

Peter Douglas Trail Extensions



MLT has just completed the new loop trail, a combination of the Peter Douglas Trail and the Ridgeline Trail, now a 7-mile loop. The new Creekside Trail, a shorter trail along Shady Dell Creek, is 0.5 miles long.

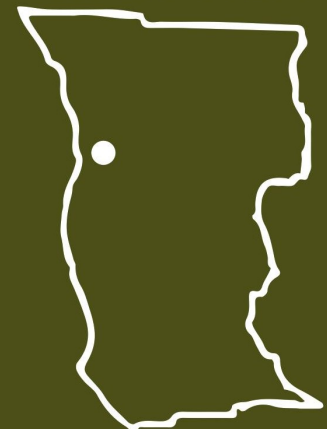
MLT has completed a multi-year effort to connect trails in Shady Dell on the Lost Coast at Usal, making it easier to enjoy longer and more satisfying hikes. This land is owned by Save the Redwoods League. In 2022, MLT completed the first 2-mile trail at Shady Dell, the Peter Douglas Trail, which is an extension of the Lost Coast Trail.



Fort Bragg Park

MLT will be assisting with a 600-acre Mendocino Cypress Woodland forest off Highway 20 owned by the city of Fort Bragg. The City will use approximately 25 acres to construct three water storage reservoirs. On the remaining land, MLT will help to plan for public access, habitat restoration and conservation.

North Coast

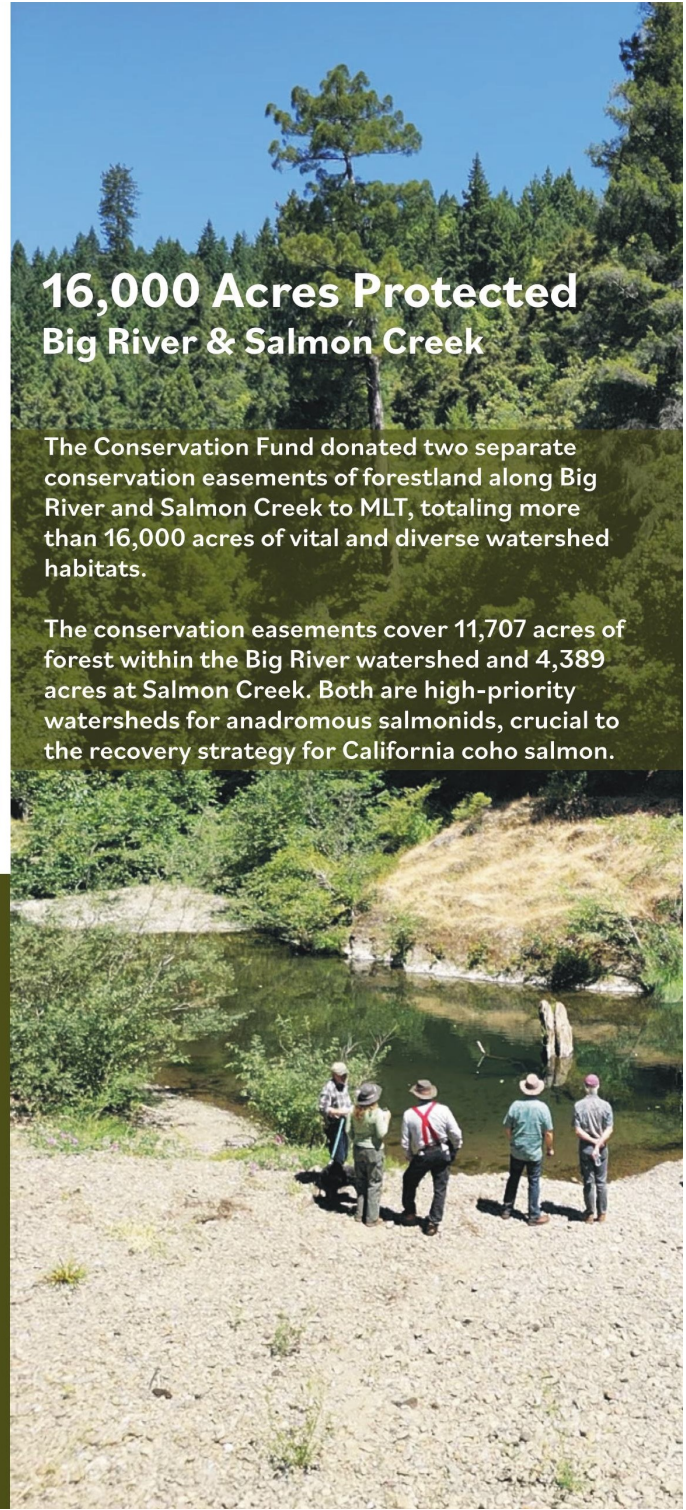


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16,000 Acres Protected Big River & Salmon Creek

The Conservation Fund donated two separate conservation easements of forestland along Big River and Salmon Creek to MLT, totaling more than 16,000 acres of vital and diverse watershed habitats.

