

POINTED ROCKS RANCH DEDICATION

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In October 2007 the Western States Run in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) succeeded in negotiating the sale of Pointed Rocks Ranch, a 370-acre property in western El Dorado County, from the Cowell Foundation to California State Parks.

For 20 years these two groups worked hard for this moment — often with anxiety — when proposals for subdivisions and refuse transfer stations were considered as legitimate options for this property.

On June 7, 2008, these groups celebrated the dedication of Pointed Rocks as the first State ownership in the Auburn Recreation Area. Our great thanks to the California Resources Agency, Cowell, and TPL for protecting this keystone land on the Western States Trail!



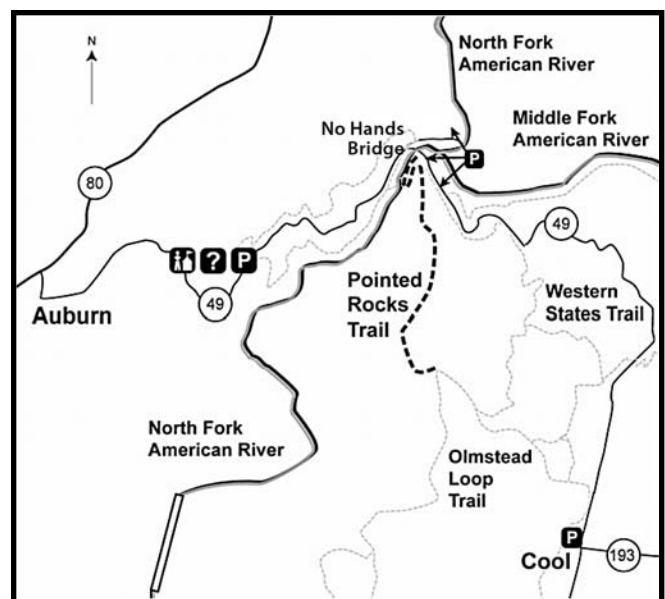
Mark Falcone photo

“Pointed Rocks Trail” includes a portion of the Western States Trail that passes through magnificent oak and grass meadows, once owned by Wendell Robie and located between the Highway 49 Crossing and the Cool Staging Area. It continues down a steep, rocky trail to No Hands Bridge.



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Scott Jurek is pursued by Kevin Sawchuk during the 2005 Way Too Cool 50K, along this oak-studded stretch of trail on the Pointed Rocks property.



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