



## California Coastal Trail

*1,200 miles, wild and urban, along the entire California coastline*

The California Coastal Trail (CCT) is one of the great trails of our nation. Once completed, it will extend 1,200 miles from the Oregon to Mexican borders. While informal trails along our coast have been used for centuries, the CCT's more recent history began in 1972 when California passed Proposition 20 recommending that a trails system be established along or near the coast. Today, roughly half of the CCT is complete.

Coastwalk has accomplished incredible things in our 25 years.

We have made the California Coastal Trail an official priority for the State, and are actively involved in advancing completion of the Trail:

- 2008 – Coastwalk was instrumental in gaining approval from the Coastal Commission to sign segments of the Coastal Trail in thirteen of the fifteen coastal counties
- In 2007 Coastwalk hired a Trail Steward who is developing a statewide program to sign the California Coastal Trail with the official CCT emblem
- In 2001, Coastwalk received a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to perform work on the CCT Project, including mapping of the CCT – the existing route and gaps
- Thanks to Coastwalk and others, in 2001 state legislation called for the completion of the CCT through the passage of SB908. To meet this challenge, the Coastal Conservancy relied on the two-volume Hiking the California Coastal Trail (by Bob Lorentzen and Richard Nichols) developed by Coastwalk and further elaborated through many site visits conducted by Coastwalk volunteers.
- We were instrumental in earmarking \$5 million from the 2000 Parks Bond Act for completion of the CCT
- In 1999, the CCT was designated at the state and federal level as Millennium Legacy Trail.
- In 1996 we conducted the first ever group walk of the entire California coastline, and in 2003 we sent a group of 10 who hiked from Oregon to Mexico, garnering much press and interest in the CCT statewide
- We collaborated with the California Coastal Commission to create a blueprint for the implementation of SB 908

Coastwalk is the only state-wide non-profit that is actively engaged in the long-term, collaborative effort to complete the California Coastal Trail. The project is a joint undertaking of the Coastal Conservancy, in cooperation with the Coastal Commission, State Parks, Coastwalk, and numerous community groups and non-profits.

Coastwalk runs another website which is devoted solely to the California Coastal Trail. [www.californiacoastaltrail.info](http://www.californiacoastaltrail.info) is the “official” site of the CCT: It contains plans and progress reports about the trail's completion, current news, detailed descriptions including maps and text about the Trail, and resources for hikers and visitors.