The conservation easements cover 11,707 acres of forest within the Big River watershed and 4,389 acres at Salmon Creek. Both are high-priority watersheds for anadromous salmonids, crucial to the recovery strategy for California coho salmon.





Behren's silverspot Conservation

MLT has been working with partners across the North Coast region to restore and conserve habitat for the federally endangered Behren's silverspot butterfly. The Wildlife Conservation Board awarded MLT a \$1.5 million pollinator habitat restoration grant to help this endangered butterfly. This grant will fund habitat restoration work with California State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, the Laguna Foundation, the Sequoia Park Zoo, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project supports both on-the-ground habitat restoration and captive-rearing efforts. This is a four-year project to support the butterfly, once a common sight on the Northern California coast.

The first phase of this project involves 40 acres of habitat restoration along the Mendocino coast. This winter, 3,500 violets and 7,900 nectar species will be planted in coastal prairie habitats with the help of the California Conservation Corps.



Hathaway Creek Forest Conservation

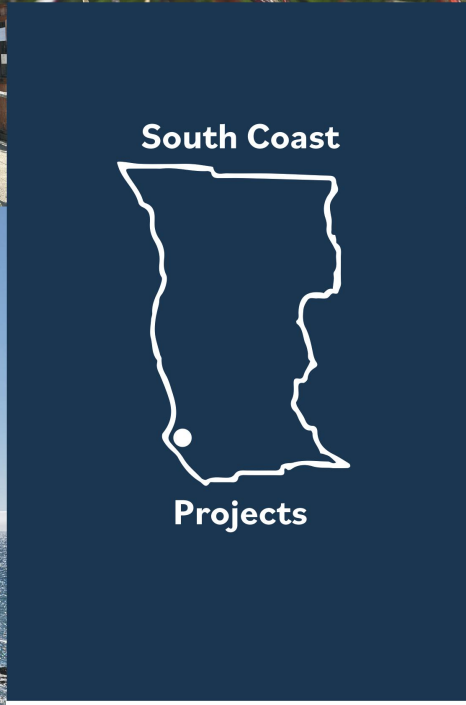
Thanks to the dedication and hard work of one visionary landowner and the generosity of numerous donors, MLT secured \$40,000 to support this new conservation easement. The stewardship fund raised by generous MLT donors will support the annual monitoring and defense of the Hathaway Creek Forest conservation easement. This will ensure the property's conservation values remain protected.

When complete, the conservation easement will protect 38.5 acres of second-growth forest of redwood, Douglas fir, and bishop pine from commercial logging. The easement will also protect rare and sensitive plant and wildlife species located at the headwaters of Hathaway Creek near Point Arena.



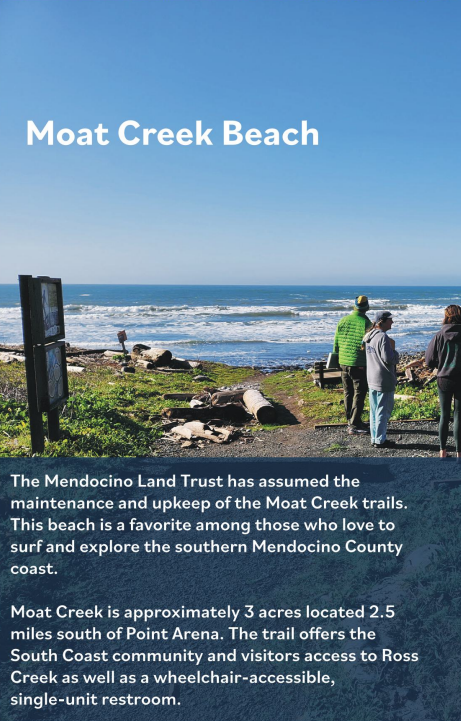
Saunders Landing Preserve

Saunders Landing is a newly acquired 12-acre coastal property located five miles south of Point Arena between Hearn Gulch and Schooner Gulch State Park. Active restoration is happening at Saunders Landing to remove invasive plants and support a healthy bishop pine forest. MLT is currently planning a new segment of the California Coastal Trail on this property, eventually connecting Hearn Gulch to Schooner Gulch State Park.



