

Cascade Head Scenic Research Area Trail & Access Plan

Vision & Goals

The overall goal of the CHSRA Coordination Team was to develop a trails plan for Cascade Head Scenic Research Area (CHSRA) that recommends needed maintenance, trail reconstruction, reroutes, public information approaches and new developments that both improves the recreational experience and protects the resources of this special natural area, within the intent of the CHSRA Act.

Our Vision is to provide suitable dispersed trail opportunities to maintain sustainable levels of visitor use in order to achieve one of the main objectives of the CHSRA Act: “To provide present and future generations with the use and enjoyment of the area.” This recreational use will be well supported by functional, connected trails, signage, and associated facilities while minimizing negative impacts on the natural resources and neighboring landowners to the extent feasible.

Specific Objectives/Outcomes:

1. Creation of an integrated trails plan for the 9,670-acre Cascade Head Scenic Research Area.
2. Information gathered with stakeholder input during the trails planning process to serve as the basis for a preferred alternative that the USFS will take through the NEPA process after the plan has been completed.
3. Public support for implementation of the trails plan, including improvements needed to make The Nature Conservancy’s upper trail American’s with Disabilities Act & Architectural Barriers Act compliant/accessibile.