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Greetings park supporters,

The 2-year Briones Pilot Project has been in effect now for 4 months, and the Park District continues its efforts to assess and analyze the program. If you visit on a weekend, you may find one or two of our Pilot Project interns conducting user surveys near the staging areas. These short surveys will help staff gauge the level of engagement and outcome of the Pilot Project as well as help determine where improvements can be made. Please stop by and give a friendly “hello” to our interns and share your thoughts! You can also provide your thoughts online by using our [general feedback form](#).

Additionally, Park District staff and volunteers have been busy restoring illegally built “bootleg” trails throughout the [Pilot Zone](#). This past Sunday, August 13, about 35 volunteers gathered to help restore R12 (aka, the “cookies” trail) back into natural habitat for native plants and wildlife. Many thanks to our volunteers, especially members of the mountain biking community and the group “Stewards of Briones”, for their help in these efforts. If you would like to volunteer at one of these “Dig Days” events, please [signup online here](#). Space is available for our next Dig Day event on Saturday, September 9.

As a reminder, one of the key management strategies for the Briones Pilot Project is the alternating odd/even weekend dates that determine when bikes and horses are allowed in the [Pilot Zone](#): bikes (and hikers) are allowed in the zone on ODD weekend dates, and horses (and hikers) are allowed in the zone on EVEN weekend dates; there are no user restrictions Monday through Friday and hikers are allowed at all times. This weekend, bikes and hikers will be allowed on Saturday, August 19 (ODD date) while horses and hikers will be allowed on Sunday, August 20 (EVEN date). We appreciate your support and cooperation.

Here are some helpful resources:

- [Briones Pilot Project](#) page with general information, FAQs, upcoming weekend odd/even dates
- *How Trail Designers Build Good Hikes* [Video](#)
- Briones Pilot [Zone Map](#); you can also [Download Briones Pilot Project Map](#) available in Avenza ([Apple App Store](#) / [Android App Store](#))
- Briones Pilot [Schedule](#)
- Briones Pilot [Dig Days](#) (space available on Sep 9)

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