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California Conservation Corps Gives Facelift to Dozen Plus Trails Along California's Most Scenic Coastlines

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- *Trail Work Opens Access to Visitors with Disabilities*
 - *From Torrey Pines to Big Sur to Marin Coast, Trails Are Overhauled*
 - *Corpsmembers Devote 100,000+ Hours of Work to Bring Back Coastal Trails*
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Link to video of the CCC's Torrey Pines work: <https://vimeo.com/218859251>
This video is available for download until noon on Friday, May 26th.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Just in time for summer, the California Conservation Corps is broadening public access to some of the most inspirational views along California's world-renowned coast.

Hiking and walking trails along iconic landscapes like Torrey Pines, Big Sur, and Point Lobos are receiving makeovers as well as trails in less visited spots like Tomales Bay, Carpinteria State Beach, the Santa Cruz Mountains, and Mount Tamalpais.

"Hundreds of California Conservation Corps corpsmembers have poured their backbones and souls into bringing back these trails so that Californians can continue enjoying the local and international landmarks," said CCC Director Bruce Saito.

CCC corpsmembers have spent the past year rebuilding and restoring more than a dozen coastal trails -- much of the work focused on expanding or improving access for wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters.

"Removing barriers to these spectacular parks by building boardwalks over sand and widening trails to accommodate mobility devices is part of the culture of inclusiveness that we strive for in the California Conservation Corps," said Saito.

An onslaught of heavy rains this past winter complicated the workload and schedule. More than 90 corpsmembers have worked 8-day shifts week after week to remove storm debris, shore up eroding embankments, and replace and repair trail surfaces.

At Torrey Pines, a one-mile section is getting new surfacing and reinforced redwood stairs to take visitors cliff-side and tie into an ADA-compliant path. Meanwhile, in Ventura County, corpsmembers built a boardwalk that can carry wheelchairs and scooters up and over the sand and out to the beach.

The world famous Overlook Trail in Big Sur has corpsmembers working through the summer to undo storm damage. Just up the coast, the Seal Point Trail at Point Lobos has been resurfaced to allow easier wheelchair and walker access.

Corpsmembers worked alongside and at the direction of trails teams from California State Parks, which contracted the CCC to complete the projects.

About the CCC

The California Conservation Corps is a state agency offering young men and women a paid opportunity to improve California's natural resources and communities. The CCC also responds to emergencies such as fires, floods, weather and agricultural disasters.

Created by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 1976, the CCC is the oldest and largest conservation corps in the nation.

The CCC has corpsmember openings every month for young adults ages 18 to 25 and veterans to age 29. For information on joining, call 1-800-952-JOBS or visit ccc.ca.gov

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