

April 2019

Determining Trail Capacity or Level of Service

Trails almost never reach a level of maximum use. A trail of a given length can accommodate more people than will generally ever use it. The most accessible or attractive mile (like around a popular lake) can receive more use than the other 99 miles in the system.

Read more...

National Recreation Trails Ten NRTs to check out in New York State

In honor of the International Trails Symposium and Training Institute being held in Syracuse, New York this month, we have put together a list of ten National Recreation Trails to visit in New York State.

Read more...

Coalition for Recreational Trails Nominations for the 2019 CRT awards are open



During Great Outdoors Month 2019– also known as June – the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) will be presenting its 21st annual Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Achievement Awards in Washington, D.C. Read more...

The Equestrian Trail Riders Lifestyle What is involved in keeping horses?

2019 Recreational Trails Program Annual Report Lora Goerlich has written a guide that might answer the question, "Should I even think about owning a horse?" Written with first-hand experience, this guide considers vital topics of keeping horses for recreational use.

A report on the use and benefits of Federal Recreational Trails Program funds across the United States.

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Trail News and Notes

- S.Korea to Open 3 Hiking Trails to DMZ Read more
- Trail etiquette on Deschutes National Forest Read more
- WVU researchers evaluate impact of local rail-trails Read more
- The economic and political power of trails Read more

Resources and Training

FREE May Webinar: Improve Your Volunteer Stewardship Toolkit

In partnership with the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, we are offering this webinar free to everyone (learning credits are a \$15 fee) on May 30. Learn from three organizations about the tools and resources available to you that will help you start, expand or enhance your outdoor stewardship volunteer program, achieving your goals, and providing exceptional service to land managers.

Register today...

Backcountry Discovery Routes® And Tourism: How Adventure Motorcyclists Can Help Your Community

In 2017, BDR routes generated \$17.3 million in new tourism expenditures, with the average traveling party spending \$3,769 on their BDR trip.

Learn more...

How Agencies Manage Multi-Use Trails

Multi-Use Trail Management Policy: User-Group Conflict and Resource Impact Issues. *Learn more...*

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: Pachner & Associates, LLC

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International Trails Symposium News

National Trails Training Partnership (NTTP) Meeting

Join leaders in trails training to discuss the needs and opportunities in providing high-quality training opportunities for trail stewardship, management, and maintenance in our trails industry. This meeting will occur on Wednesday, May 1, and will be hosted by the FHWA and American Trails.

View the detailed agenda and at-a-glance pocket schedule

Check out the ITS agenda by day, view the descriptions and presenter bios, and more here. You can also download a printable pocket schedule showing you everything at-a-glance.

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Onsite volunteer opportunities still available

We are still in need of volunteers in the following areas: exhibit hall setup and breakdown, room hosts, registration assistants, and auction help. TRAIL BOSS shirts are available on a first come, first serve basis. View all of the volunteer time slots and sign up here.

Donate to the auction!

All proceeds from the auction will go towards our Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Program. We are still looking for auction donations! All donations are welcome – big or small, trail-related or not. Learn more and find the auction donation form **here**.

Win a FREE ITS 2021 registration

Join us for our Closing Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1 for the chance to win a FREE registration to our 2021 International Trails Symposium! The location of ITS 2021 will be announced during the Closing Luncheon. No purchase necessary. You must be present to win.

Win a wrapped bike—support the Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Program Smart Outdoor, Inc. has generously donated a bike wrapped with the American Trails logo to be raffled off during the 2019 International Trails Symposium! Raffle tickets will be available onsite: \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets. The drawing will take place during the Closing Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1. You must be present to win.

Free Sunday workshop: Embracing Mobile Mapping

Through the examples of early-adopting trail organizations including NY-NJ Trail Conference, Green Mountain Club, and Buckeye Trails Association, learn about mobile mapping from Avenza Maps. They are offering two FREE sessions on Sunday, April 28 at ITS – 10:00am and 1:00pm.



