

Ocate Cliffs Newsletter - 2015 May 3

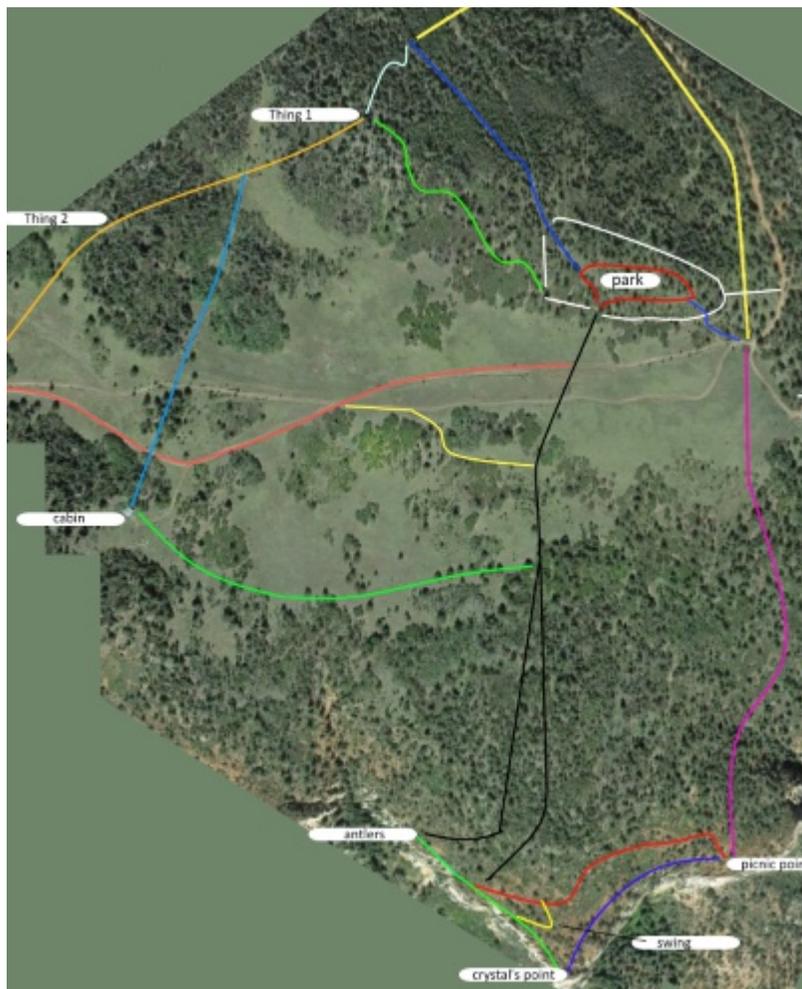
Ocate Cliffs Family,

It's a wet spring this year on the mountain, and it even snowed last week. I'm excited to see the fields of wild purple irises this month.



On our last trip up there, we visited an alpaca ranch, and got to feed and pet the little darlings. The picture below is one of our new friends. We quickly decided that we need alpacas at Ocate Cliffs, along with a Great Pyranees dog to protect them. Sitting up on the cliffs, we were saying to each other, "with views like this, alpacas, a telescope, and an espresso machine, who wouldn't want to be here?" If you want to give up on modern life, there's an unoccupied cabin there, and someone could live in it all summer.

We also were excited to find one of the surveyor's corner markings, right on the scary edge of the cliff at the southernmost point where the cliff makes a peninsula and allows you to see all the way from Hermit Peak on the south to possibly Colorado on the north. One of the retreat projects in July will be to make more trails, name them all, and paint signs for them. I'm tentatively calling the two knolls "thing 1" and "thing 2" so as you can see, I might need some help with naming things! Here's a trail map with existing trails and ideas for the next ones to make. About six miles of trails are pictured here - all of which need names and signs painted. The buildings will be inside the white loop where it says "park".



First thing you can do: Help with publicity

Check out the video at www.ocatecliffs.org, and then click through to get a free T shirt or shopping bag. Then please wear it / use it so more people hear about us. Also share the links on facebook. There's nothing we need more right now than to spread the knowledge and excitement of what's going on. The ordering process was simplified so it's completely free.

Second thing you can do: Come and build

So far we have only five people confirmed for the summer work retreat in the first half of July - two months away! They're fabulous autistic people, and we'll have a ton of fun even if's only those five, but it would be great to have more. Check out the pictures and retreat information here, and let me know even if you're just tentative at this point:

www.ocatecliffs.org/Home/Workcamp2015

Thank you!

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