



November 2020

Six Unique Trail Funding Solutions

Securing funding is one of the most important things we can do for our trails, but it can also be one of the most challenging. These funding solutions will help.

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30 New National Recreation Trails (NRT) Have Been Designated

On October 22, 2020 U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced 30 new NRTs in 25 states, adding more than 1,275 miles to the National Trails System.

[Read more...](#)

Need a calendar for next year? You can print out a 2021/2022 calendar featuring the new NRTs! [Read more...](#)

The National Recreation Trails (NRT) Annual Photo Contest Needs Your Photos

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

Concrete Trails Keep You on the Right Path

If a hard surface recreational trail is in

PedNet is Making a Difference on the Ground in Missouri

your future, you owe it to yourself to look at concrete. (Sponsored Content)

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Lawrence Simonson, Chief Strategy Officer of the PedNet Coalition, talks pedestrian safety, projects and obstacles, and making a difference in Missouri. [Read more...](#)

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is Launching a Pilot Program to Strengthen Volunteer Stewardship

This pilot program will take an in-depth look at training designed to strengthen volunteer stewardship within two Colorado Parks & Wildlife regions. Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is seeking proposals for contracted professional services to perform the initial assessment within each of the two regions.

[Read more...](#)

Book Review of *Recreational Horse Trails in Rural and Wildland Areas: Design, Construction, and Maintenance*

From the American Trails archives comes a recommendation for this excellent work on equestrian trails from Dr. Gene W. Wood. [Read more...](#)

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) database website has been redesigned to make it easier for you to:

- Navigate the site and search the database
- Download and print project lists for your State
- Display the website on a mobile device
- Search the image library
- Obtain a consolidated report with any State's data

We invite you to explore the updated [website and database](#). If you have questions about it, or would like to provide feedback on the new and improved features, you can send an email via the [Contact Us](#) page.



Trail News and Notes

Click on each article to read more

- *(International) Alter Grenzweg Trail Goes Through Land Once Disputed by France and Germany*
 - *(International) The Bike Path Factor: Active Transport of Growing Importance for Homebuyers*
 - *(International) The Jordan Trail is a 40-day Hike that Gives you a Unique Glimpse of the Past*
 - *(National) No Ticket-Splitting Here: Voters Resoundingly Approve Local Ballot Initiatives for Trails, Biking, and Walking*
 - *(Colorado) Aspen's Rio Grande Trail to be 'Winterized' for More Recreation Options*
 - *(Maine) Plan Calls for Network of Multi-Use Rail Trails Across Maine by 2030*
 - *(Montana) Nye Hunting Outfitter Sues Forest Service; Says New Trail Could Harm Grizzlies*
 - *(Nebraska) Lincoln Opens 350-foot Bridge Linking Trails; Celebration Delayed*
 - *(Oklahoma) New Trail Connecting Two Jenks Schools to Serve as History Lesson*
 - *(Oregon) Ornament Hunt Underway in Willamette Forest*
 - *(West Virginia) How ATVs are Reviving a Forgotten Region of Appalachia*
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Resources and Training

2021 Trails and Outdoor Recreation Summit (TORS) Update: New Fall 2021 Dates
With COVID-19 still being very much on the forefront in so many countries, including the United States, we have decided to push back the 2021 TORS to the Fall of 2021 (from the originally scheduled Spring dates of May 2021). The new 2021 TORS dates will be September 13-17, 2021. [Read more...](#)

Arizona Trail Skills Institute: Why Do We Build Trails?

The Arizona Trail Association's Trail Skills Institute video series is designed to provide Arizona Trail Volunteers an introduction to the basics of trail maintenance. [Read more...](#)

Off-Highway Vehicle Trail and Road Grading Equipment

The Missoula Technology and Development Center was asked to find a good way to maintain a 40-mile motorcycle and all-terrain-vehicle trail on the Francis Marion

National Forest in coastal South Carolina. [Read more...](#)

Braille Trail Building and Renovation

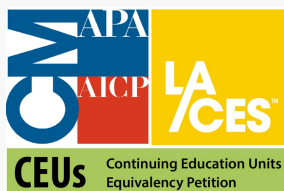
Braille trails and sensory gardens offer sustainable and accessible ways to safely experience the outdoors and provide opportunities to interact with nature. [Read more...](#)

Guidelines for Snowmobile Trail Groomer Operator Training

The purpose of this resource guide is to provide snowmobiling agencies, associations, and clubs with guidelines that are a resource for grooming, maintenance, and increasing community awareness of snowmobile trails. [Read more...](#)

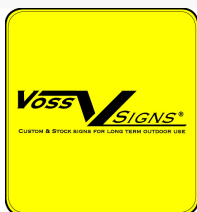
Training Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities

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: Voss Signs

Voss Signs specializes in durable long lasting screen and digitally printed signage on a variety of materials ranging from thin gauge aluminum through heavy gauge UV inhibitive plastic. [Learn more about this company...](#)

Featured Trail Job: Outdoor Adventure Ropes Course Camp Facilitator

The Facilitator position would encompass overseeing a staff of 12, creating lesson plans, responsible for the safety of set up and take down of the course daily, etc. Position is in Naples, Maine and will run from June 16 through August 14, 2021. [Read more...](#)



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Advancing Trails Webinar Series

Free November Webinar: Drones and LiDAR

If you missed our November 5 webinar titled "Technology in Trail Building and Planning: Drones and LiDAR" the webinar was recorded, included a closed caption transcript, and learning credits are still available. This webinar will focus more on drones and provide a brief introduction to LiDAR, but a more in-depth

webinar on LiDAR is being scheduled for the Spring of 2021. *Download a recording today...*

SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming December Webinars

- **December 3** – *Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Trails: Crawford Path Case Study*
- **December 10** – *Walks of a Lifetime in America's National Parks*

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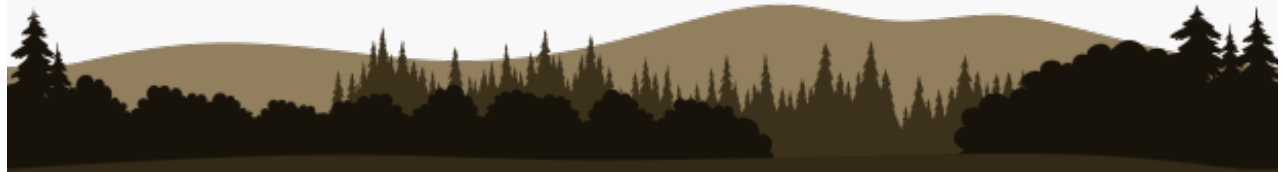
- **December 3, 2020** – *Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Trails: Crawford Path Case Study*
- **December 10, 2020** – *Walks of a Lifetime in America's National Parks*
- **January 21, 2021** – *Making Meaningful Spaces: A Brief Survey of Integrative Active Transportation*
- **January 28, 2021** – Brownfields and Trailbuilding (title TBD)
- **February 11, 2021** – The Catalytic Impact of Trails

Early 2021 Webinars (Dates TBD) Available for Sponsorship:

- Turning Former Industrial Sites into Trail Destinations
- Integrating Trails into Park Planning: A How To
- Estimating Trail Costs and Return on Investment
- 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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