South Coast

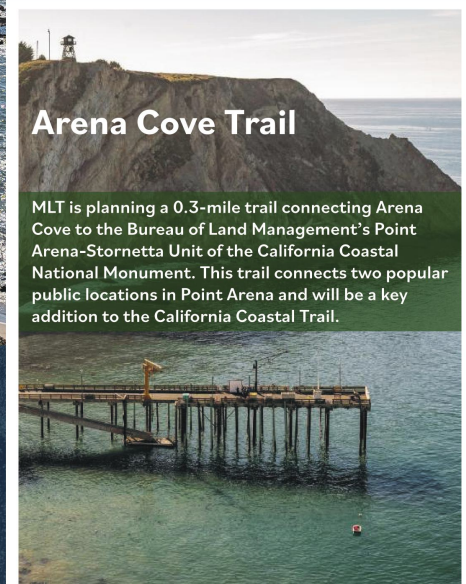
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Moat Creek Beach

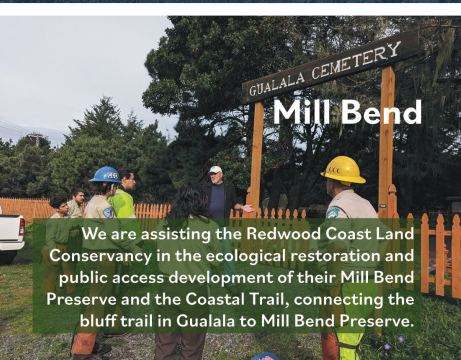
The Mendocino Land Trust has assumed the maintenance and upkeep of the Moat Creek trails. This beach is a favorite among those who love to surf and explore the southern Mendocino County coast.

Moat Creek is approximately 3 acres located 2.5 miles south of Point Arena. The trail offers the South Coast community and visitors access to Ross Creek as well as a wheelchair-accessible, single-unit restroom.



Arena Cove Trail

MLT is planning a 0.3-mile trail connecting Arena Cove to the Bureau of Land Management's Point Arena-Stornetta Unit of the California Coastal National Monument. This trail connects two popular public locations in Point Arena and will be a key addition to the California Coastal Trail.



Mill Bend

We are assisting the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy in the ecological restoration and public access development of their Mill Bend Preserve and the Coastal Trail, connecting the bluff trail in Gualala to Mill Bend Preserve.

