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## How COVID-19 is Affecting the Trails Community

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Recently American Trails conducted a survey of the trails industry to find out how this pandemic has impacted trail projects, funding, volunteer work, and more. We also talked to trail users and medical professionals to get their perspective on what they would like to see from the outdoor recreation industry in response to COVID-19.

*[Read more...](#)*

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## An Open Letter Encouraging Designating New National Recreation Trails



With no new National Recreation Trails (NRTs) designated in 2019, and the deadline for 2020 National Trails Day fast approaching, we are encouraging Secretary Bernhardt to uphold this

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## Hawaiian Island Trail Bridge Re-Opens Trail to Remote Community



The 3-mile long Kalaupapa Trail is the only trail access point in and out of the remote community of Kalaupapa on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. When a landslide took out an old aluminum bridge,

tradition of honoring and celebrating our nation's trails and designating new NRTs. Please read and share our open letter.

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cutting off this access point, park officials looked to a fiberglass reinforced polymer bridge for its light weight, corrosion resistance, and design flexibility. *(Sponsored content)*

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## Action Alert: National Survey of Shovel-Ready Trail Projects



Help the trails community demonstrate its ability to put America back to work and deliver the benefits of trails to all communities.

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## Submit Your Trail Infrastructure Projects for CARES Act Funding



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on March 27, 2020, provides the Economic Development Administration with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs to strengthen communities.

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## Trail Survey Library

Thank you to those who have submitted survey examples to help build our survey library! If you would like to submit a survey please send it to [taylor@americantrails.org](mailto:taylor@americantrails.org). View our current survey library [here...](#)

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## Trail News and Notes

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- [\(National\) Land Managers are Getting Nervous About Unauthorized Trail Modifications During Lockdown](#)
- [\(National\) How the Pandemic Splintered the Appalachian Trail](#)



- *(National) Tips for Handling Harassment on the Trail*
- *(New Mexico) New Mexico Wild Launches New Online Hiking Guide Featuring More Than 100 Trails in New Mexico Wilderness*
- *(Utah) 2020 Outdoor Recreation Grant Awards Nearly \$6 Million to Utah Outdoor Projects*
- *(Washington State) Hikes in North Cascades National Park*
- *(West Virginia) West Virginia Parks Officials to Volunteers: Stop Building Trails, at Least for a While*



## Resources and Training

### Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind

A trail's area of influence should be planned and managed as an integral part of the trail. This influence zone should provide recreationists with meaningful interactions with nature, without infringing on sensitive habitat. [Read more...](#)

### Get the Right Gear for Summer Trails

With summer coming up fast now is the time to make sure you are prepared for the trail. Here are some suggestions from the American Trails staff on gear we love. [Read more...](#)

### Ramps for Accessible Trails and Shared-Use Pathways

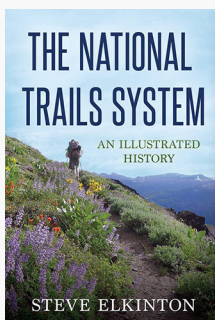
Ramps, typically used for building access, are often provided on trails. [Read more...](#)

### Search 1,100+ Trail Businesses for Your Next Trail Project

Visit the new and improved American Trails Online Business Directory where over 1,100 businesses and organizations have been included, and more are being added weekly. Browse by category, recommend a business to add, or add your own business with free and paid options. [Search the online business directory...](#)

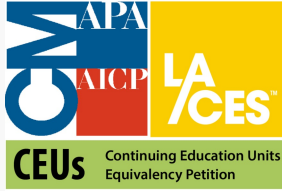
### American Trails Website Resources

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](mailto:trailhead@americantrails.org).



### The National Trails System: An Illustrated History Book

This book richly describes how the National Trails System was established by federal law in 1968. Now available for purchase in the American Trails Online Store. [Purchase your copy today...](#)



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**Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Zeager Bros., Inc.**  
Zeager Bros offers a Bonded WoodCarpet which is a poured-in-place wood fiber that's accessible but also natural. [Learn more about this company...](#)

#### **Featured Trail Job: Executive Director - New England Mountain Bike Association**

The ideal candidate is an active mountain biker, with a passion for all things mountain biking: growing the sport, the industry, the culture, and creating mountain bike friendly communities. [Learn more here...](#)



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## Advancing Trails Webinar Series

### **Webinar Line-Up (Some are FREE!)**

Check out our webinars taking place in May and June in the *American Trails Advancing Trails Webinar Series*. All webinars are recorded, include a closed caption transcript, and offer learning credits.

#### *Available for Download:*

- *May 7 – Place-based Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) for Safe Trails*
- *May 14 – Common Ground: Shared Goals for the Trails and Health Communities*
- *May 21 – Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer Bridges and Boardwalks: Specifications, Design, Fabrication, and Installation*

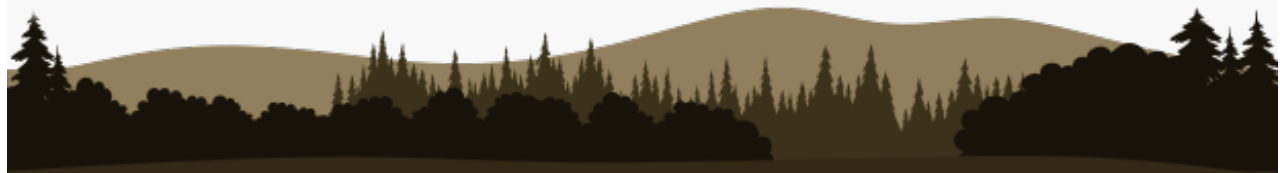
#### *Available to Register:*

- *May 27 – Creating Culture Change Through Outdoor Recreation*
- *June 2 – Leveraging Outdoor Recreation to Revitalize Rural Economies*
- *June 11 – Gatehouses and Greenways: Interactive Community Engagement for Trails*
- *June 18 – CEQA Strategies to Streamline Wildfire Fuel Reduction*
- *June 25 – The Greenway Imperative: A Call to Action*
- *June 30 – Sustainable Advantage: Outdoor Recreation and Rural Community Development in California*

### **Sponsor an American Trails Webinar to Reach 600+ Attendees**

American Trails is hosting additional webinars over the next several months to

bring trainings to many who are stuck at home during COVID-19. The last few webinars American Trails held brought in 600+ attendees per webinar. Sponsor a webinar as a partner for \$250 or make a webinar free to the public for \$3,000 (not including any possible discounts). View the fluid webinar schedule for 2020 [here](#) and look for **SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE** which is highlighted for available webinars. *Email Candace Gallagher to start promoting your organization today...*



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