

III. Path Descriptions

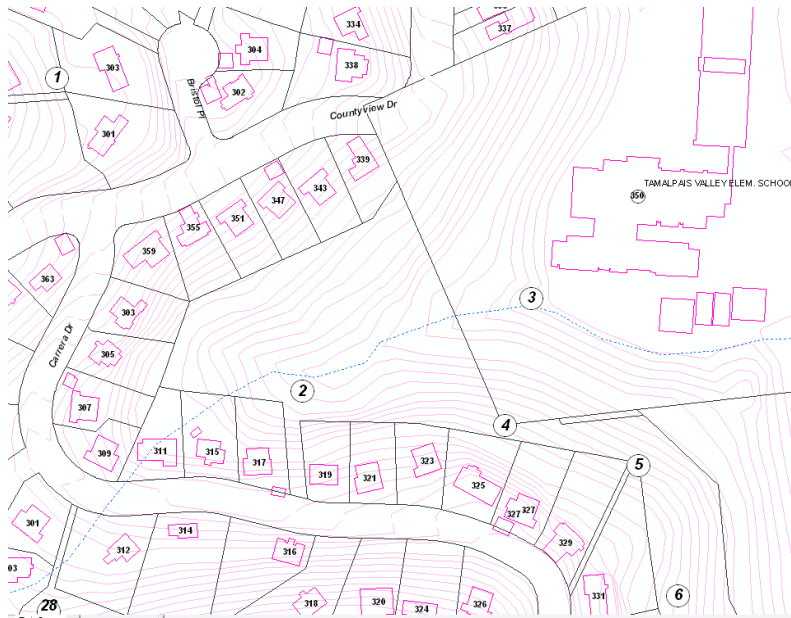
There are eight pedestrian paths (see map above in summary for overview; see below for details):

1. School Path, from Carrera Steps to Tam Valley Elementary School.(#2-#3)
2. Lower Carrera-Rhubarb Connection, from Lower Carrera to Rhubarb Trail (#17-16-15)
3. Durant-Ashton Canyon, from Durant Steps to Carrera, parallel to stream and Ashton Lane. (#25-28)
4. Deertrail Stairs, from 330 Deertrail Ln to driveway that exits on Bristol Place cul-de-sac. (#1)
5. Viewpark Stairs, from Viewpark to Deertrail Ln (#30)
6. Recodo Extension, from via Recodo cul-de-sac to Rhubarb Trail.(#18-19,20,15)
7. Vista Del Valle Extension, from Vista del Valle cul-de-sac to Miwok Trail (#21-24)
8. Rhubarb Extension to Carrera Steps, long trail winding around school property to meet end of Rhubarb Trail near Tennessee Valley Road (#2, #4-14)

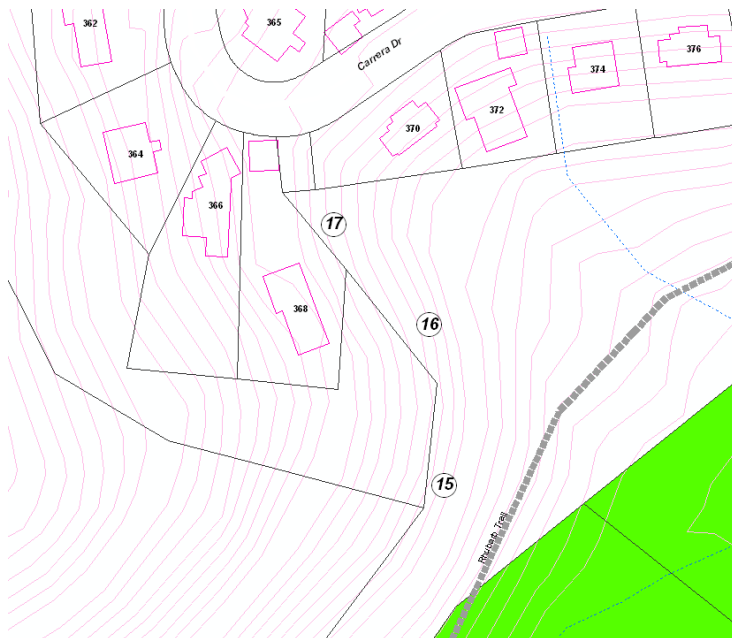
These trails are described in narrative keyed to detailed (large scale) maps below The maps show buildings, roads, elevation and streams. Markers numbered #1 to #30 were added to the maps to aid the narrative.

