Trail Work at Fernandez Ranch
Martinez, CA
May 17 – 19, 2024

V-O-Cal is set to continue enhancing the trails at the stunning 1185-acre Fernandez Ranch, part of the John Muir Land Trust, which encompasses the area formerly known as "Franklin Canyon." Our focus will be on rerouting the Canyon Loop Trail to bypass an old ranch road that becomes impassably muddy after rain. The redesigned trail will meander through forests, across grasslands, and into a quaint buckeye grove, featuring a 5% decrease in elevation and several grade reversals. Fernandez Ranch boasts over 10 miles of multi-use trails, offering vital links to the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the San Francisco Bay Trail. The ranch serves as a habitat for an array of wildlife, including deer, coyotes, wood rats, American badgers, the endangered Alameda whipsnake and California red-legged frogs, numerous species of songbirds, woodpeckers, raptors, and occasionally, mountain lions.

- Connect with people who share your interests.
- Acquire community service hours.
- Make a lasting impact by helping build a trail.
- No prior experience in trail building is required.
- Enjoy overnight camping on Friday and Saturday.*
- Volunteer for trail work, kitchen duties, or at the base camp.
- All tools, gloves, instructions, and delicious meals are provided.**

* Camping not required.
** Meals provided on Saturday and Sunday.

Children 14 and over are welcome on V-O-Cal projects. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, please visit our website at www.v-o-cal.org or https://www.signupgenius.com/go/FernandezRanch

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