

Napa Valley Vine Trail

Yountville to St. Helena Gap Closure



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Napa Valley Vine Trail is a planned 47-mile cycling and walking trail that will connect Napa and Solano counties and six tight-knit communities from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to Calistoga. The trail—which boasts 18 complete miles—will serve as an important pathway for residents while providing a new outdoor recreation amenity to the 3 million tourists who visit Napa Valley each year.

Development of the Vine Trail is guided by the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition. The 501(c)(3) organization was established in 2008 and has led a unique and powerful public-private partnership by pledging \$12.5 million for construction and creating a \$7.5 million Maintenance Endowment Fund for the trail.

The Napa Valley Vine Trail is one of 13 projects that the Bay Area Trails Collaborative has prioritized as critical to completing its 2,700-mile regional trail network. The Bay Area Trails Collaborative is a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy TrailNation™ project—a nationwide initiative to create model trail networks that demonstrate the powerful impact trails have on communities.

PROJECT DATA

- Total Project Miles: 47
- Miles Completed to Date: 18
- Total Project Cost: \$51 million
- Total Miles in This Segment: 9.6 (Yountville to St. Helena)
- Total Cost for This Segment: \$15 million

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT

Connecting Communities: The Vine Trail gap closure will create a continuous 32-mile multiuse path from South Napa to Calistoga, serving 139,417 residents.¹

Creating an Open Space and Regional Trail Network: This gap closure will connect to other trails and parks, including the Bay Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park (58,000 visitors annually).²

Safe Routes to Schools: In Napa County, more than 18,000 students attend schools and educational institutions within a half-mile of the Vine Trail.³

Reducing Congestion and Air Pollution: More than 3 million visitors⁴ per year visit the north end of Napa Valley, creating serious traffic jams and pollution. In its first full year of operation, the longest continuous section of the Vine Trail, 12.5 miles between South Napa and Yountville, logged 348,440 uses⁵, equivalent to removing 477 single-occupancy vehicles off the Highway 29 corridor. Completion of the Vine Trail between Napa and Calistoga is projected to serve 850,000 trips per year⁶, further reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

Safe Routes to Jobs: There are more than 530 employees working in hotels and inns and over 1,200 employees working in the 66 wineries along the Yountville to St. Helena Vine Trail gap.⁷

PROJECT ACTION PLAN

- Secure right-of-way between Yountville and Calistoga
- Negotiate a 6.3-mile easement along the Napa Valley Wine Train right-of-way
- Secure funding (the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition is willing to raise up to 25% of project costs):
 - \$1.6 million to prepare preliminary engineering, environmental and right-of-way studies
 - \$1.9 million to complete engineering/environmental work
 - \$11.5 million for construction

PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS



¹US Census 2017

²Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District visitor numbers, 2014

³Napa County Office of Education, Telephone survey of private schools, Napa Valley College Enrolment, 2014

⁴Visit Napa Valley Visitor Profile Destination Analysts, 2014

⁵Data collected from permanent Eco Counters located at three locations on the 12.5-mile Napa to Yountville section of the Vine Trail, 2017

⁶Estimate based on existing uses, population and projections by NVVTC developed for Active Transportation Program grant application, 2015

⁷Data collected from surveys of hotels and wineries on the Vine Trail corridor for Active Transportation Program grant application, 2015



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