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# TRAIL TRACKS

NEWS FROM AMERICAN TRAILS

December 2021

## Ever Wonder How to Become a JEDI Knight?

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## 2021 Holiday Gift Guide for Outdoor Lovers



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## 2021 Tom Petri Annual Achievement Award Winners



outdoor enthusiast (including yourself)? Check out our guide for amazing gifts in every price range and for every kind of trail lover. [Read more...](#)

Watch the Virtual 2021 Tom Petri Annual Achievement Awards! [Read more...](#)

## Waterford Press and American Trails Announce the Release of New State Day Hiking Series



We are announcing a new partnership with Waterford Press to benefit the Trail Fund. [Read more...](#)

## The Recreational Trails Program Advances Avalanche Safety



The state of Utah has used innovative programming to keep their citizens safe from avalanche dangers. Although they cannot completely prevent avalanches from occurring, they are educating the public through the Utah Avalanche Center about ways to avoid triggering an avalanche, and how to stay safe should one occur. [Read more...](#)

Planning, design, mapping and sustainable sign products for parks and trails



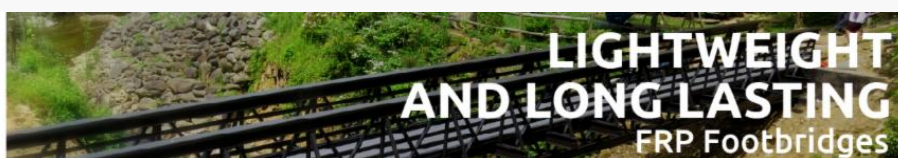
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## Trail Policy and Advocacy Landscape

Here are some of the policy and advocacy issues we are tracking.

- **Registration is Open for Hike the Hill®: February 14-18, 2022**

Celebrating its 25th year, Hike the Hill® is a joint effort between the American Hiking Society and the Partnership for the National Trails System to bring together the trails community to advance shared trail priorities with congressional and federal agency leaders including: trails funding, public lands management and conservation, equitable access, and other top priority issues that sustain trails and improve access to public lands.



## Resources and Training

### Cycling is on a Roll

More than 2,900 miles in the West and Midwest have been added to the U.S. Bicycle Route System's national network. [Read more...](#)

### National Park Service Awards \$917K in Debut of Battlefield Interpretation Grants

The National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program awarded \$917,173 in Battlefield Interpretation Grants. This new grant program funds projects that use technology to bring the stories of sites of armed conflict alive for modern audiences, from tactile maps that expand accessibility, to smartphone apps with augmented reality, to engaging videos and more. [Read more...](#)

### History in the Making: 42 Miles of Accessible Trails Near Old Fort Approved

Western North Carolina's trail systems will be expanding soon now that a local project has been approved. [Read more...](#)

### Lessons Learned – Progress at Prison Hill – But We Need to Keep Funders and Partners Informed

Often when a grant is awarded and funded the recipient is so excited about getting to work, they find themselves with tunnel vision. The hope is that the project speaks for itself, and that project funders and partners know what is going on. [Read more...](#)

### Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Trails System Fellowship Opportunity

The National Park Service, in collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish, and Wildlife Service, and Hispanic Access Foundation, is seeking assistance and guidance in research, data collection and visualization, and communications to support the Wild and Scenic Rivers System and National Trails System. The Fellow will have the opportunity to work across agencies to support vital collaborative projects. [Learn more...](#)

### 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards - Deadline Extended to December 22

The Environmental Excellence Awards recognize outstanding transportation projects, processes, and organizations that incorporate environmental stewardship into the planning and project development processes using Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding sources. The 2022 awards are coordinated with FHWA's Offices of Human Environment, Natural Environment, and Project Development and Environmental Review to reflect the notion that "environment" means a connection to both human and natural environmental systems. [Learn more...](#)

### Join Our Facebook Group "Trail Workers of America"

This group is created for trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail related issues. [Join here...](#)

### 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](mailto:trailhead@americantrails.org).

### Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Voss Signs

Voss Signs has been and continues to be an industry leader in various types of trail entrance, informational and directional signage. They have thousands of signs in stock and ready for





same day shipping, they specialize in custom signs that meet our customer's specific needs. [Learn more about this company...](#)



## COMPOSITE BRIDGES AND BOARDWALKS

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## Advancing Trails Webinar Series and Learning Credit Opportunities

Register for these free webinars today:

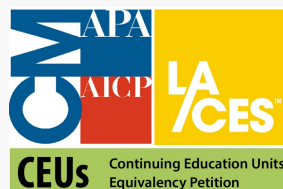
### Free December Webinars

- December 2: *Mechanized Trailbuilding: A Primer*
- December 9: *Wheels and Legs: Reducing Nonmotorized Trails Conflicts*
- December 16: *Adaptive Mountain Biking: Trail Design for Accessibility and Reduced Risk*

### Free January Webinars

- January 6: *Walking Towards Peace: Veterans Healing on America's Trails (link coming soon)*
- January 20: *Successful Partnerships for the Appalachian Trail*
- January 27: *Trail Ambassador Programs: Tips, Tricks, and Best Practices (Part 2 of 2)*

Learning credits are included for free, and a recording and transcript are available if you missed any of our live webinars. [View all future and archived webinars...](#)



### Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities

There are currently no upcoming webinars, workshops, or conferences in which credits are being offered (outside of the American Trails Webinar Series).

*If you are interested in partnering with American Trails to offer learning credits for free to your attendees of an upcoming webinar, conference, or training (virtual or in-person), email [candace@americantrails.org](mailto:candace@americantrails.org).*

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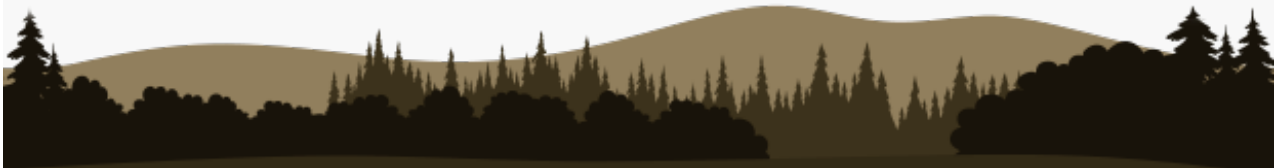
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#### Featured Trail Job: Routes System Developer for the Adventure Cycling Association (ACA)

ACA seeks a well-organized, energetic, and detail-oriented individual to join its Routes team which produces maps, both printed and digital, for our Adventure Cycling Route Network. The candidate should have a desire to bridge ACA's mapping assets to be relevant to a new, diverse community while staying true to our brand and history. The candidate should have a strong desire to build community around bicycle travel by publishing the best available route and service data to new audiences, using the platforms and services that our audiences can relate to and want to use. [Read more...](#)

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