

The South Fork Trail

Segment 8: Hite's Cove

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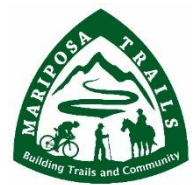
Trail Stats -- Mileage: 1 mile; Elevation Gain/Loss: 524 feet. 2,090' (top), 1,566' (bottom).

Status: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1cK-eXqe6IX6YY26_JrNhdLB370vI92aL&ll=37.60174944115586%2C-119.79676961792443&z=12

Overall Goal -- To repair and maintain trail for non-motorized users (hikers, runners, backpacking and cyclists). Design and implement with respect to cultural resources.



Project History – Prior to the Ferguson Fire (July 2018), Mariposa Trails had worked extensively to improve the network of trails in the cove. The project was ready to install interpretive signs from the USFS Bass Lake Ranger District. The fire and subsequent erosion completely modified the site, either burying or covering many of the trails. Since 2018, all effort along this portion of the South Fork trail has been to restore the Hite's Cove Trail, which connects to the western end of the cove. Little work has been performed in the cove itself, however.



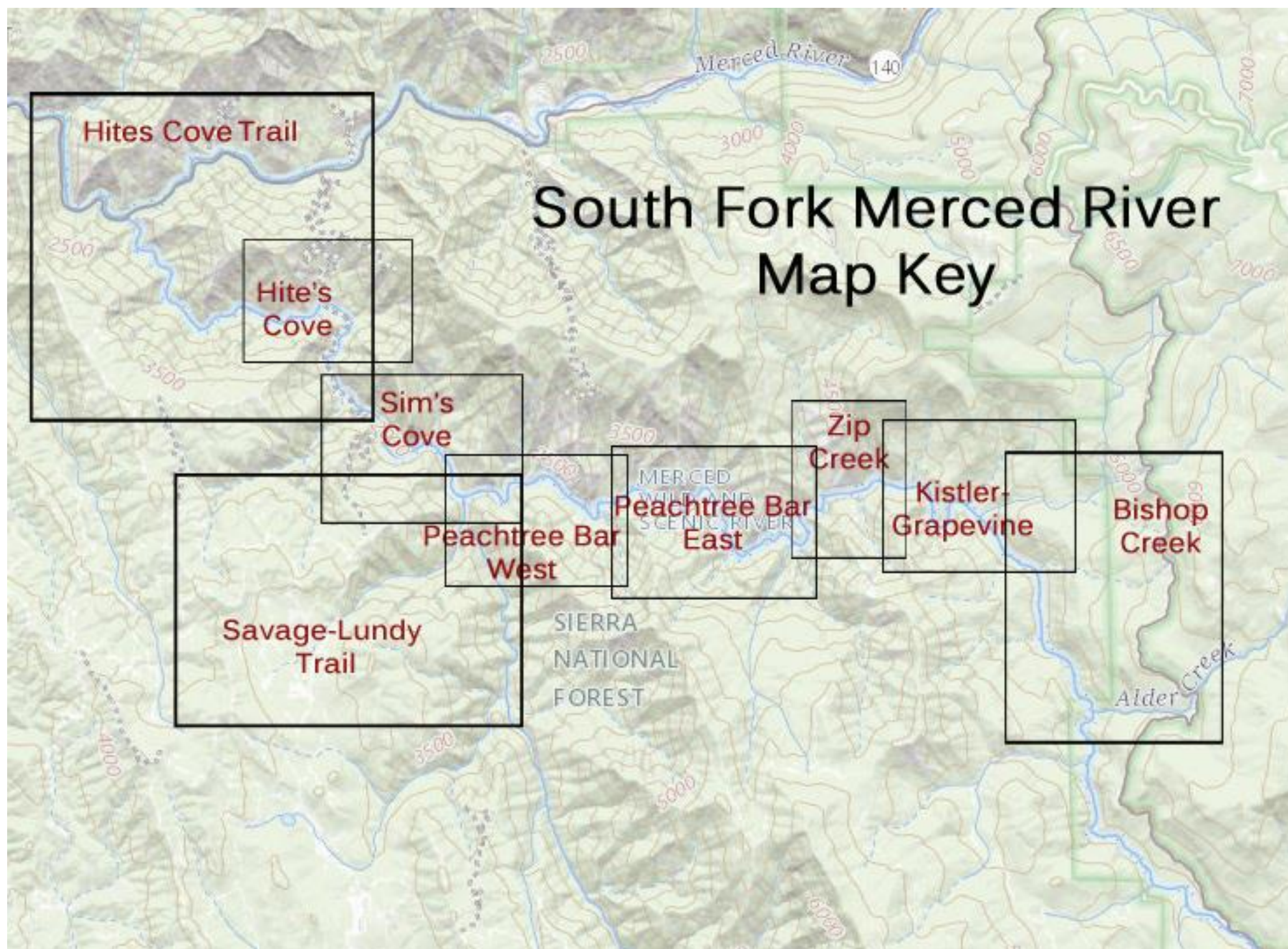
Past Activities --

Except where noted, all categories are described as “number of.”

YEAR	OUTINGS	VOL-HOURS	TREES CLEARED	TREAD REPAIR (ft)	ROCKWORK	BRUSH REMOVED	CAMPSITE IMPROVE
2018							
2019							
2020							
2021							
2022							

Future Tasks –

1. Buck 25 fallen trees from trail
2. Remove brush and saplings encroaching onto trail by: (1) extract buck-brush, deer-brush & mountain mahogany by roots (16 hrs labor); and, (2) clipping back brush (8 hrs labor)
3. Repair trail tread (1 mile)
4. Install “Hite’s Cove” sign
5. Clear dead ladder fuel from trunks of oak trees in the trail corridor.



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