



Trail news, training, and resources

December 2020

Engaging Children in Nature through Trails

Spending time on trails not only helps a child's mental and physical development, it can also help create healthy habits that last a lifetime.

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Remembering Joe Taylor

Longtime American Trails board member Joe Taylor passed away 12/03/2020.

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Send in your National Recreation Trails Photos by Dec. 15

Time to highlight the incredible and diverse trails in our nation! We are accepting photo contest entries until December 15, 2020. [Read more...](#)

FAQ: Graffiti on Trails

Solutions to graffiti on trails. [Read more...](#)

Book Review: "Walks of a Lifetime in America's National Parks"

American Trails contributor Sam Demas reviews "Walks of a Lifetime in America's

- *(National) Five Destination Rail-Trails Newly Designated as 2020 National Recreation Trails*
- *(California) Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association Partners with AmeriCorps to Repair Boardwalk on Cache Creek Nature Trail*
- *(Georgia) Gwinnett's Loop Trail will Connect Several Natural Amenities*
- *(Idaho) Idaho Hikers, Historians Aim to Uncover Trail to Gold Mine*
- *(New Jersey) This Historical Rail Bridge is a New Jersey Treasure, but Nobody Knows What to Do with It*
- *(North Carolina) Here's the Ecusta Trail Timeline Starting in 1894*
- *(Pennsylvania) Along the D&L: Record Year for Use Meant Traffic for Businesses, Too*
- *(Texas) Breaking Down Austin's \$460 Million Bond for Bike Lanes, Trails, Sidewalks, and More*
- *(Virginia) During COVID-19, Virginia Capital Trail Becomes 'A Lifeline'*
- *(Wisconsin) Beerline Trail Equitable Implementation Plan Wins Prestigious Spark Award from the American Planners Association Wisconsin Chapter*



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Resources and Training

Join Our Facebook Group "Trail Workers of America"

American Trails advances the development of diverse high quality trails and greenways for the benefit of people and communities. We created this group for trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail related issues. [Join here...](#)

Educating Trail Users: Advice for Planning Interpretive Trail Signs and Exhibits

It's up to you as a park steward to instill a sense of appreciation for the story that needs to be told – interpretive theme and messages of the trail must be well planned. [Read more...](#)

Best Management Practices for Erosion Control During Trail Maintenance and Construction

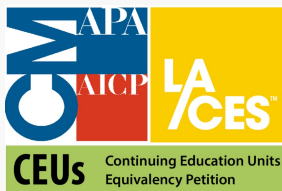
Trail construction and maintenance may involve impacts to wetlands and other natural resources: an understanding of these impacts and methods to minimize them. [Read more...](#)

Economic Impact of Off-Highway Recreation in the State of Arizona

From 2016 to 2017, Arizona State University conducted a study to measure the economic impact of OHV recreation, by retained and out of state visitors, on the State of Arizona. [Read more...](#)

Training Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities

Check out our [training calendar](#) for upcoming conferences and events. You can also find volunteer opportunities [here](#). If you have an opportunity for us to post, please email trailhead@americantrails.org.



Seeking Learning Credits?

American Trails offers learning credits for our Advancing Trails Webinar Series, our International Trails Symposium and Training Institute, and other trail-related conferences, workshops, and webinars. [Read more...](#)



Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Rhino Marking & Protection Systems

One of Rhino's most flexible posts, the TriView®, is a highly visible triangular marker. The unique shape ensures messages can be seen from any direction. [Learn more about this company...](#)

Featured Trail Job: Trails Protection Coordinator for Connecticut Forest and Park Association

The Trails Protection Coordinator will work with the Trails Director, Trails Corridor

Protection Taskforce, staff, and partners to achieve permanent and/or greater protection of the land that hosts and keeps connected 825+ miles of Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails. [Read more...](#)



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Advancing Trails Webinar Series

Free December and January Webinars

If you missed any of our live webinars, don't fret! We record all of our webinars which are available for download at any time in our online store. Each webinar also offers a closed caption transcript as well as learning credits. [View a list of all of our upcoming and archived webinars...](#)

Webinars available for download/to register for now:

- **December 3** – *Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Trails: Crawford Path Case Study*
- **December 10** – *Walks of a Lifetime in America's National Parks*
- **January 12** – *Expedition Antarctica (and Beyond)*
- **January 21** – *Making Meaningful Spaces: A Brief Survey of Integrative Active Transportation*

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10:00 am Pacific, 1:00 pm Eastern

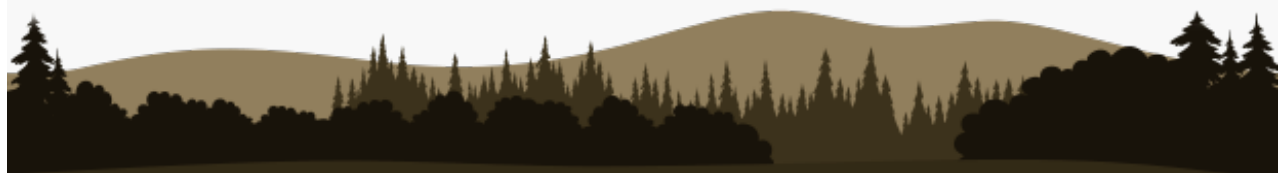
Mention this ad for a special rate of \$2,000 (regular price is \$3,000)! We are offering this special rate for anyone that commits to and pays within the month of December. Email candace@americantrails.org to become a sponsor today.

Early 2021 Webinars (with a date) Available for Sponsorship:

- **January 21, 2021** – *Making Meaningful Spaces: A Brief Survey of Integrative Active Transportation*
- **January 28, 2021** – Brownfields and Trails (title TBD)

Early 2021 Webinars (dates TBD) Available for Sponsorship:

- Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD)
- Wheels and Legs: How Well Do They Mix? Addressing Nonmotorized Trail User Conflicts
- Dealing with Trail Maintenance Backlog Forum
- Policy and Trails
- Trail Stewardship Research



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