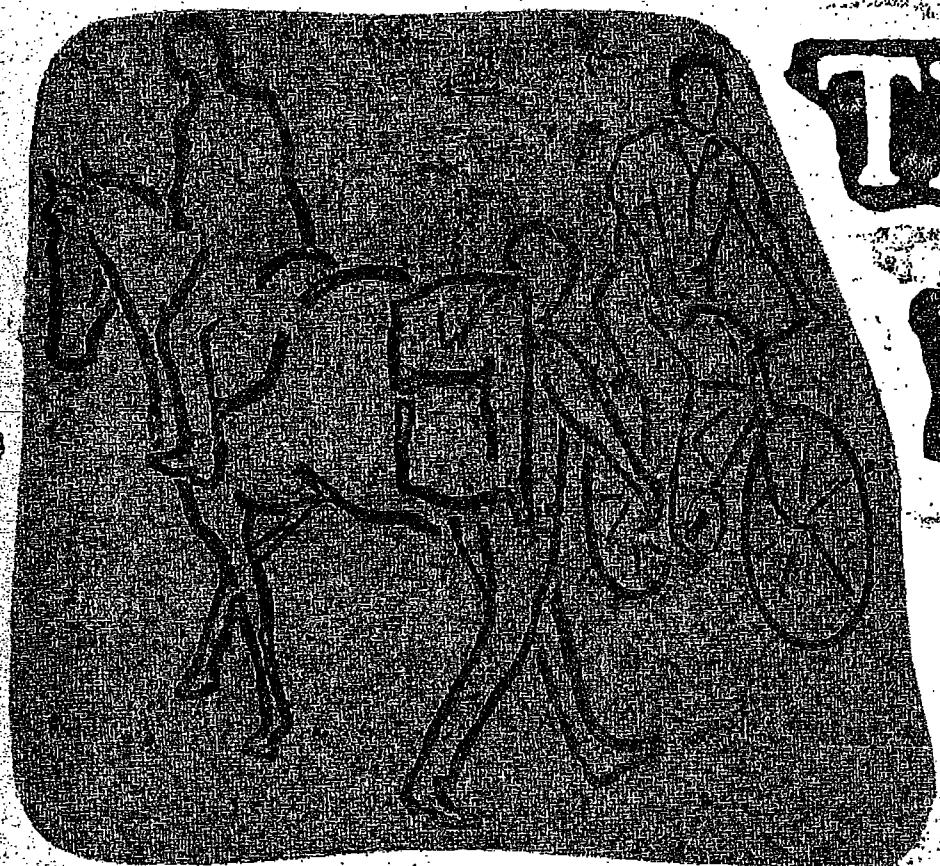


**RECREATIONAL**

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MONTEREY COUNTY

RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On recommendation of the California Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee, the Board of Supervisors, on August 26, 1969, created a Recreation Trails Coordinating Committee for Monterey County. The purpose of this Committee was to attempt to determine and coordinate the interest of Monterey County into a larger general planning work for the state and to act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors relative to these matters. Membership on the Committee was made up of representatives from the following:

- California Recreation Trails Committee
- Monterey County Horsemen's Association
- Farm Bureau-Cattlemen's Association
- Monterey County Parks Commission
- Monterey County Planning Commission
- Motorized Recreation Group
- U. S. Forest Service
- Military
- Sierra Club
- Monterey County Sportsman's Council
- Each of the five Supervisorial Districts

## COMMITTEE ACTION

After filling its membership, the Committee held its initial meeting on December 15, 1969. The members agreed at the outset on the need for immediate action in establishing trails. They decided to approach their task by taking inventory of what is useable and establishing priorities.

The Committee was soon to discover that financial aid through State Assembly Bill 2245, providing for local taxation of horses for pleasure riding, would not be available. The County Assessor contended that the ten dollar maximum per horse allowed under the bill would not cover the cost of setting up the machinery necessary to levy and collect such a tax. The Committee concluded that it would have to confine its efforts to a large extent to proposing trails within publicly owned lands and along road shoulders and rivers.

