

February 2019

2018 National Recreation Trails Photo Contest Winners!

Since we began the NRT Photo Contest in 2003, we've seen a great variety of trails captured by photographers around the nation. 2018 is no exception. We received 136 new images of National Recreation Trails and the winners range from an urban trail in Puerto Rico to an off-road trail in Montana. As always, the photos show the love we have for these NRTs and how they improve our quality of life.

Read more...

Featured National Recreation Trail Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail, Delaware

The Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail is a year round accessible paved pathway in Delaware.

Read more...

Featured Recreational Trails Project Utah Avalanche Center

The state of Utah has used innovative programming to keep their citizens safe from avalanche dangers.

Read more...

Black History Month - How Trails and Black History Intersect

February is Black History Month, and a perfect time to shine a light on some well known, and some lesser known, ways in which African Americans have helped shape our nation's trail and park history. Read more...

Meet the 2019 Emerging Trail Leaders

The Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Program for 2019 will bring 16 young adults, ages 21-28 to the International Trails Symposium (ITS) and Training Institute.

Read more...

Trail News and Notes

Montana trails seek more funding to keep up with demand - Read more

- Indiana has its first National Park Read more
- Our first coast to coast bike trail is on the way Read more
- Congress moves forward on Land and Water Conservation Fund permanent reauthorization - Read more

Resources and Training

February webinar answers the question Now That e-Bikes Are On Trails, What Do We Know?

Our February 28 webinar is a continuation of the *2017 webinar on e-bike access and management*, designed to highlight "what we know" about e-bike use on paved, soft surface, and singletrack trails.

Learn more and register for this webinar...

March webinar explores trail towns and economic development

Join us for our March 21 webinar that will take an in depth look at trail towns through programs in Kentucky and Michigan. Learn how community partners work to implement economic development, recreation and quality of life planning through Trail Towns.

Learn more and register for this webinar...

Volunteer guide to trail protection

As we forge ahead building new trails each year, particularly on private land, how will we make sure the trail and the surrounding area are enjoyed into future generations?

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: E.T. Techtonics

E.T. Techtonics' prefabricated, fiberglass bridges are designed to be aesthetically pleasing in your landscape, and easy to install in remote bridge sites. They supply fiberglass pedestrian bridges to national, state, and local park systems nationwide, as well as to commercial and

private clients. Learn more about this company in the American Trails Online Business Directory...





International Trails Symposium News

Early 2019 registration discount ends March 1

This is your last chance to save up to \$75 to attend the 2019 ITS. View the view the full agenda, sessions, speakers, fees, floor plans, and more *here*.

Register for the FREE trail maintenance workshop (space is limited)

One of the free offsite workshops includes the Independent Stewardship for Trails: A Basic Course for Trail Adopters that teaches the basic trail maintenance to volunteers. Learn more about this workshop *here* (click on Sunday).

Explore the Adirondack Mountains in an overnight trip pre-ITS

This two-day mobile workshop (Saturday to Sunday,

April 27-28) provides participants with the opportunity to paddle eight miles on Lower Saranac Lake and the waters of the Upper Saranac River. Learn more about this workshop *here* (click on Saturday).

Volunteer at ITS 2019 and get a free TRAIL BOSS shirt!

Additional benefits for volunteers include admission to concurrent sessions the day(s) volunteered, complimentary snacks and drinks in the volunteer lounge area, free ticket to the Trails Rock Party Monday night, as well as free parking at the convention center.

View all of the volunteer time slots and sign up today...





