

January 12. Ken and Martin met at 8:45 to take out fallen trees. We proceeded down the Service Road to toward the campground but were met by a fallen tanoak and fallen madrone tangled up in the phone line. AT&T needs to tackle this one.

After reversing out we parked one car at Partridge Farm parked the other at the main parking lot and took out fallen trees down to the junction with the trail to Goat Rock. We removed two small logs and one big awkward one tanoak spanning the canyon. This last one took a long time as the saw got jammed and I had to get some pulaskis from the tool shed.

We removed another two small logs going up to Goat Rock and we removed the downed branches on the trail to the Goat Rock overlook. We then removed the log by the junction of the Ridge Trail and the trail to the Interpretive Shelter.

January 19 Frank is not yet back, get well soon Frank! but Mary Ellen was with us.

We parked at Partridge (the tree farm) and went down the Ridge Trail toward the campground, then made a mini-loop around the Nature Trail. Nothing was down except small debris.

At Russell Point we found that another tree had fallen close by the one that we had come to take out. The bigger (original) tree was easy to saw but the new one was high and awkward and took a long time to cut out.

On the Saratoga Gap trail, just NW of the Connector Trail we found two more downed trees and removed them.

February 9 I went down with State Parks Resource Ecologist (Portia Halbert) to bottom of Tin Can Creek. The crew also included one of Portia's crew and one from from Al Lisin's crew. We made trail just above the slide and did a little drainage work and a little tree trimming.

February 10 I went out on my own to walk the Skyline Trail and clear obstacles. Cleared 4 small downed trees, and removed small debris. Cleared a bad poison oak mess at a larger fallen oak and left the main trunk for later removal. That is an easy step-over. There's also a downed fir at the slide that needs a bigger saw. It's easy to get over if your legs are long enough.

February 16 Park at Loghry State Forest. Ken and Martin go left, take out the fir by the slide and tidy up the horse trail from Skyline Trail to parking. Frank and Kevin go right and take out the oak.

Park at main parking lot. Frank and Kevin take the Castle Rock Loop and take out 4 big messes and two other fallen trees. Ken and Martin continue down to The Falls taking out 5 fallen trees. 200 yards or so past The falls was another big mess that was cleaned up.

February 28 I checked out the Loghry Woods Trail on my own. I parked at Summit Rock parking and walked the Loghry Woods Trail as far as the bridge over the creek. It was more work than walk, clearing up 3 major "messes" and numerous other branches and small trees. I left 6 easy-get-by step-over logs to be attended to later. The trail is easily passable from Skyline to the bridge at the creek.

March 8 Martin went out on his own again.

Parked at Summit Rock parking. Walked Loghry Woods Trail to the end. There were no trees down past the bridge where I stopped last time. Walked to Russell Point. Nothing down.

Hikers reported that Ridge Trail was clear, but something was down at Emily Smith. One hiker reported large tree down on Service Road (glad that I did not try to drive down to campground) could Miles confirm before our TM session next Saturday. The erosion at the bridge abutment (campground to Russell Point) was very much worse since my last report. There needs to be some rock trucked in. Runners at Summit Rock parking reported nothing down on Skyline Trail.

I returned along the Loghry Woods Trail, continuing with last month's work. There are still two duck-under logs and two step-overs and two throw-out-the-way that were just too large for me alone.

March 15 We split up this morning. Ken and Frank took out the remaining big logs on the Loghry Woods Trail, with a one-way trek by car-shuttling between the campground and Summit Rock parking.

Martin, Kevin and Mary Ellen parked at the campground and started brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail from just past the "Captain's Chair" back toward the campground. Frank and Ken joined us after finishing their logging.

March 22 Ken and Martin went down Travertine Springs Trail to take out (known) fallen trees.

We drove down Beekhuis Road in Ken's truck. The road is clear of fallen trees.

We took out the fallen tree that was tidied up when bypassing the slide at Tin Can Creek. This took longer than expected, each piece had to be moved and carefully disposed of. We continued on toward Travertine Springs and cleared the mess of fallen trees that Eric Iverson had reported and Al Lisin had cut a tunnel through in February. On the way back we cleared an oak on the Toll Road that had been a step-around.

April 19 Mary Ellen could not come as she recovers from sickness, leaving just the faithful four for trail-work. Ken and Frank checked out the Frog Flat Trail after report of a downed tree (the tree had already been taken out). Ken and Frank then rejoined Kevin and Martin brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail toward the campgrounds. After lunch we built rock steps over a difficult place.

April 26, TRAIL DAYS We had a total of nine for Trail Days, including the stalwarts Frank, Ken, Mary Ellen and Martin. Tom Driscoll helped out again and hikers Corry, Mark, Cathy and Carolyn worked hard on a hot day.

We again brushed the Saratoga Gap Trail from the Connector Trail toward the campground. (It may take two more sessions to finish it.)