



November 2019

Evidence of Many Varieties of Economic Benefits Linked to Trails

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Ramps for Accessible Trails and Shared-Use Pathways

Ramps, typically used for building access, are often provided on trails. See examples used in specific trail situations.

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Enter the 2019 National Recreation Trails (NRT) Photo Contest Before the Dec.15 Deadline

Our annual contest provides awards in several categories and shows off entries and previous winners on the NRT website.

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Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Highlights

These are two recent highlights from Alabama and West Virginia showing how RTP funds are being used for more and better trails and trail infrastructure.

Florida's Growing Trail Town Program

To recognize Florida's trail towns, the Office of Greenways and Trails developed the Florida Trail Town program in 2018.

Trail News and Notes

Click on each article to read more

- [\(Alaska\) A vision for the Alaska trail system of the future](#)
- [\(Pennsylvania\) 10 gaps in PA hiking trails blocking a statewide goal](#)
- [\(New York\) From planning to planting, the Northeast Greenway Initiative charts a bold vision for Buffalo's next urban rail trail](#)
- [\(Illinois\) Midewin, I&M Canal, and other natural history spots seek to engage younger crowds](#)
- [\(Florida\) Miami's Underline snags a \\$22M grant. Now its new phase can be built in Coral Gables.](#)
- [\(United Kingdom\) 20 best seasonal cycle trails in the UK: from woodland trails to coastal rides](#)
- [\(Colorado\) Equestrian group forms obstacle training site for a safer trail](#)
- [\(Minnesota\) Duluth's recreational trails are helping the city remake its image](#)
- [\(Canada\) Vancouver Waterfront Trail Redevelopment earns award](#)

Resources and Training

December 5 Webinar Discusses Utilizing Conservation Corps for Transportation & Recreation Projects

Corps are embedded in their communities and serve as cost-effective, common-sense partners that show up ready to work, manage their own crews, and help increase your staff capacity. Learn how you can engage the next generation of diverse trail, transportation, and recreation professionals in your next project. [Register today...](#)

FREE JEDI Webinar Recordings – 2 Part Series

Part 1 discussed the what and why of JEDI and Part 2 provided JEDI strategies for your organization, leaving you with a map that can help you identify priorities for your organization. This webinar is hosted by the Partnership for the National Trail System, the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, and American Trails. [Download the recordings today...](#)

San Jose, California has Released their 2019 Trail Count

San Jose has released their 13th annual Trail Count, a report which helps them study trail use in the area and determine how they are meeting the needs of their trail users. [Read more...](#)

Safe Encounters with Horses on Shared-Use Trails

American Trails contributor Dianne Martin shares some tips on how to safely share trails with horses. [Read more...](#)

Yellowjackets on the Trail

This first hand account from American Trails contributor Lora Goerlich is a great reminder about why you need to be prepared for yellowjackets on the trail. [Read more...](#)

American Trails Website Resources

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TRAILSNext™ Talks

TRAILSNext™ Series Presented by American Trails

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 "Can I Sell You a Trail" by presenter Greg Kern.

While a majority of people favor the development of trails in their community, there are others who hold a contrary view - that trails may bring unwanted presence, crime, and other negative factors to their backyards. A critical component of the planning and early development of a mixed-use trail is understanding these concerns, and addressing them in an interactive and respectful manner.



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