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Saving Trails Since 1988



Call for presenters for the Advancing Trails Webinar Series

American Trails is looking to fill out 2019 webinar slots and are seeking topics including (but not limited to): effective marketing tools for trails, unique funding tools and revenue opportunities for trails, avoiding conflicts on mixed-use trails, trail bridges, trail maintenance, new trail technology, volunteer recruitment and retainment, etc. If interested, fill out [this form](#) providing details about a potential webinar and email to candace@americantrails.org. [View a list of our archived and upcoming webinars to learn more...](#)

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects recognized

The Coalition for Recreational Trails has announced the winners of the 2018 Annual Achievement Awards in recognition of outstanding use of (RTP) funds. Projects from around the country were selected as examples of the diversity and benefits of RTP-funded trails. [Read more and see photos...](#)



Early exhibitor opportunities at the 2019 International Trails Symposium

The early bird gets the worm! Receive a 20% discount through August 1st, and the opportunity to choose your booth location in the order your contract is received. Check out the exhibit hall layout and view the variety of sponsorship benefits as an exhibitor at the 2019 Symposium in Syracuse, New York. [Read more and see Exhibitor Contract...](#)

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...](#)



June 28 webinar discusses trails as economic development

Presented by a city planner, landscape architect, and architect, this American Trails webinar will discuss urban trails and what cities are doing to provide economic development opportunities for the properties that lie along former industrial corridors. [Learn more and register for this webinar...](#)



New National Recreation Trails designated for 2018

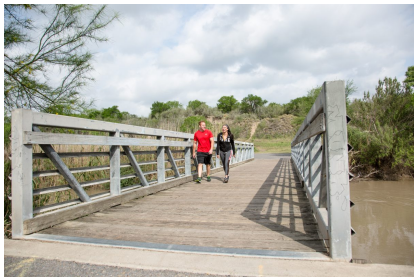


On National Trails Day 19 trails in 17 states became new National Recreation Trails (NRT). The NRT program is another part of the National Trails System, whose 50th anniversary we are celebrating this year. [Read more and see details of the new NRTs...](#)



University of Tennessee program planning 652-mile multi-modal trail system along entire Tennessee River

"A group of UT students have been working on a massive project to make the entire Tennessee River more accessible. It's a multi-modal trail system that will stretch from Knoxville to Paducah, Kentucky." [Read more...](#)



South Texas cities are developing an extensive trail network to help improve residents' health

Officials are hoping the extensive trail network will address not only resident's health issues, but also improve the economy of the region. [Read more...](#)



Illegal trail building could net you steep fines, jail time

In British Columbia, officials are cracking down on outdoor users creating their own trails. Users have complained they don't have enough back country access, which has led to illegal trail building. [Read more...](#)



Featured Recreational Trails Program-funded project: Spearhead Trails, VA

The Spearhead Trails system has created over 400 miles of multi-use trails in the "Coalfield Counties" of southwest Virginia. The trails are not on large public

lands and, in fact, over 90% of the trails are on former coal gas, and timber extraction properties that have been restored to forested areas. [Read more and see photos...](#)

Featured National Recreation Trail: Huron River Water Trail, MI

The Huron River Water Trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history, and the communities it touches in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. [Read more...](#)



 **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 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.

Hiking is for all abilities

"The beauty of hiking is that it is for all abilities. There isn't a person with a disability that we couldn't take out on a hike," says Lauren Kylo of Disabled Sports USA. Opportunities for accessible trails as well as more challenging routes can be found in every corner of America. [Read more...](#)



Design a trail to last 100 years

The challenges of balancing ecological protection, physical management, and social demands on natural surface hiking, equestrian, mountain biking, and multi-use trails can be overwhelming. However, it is possible to meet these challenges by designing sustainable trails that are created to last into the next century. [Read more...](#)

Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: das Manufacturing

das Trail Markers can be permanently applied to concrete or asphalt with das adhesive. The markers are an unobtrusive yet highly visible method of placing information and features directly on a path or trail. Durable, fade resistant, low profile

and ADA compliant, they can be used as an alternative to conventional vertical signage clutter. [Learn more about das Manufacturing in the American Trails Online Business Directory...](#)



Webinars on accessible trails available as recordings

Accessible Trail Development is the theme of a series of four webinars hosted by American Trails this spring. All four are available as recorded presentations to view at your convenience.

The webinar topics are:

- Getting the Word Out about Accessibility of Trails and Outdoor Recreation
- Creating Accessible Trails with Universally Designed Interpretation
- Outdoor Developed Areas Final Rule
- Sustainable Trails for All

[Read more and access archived webinars...](#)

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

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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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