1. **School Path.** The path starts at the top of the “Carrera Steps,” the stairs between 317 and 319 Carrera. It proceeds down the wooden stairs to marker #2. There is playground equipment north of the stream and marker #2 in a meadow-like area. This area is used by school teachers and classes on occasion we understand. From marker #2 the path runs south of the stream to a wooden bridge at marker #3. North of marker #3 is the footing which is all that remains of a cottage that once was there, probably before the lowlands east of the cottage was filled and the school was built thereon.

[There is a utility path (“table”) from the driveway in front of 337 Countyview that runs south and west along the contour to join up with the “meadow” and marker #2. The hill southeast of the entrance to school property in front of 337 Countyview is quite steep and the children use it for play. When there are school events some people park along Countyview and use this point of access as a shortcut to the school. [Note that the utility table continues from marker #2 to #4 and #5 and beyond; this is discussed in a different trail, the so-called “Rhubarb Extension to School Path”]

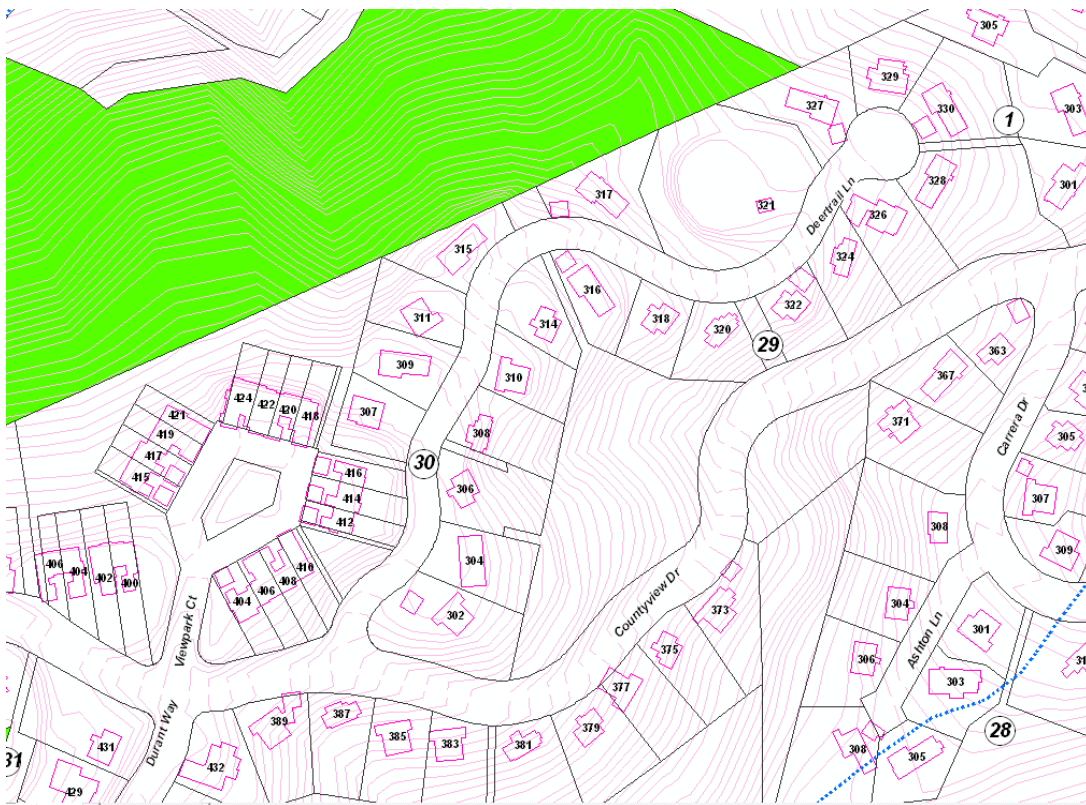


2. **Lower Carrera-Rhubarb Connector.** A resident has created a fairly nice trail from Carrera (between 368 and 370) down a steep grade to marker #17 and onward to marker #16 and then south along the contour line to marker #15 and thence to join the Rhubarb Trail (the latter is maintained by TCSD). Elevation at the top of the trail on Carrera is 145ft; on the Rhubarb trail it is 85 ft, a difference of 60ft. The distance from Carrera to Rhubarb is about 300 ft so the average grade is about 20% which is steep. The Lower Carrera - Rhubarb Connector is currently a fairly rough hiking trail and could be used by the able bodied on Carrera and to the north for emergency egress.

