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Sempervirens Fund

Volunteers work at Castle Rock State Park.

Volunteers needed to help repair trails

More than 260 volunteers of all ages have signed up to repair trails in the Santa Cruz mountains on Saturday, but more volunteers are needed.

Suzanne Reed of the Sempervirens Fund said volunteers who have not already registered can still help repair trails in two works areas: Castle Rock State Park above Saratoga and Nisene Marks State Park in Aptos.

Castle Rock volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Highways 9 and 35. Volunteers are needed there to repair a slide-damaged trail to Big Basin State Park and to complete the new Loghry Forest Trail.

Nisene Marks volunteers should meet at the park entrance next to the railroad tracks in Aptos at 9 a.m. Volunteers there will clear slides and brush and build a new trail connecting the east and west sides of Aptos Creek.

Volunteers should wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, work boots and gloves, and bring a lunch and beverages. They should also bring any available tools such as shovels, picks, brush saws, heavy rakes or limb clippers, said Reed.

If it rains it will be April 23.

Trail Day is sponsored by the Fund, Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Association, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and San Mateo County Parks Department in cooperation with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Since 1969, more than 12,800 volunteers have repaired hundreds of miles of hiking and horse trails, plus built more than 80 miles of new trail, said Reed.

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For more information on the Castle Rock work, contact Ken Robison at 354-4666 (evenings.) For more information on the Nisene Marks work, contact Ranger Jerry Waggoner at 335-4598 (days).