



## Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network | Trails Survey

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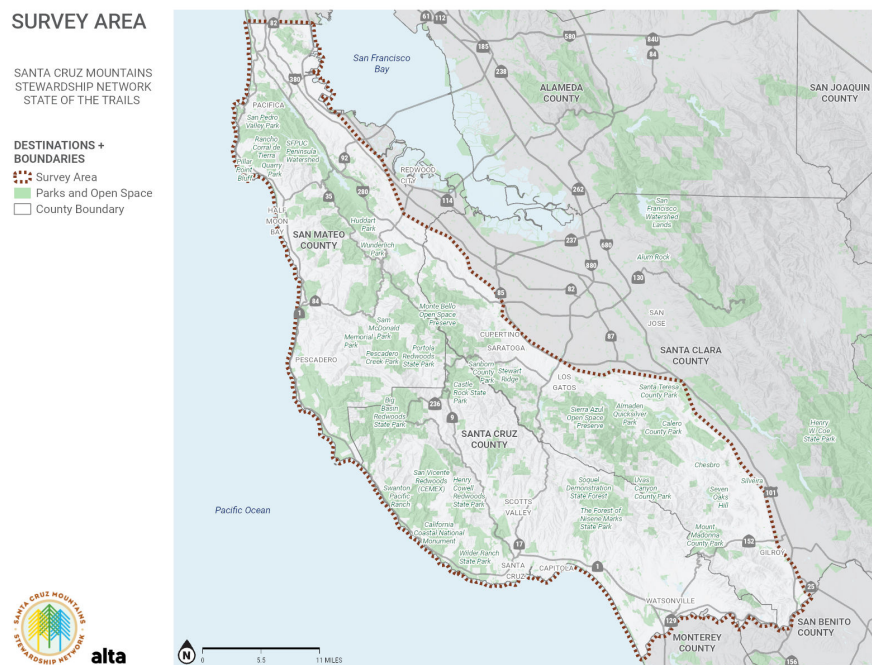
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## About the Project

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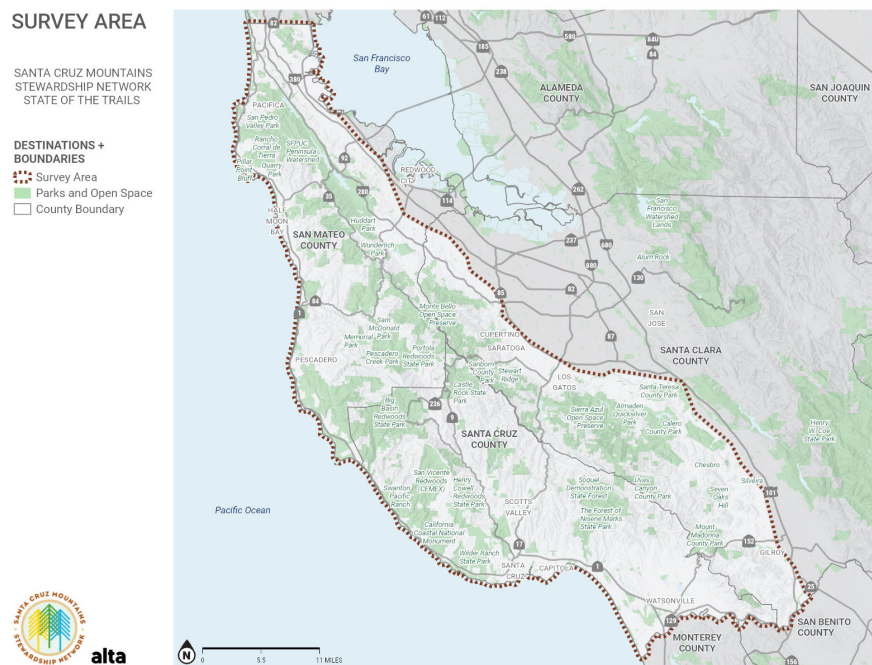
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Have you visited the Santa Cruz Mountains  
in the past 12 months?

### SURVEY AREA

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS  
STEWARDSHIP NETWORK  
STATE OF THE TRAILS

#### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

- Survey Area
- Parks and Open Space
- County Boundary



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\* 1. What is your home zipcode?

\* 2. Have you visited any parks or open space areas in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the last 12 months?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Where do you go and what do you do in the  
Santa Cruz Mountains?

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3. Where did you go? (list all parks/preserves, trails,  
and other natural spaces you can remember and if

pressed for time, list some favorites, or general areas)

4. How often do you go to these areas?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely

5. How long do you usually spend on these trips?

- ☐ Less than one hour
- ☐ About an hour
- ☐ Half a day
- ☐ All day
- ☐ Overnight

6. How do you get there? (if you use more than one mode please choose other and specify which modes)

- ☐ Drive
- ☐ Walk/Wheelchair/Run/Jog

☐ Bike

☐ Transit

☐ Other (please specify)

7. How do you get information about trails or open space areas in the Santa Cruz Mountains? (select all that apply)

☐ Downloaded trail map on my phone

☐ Trail apps like AllTrails, Strava Trailforks, Gaia GPS, Hiking Project

☐ Park or open space agency website/app

☐ Searches online

☐ Social media

☐ Printed trail maps

☐ Trail guidebook

☐ Park or open space agency staff

☐ Signs/wayfinding

☐ Friends or family members

☐ Past experience

☐ Other (please specify)

