

## BUENA VISTA HILL

There are some nice lawn areas and trails here but little meaningful development in keeping with the potential of this area which encompasses some 58 acres of park land.

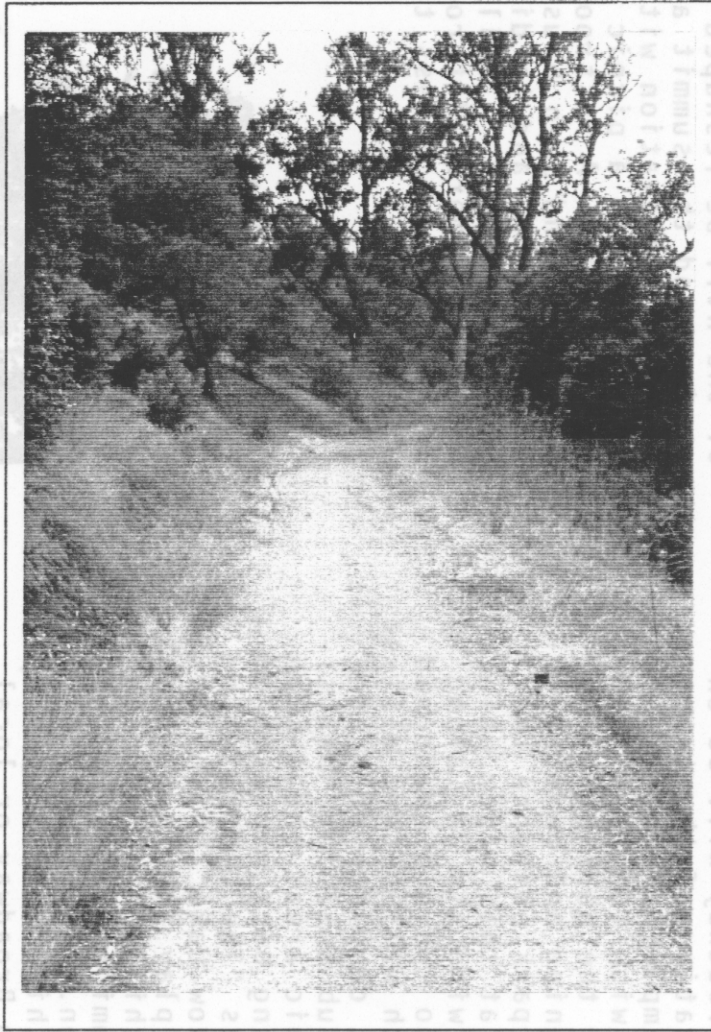
The entrance from Broadway will be enlarged, the east station of the tramway installed and ample parking developed for those who wish to leave their cars here and enter the park by tram. More attractive signing and beautification will give the park entrance the recognition needed at this major point. The road will then wind its way along the north slope into the old abandoned reservoir site which will become a first rate swim facility, complete with adequate parking, a club building, beautiful pine grove picnic area, and a swim lake which will bring back memories of such institutions as "The Old Swimming Hole" or "Pops Willow Lake", with lots of areas for water play and just good fun for the small children as opposed to competitive swimming with straight deep lanes and so on. There will be a tram drop-off for children who come by bus or walk in from Broadway or local neighborhoods.

Circling around to the south side of the hill are the remains of an old trailer park with entrances off Casanova Street. This area has been leveled in benches and offers the greatest po-

tential for an "Iowa Picnic" type of facility complete with pergolas, restrooms and parking, to be used by large groups, permit only.

The master plan recommends that the top of the hill be reshaped to allow a new road around the summit and some parking at a lower elevation with a grass meadow on top and a picnic shelter for small groups. A restroom would be provided here and deep brush cleared out to allow views and to discourage anti-social behaviour. Trails would be expanded and improved throughout the hill area to provide access to all points.





**Photo 7.9:** The network of dirt fire roads throughout the Park (seen here on Buena Vista Hill) now provide a better hiking environment than the specialized hiking trails that are now derelict.

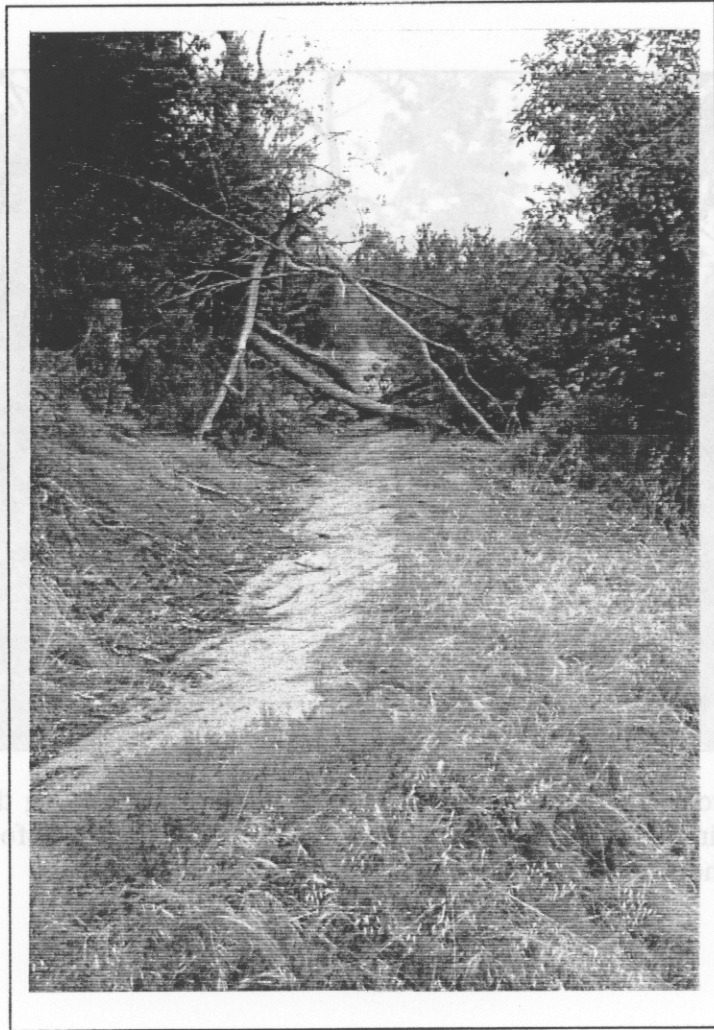


Photo 7.8: Asphalt hiking trails have been developed all over Buena Vista Hill, but have become impassable due to years of deferred maintenance.