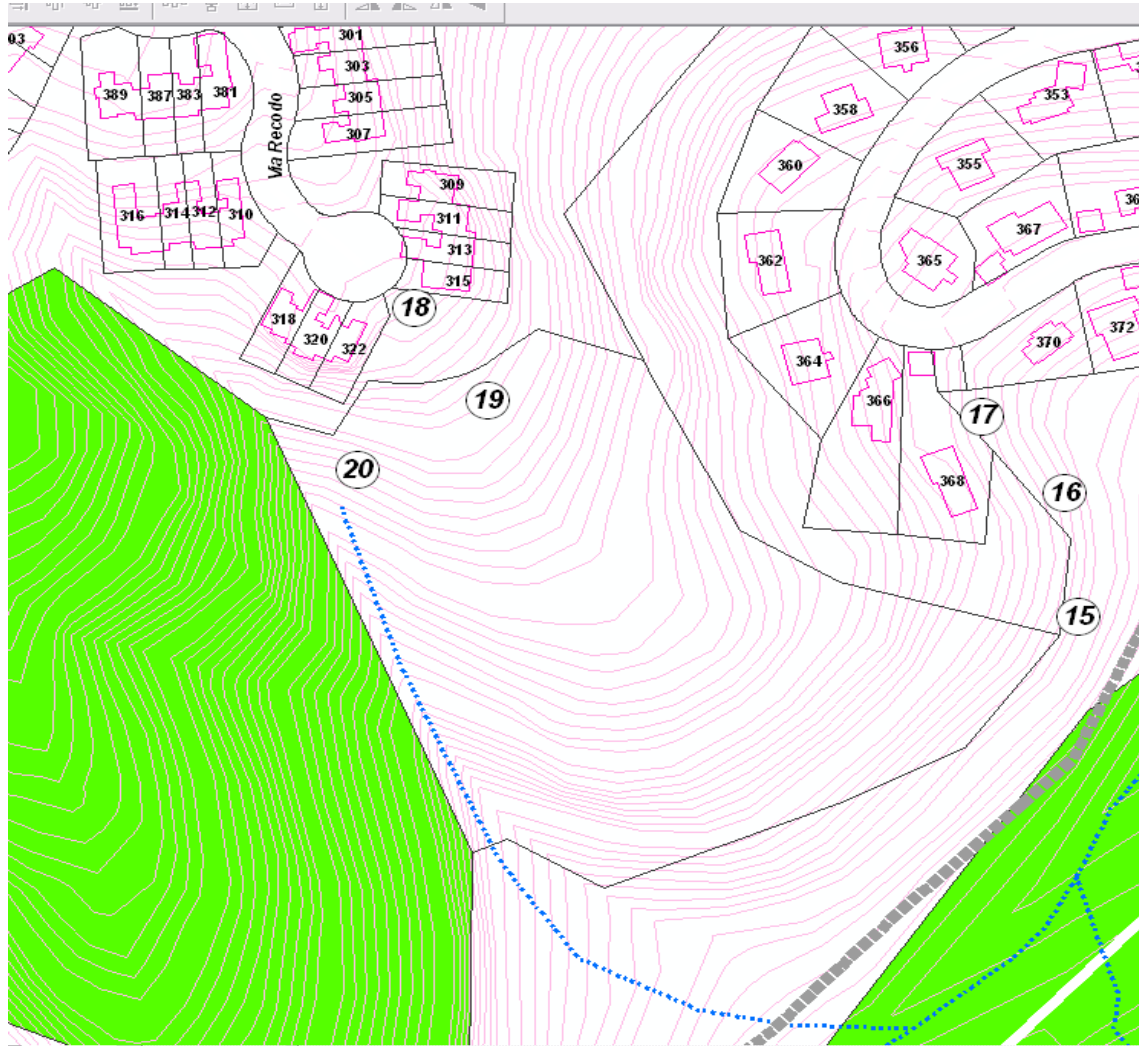


4. **Deertrail Steps:** These stairs are located near marker #1. They are in fair condition and need to be fixed so that exposed nails are reinserted into the concrete.
5. **Viewpark Steps:** These stairs are located near marker #30. They are in good condition. Note that the elevation at marker #30 is 410 ft; on Deertrail between house numbers 330 and 328 at the top of the stairs that descend to marker #1, elevation is 255, a change of 155 feet in only 800 ft of road or average of 20% grade which is steep.

