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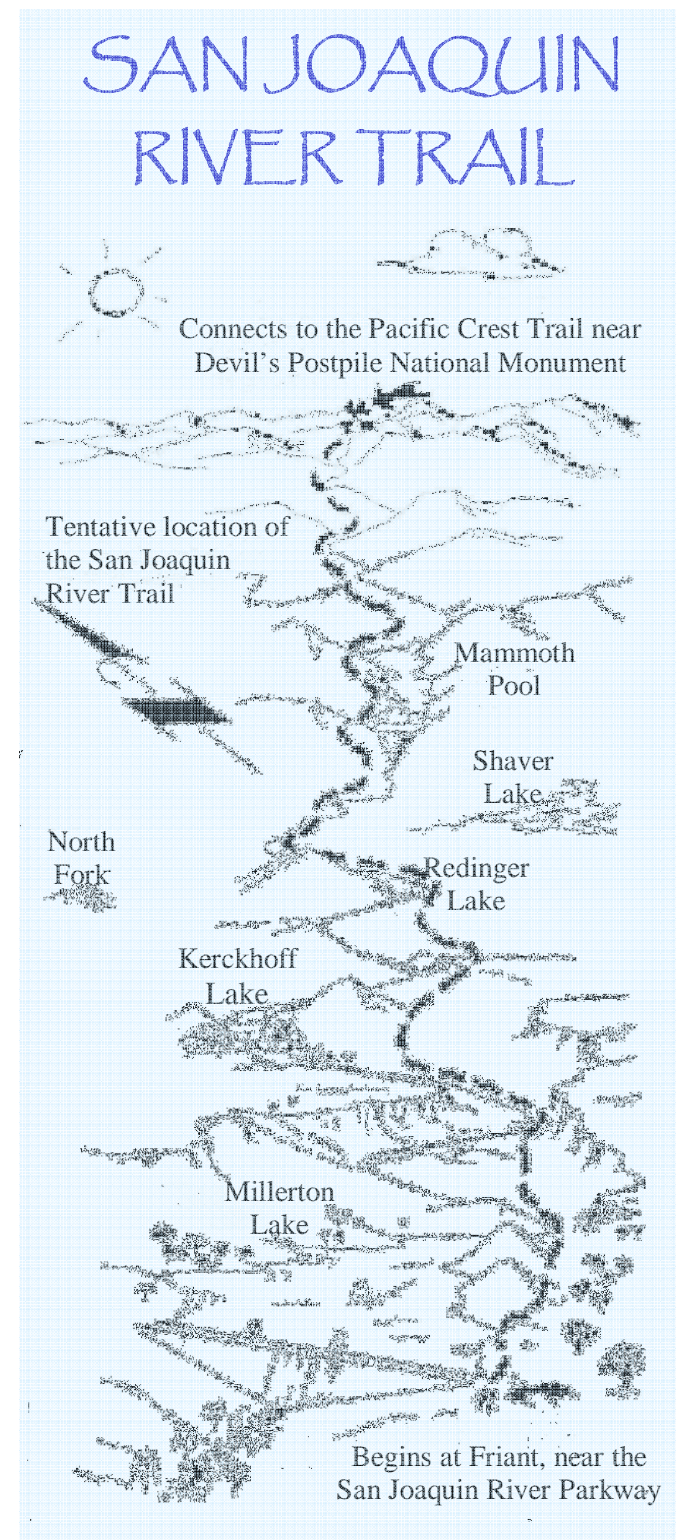
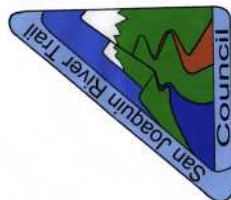
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What & Where is the San Joaquin River Trail?

The San Joaquin River Trail is a combination of existing trails, old trails to be reconstructed and new trails to be constructed. The Trail will run from Friant Dam to join the Pacific Crest Trail in the High Sierras near Devils Postpile National Monument, a distance of approximately 77 miles and an elevation gain of 10,000 feet.

The Trail will run across lands administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Reclamation, County of Fresno, Bureau of Land Management and the Sierra National Forest. Each agency's rules apply within their boundaries.

The Trail follows the San Joaquin River and parallels or follows various historic trails. Notably the Mono Indians used the approximate route to cross the High Sierras to trade and gather obsidian. The French Trail, which started near the Hogue Apple Ranch north of North Fork, followed the natural terrain the Mono Indians used and blazed a pack trail to carry supplies to the gold miners in the Mammoth Lakes area.

The Trail is being constructed and connected by the San Joaquin River Trail Council for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use.



What is the San Joaquin River Trail Council?

The San Joaquin River Trail Council is a group of organizations with an interest in the Trail. Each member organization donates some operating funds and sends one delegate, who is allowed one vote on issues before the Council.

The Council's objective is the construction and maintenance of the Trail. It does this by promoting Trail recognition by the managing agencies and general public, seeking construction and maintenance funds, and organizing the volunteer labor for construction and maintenance of the Trail.

Some contracting for construction may be necessary in special instances. Some material purchases, equipment rental, etc., may also be necessary. Money will be solicited by the Council through grants, donations and fund raisers.



What Can Volunteers Do?

Much of the Trail construction will be done by donated or volunteer labor organized by the Council. Volunteers are the backbone of the Council for construction and maintenance, and are eagerly sought for trail work and other activities.

How May I Volunteer?

Any interested person 18 years or older in good physical condition may apply to join us. Please refer to the website for the latest schedule of trail work days. The website has instructions on how to make contact and who to call.

What Kind of Day Can I Expect?

Depending upon the work location, we car pool from a selected place in northern Fresno to the work site. Usually, we leave about 7:30 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Travel time of 1/2 to 2 hours one way is typical. A donation of 3¢/mile is asked from each rider for the driver's gas and vehicle expenses. Since we are all volunteers, sharing of expenses to and from the destination is expected.

Activities will often be physically arduous, both in hiking as well as the work. The work will consist of cutting brush with sharp cutting tools and building the Trail by digging with shovels and grubbing tools. All tools will be supplied.



What Should I Bring? What Should I Wear?

The absolute minimum is long pants, a long sleeved shirt, work gloves, boots with at least 6" tops (no low tennis or running shoes), a water canteen and a good lunch with some snacks.

Hard hats are required to be worn and tools will be furnished. You may wish to bring your own hard hat if you have one.

Please note that no alcohol will be allowed during or prior to work hours.

In Summary

Please join us on one of our work days; it will be enjoyable. You will meet new friends, see new, beautiful country and you will learn more about the San Joaquin River Trail.