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**Clear Creek Trail grand opening April 12th and 13th**

The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) is holding a grand opening of the Clear Creek Trail, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. All of the grand opening event activities are free and open to the public and will take place at the Jacks Valley Trailhead located directly on the west side of Jacks Valley Elementary School.

On Saturday, April 12, 10 to 11 a.m., CVTA and partners will brief guests about the Clear Creek project, collaborative efforts, trail construction and trail use. Informational displays and trail maps will be available and complimentary breakfast snacks will be provided. Following the briefing, guests are invited to explore the new trail on their own or join one of three guided hiking tours ranging from 5 to 14 miles round-trip. Equestrian and mountain bike riders are also welcome to come along. Participants on the hike may turn back whenever they want and should bring lunch and water.

Two organized tours specific to equestrians and mountain bikers are planned for Sunday, April 13 each starting again from the Jacks Valley Trailhead next to the school. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a 14-mile guided tour for equestrians to Knob point and back. Then from 3 to 6 p.m., there will be a 14-mile guided mountain bike tour to Knob Point and back.

Coordination of the Clear Creek Trail project formally began in 2008. The entire 10.5-mile trail was built in 2013. Key project partners include the U.S. Forest Service, Douglas County, Carson City, Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada State Parks, The Nature Conservancy, and private landowners including Clear Creek Tahoe. Nearly 4,500 volunteer hours were contributed toward this project by the CVTA, including partner employees and their families from Starbucks Carson Valley Roasting Plant & Distribution, Harrah's Lake Tahoe and Reno, Harveys Lake Tahoe, Harley-Davidson Financial Services, GE Measurement and Control, Southwest Gas, Northern Pipeline and The Nature Conservancy. Portions of this project were also constructed by the Nevada Conservation Corps through a Nevada Recreational Trails Program Grant.

Detailed information about the Clear Creek Trail is available at <http://www.carsonvalleytrails.org/Trails-ClearCreek.html>.

Volunteers are always needed to help as Trail Caretakers and trail construction/maintenance projects. No previous trail building experience is required. For more information, contact [info@carsonvalleytrails.org](mailto:info@carsonvalleytrails.org), or visit the CVTA website: [www.carsonvalleytrails.org](http://www.carsonvalleytrails.org).

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a nonprofit, volunteer based organization working with partners to provide access to public lands through a recreational trail system for present and future generations to enjoy.

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