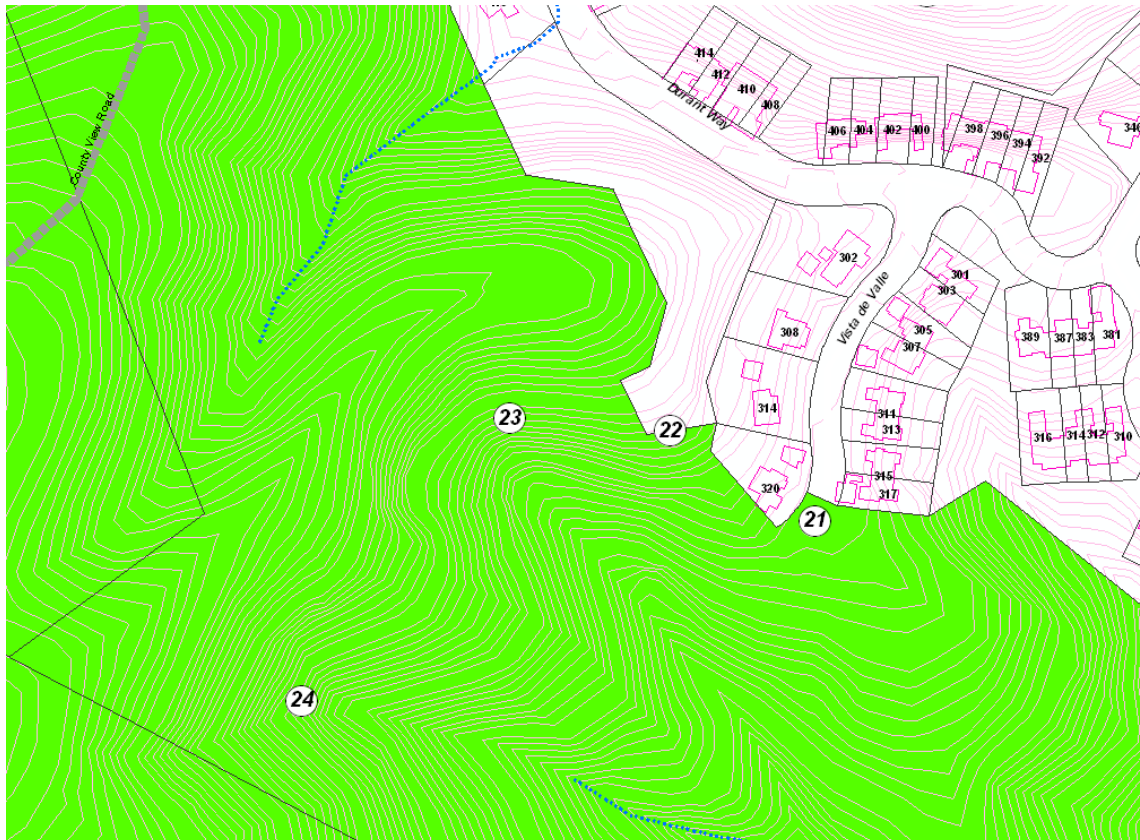
[Survey along Deertrail: there is a stairway along TCSD land from viewpark (between 416 and 418) down to marker #30 on Deertrail. One can walk from Deertrail on a parcel between 315 and 317 to cross onto GGNRA land and then walk west to the land behind the attached houses on 415-412 and 418-424 viewpark. This land drops steeply into the ravine north of the GGNRA boundary to Laurel Creek and Laurel Drive. There is a short right of way east of marker #30 (caution tape on a stairway) that leads to a manhole. One would have to hike on private property to continue down the hill to the large TCSD parcel that leads to Countyview Drive. There is a corridor from Deertrail starting etween 314 and 316 and going down the hill to the same large TCSD parcel. It is not currently passable. There is a wide right of way between 320 and 322 deertrail (opposite 321 the water tank) that leads down to marker #29 and Countyview; it is not passable].



6. **Recodo extension—to Rhubarb Trail.** Via Recodo at marker #18 is the cul-de-sac that looks out on the Tennessee Valley. There is a stairway from #18 to #19 and a trail from #19 to #20. At that point the trail turns south and meanders down the hill to connect with the Rhubarb trail south of marker #15. It is a nice if slightly challenging recreational hiking trail at this time. Elevation on Via Recodo at the top of the stairs is 360 ft; on Rhubarb trail it is 80 ft, a drop of 280ft. Straightline distance is 800 ft, so the average slope is over 30 percent which is steep.



7. **Vista del Valle Extension** to the Miwok Trail. Vista del Valle is well-named, one has a very beautiful vista or view of the Tennessee Valley from marker #21, which is a spot leveled probably for a cul de sac that was never constructed. Some at TCSD think it would make a nice park. One can now hike north/northwest from marker #21 up the steep hill to marker #22 and then on leveler ground west to marker #23. The hike from #21 to #22 is not for the faint of heart. Once you leave Marinview and are on GGNRA land, the going is easy, in fact one can join the Miwok Trail and either hike down to the Tennessee Valley trailhead or up to the Countyview Fire Road and over to Marin Drive or even to Muir Beach. Note that the origin of the stream that runs through Ashton Canyon and the School Trail is just north of this GGNRA trail...this stream (let's call it Durant-Ashton Creek) is a steep cut through the hills of Marinview.



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