

They will be set apart forever,
"for they had crossed the mountains."
~Bernard DeVoto

Western States Trail Foundation & Western States Trail Endowment Fund http://www.teviscup.org



THERE IS A TRAIL LIKE NO OTHER ON EARTH.

It crosses the spine of the mighty Sierra.

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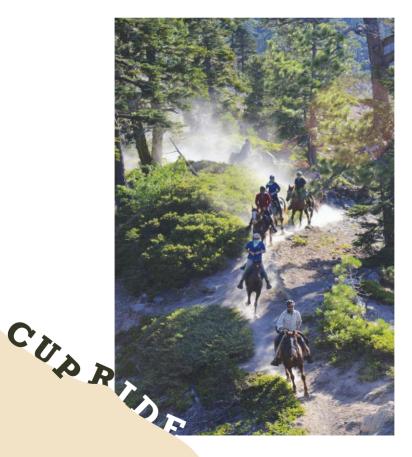
It lay fallow for decades until the 1930s when Sheriff Robert Watson of Tahoe City rediscovered the old tree blazes and led a small party of Native Sons of the Golden West across the mountains.

Twenty years on, a friendly wager led to an historic ride, a ride to prove the horses of today were as tough as those of the Pony Express days. Five intrepid riders carried postcards in their saddlebags post-marked in Tahoe City and then in Auburn twenty-four hours later. They had crossed the mountains.

Thus began a legend that has lived on for over five decades. Four generations of horsemen and women have kept it alive as they accepted the challenge of the most rigorous of horse events. A silver buckle is known the world over as the mark of a superb rider. Dozens of riders have come back year after year to challenge themselves and their horses on the same trail that Bob Watson and Wendell Robie rode.

Two decades after that first ride, an audacious Gordie Ainsleigh did what no one thought possible and ran the trail. And another world-class endurance event was born. Thousands of runners were added to the ranks of the riders: athletes who, like the riders, will never forget their crossing of the mountains.

With dedication and generosity from people who love this trail, we can insure that these events will continue for generations to come.





THE TRAIL IN PERIL

After fifty years of organizing and conducting the most remarkable horse event anywhere, the Western States Trail Foundation faces daunting challenges:

- There are other recreational users who would like to use our trail. The hazards to horses are so great as to make that use incompatible.
- Some of the trail is still in private ownership, and development in these areas threatens the preservation of the route.
- Governmental regulations, the permitting process, and changes in use demand constant vigilance by our governmental affairs committee and ever-increasing costs on our budget.
- Partnering with public agencies, using man/woman power and funds from the run and ride, the trail committee logs thousands of hours repairing and maintaining the trail. Hundreds of downed trees need removal and extensive tread work is required after each winter.
- There is a narrow window of opportunity for action on our part. We need your help and your gifts to achieve the following goals:
- We will partner with the American River Conservancy to acquire 9,955 acres of timberland, that includes 8 miles of trail, including Hodson's Cabin and Cougar Rock. The Conservancy has the property in escrow and will need \$10,150,000 by December, 2014 to put the land and the trail in public ownership.
 Our support will secure easements for the trail in perpetuity.
- We will finish development of the Pieper Junction (formerly Chickenhawk) Staging Area to be used as a vet check during the ride and as an equestrian park and camping area to access the trail year round.

- We will identify and acquire a piece of property in Foresthill to replace the critically important mill site vet check as we don't know how much longer it will be available to us.
- We will work toward establishing additional easements on remaining portions of the trail that cross private property with a goal of having the entire trail in public ownership and protected within five years.
- We will add to the Trail Endowment. The interest and dividends will insure the ride will continue in perpetuity.
- We need your help! Help us preserve the trail we all love. Send a check, shares of stock, and remember the trail in your will. Together we can make this happen!



HELP PROTECT THE TRAIL What can you do?

Give us a gift: money, stock, or a bequest Levels of Giving (cumulative):

Friend of the Trail: Up to \$5,000 Trail Adopters: \$5,000-\$10,000 Trail Scouts: \$10,000-\$25,000 Trail Blazers: \$25,000-\$50,000

Cougar Rock Circle: \$50,000-\$100,000
Granite Chief Circle: \$100,000-\$250,000
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