

Poway Trails Signage Proposal

Poway has 33 city-maintained trails encompassing 78 miles. They are diverse in length, difficulty, location, and beauty. Most Poway residents consider Poway Trails as an invaluable aspect of quality of life to living in our “City in The Country.” Maintaining and improving these trails is vital to preserving our way of life and for years to come.

Specifically, all of Poway’s 33 trails need new and improved signage to help users stay on the correct trails and not get lost at intersections with other trails. In addition, many trails that are close to neighborhoods would benefit from dog stations containing dog bags, trash can, and optional scooper, water, and tennis balls (see photo below). See below for photos and descriptions of specifically where signs should be placed, repaired, or improved, along with other suggestions.



First, 100% of trails signs need two things: 1) Specific name of trail (not just “Trail”), and 2) arrow showing correct direction.

1. Old Coach Trail: Old Coach Trail Staging Area could use sign with arrow at north end of parking lot telling people where to go – trail doesn’t start until few hundred feet up sidewalk..



Trail can also use sign with arrow as it passes Maderas Golf Course since this is intersection with trails that goes down to golf course.



It's very easy to get lost as trail goes past Maderas and down roughly paved road down to Moon Nursery – 2-3 signs with arrows are needed in Nursery to keep people on trail from getting lost and able to get to trail end at Highland Valley Old Coach Staging Area.

2. Justin's Trail: this is very short trail and fairly well labeled.
3. Lomas Verdes Trail: this trail needs several signs, and existing signs that are labeled only as "Trails" need to be relabeled as "Lomas Verdes Trail" so people don't get lost.



This trail is very easy to get lost – multiple intersections. All intersections need to have "Lomas Verdes Trail" sign with arrow pointing the correct direction. This is one location that needs sign and arrow about ½ mile up trail.



Need sign here stating "Lomas Verdes Trail"



Need sign with arrow at bottom of this trail where it intersects Old Coach Trail by creek under canopy of trees. Sign needs to say “Old Coach Trail” on one side and “Lomas Verdes Trail” on other side with arrows pointing the correct direction for both trails.

4. West Ridge Trail: This trail is literally on other side of street from Lomas Verdes Trail and goes south – has a sign marking beginning of trail, but sign needs arrow. Trail intersects street – need sign and arrow here:



Trails gets confusing as it intersects / hits Chaparral Elementary School – this area needs at least 3 signs with arrows. “Trail” is sidewalk in front of school for short distance – needs sign.



Needs sign with arrow where West Ridge Trail intersects Espola Rd (Espola Road Trail) just west of Valle Verde Park.



5. Espola Trail: this is very long (7.7 mi) trail and needs a lot of signs with arrows where trail intersects other trails or streets. Trail starts at Valley Verde Park and needs sign with arrow showing which way to go. Trail goes down sidewalk on north side of Espola Rd for first few hundred feet, and there should be an “Espola Trail” with arrows on each side of street here.



Sign near sidewalk with arrow where trails goes past The Farm should be labeled



Signs on both sides of street at entrance to The Farm are needed.



Espola Trail crosses to opposite of street – two signs are needed – one on each side of street with arrow showing which way to go. “Trail” sign should be replaced with “Espola Trail” sign.



There is a good sign with arrows on southeast corner of Espola and Lake Poway Rd, but you need same sign on southwest corner to direct people correct way. And this sign does not specific that people need to cross to north side of street to continue on trail – needs arrows fixed to point correct way, and need another identical sign on northeast corner showing people they need to go north few hundred feet to get to trail.



Need sign and arrow where short trail on Lake Poway Rd veers right down Espola Trail behind houses.



Intersection here needs “Espola Trail” sign instead of “Trail”



Trail crosses several streets including Twin Peaks – each intersection needs sign and arrow on each side of street to keep people going correct way.



Intersection of Espola Rd with Poway Rd needs signs and arrows where Espola Rd intersects Rattlesnake Canyon Trail, and also on both sides of street at northwest and northeast corners of intersection.



Espola Trail goes to left of gate on other side of street – this is not well marked and needs sign and arrow to prevent people from accidentally going right down Poway Rd. Trails ends at Garden Road Park, and this trail needs 3-4 signs marking trail at intersections with other unnamed trails going down hill toward Garden Road Park, and also signs with arrows at street behind Garden Road Park showing that trail goes on left side of park.

