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Our roads are in bad shape... Why spend money on trails?

*There is a huge amount of evidence that trails add value to properties and significantly increase tourism spending that roads just do not have.*

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### Magazine Feature

50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act



October is the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. Explore trail history in this article from our summer issue of the American Trails Magazine.

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### NRT Featured Trail

Mount Umunhun National Recreation Trail, California

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The Mount Umunhun Trail passes through chaparral, under pine and oak woodlands, and over the headwaters of Guadalupe Creek.

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A look ahead with American Trails: what we want for the future

Eleven National Recreation Trails to visit this October

As American Trails celebrates 30 years of service, we're looking towards the future of trails as well the goals of our organization.

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October is the official month for all things spooky. For trail enthusiasts, it's the perfect time to visit these sinisterly named National Recreation Trails.

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## Trail News and Notes

- [Gridlock on Phoenix Trails](#) - Trail use increase brings management problems
- [\\$200 million for trail connections between New York and Michigan](#) - Read more
- [NRT Photo Contest!](#) Submit your favorite photos by December 15
- [American Trails Costume Contest](#) - Win a free membership to American Trails

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## Resources and Training

### November webinar will focus on winter trails and adapting to climate change

In partnership with the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (SORP), the American Trails November 15 webinar, "Managing Winter Trails: Increasing Opportunities and Adapting to Climate Change," will touch on the universal issues of adapting to climate change and building resiliency in operations, but also consider specific geographic factors such as snow type and regional winter recreation culture.

[Learn more and register for this webinar...](#)

### Engage Your Elected Officials! The Importance of Political Leadership.

As we approach election season, it's the perfect chance to check out our free webinar from July that discusses 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 here...](#)

### San Jose Trail Network Toolkit Planning and Design

The City of San Jose shares their common principles for planning and design of a 400-mile trail system.

[Read more here...](#)

[American Trails website resources](#)

Check out our [volunteer portal](#) for the latest available volunteer opportunities, and our [training calendar](#) for upcoming conferences and events.



### Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Pannier Graphics

Pannier manufactures a full range of fiberglass signage, panels, bases, and frames ideal for trail maps, Interpretative panels, wayfinding signage, trail markers, and more. [Learn more in the American Trails Online Business Directory...](#)

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## TRAILJobs



## International Trails Symposium News

### Register by December 1 for early 2018 discount

We have launched registration and our brand new self-published mobile app! View the agenda, sessions, speakers, workshops, and more! Register early and save!

[Explore and register today...](#)

### 15% exhibitor/sponsor discount ends November 1

Exhibitors and sponsors can receive a substantial discount through November 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 online.

[Learn more here...](#)



### Call for award nominations available

American Trails presents the National and International Trails Award Program. Nominate your favorite organizations, volunteers, and professionals for their efforts to improve the trails industry. The deadline for nominations is December 3.

[View the categories and their descriptions and apply online...](#)



