

Connecting with Nature on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: Wallbridge Trail Reopens, Thanks to Supporters & Volunteers



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Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has more than 8 miles of maintained trails. These trails are an amalgamation of paths that existed before the Ranch became public land, those called out in the 2003 Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Management Plan, and realignments and additions that have taken place over the years to reduce erosion-prone and redundant trails.

Most of the trails are well very traveled. The Bluff Trail undoubtedly sees the most foot traffic as it's the most popular with casual visitors, but regular Ranch walkers often seek out the more obscure trails. Perhaps the least obvious of these is the Wallbridge Trail.

Starting at Wallbridge Drive, off North Windsor Boulevard in Seacliff Estates, this path travels across the slope then uphill to join the Dolphin Trail about halfway between the Ridge and Seacliff trails. As a route to the upper trails, its very handy access, especially when the Ranch is busy. Unfortunately, several years ago the footbridge connecting the trail to Wallbridge Drive became so unsafe that FFRP removed it. That essentially closed the trail.

Cambrians Chris and Mark Landgreen saw this problem and wanted to restore Ranch access for the neighborhood, so they donated their own funds plus arranged a matching grant from The Coca-Cola Company for this project. Trail Leader Brian Morgan set to work designing a new bridge. With the cooperation of CCSD and a crew of talented volunteers, the bridge was reinstalled, and access restored. Working together, we reopened this 20-year-old trail. Why not give it a try?



Pictured: Mike Mollohan, Tom Loganbill, Brian Morgan, Michael Thomas, and Mike Gonzales on the newly reinstalled footbridge. Not pictured: John Nixon, Jim David, and Mark Meeks.