6. Green Valley Trails: This is very confusing trail and not well marked. Trail needs sign and arrow on back of Painted Rock Elementary School parking lot to prevent people from going left – trails goes to right.



Lots of places to get lost – this intersections needs sign and arrow.



Green Valley Trail intersections several streets in neighborhood – needs sign with arrows on both sides of street.



This intersection needs sign and arrow.



This intersection also needs sign and arrow.



This street needs sign and arrow on both sides of street.



End of trail where is intersections Pomerado Trail ad Pomerado Rd needs sign and arrow.



7. Blue Sky Trail: fairly short well marked trail – all signs should be labeled “Blue Sky Trail” instead of “Trail”



Should have “Blue Sky Trail” sign here also pointing to right



Need one sign and arrow pointing to left where “Blue Sky Trail” takes sharp left up hill to Ramona Dam



8. Del Poniente Trail: needs sign and arrow at north end of trail where trail begins at Del Poniente Rd just off of Espola Rd



West end of Del Poniente Trail where it intersects Pomerado Trail behind Pomerado Hospital needs sign with arrows pointing to both trails so you can stay on correct trail.



9. Sumac Trail: beginning and end of this short trail are well marked, but it needs one sign in middle of trail pointing down to Lake Poway instead of up to neighborhood
This post with arrow only needs "Sumac Trail" sign



This area entering neighborhood needs sign and arrow



This area needs 2-3 more signs since Sumac Trail intersects several unnamed trails and people could get lost



10. Iron Mountain Trail: this is one of the best maintained and well-marked Poway trails. No improvements or new signs.
11. Wild Horse Trail: signs are good but arrows are fading and needs to be replaced.



Top of this trail needs signs where it intersects Ellie Lane and Equestrian Bypass Trails – probably needs at least 4 new signs with arrows.

12. Ellie Lane Trail: connection from Iron Mountain Trail to Ellie Lane Trail needs new signs and arrows as you come over ridge from back of mountain
This grove of trees needs two signs and arrows – right as you enter it from top of hill, and right as you exit it, since this is intersection of other trails also.



Top of Ellie Lane Trail needs 4 new signs and arrows where it intersects Equestrian Bypass Trail.

13. Lake Poway Trail: a) needs “Lake Poway Trail” sign and arrow at start of trail to left and right around lake (two signs) – signs right by parking lot at very start of trail; b) highly used trail, but can use sign to left of lake at top of hill to keep people going to right down switchbacks to back of lake, c) needs “Lake Poway Trail” at back of lake



14. Avocado Trail Link: this trail goes up right side of Lake Poway Rd – needs sign and arrows where trail crosses streets



Needs sign where trails crosses Lake Poway Rd



Needs "Avocado Trail" sign and arrow here



Needs sign and arrow where it crosses road.



This area needs sign and arrow where trails goes adjacent to neighborhood.



All "Trail" signs should be replaced with "Avocado Trail" signs



Needs sign and arrow (with both "Avocado Trail" and "Twin Peaks Trail") where trail ends at back side of field behind Tierra Bonita Elementary School field and Twin Peaks Trail



15. Mount Woodson Trail: well-marked trail, needs couple of “Mount Woodson Trail” signs on way up at intersections with unnamed trails even though main trail is quite obvious
16. Warren Canyon Trail: [this trail is overgrown, severe erosion, and impassable – we are discussing removing it from Poway Trails and “returning it to nature”]
17. Fry-Koegel Trail: very nicely maintained and labeled trail. Few places that it looks like fork in trail are actually same trail and meet 30-40 feet up trail. Couple of “Fry-Koegel Trail” signs are needed where trails intersects small trails leading to neighborhoods.
18. Pomerado Trail: there are two parts to this trail, north and south, separated by about two miles. Needs sign here where “trail” goes through parking lot (or sidewalk):



Need another sign here where trail goes past parking lot of Episcopal Church.



