



September 22, 2023

Greetings park supporters,

The Briones Pilot Project has entered its fifth month of implementation, and project staff and volunteers have made significant progress in maintaining trails, restoring illegal bootleg trails back into natural habitat, and collecting data on use patterns within the Briones Pilot Project Zone. Our project interns have been collecting data from park users over the past several weekends through intercept surveys at the park staging areas. This valuable information will help project staff understand how the Pilot may be affecting visitors' experiences and park use, while also providing potential additional insights that may aid in its improvement.

If you have not done so, please take our [5-Minute Survey](#) which is posted at the top of the Briones Pilot Project [webpage](#).

Our most recent "Dig Day" on Saturday, September 9 was supported by 25 volunteers plus staff (photos below). Their work helped restore habitat along the remaining portions of a former steep and erosive bootleg trail that was impacting a Pacific madrone tree grove, the water quality of an adjacent drainage, and cattle grazing infrastructure. So far, over the span of five Dig Day events, we have had a total of 164 volunteer participants contribute 820 hours of work.

The next Dig Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. [Please sign up](#) if you can to help maintain and improve select trails at Briones!

As a reminder, on weekends in the Briones Pilot [Project Zone](#) bikes are allowed on ODD weekend dates and horses are allowed on EVEN weekend dates; there are no user restrictions on weekdays (M-F) and hikers are never restricted on any days. This weekend, for example, **bikes and hikers** will be allowed on **Saturday, September 23** (ODD date) and **horses and hikers** will be allowed on **Sunday, September 24** (EVEN date).

Here are some helpful resources:

- [Briones Pilot Project](#) page with general information, FAQs, upcoming weekend odd/even dates
- *How Trail Designers Build Good Hikes* [Video](#)
- Briones Pilot [Zone Map](#); you can also [Download Briones Pilot Project Map](#) available in Avenza ([Apple App Store](#) / [Android App Store](#))
- Briones Pilot [Schedule](#)
- Briones Pilot [Dig Days](#) (space available on Oct 15)







Volunteers help restore a bootleg trail during a Briones "Dig Day" on Saturday, September 9, 2023.