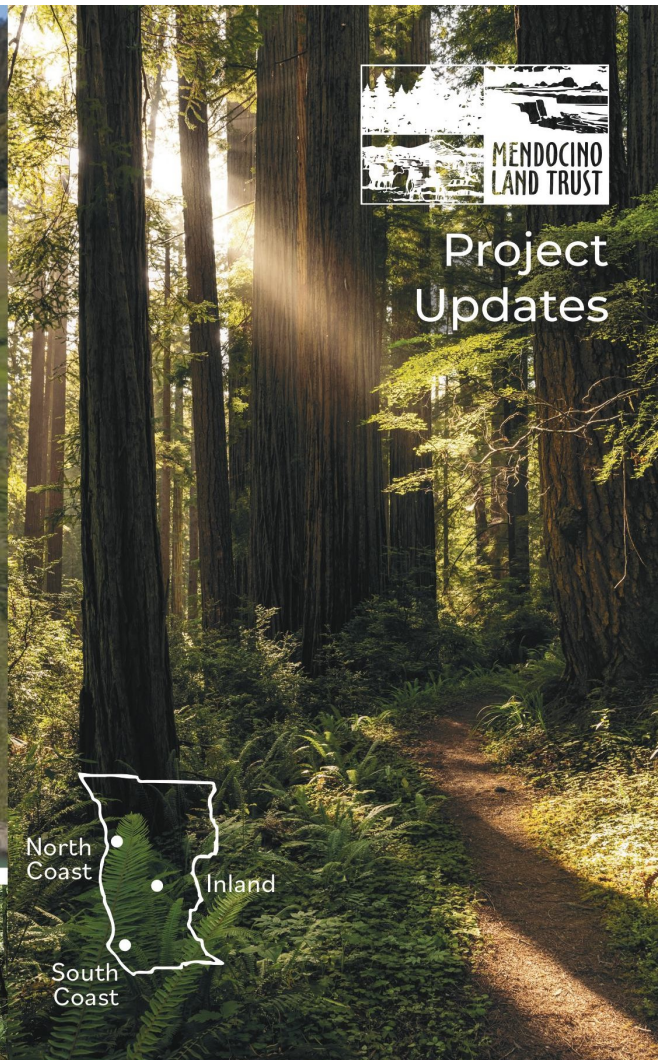


Inland Projects

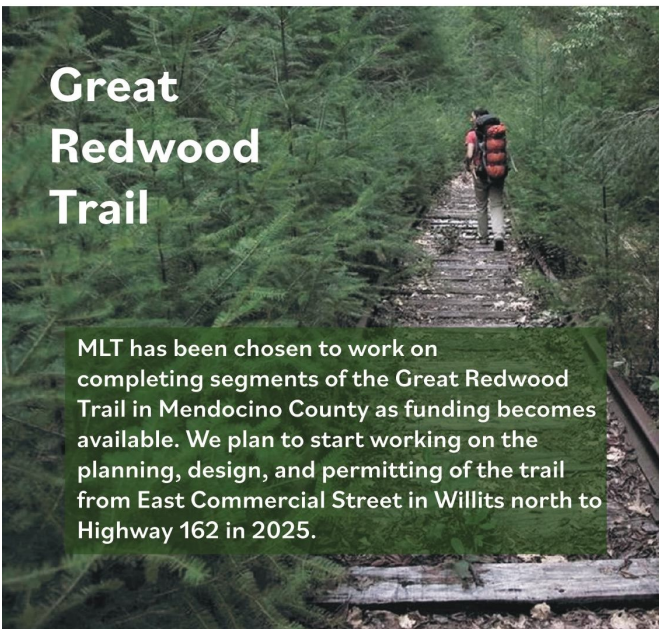
Eel River Ranch

MLT is leading a strong partnership to conserve a large ranch on the Eel River near Willits. Working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), The Conservation Fund (TCF), and three local tribes, the proposed project would culminate in a fee acquisition with the three tribes receiving about half the ranch and BLM owning and managing the other half for multiple-use public access.

Project outcomes include protection from subdivision of climate resilient acreage; conservation of timberlands and scattered oak woodlands; protection of critical wildlife habitat; and protection of an important watershed that supports Coho, Chinook, and Steelhead.

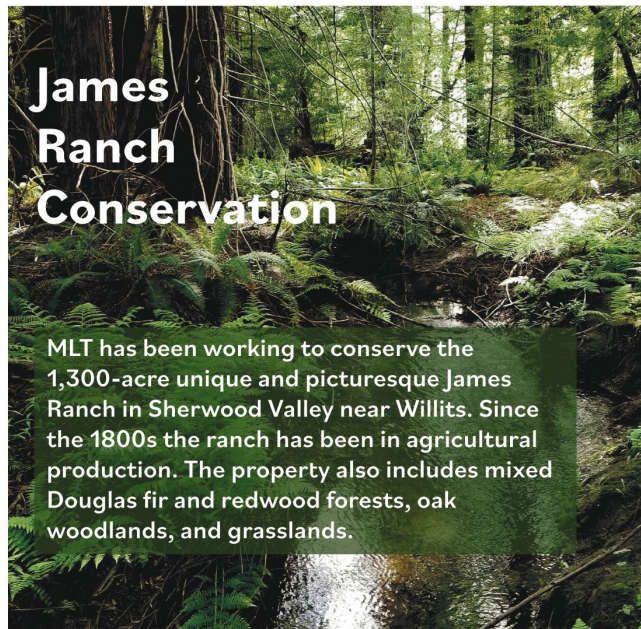


Project Updates



Great Redwood Trail

MLT has been chosen to work on completing segments of the Great Redwood Trail in Mendocino County as funding becomes available. We plan to start working on the planning, design, and permitting of the trail from East Commercial Street in Willits north to Highway 162 in 2025.



James Ranch Conservation

MLT has been working to conserve the 1,300-acre unique and picturesque James Ranch in Sherwood Valley near Willits. Since the 1800s the ranch has been in agricultural production. The property also includes mixed Douglas fir and redwood forests, oak woodlands, and grasslands.



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