

Cabrillo National Monument Trail Management Plan

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Public Scoping Newsletter

The National Park Service (NPS) is developing a Trail Management Plan for Cabrillo National Monument.

Purpose and Need for the Trail Management Plan

The purpose of the project is to create a trail management plan to guide the course of trail management and development. Specifically, the plan will identify strategies, document decisions, and recommend actions to guide the development, maintenance, and use of the trail system, while also balancing these actions with resource protection, for the next 20 years. The plan is needed to:

- Assess visitor experience and visitor safety.
- Potentially improve connectivity between features of interest inside the monument (for pedestrians).
- Protect park resources through the decision-making process and subsequent actions.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The NPS will be holding a public open house to seek ideas and comments regarding the Trail Management Plan. You are encouraged to attend to learn more about the project and provide input.

Open House

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

12:00pm to 2:00pm – Visitor Center

6:00pm to 7:30pm – Auditorium

Cabrillo National Monument

1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive

San Diego, CA 92106

Goals for the Cabrillo Trail System

The trail system:

- Is sustainable, meaning each trail lies lightly on the land, will last a long time, and needs little maintenance.
- Offers unique experiences and accessibility for a diversity of visitors during all seasons.
- Is well-marked and understood by visitors.
- Provides interpretive opportunities.
- Does not have unnecessary redundancy.
- Protects park resources and limits direct and indirect impacts from trail use.
- Minimizes the potential for conflict among different user groups.
- Improves pedestrian circulation and safety.
- Complements trail networks outside the park.
- Is within the park's personnel and budgetary resources.



Proposed Action

The planning team has developed a proposed action, which is the initial NPS proposal to address the plan purpose and need. The proposed action is one alternative that will be considered during the planning process. A proposed action is not a preferred alternative. The NPS will not select an alternative for implementation until after the planning process is completed.

The following trail proposals are numbered. The numbers correspond with general locations on the map on page 3. (Note: these are not final alignments.)

Proposed Action for Cabrillo Trails

New Trails:

- Provide pedestrian access to Tidepools from Visitor Center parking lot, considering one of three trail options:
 - A route from the Monument's upper parking lot to Parking Lot 3 (#1A on map)
 - A route paralleling Cabrillo Road (#1B on map)
 - A route from Bayside Trail to Parking Lot 1 (#1C on map)
- Construct an ABA¹ accessible trail along the road between Parking Lot 3 and Parking Lot 1 near the Tidepools (Trail #2 on map).
- Improve pedestrian access across Visitor Center parking lot.

Existing Trails to be Improved:

- Improve the Event Bluff Trail by narrowing the trail with post and rope and restoring denuded areas to natural condition.
- Enhance accessibility on the Bayside Trail, for example, through substrate improvements and modifications at water bars.
- Provide safety improvements / minor reroute of the existing trail at the Tidepool access point.
- Improve the Coastal Trail through the following actions:
 - Add a spur to roadside trail at searchlight structure
 - Narrow segments of the trail using post and rope or other delineation techniques, improve wayfinding signage, and restore denuded areas
 - Improve the staircase-spur that provides northern coastal access
- Restore user-created trails to natural conditions.

¹ Architectural Barriers Act



Proposed Actions

Tidepool Access:

- 1 A - Route from North Parking Lot to Parking Lot 3; or
- 1 B - Route Paralleling Cabrillo Road; or
- 1 C - Route from Bayside Trail to Parking Lot 1

2 - Roadside Coastal Trail

3 - Improve pedestrian access across Visitor Center parking lot

Legend



Trail Improvement



Existing Trail



Proposed Action



Park Boundary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT
1800 CABRILLO MEMORIAL DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92106

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How To Comment

Cabrillo National Monument is asking for public feedback on the proposed action from March 2 – April 16, 2017. Please keep in mind when you are commenting that your rationale or reasoning is the most valuable information we can receive, so please be specific.

When responding, please consider the questions below:

- What do you think of the proposed changes in trails at Cabrillo National Monument?
- What kind of recreational experiences are you looking for on Cabrillo trails?

Please submit your comments at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (parkplanning.nps.gov/cabrillotmp). Once on the website, select “Open for Comment” to provide your thoughts.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Attention: Planning Team, Trail Management Team
Cabrillo National Monument
1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive
San Diego, CA 92106



Planning Schedule

The table below shows the major steps in the planning process and when these events are expected to take place.

MILESTONE	DATE
Conduct internal scoping and develop a proposed action	Fall 2016
Conduct public scoping and consultation	March 2017
Develop alternatives, indicators and thresholds	Summer 2017
Develop a recommendation for a preferred alternative	Fall 2017

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Thank you for your interest in the Cabrillo National Monument Trail Management Plan!