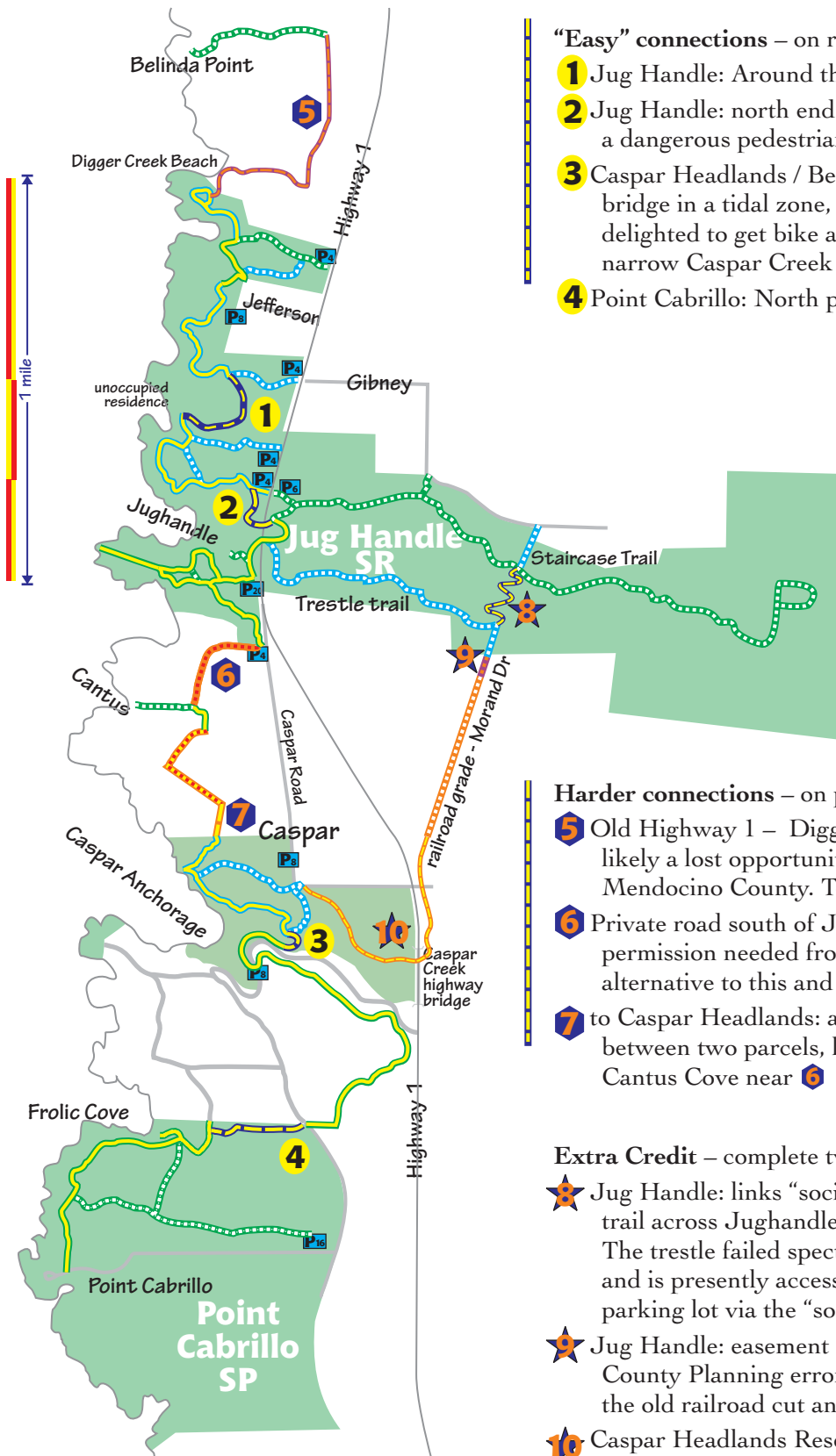


# Caspar Coastal Trail Complex



Between the heavily visited State Parks in Little River and Mendocino (Van Damme, Mendocino Headlands) and in Fort Bragg and Cleone (Fort Bragg Headlands, Glass Beach, McKerricher), there is a nearly complete, little visited alternative: from Belinda Point, a Mendocino Land Trust trail, to Point Cabrillo Lighthouse State Park: a concentration of *almost* connected State Parks and Reserves. By connecting the coastal trails in these parks and negotiating conservation easements with willing residents, an unforgettable five mile sequence of headlands views, tidal bench access points, rich riparian gulches could be stitched together.

# Caspar Trail Complex – trails and gaps



“Easy” connections – on relatively level Parks land

- 1 Jug Handle: Around the unoccupied residence
- 2 Jug Handle: north end of Jughandle bridge, to avoid a dangerous pedestrian crossing of Highway One
- 3 Caspar Headlands / Beach – not so easy, as it needs a bridge in a tidal zone, but CalTrans should be delighted to get bike and pedestrian traffic off the narrow Caspar Creek highway bridge
- 4 Point Cabrillo: North property line

Harder connections – on private land

- 5 Old Highway 1 – Digger Creek beach – Jug Handle: likely a lost opportunity due to bad planning by Mendocino County. Too bad.
- 6 Private road south of Jug Handle: driveway exists; permission needed from adjacent property owners; alternative to this and 7 is Caspar Road
- 7 to Caspar Headlands: across private property, between two parcels, like the MLT easement at Cantus Cove near 6

Extra Credit – complete two loop trails

- 8 Jug Handle: links “social” Trestle trail and Staircase trail across Jughandle Creek at site of old trestle. The trestle failed spectacularly in the 1906 quake, and is presently accessible only from Jug Handle parking lot via the “social” Trestle trail.
- 9 Jug Handle: easement correcting another Mendocino County Planning error, restoring historic access to the old railroad cut and trestle site.
- 10 Caspar Headlands Reserve: trail on old Highway One, under Caspar Creek highway bridge; completes long loop, Jug Handle to Caspar Headlands and back along historic railroad grade.