



## July 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!

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## What's Hot

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### Improving Public Health through Public Parks and Trails

This guide released by the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, The Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention discusses eight common measures taken to improve public health by using public parks and trails. [Read more...](#)



### 20% exhibitor discount ends August 1st

Exhibitors at the 2019 International Trails Symposium (ITS) and Training Institute can receive a substantial discount through August 1, as well as choose their booth location in the order their contract and payment is received. View the current sponsors and available booths, download the sponsor contract, and learn more [here](#).



### 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 Leaders Scholarship to attend ITS 2019

The online application is now available for the Hulet Hornbeck Emerging 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. [Learn more...](#)



### National and International Trails Awards accepting nominations starting August 1

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. Categories are open to both national and

international nominations (read the individual category descriptions for complete details as some exceptions apply). [Learn more...](#)

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## Trail News

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### Warriors on the Trail

Warrior Expeditions was founded by veteran Sean Gobin after he returned from deployment and decided to hike the Appalachian Trail to "walk off the war." Now Gobin's organization has sponsored dozens of vets of all abilities to hike, cycle, and paddle long distance trails. [Read more...](#)

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### Trails of Vernon, New Jersey are a community effort

A one hour drive from the 33-feet above sea level of the streets of New York City brings you to the bucolic settings of Vernon, New Jersey nestled in at 435-feet above sea level. Vernon provides an ideal environment for those that love nature all year round. [Read more...](#)

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## Horses as Trail Users

The outside is good for the inside of everyone. Whether we get onto the trails with our feet, skis, wheels, or hooves, the most important thing is that we help each other to get there. Different trail users have varied goals, needs and impacts. Thought and planning are needed to accommodate everyone. [Read more...](#)

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# Features

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## Featured Recreational Trails Program-funded project: Talisi Riverwalk, Alabama

The project expands the Riverwalk trail through Tallassee, Alabama following the water's edge of Lake Talisi. The Riverwalk, which includes a boardwalk and connecting bike lanes, has encouraged more physical activity and provided greater accessibility to meet the needs of the growing community. [Read more and see photos...](#)



## Featured National Recreation Trail: Fort River Birding and Nature Trail, Massachusetts

Located in western Massachusetts, the Fort River Birding and Nature Trail is intended to be used as an “outdoor visitor center” and an outdoor classroom for both guided and self-guided educational experiences. This trail is multi-functioning and universally accessible to all. [Read more...](#)



## July 26 webinar discusses the importance of engaging your elected officials

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 register for this webinar...](#)

**DO YOU NEED  
VOLUNTEERS?**

**American Trails is  
building a volunteer  
board, and we would love  
to list your volunteer  
position!**

## American Trails is building a volunteer listing board!

American Trails is already the go-to website for finding great trail job opportunities, and now we would love to connect you to the volunteers your project needs. If you have a need for volunteers, send us your information including the project and location, type of work, and contact information for volunteers to reach out to. We will make sure your volunteer opportunity is listed on our website. Please send all relevant information or questions to [taylor@americantrails.org](mailto:taylor@americantrails.org).



## Outdoor Fitness

Greenfields Outdoor Fitness is a leading provider of outdoor exercise equipment to trails, public parks, schools, the U.S. military, and numerous other entities. [Learn more about Greenfields Outdoor Fitness in the American Trails Online Business Directory...](#)

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# Training

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

[Find Opportunities](#)

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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.

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