



La Honda Creek Parking Feasibility Study March 5, 2020 Suites of Options #6

The sites under consideration are:

- A. Event Center
- B1. Sears Ranch Road Parking Area – Expansion of Existing Lot
- B2. Sears Ranch Road Parking Area – Site West of Existing Parking Area
- B3. Preserve Gate LH15
- C1. Sears Ranch Road – Former Residence Area (1 mile from the existing lot)
- C2. Sears Ranch Road – Cattle Corral – Former Residence Area (1 mile from the existing lot)
- D. Preserve Gate LH07 (West Access Gate)
- E1. Red Barn – Area Behind Ranger Residence
- E2. Red Barn – Area West and Down Slope from Red Barn
- E3. Red Barn – Shed Area below Ranger Residence

Suite #6 (NEW) – suggested by PAWG member Barbara Hooper – Near Term Options

Project Specific Site Assessment Criterion	Suite #6 Near Term options to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E1 Red Barn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Docent-led hikes from Red Barn via MidPen provided transportation • Red Barn pull-out area (which already exists) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information about access to LHCOSP • A Event Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permit only for hikers (in addition to equestrians) - Docent-led hikes • B1 Sears Ranch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Docent-led or Permit hiking towards the La Honda Creek area (via La Honda Creek Loop Trail where the PAWG hiked on the November 16, 2019 Site tour)
Establish new public access in the central portion of La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve	<p>Considerations: MidPen could create access to the Central Section by completing new trail access to Red Barn as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize opening trails from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allen Road Vista Point to Red Barn ○ Sears Ranch Road to Red Barn • This would provide access in Central Section for hikers (and perhaps, equestrians and cyclists) from Allen Road and Sears Ranch Road. • Docent-led hikes could be provided from Red Barn via MidPen provided transportation. <p>MidPen could encourage increased public use of LHCOSP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Permit Parking for hikers at the Event Center location. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access for visitors to see a spectacular view of the ocean via a 1.2 mile hike (2.4 miles RT) on the road that equestrians currently have access to. Additionally, hikers could access the Folder Ranch Loop Trail and Harrington Creek Trail. ○ As was noted in the MROSD Permit Parking Information, December 12, 2019, permits for the Event Center access were only issued 10 times in 2019. ○ If Permit Parking for hikers could not be added immediately, perhaps the Event Center could be a Permit Parking “pilot” location. Then, MROSD could get feedback from hikers regarding the access and trail conditions. ○ Currently, hikers need to hike 3.2 miles (6.4 miles RT) from Sears Ranch Road to see a view of the ocean.
Design elements to reflect the rural character of the site and the Red Barn	
Provide safe public access	
Balance public access with grazing activities and other uses	
Include amenities that facilitate environmental education	
Protect scenic views of and from the site	