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### Tools for Successful Volunteer Stewardship

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Volunteer stewardship is more important than ever. As your trails get more popular, follow these simple suggestions for upping your stewardship efforts from some of the best stewardship programs around the country.

[Read more...](#)

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### Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) Award Winners

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12 of America's most successful RTP projects have been highlighted in a Washington DC awards ceremony hosted by CRT member organizations.

[Read more...](#)

### Ask a Trail Expert

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Use our "Ask a Trail Expert" page to get the answers to your toughest trail related questions.

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### National Recreation Trails (NRT) Photo Contest Open for 2019



American Trails sponsors the annual contest for photographs of designated *National Recreation Trails* across the country.

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### American Trails Business Directory

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Find over 500 of the best trail related businesses to help you find the perfect fit for your project.

[Read more...](#)

## Trail News and Notes

- [Volunteers carve out new addition to Ice Age Trail in Cross Plains - \*Read more\*](#)
  - [Effective trail restoration is possible in the desert - \*Read more\*](#)
  - [Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Crafts Long-Range Interpretive Plan, Just Needs Funding - \*Read more\*](#)
  - [COTREX app details 39,829 miles of trails around Colorado - \*Read more\*](#)
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## Resources and Training

### July Webinar: Social Media + Trails: Growing and Engaging Your Followers

Hear from three experts on how they manage their social media platforms to reach tens of thousands of followers, best practices for using social media, and the potential pitfalls to look out for in the social media era.

[Register today...](#)

### Comparing Relative Impacts of Various Trail User Groups

A summary of research and studies on factors that affect trails management strategy and determining uses for each trail.

[Learn more...](#)

### National Trail Surfaces Study

The purpose of the longitudinal surface study was to evaluate a variety of trail surface materials, and their ability to meet proposed accessibility requirements of firmness and stability from initial installation and maintenance over 51 months.

[Learn more...](#)

### U.S. Forest Service Hosting Two Webinars on Proposed Changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA impacts all recreational activities on USFS lands and is important for OHV enthusiasts to understand the rules and engage appropriately.

[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: iZone Imaging

iZone Imaging provides durable signage and graphics from the only completely in-house manufacturing facility dedicated to producing CHPL (Custom High Pressure Laminate) products.

[Learn more about this company...](#)

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## TRAILSNext™ Talks

### TRAILSNext™ Series Presented by American Trails

In the style of TEDx, the *TRAILSNext™* Series brings you cutting edge information from leading experts in the trails world on today's hottest trail topics. These high energy 18-minute presentations were recorded to be made available to folks who were unable to attend this year's International Trails Symposium.

Each month we will be featuring one of these talks in our eNews, and you can purchase the entire series on our website at this [link](#).

This month we are sharing with you "**Managing High-Use Trails: Why Trail Stewards are a Necessity in Creating Safe, Sustainable Trails**" by presenter Hank Osborn, with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

Learn how trail steward and trail-building programs have worked to make the public better informed, more responsible trails users while protecting the resource. Because when trails are used responsibly, they protect both the people who use them and the environment that surrounds them.



