

4CBCH ADOPTED TRAILS

Lower Hermosa Campground

4CBCH helped to develop this campground and built the horse corrals that are there. Each year we return to clean out fire pits, clean corrals, pick up trash and re-paint the picnic tables.

Location: Take Hwy. 550 N to Hermosa, turn left at railroad crossing then a quick right on CR 201. Follow 201 up the hill to the campground.

Lower Elbert Creek Trail

The Chapter has done extensive work on this trail in addition to the annual clearing of downed trees across the trail. We have repaired damaged switchbacks, replaced culverts, removed large rocks and re-routed the trail around wet and damaged areas.

Location: Go to the Needles Country Store on Hwy. 550. You will see some Forest Service corrals there and the trail starts right behind them.

Upper Elbert Creek Trail

On this trail, the Chapter has, in addition to clearing downed trees, spent considerable effort working alongside the Forest Service trail crew to re-bench a portion of trail that was badly eroded and dangerous to cross.

Location: Drive through Purgatory Ski Resort and follow the Forest Service road through their upper parking lot until you see a sign directing you to turn left for Elbert Creek Road. Follow Elbert Creek Road all the way to the end.

Upper Dutch Creek Trail

This trail takes off from the same point as the Upper Elbert Creek Trail and heads in a different direction. Large downed Ponderosa have been cleared from across this trail as well as Aspen saplings that continually try to narrow the trail.

Location: Drive through Purgatory Ski Resort and follow the Forest Service road through their upper parking lot until you see a sign directing you to turn left for Elbert Creek Road. Follow Elbert Creek Road all the way to the end.

Colorado Trail

The Chapter has adopted the section of the Colorado Trail that starts at the Little Molas Lake Campground and extends to Rolling Pass. On this trail, we have helped the Forest Service crew close off and brush in an unauthorized trail, and we hired a Southwest Conservation Corps crew to spend a week repairing a dangerously out-sloped portion of trail. The Chapter provided pack support for the crew in addition to funding it.

Location: Drive through Little Molas Lake campground to the parking area.

Pine Piedra Stock Driveway

This historic trail was neglected and almost lost to overgrowth when the Chapter adopted it. Through the years, we have cleared it, built rock cairns to mark it, made switchbacks and drainage structures, and opened this historic trail back up for use.

Location: Go through Bayfield and turn onto Beaver Meadows Road. Go all the way to the top.

Crater Lake Trail

2016 will be the first year the Chapter has adopted a trail that is within the Wilderness boundary. The trail begins at Andrews Lake and climbs the ridge up to Crater Lake.

Location: Just before you summit Molas Pass, turn off to Andrews Lake on your right.

East Creek Trail

Located on the back side of Vallecito Lake, this trail has been cleared by 4CBCH members for many years, but 2016 is the first year we have adopted the trail. A fairly new loop has been created that requires a lot of clearing every year.

Location: Take C.R. Road 501 to Vallecito Lake and turn right just below the dam. Follow the road along the back side of the lake. As you near the far end of the lake, watch for a road to the right. The trailhead is about a half mile down that road.