The succeeding meetings through May brought about investigations and reports by sub-committees and individuals to which they were assigned. In attendance at these meetings were supervisors, planning commissioners, persons from other government agencies, and the public.

At its meeting of June 8, 1970, the Committee recapped its actions over the previous months. The culmination of its studies revealed eleven proposals that layed out over 30 miles of bicycle trails and about 350 miles of riding and hiking trails. Upon reviewing these proposals, the Committee felt it had reached a point where priorities for consideration should be selected and presented to the Board of Supervisors.

On September 8, 1970, a progress report was made to and favorably received by the Board. As a result, the Committee has proceeded with its final report with the full understanding that this is just the framework on which other trails might be added or recommendations could be made in the future.

#### THE PLAN

The Recreation Trails Master Plan is shown on the attached map.

#### PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee recommends the following possibilities:

1. RIDING TRAILS ALONG SHOULDERS OF PUBLIC ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

Trails along road shoulders comprise a large and very vital segment of the plan particularly in the Greater Salinas Area where the system is made up entirely of trails along existing or proposed public roads. This is not to say that future trails here, as the plan expands, will be reliant solely on public roadways; they do at this stage however seem to offer the best potential for providing a route through the area.

2. BICYCLING STRIPS ALONG SHOULDERS OF PUBLIC ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

This type of recreational trail would consist of a paved shoulder four feet wide along each side of the roads selected. The shoulders would be delineated by white side lines separating them from the traffic lanes.

The Road Commissioners' report entitled, "Carmel Valley Road Bicycle Path" provides a detailed feasibility and cost analysis on road shoulder bicycling strips along the Carmel Valley Road. This type of facility should be encouraged where possible.

3. RECREATIONAL TRAILS ON ABANDONED PUBLIC ROADS

Depending on their size and location, abandoned public roads may be suitable for riding, hiking, bicycling, the motorized recreational vehicle, or a combination of these uses.

4. RECREATIONAL TRAILS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS

The Corps of Engineers has a program whereby it will construct or provide for recreational trails in conjunction with their flood control and water transportation projects at the request of and in coordination with local jurisdictions.

5. RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS WITHIN TOWER LINE RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company has indicated a willingness to consider riding and hiking trails within these rights-of-ways which traverse the County in various areas, and although not employed in the plan at this stage, will undoubtedly be of value as the plan expands.

6. RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL RESERVATIONS WITHIN SCENIC EASEMENT CONVEYANCES TO THE COUNTY

As development occurs, trail reservations within scenic easements provide a very useful tool of implementation where adaptation to the plan is possible.

7. VOLUNTARY RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS

It is hoped that riding and hiking trails can be secured over private lands on a voluntary mutual benefit basis in order to connect, extend or promote recreational trails in the County.