Need sign here:



It's always useful having sign at road intersections:



Sign would be useful as trail passes entrance to temple parking lot:



Sign somewhere as trail goes up behind buildings would be helpful: (sign on both sides of this):



Sign here – sign to right is not labeled “Pomerado Trail”:



Lastly need sign with two sides as “Pomerado Trail” intersects west end of “Del Poniente Trail” behind Pomerado Hospital:



19. Tierra Bonita Trail: great trail but very little of is labeled – need trail at start here:



Needs sign here:



Needs sign where trail crosses road here:



Sign here would be nice – sign to left only says “Trail” – should say name of trail

20. Tooth Rock Trail: Trail is not labeled. Need sign at start of both ends of trail – trail starts at top of Golden Sunset to left of house driveway – needs sign:





And needs sign here where trail crosses long driveway:



21. Rattlesnake Canyon: needs new sign at start of trail – can barely read it :



Super easy to get lost on this short trail – needs 2-3 more signs:



22. Twin Peaks Road Trail: needs better sign at start with name of trail instead of “trail”:



Needs sign and arrows where trail comes off of street here:



Need sign where trail is dirt “sidewalk” along end of Twin Peaks here:



Needs sign everywhere trail crosses a street:



Need sign here where trail crosses driveways:



Need sign here:



Trail needs to contain name of trail and not just "trail"



Need sign here:



And need sign here at intersection with unnamed trail:



23. Twin Peaks Trail: Need sign at intersection of Avocado Trail and Twin Peaks Trail here:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



And here crossing driveway:



Need sign and arrow here where Twin Peaks Trail crosses intersection with dirt road/ trail leading to private property:



Need sign and arrow at intersection to trail going to top of Twin Peaks:



This sign needs to contain actual name of trail:



Need sign here at intersection to unnamed trail on Espola.

24. Kent Trail: this trail is not labeled at east end beginning of trail – needs sign here:



Need sign here at Tierra Bonita Rd



Need sign here where trail crosses street:



Needs sign at end of trail at Midland Rd:



25. Dearborn Trail: needs sign at beginning of trail:



Needs sign somewhere on Adrian St.:



Needs sign up Adrian St.:



Needs sign and arrow where Adrian St. intersects Tierra Bonita Rd:



Need sign here where trail goes east off of Tierra Bonita Rd:



This sign needs name of trail:



Need sign where trail crosses road:



Need sign here:



Need sign at end of trail where it intersects Espola near Poway grade:



26. Garden Road Trail: need sign where trail goes down sidewalk:



Need sign here:



Needs sign here:



Need sign labeling where trail ends:



27. Poway Creek Trail: this trail is not well marked – need sign where trail starts:



Needs sign here where trail enters Community Park from street:



Need sign here where trail goes behind cul de sac near Boys & Girls Club:



Need sign where trail intersects Community Rd.



Needs sign where trail goes behind Poway movie theater:



Need name of trail on this sign instead of “trail”



Need sign at start of trail behind Stater Bros off of Midland Rd



Need sign and arrow labeling where trail goes south then east of Stater Bros:



Here:



Need sign where trail goes behind houses:



28. South Poway (Trans-County) Trail: this trail is longest Poway trail and needs lots of signs, especially at all the intersections with unnamed trails – needs trail here:



This is county sign where South Poway Trail intersects Trans-County Trail – needs “South Poway Trail” sign:



This trail needs new stickers – faded:



Need sign with trail name here:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



Need name of trail on this sign:



Need sign with arrow directing people south down Old Pomerado Rd to start of trail:



Need sign here:



Need signs at intersections with all unnamed trails:



Entire east end of South Poway Trail at intersection with Sycamore Canyon Rd is not labeled

29. Beeler Canyon Trail: this sign is faded – needs new sticker:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



Need sign at start of trail past Scripps Poway Parkway:



Need sign here:



Need sign here:



End of trail needs to be labeled with sign:



30. Scrub Oak Trail: very top of trail needs to be labeled:



31. Old Miner's Trail: need signs where Old Miners Trail intersects Equestrian Bypass Trail and very top of Ellie Lane Trail

32. Fishermen's Trail: start of trail to right of Lake Poway needs to be labeled:



End of trail needs to be labeled:



33. Equestrian Bypass Trail: this trail needs signs at intersection of trail:



Needs sign here:

