



SCMTS Trailforks Reporting Guide · Updated April 20, 2021

How to Use Trailforks

Welcome to Trailforks! Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) uses Trailforks to report on the condition of the trails we maintain. We also receive notifications when trail reports are submitted by the public for these trails. By submitting trail reports, you are playing an active role in trail stewardship — thank you! Before we dive in and learn about all these cool features we need to start with the basics.

How to Create a Trailforks Profile:

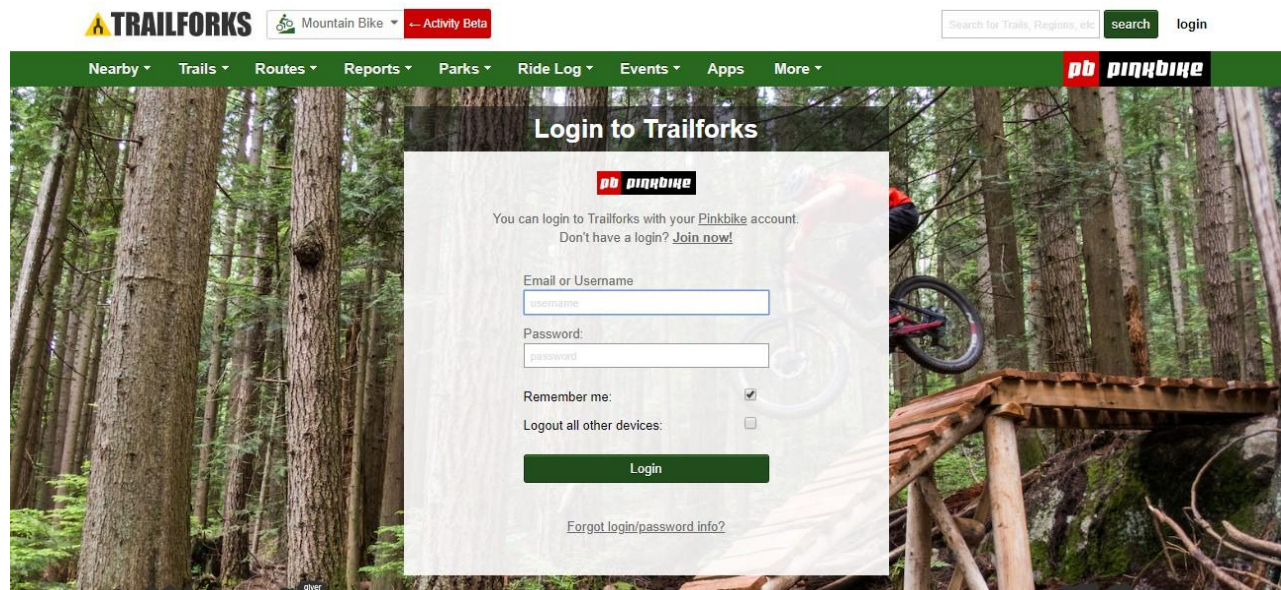
Step 1: Navigate to [Trailforks.com](https://www.trailforks.com) on your desktop/laptop and click the 'login' button in the upper right-hand corner.

The screenshot shows the Trailforks website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Trailforks logo, a search bar, and a login button. Below the navigation bar, there's a banner for "We Need Your Help Mapping Other Sports" with a call to action to "add new trails" or "edit existing trails". To the right of the banner is a "Trail Report Warnings" table.

Trail	Location	Date
Ridge Trail	Soquel Demonstration State Forest	Apr 27, 2020
Cowboy Loop Trail	Wilder Ranch	Apr 25, 2020
Penitencia Creek Trail	Alum Rock Park	Apr 14, 2020
Woodrat Trail	Arastradero Preserve	Apr 8, 2020
Trail 64	Fort Ord National Monument	Mar 25, 2020

Below the banner, there's a section for "Worldwide Activity" with filters for "State", "Nearby", and "Favs". It shows three recent reports: "Sguattero added a report for Southern Edelsberg B-Line on Pfronten", "Marchez marked ridden the trail Thriller on Terre del Moncenisio", and "Vs87hu added a 2007 Kona Cowan DS to their ridelog bikes".

Step 2: Login if you already have an account with Trailforks or click on 'join now.' Keep in mind that Trailforks is owned by Pinkbike and they share account credentials across platforms.



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Login to Trailforks

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You can login to Trailforks with your Pinkbike account.
Don't have a login? [Join now!](#)

Email or Username

Password:

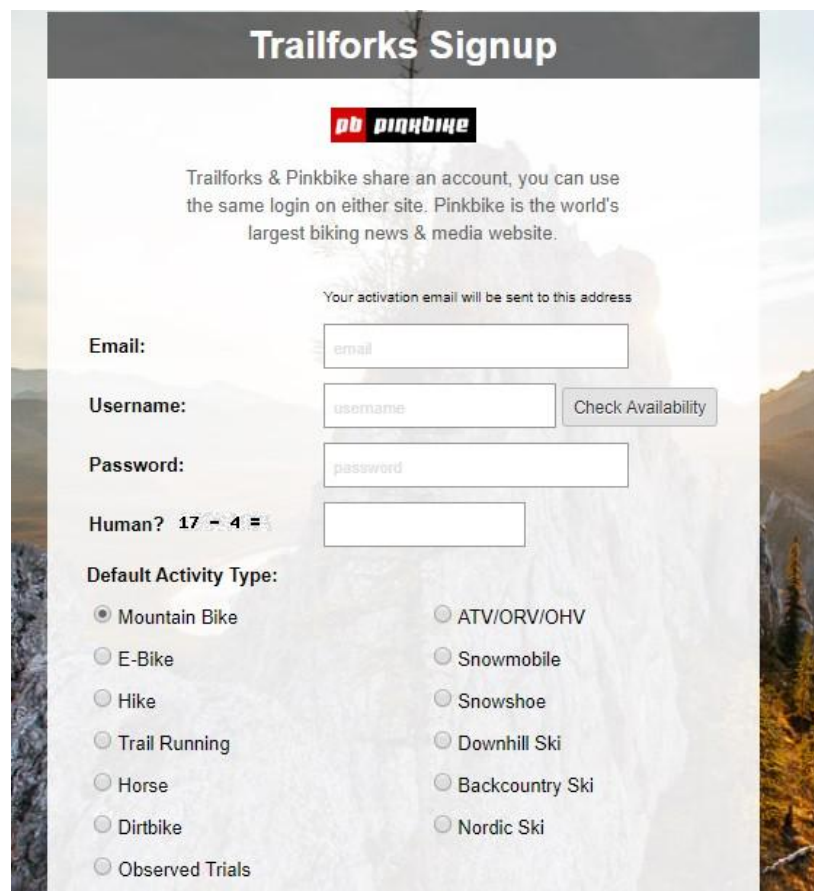
Remember me: ☒

Logout all other devices: ☐

Login

[Forgot login/password info?](#)

Step 3: Fill out your account information. Please make sure to link an email account that you check regularly.



Trailforks Signup

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Trailforks & Pinkbike share an account, you can use the same login on either site. Pinkbike is the world's largest biking news & media website.

Your activation email will be sent to this address

Email:

Username: [Check Availability](#)

Password:

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Default Activity Type:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mountain Bike	<input type="radio"/> ATV/ORV/OHV
<input type="radio"/> E-Bike	<input type="radio"/> Snowmobile
<input type="radio"/> Hike	<input type="radio"/> Snowshoe
<input type="radio"/> Trail Running	<input type="radio"/> Downhill Ski
<input type="radio"/> Horse	<input type="radio"/> Backcountry Ski
<input type="radio"/> Dirtbike	<input type="radio"/> Nordic Ski
<input type="radio"/> Observed Trials	

Step 4: Once you have gained access to your account, search for 'Santa Cruz County' in the upper right-hand corner of your home screen.



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Follow instructions at this [link](#) to subscribe to this region. You will most likely **NOT** want to receive email notifications for the entire region. Make sure to edit this when you subscribe.

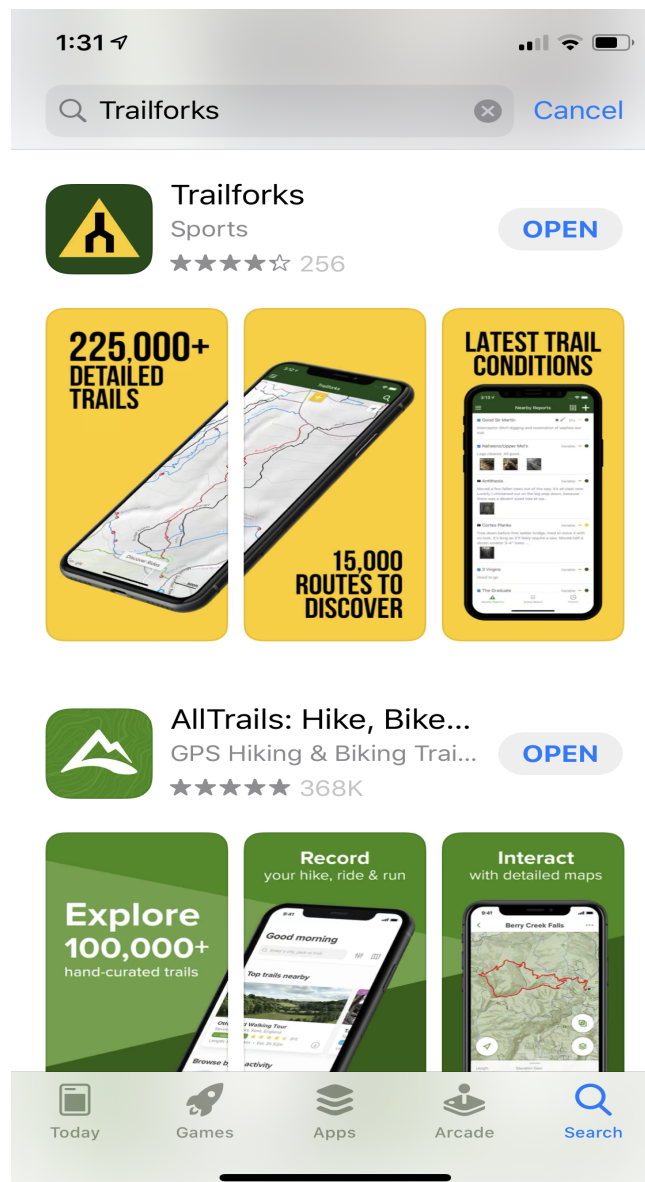
Step 6: Use the search query to look for your desired trail/s. Follow instructions at this [link](#) to subscribe to your desired trail/s if you wish. You may subscribe to email notifications for your favorite trail/s. This way you will receive an email when others report on the trail/s.

Please navigate around the website and become familiar with the layout. If you are having any issues with any of the above steps, please email SCMTS Trails Stewardship Coordinator at trailstatus@santacruztrails.org.

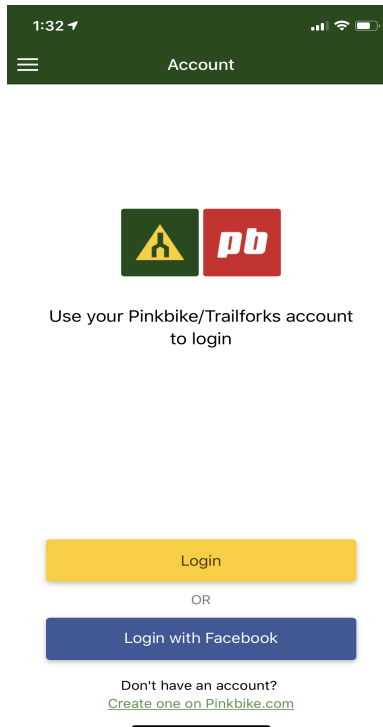
How to Create a Trail Report:

Now that you're signed up on Trailforks, let's learn how to create a trail report out in the field.

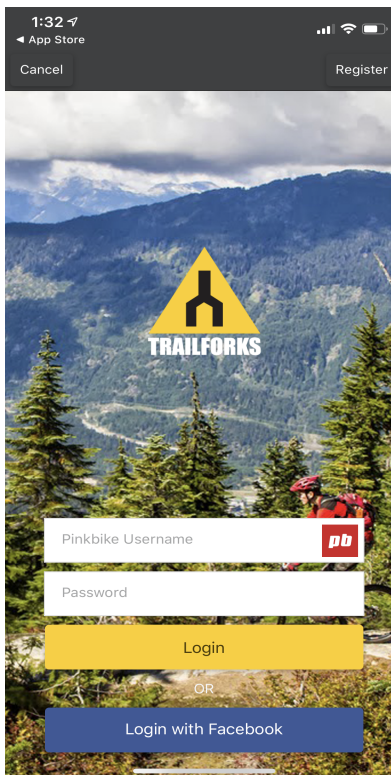
Step 1: Download the Trailforks app. Below is a photo of what the app looks like in the app store.



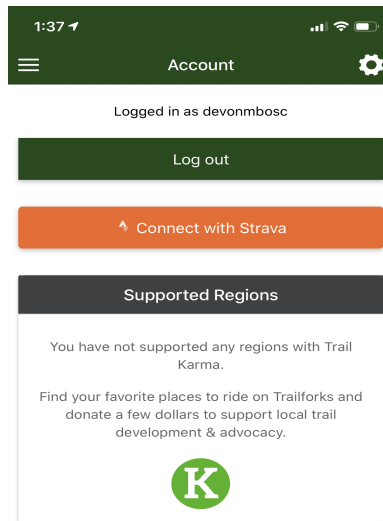
Step 2: Launch the app and tap the button 'login'.



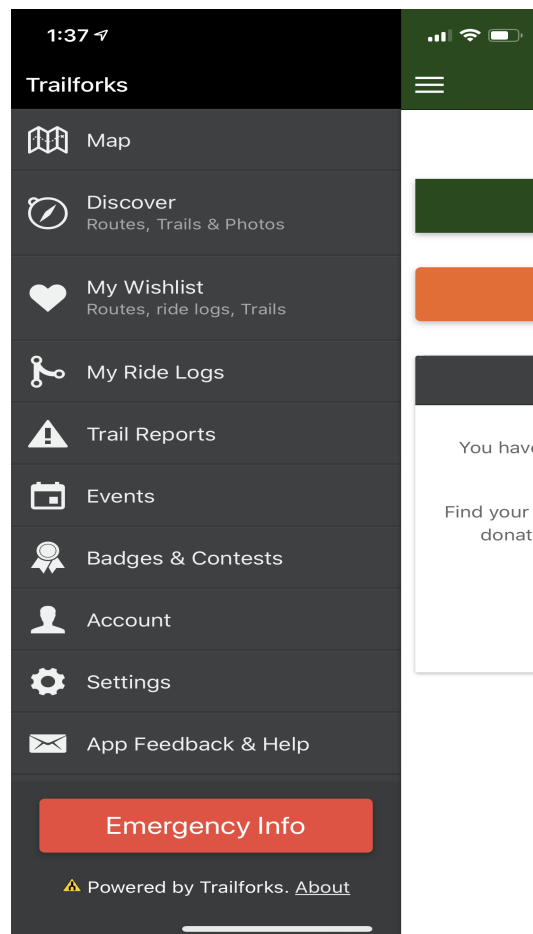
Step 3: Login using your Trailforks/Pinkbike credentials.