8. RECREATIONAL TRAILS WITHIN PUBLIC LANDS

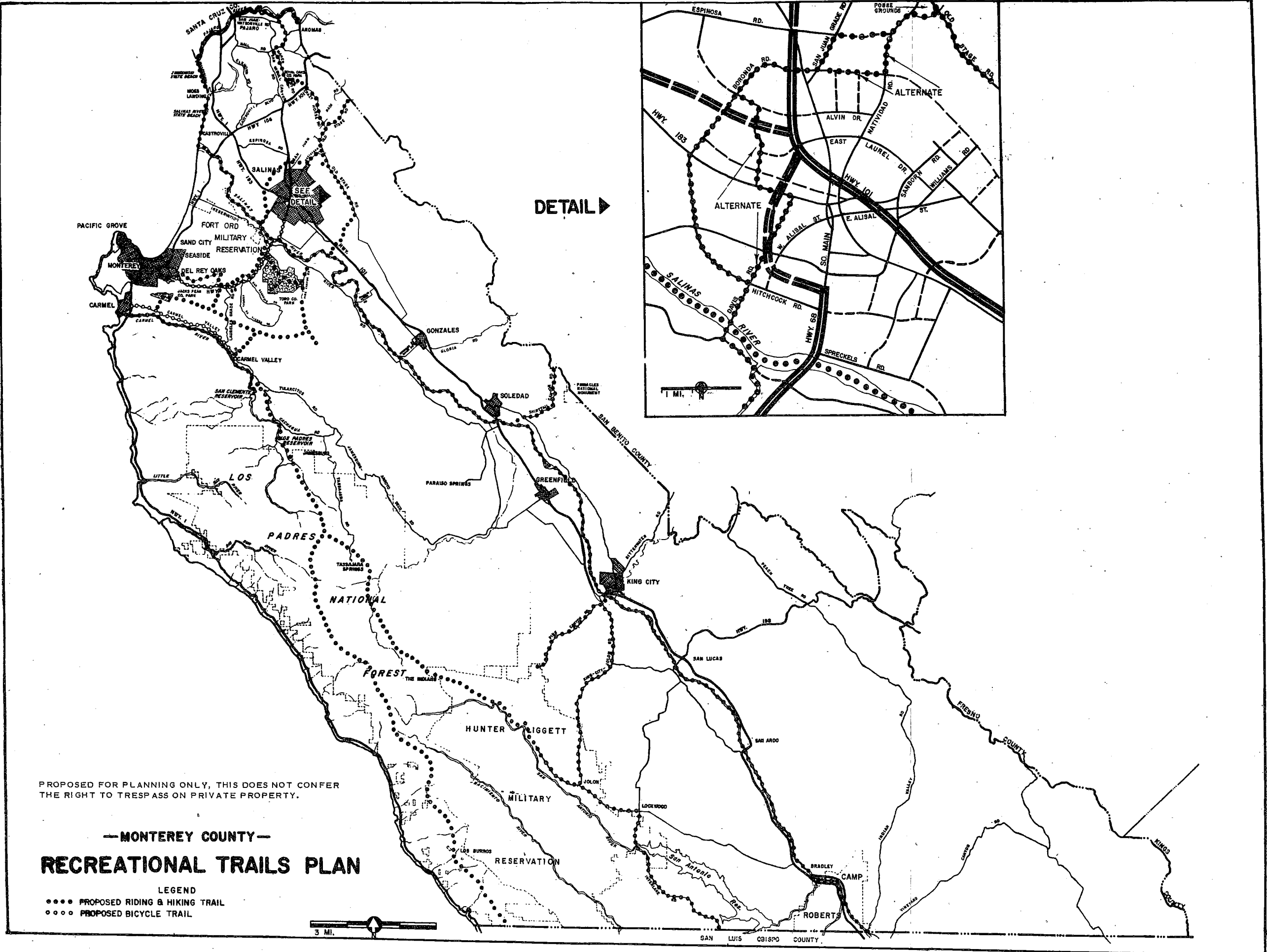
The function of the plan at this initial phase is to provide trails to areas under public ownership with the idea that the agencies having control will or have provided internal trails.

9. RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS NEAR WATER PROJECTS

Although the Davis-Grunsky Bill which provides loans for recreational development near water projects excludes riding, hiking, and cycling trails; it is the feeling of the Committee that the increased interest and demand for these activities demonstrates a need for their inclusion through amendment.

INITIAL PLAN PRIORITIES

1. A riding and hiking trails system between Jacks Peak and Laureles Grade Road and in the vicinity thereof including a connection with the County-owned fifteen acre parcel in Del Mesa Carmel.
2. Bicycling strips along Highway 68 from Salinas to Monterey and along the Carmel Valley Road from the mouth of the Valley to the Village.
3. Riding and hiking trail from Salinas to Toro Park.



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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PLAN**

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