED, Gold Country Trails Council, Mountain Recreation, Sierra Club, Empire Mine State Park Association, South Yuba River Park Association, Friends of Malakoff Diggins, SYRCL, Tahoe National Forest, TRKAC, Wildlife Rehab and Release.

We are grateful to our hosts from Tahoe National Forest for the use of this venue. So many kind folks work for this beautiful forest.

Karel Hendee and Jonathan Lyerly charmed us with their sweet old-time tunes and Three Forks Bakery and Brewery warmed our bellies and hearts with their phenomenal beer – not once, but twice! – Ales for Trails and Celebration of Trails Day.

Tireless promoter extraordinaire Erin Thiem went above and beyond with her promotion of the event!

Our speakers rocked it. We had representatives from our wonderful sister cities, the public land sector and the next generation of trail lovers. Thanks to Bill Haire, Howard Levine, Evans Phelps, Jesse Locks and Michael Woodbridge!

BYLT hopes to continue these partnerships long after trails day. Let’s continue to share and collaborate together to make our community a “Trails Town.”
Bear Yuba Land Trust
ANNUAL TRAILS APPEAL

PUT YOUR “FEET” ON THE TRAIL!

BUY A “FOOT” FOR $10

HELP REACH THE GOAL OF $100K!

CHALLENGE MATCH: Double your donation up to $60K!
Save the Date!

Fun Treks and Events

Thursday, August 18
Landmarks Commission Trek:
Cherokee Townsite

Saturday, August 20
Train Tunnels at Donner Summit
with Sue Graf

Tuesday, August 30
Your Trails $$ at Work:
Yewei’im Bom Trail

Monday, September 12
Trek for the Mind:
The Secret Knowledge of Water

Thursday, September 22
Land Tours: Rice’s Crossing North & Yuba Rim Trail

Friday, September 23
Armchair Trek:
Ted Beedy’s Birds of Costa Rica

Saturday, September 24
Power Generation: Grouse Ridge Sites with Dale Johnson

Thursday, October 13
Full Moon Trek with
Clarence Motter