

**SAFE TRAILS WORKSHOP**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2013**  
**Duck Club, Irvine, CA**

**Audience Response Opportunity**

**How do you benefit from your trail experiences?**

**Comments:**

- Sense of community, belonging (another participant dittoed this response)
- Exercise of body and mind (nature and natural experience) (another participant dittoed this response)
- Instant gratification doing trail maintenance
- Exercise / nature experience / stress relief
- Clarity of mind and exercise
- Energy from nature is restorative (another participant dittoed this response)
- Rejuvenation (and exercise) but choose trails over others because of rejuvenation
- Knowing the land is protected
- Walking among and enjoying native plants and habitats



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**What is your biggest safety concern as it relates to trails?**

**Comments:**

- Sight distance and bikes
- Any unexpected injury - help rescue
- Downhill mountain bike racers
- Equestrian dangers from bikers
- Bikes allowed on grades greater than 8% (10% grades are defined by IMBA as non-sustainable)
- Mountain bikers/speed/disregard for other users (comment dittoed by another participant)
- Metal and speed against flesh and bone (partially deaf-encountering bikes on turns/hills)



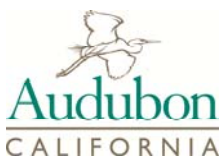
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**What is your biggest concern about parks?**

**Comments:**

- The loss/removal of dying trees
- Cover building of trails
- Pressures/Impacts from overpopulation
- The misunderstanding of what is a park and what is a preserve
- Safety among users
- Impact on the environment
- Funding to operate, stay open with ranger oversight
- Access
- Long term management and connectivity



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**What park or land manager seems to have found the right balance for resource protection and recreational use?**

**Comments:**

- What is the “right balance?”
- Good balance – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
- New (since 2005) OC Parks management procedures



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**What park or trail system needs the most attention?**

**Comments:**

- Connectivity everywhere
- Canyons/Cleveland National Forest
- Road conditions for accessing Cleveland National Forest
- Signage with visible codes
- Whiting Ranch



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**What is your biggest concern about trails?**

**Comments:**

- Access/closures (another participant dittoed this comment)
- Enforce the laws
- Good signage (stay found)
- Safety
- Human impact on wildlife (another participant dittoed this comment)
- "Service dogs" in wilderness parks
- Having too many nearby
- Widening/loss of habitat (another participant dittoed this comment)
- Trail courtesy (another participant dittoed this comment)
- Monitoring and enforcing preserve rules
- Loss of quiet place to rejuvenate / reflect
- Access for disabled with reasonable control
- Trail design, placement that doesn't divide habitats.

