



August 2018 "Trail Tracks" eNewsletter

Saving Trails Since 1988

American Trails saves your trails, promotes trail access, and lets you know about trail opportunities. Get involved -- LEARN, CONNECT, ACT, ENJOY!

What's Hot



FREE recording of August 23 webinar addressing advocacy and planning for trails of all types

In partnership with the Equine Land Conservation Resource, American Trails hosted this webinar to explain how joining or creating an organization will help in addressing issues such as poor trail design, lack of maintenance, and general misunderstanding of horses that can result in loss of trail access. Please note: This webinar can apply to all trail activities, but examples in this webinar reference equestrian trails. [Learn more and download the recording...](#)



FREE recording of July 26 webinar discussing the importance of engaging your elected officials

Thanks to generous funding, the recording of our recent July webinar is free to everyone. Moderated by Brian Housh with Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and presented by a panel of elected officials, this webinar will discuss successful tactics and strategies employed to establish

funding mechanisms and innovative policy initiatives that support the development of trail networks demanded by constituents. [Learn more and download the recording...](#)



Are you looking for a trail job?

There are jobs available for a variety of trail-related work. See the American Trails Employment postings for professional as well as entry-level jobs. American Trails posts opportunities for trails and greenways employment, seasonal work for conservation corps, bicycle pedestrian advocacy, trail organizations, state parks, and federal agencies. [View current jobs...](#)



Apply for an Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship to attend ITS 2019

The online application is available for the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Program at the 2019 International Trails Symposium (ITS) and Training Institute. This program will bring 16 young adults, ages 21-28, to Syracuse, New York April 28 to May 1, 2019. Deadline is October 15. Opportunities to sponsor a scholarship (\$2,500) are also available. [Learn more...](#)



Call for award nominations now available for ITS 2019

American Trails presents the National and International Trails Awards Program to recognize the tremendous contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working for the betterment of trails both nationally and internationally in both rural and urban settings. Winners will be recognized onsite at ITS 2019 next April/May. Categories are open to both national and international nominations (some exceptions apply). Deadline is December 3. [View the categories and their descriptions and](#)

[apply online...](#)

Trail News

Celebrate the last 50 years of trails with the summer edition of American Trails Magazine

The summer edition of American Trails Magazine is now available, and it is full of can't miss articles. Inside you will find a deep dive into the history of American Trails through the last thirty years, as well as the National Trails System over the last fifty years. Find out more about the 19

newly added National Recreation Trails by checking out the NRT spread, where trails are broken down state by state and highlight what each new trail has to offer.

Check out these and other great highlights, such as a spotlight on the North Country Trail and our latest International Trails Symposium news, in this jam-packed and exciting issue! [Read more...](#)

Syracuse zeroes in on deal with Gotcha Bike for bike-share program

In his State of the City address in January, Mayor Ben Walsh announced he would bring bike-sharing to Syracuse. His administration has made good on that and is now seeking approval from the city council. [Read more...](#)



Adaptive reuse blossoms in Birmingham with Rotary Trail

The city of Birmingham, Alabama is using adaptive reuse of spaces to revitalize the metroplex. This includes everything from turning abandoned buildings into modern developments, to turning run down outdoor spaces into innovative trails and green spaces. [Read more...](#)

Features

Featured Recreational Trails Program-funded project: Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail, Delaware

The Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail is a year round accessible paved pathway that runs north-south in Newark, Delaware and in White Clay Creek State Park on an independent right-of-way of an abandoned railroad. It connects to the James F. Hall Trail (also a designated National Recreation Trail), which runs east-west in Newark along the Amtrak Rail corridor, and also connects to the network of trails in White Clay Creek State Park. [Read more and see photos...](#)

Featured National Recreation Trail: River's Edge National Recreation Trail, Montana

The River's Edge Trail is Montana's premier urban trail network and offers the perfect setting for walking, biking, skating or jogging. Along the trail you will find many opportunities for sight-seeing, picnicking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, and retracing the steps of Lewis and Clark. The River's Edge Trail is Montana's premier urban trail network and offers the perfect trail setting. [Read more...](#)

Tell us how we are doing with a ten-minute survey, and be entered to win a FREE full registration to attend ITS 2019!

American Trails is looking towards the future, and taking steps to ensure we continue to serve our mission and our vision of advancing the development of diverse, high quality trails and greenways for the benefit of people and communities. We look to lead the organization into a sustainable future, while increasing our effectiveness and impact. We invite you to join us on this journey by taking this 10-minute survey about your perceptions and experiences. Tell us how we are doing and

how we could serve you and the trails community better.



To be entered to win, act now! Surveys must be completed by August 30, 2018. [Share your opinion...](#)



Sign up to volunteer at ITS 2019 – opportunity to attend sessions for free!

The online signup form is now available for the 2019 International Trails Symposium. Select the exact time slot and volunteer opportunity that works for you! Opportunities include registration assistant, attendee bag stuffer, mobile workshops, auctions, exhibit hall setup and breakdown, ticket taker, and more! Benefits for volunteers include a free TRAIL BOSS shirt, complimentary snacks and drinks, admission to concurrent sessions the day(s) volunteered, a free ticket to the Trails Rock Party Monday night, and more. [Check out the volunteer opportunities...](#)



Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: iZone Imaging

iZone Imaging provides durable signage and graphics from the only completely in-house manufacturing facility dedicated to producing CHPL (Custom High Pressure Laminate) products. [Learn more about iZone Imaging in the American Trails Online Business Directory...](#)

Training

See upcoming training opportunities by checking out the training calendar on our website!

Find Opportunities

Join the American Trails Network today by becoming a member. For over 30 years, we have been a collective voice for a diverse coalition of trail enthusiasts, professionals, advocates, builders, land managers, conservationists, and friends of the outdoors and livable cities.

Become a Member

American Trails is a tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible.

Trail Tracks is our monthly e-Newsletter with links to www.AmericanTrails.org the world's most comprehensive online resources for planning, designing, building, funding, managing, and enhancing trails, greenways, and blueways. We also bring you news from the halls of Congress, new studies and resources, interesting articles, events, training opportunities, and the latest in trail products and services. Check out the topics above for what's new in the trails world!

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