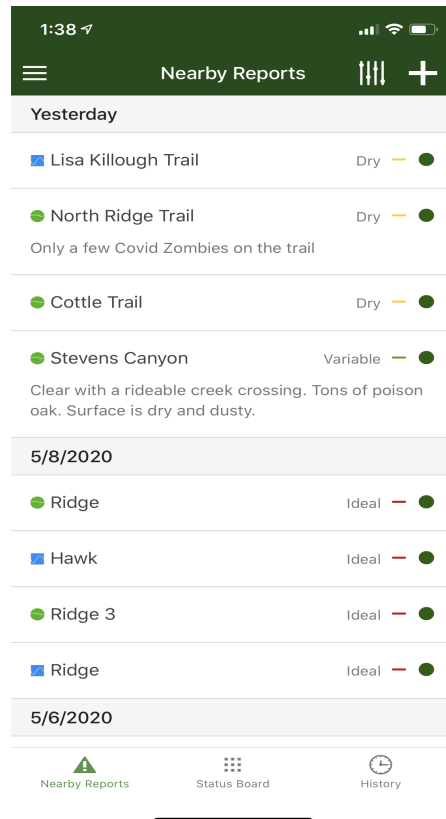
Step 4: Once directed to a new page, you will see 'logged in as' next to your username. This confirms that you now have access to the app.



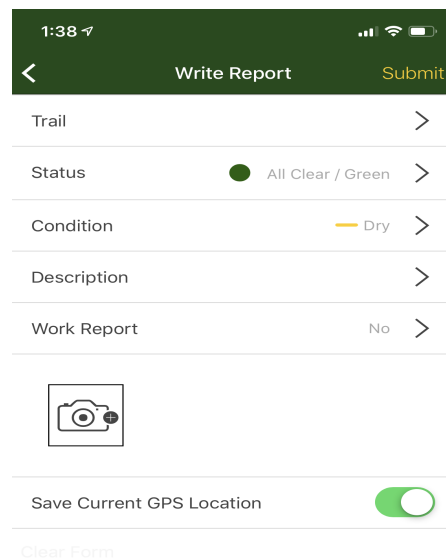
Step 5: Tap on the three lines parallel to one another in the upper right-hand corner. You will see a pop-up menu of options like the image below.



Step 6: Tap on 'trail reports' and you will be directed to a new page like the image below. Once here tap the '+' sign in the upper right-hand corner of your screen.



Step 7: Complete all details in your trail report.



Trail Report Details:

Trail: Tap on the trail that you'd like to report on.

Status: If there is something that is really dangerous on the trail make sure to mark 'significant issue/amber' or 'closed or major issue/red', so that other riders are alerted to what you've seen. Please make a separate report for this and make sure your GPS location is documented.

Condition: Options include unknown, snow packed, snow covered, snow groomed, freeze/thaw cycle, icy, prevalent mud, wet, variable, ideal, dry, very dry. While some of these options might not apply to your area/trail use your best judgement to alert other riders of current conditions.

Description: Please write a short and clear, yet detailed description of what issues you found. Keep note of the work that needs to be done and where it is on the trail so that you can write this down in your report once you're done walking the trail.

Work Report: Please make sure to check the box that says work report.

Photo: Please add a photo/s if possible so that an SCMTS staff member can estimate the work needed to fix any issues. We do not expect you to add a photo for every branch that needs clipped back or each drain that needs cleared. Photos should only be used for larger maintenance items that need to be reviewed by staff (any digging or modification of the trail tread).

Make sure that 'save current GPS location' is on for each report you submit.

If you hit submit and you are out of cell range your report won't be processed until you open the app while using cell coverage or wifi. Please make sure your report processes once you get home. You can also add a trail report via your desktop browser if you prefer to not use your phone. Login and click on 'reports' in the top menu bar. Click on 'submit report' and fill out the sections described above. Please make sure to include photos like you would in the app.

If any of this information was confusing, please watch this short [video](#) put together by Trailforks staff.

Thank you!

We hope that Trailforks is a good resource for trail reporting and is easy to use. If you are having any issues please email the SCMTS Trails Stewardship Coordinator at trailstatus@santacruztrails.org and they will be more than happy to help you out.