\* 8. What would make these areas easier for you to access? (select all that apply and at least 1)

☐ Road signs

☐ Trail signs

☐ Recommendation from friend or family - word of mouth

☐ Maps and other information at parks/trailheads

☐ Online information and maps

☐ Improved access without driving

☐ Parking

☐ Public transit or shuttle service

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ None of the above

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Santa Cruz Mountains? (Continued)

\* 9. What are the **main ways you use** these trails?  
(select all that apply)

- ☐ Hike
- ☐ Run
- ☐ Backpack/Multi-day trips
- ☐ Wheelchair or other personal mobility devices
- ☐ With strollers or other wheeled items
- ☐ With a dog
- ☐ Road or gravel/cross bike
- ☐ Electric road or gravel/cross bike

- ☐ Mountain bike
- ☐ Electric Mountain bike
- ☐ Skates, scooters and other wheeled mobility devices
- ☐ Horseback ride
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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Santa Cruz Mountains? (Continued)

10. Based on your last answer, what are the **TOP 3**  
**ways you use the trails from most (1) to least (3).**  
(click and drag the icon with three lines on the left, or  
use the arrows on the right to move choices up or  
down)



contemplative strolling, bird  
watching, art



11. How else **would you use** these trails? (select all  
that apply)

☐ Hike

☐ Run

- ☐ Backpack/Multi-day trips
- ☐ Wheelchair or other personal mobility devices
- ☐ With strollers, wagons, or other wheeled items
- ☐ With a dog
- ☐ Road or gravel/cross bike
- ☐ Electric road or gravel/cross bike
- ☐ Mountain Bike
- ☐ Electric mountain bike
- ☐ Skates, scooters, and other wheeled mobility devices
- ☐ Horseback ride
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. What has negatively affected your experiences in these areas? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Interactions with dogs
- ☐ Interactions with people biking
- ☐ Interactions with people riding e-bikes
- ☐ Interactions with people hiking or running
- ☐ Interactions with equestrians

- ☐ Challenges sharing the trail with different uses (i.e. biking and hiking)
- ☐ Concerns about mountain lions and other wildlife
- ☐ Weather is unpleasant (too hot, too cold, or rain)
- ☐ Not enough rangers or staff
- ☐ Too crowded
- ☐ Too few people or feeling too isolated
- ☐ Intimidating trail users or feeling vulnerable
- ☐ I do not feel welcome
- ☐ Bugs and insects
- ☐ Hard to find my way around / concerned about getting lost
- ☐ Unsafe trail conditions (trip hazards, steep slopes, etc.)
- ☐ Not enough parking
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ None of the above

13. Where have you experienced these issues?

14. What **would improve your experience** in these areas? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Benches
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ Water fountains
- ☐ Bike repair stations
- ☐ Parking/staging areas
- ☐ Picnic areas
- ☐ Kiosks/maps
- ☐ Shade
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Wayfinding signs
- ☐ Exercise equipment
- ☐ On-leash dog access
- ☐ Off-leash dog access
- ☐ Hiking trails
- ☐ Paved bike paths
- ☐ Mountain bike trails
- ☐ Equestrian trails
- ☐ Mixed-use trails

- ☐ Single-use trails (e.g. mountain biking only; hiking only)
- ☐ Better trail etiquette
- ☐ Other (please specify)

15. Do you have any suggestions on how trails can be improved? Please let us know here

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### Demographics

16. What is your racial or ethnic identity? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Latino/a
- ☐ Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. What language(s) other than English do you speak at home? (select all that apply)

☐ Spanish

☐ Cantonese or Mandarin

☐ Tagalog

☐ Hmong

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other (please specify)

18. What is your gender identity?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Transgender or Non-binary

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other (please specify)

19. What is your age?

☐ Under 18

- ☐ 18-34
- ☐ 35-54
- ☐ 55-74
- ☐ 75 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

20. How many children are in your household?

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1-2
- ☐ 3 +

21. How old are the children of your household?  
(Select all that apply)

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 0-3 years old
- ☐ 4-7 years old
- ☐ 8-12 years old
- ☐ Over 12 years old
- ☐ N/A

22. How many adults over 65 years old are in your household?

☐ 0

☐ 1-2

☐ 3+

23. What best describes your access to a private vehicle? (do you have access to a private vehicle to drive to trails?) (Select all that apply)

☐ Regular access to a private vehicle

☐ Share a private vehicle with others

☐ Car-sharing services

☐ No private vehicle access

☐ Prefer not to say

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Where are you taking this survey today?

\* 24. Please enter the specific location by name you are taking this survey. (such as the name of the trailhead, or place you are at. City your home is in if at home)

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Thank You!



Enter your email (**for prize drawing purposes only**) for a chance to be one of the **10 swag package winners (tote bag, water bottle, first aid kit), or the ONE lucky winner of the free Audrey Edna Cabin getaway!**

The Audrey Edna Cabin is a secluded ridgeline destination with views of the redwoods and ocean within approximately an hours' drive of the Peninsula and South Bay. The cabin is minimalist, but has a

fully equipped kitchen, games, flush toilets, and two bunk rooms with space to cozily sleep 10. It can be accessed via a beautiful 2-mile hike, or drive-in for folks unable to make the trek. More details are available [here](#).

**25. Email will only be used for prize drawing purposes**

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