



June 2021

FAQ: When and Where to Use Blazes or Markers

There are several ways of marking trails: paint, carvings, affixed markers, posts, flagging, cairns, and crosses, with paint being the most widely used. Waymarking with signs, or other markers, is used in non-forested landscapes, and in outdoor recreational areas.

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Secretary Haaland Promotes Outdoor Recreation, Designates Ten New National Recreation Trails



In celebration of National Trails Day on June 5, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced 10 new National Recreation Trails in 8 states, adding more

FAQ: Trail Graduate Programs

Are there any graduate programs that are focused on trail planning, development, and design? *Read more...*

than 160 miles to the National Trails System. [Read more...](#)

Signage Solutions for Every Trail System

Pannier is the leading manufacturer of signs, panels, exhibit bases, and frames. With a full line of exhibit bases, there is a product for every trail and wayside application. (Sponsored Content) [Read more...](#)

Apps for Trail Management and Volunteers

Information on apps that can be used for trail management that would be suitable for volunteer-type organizations. [Read more...](#)

The Coalition for Recreational Trails Annual Achievement Awards - Call for Nominations

The nomination form, including any supporting materials and pictures, should be completed by June 30, 2021. [Read more...](#)

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



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Trail News and Notes

Click on each article to read more.

- *(Nationwide) A New Book Gets Off the Beaten Path in Telling the History of the Appalachian Trail*
 - *(Nationwide) Nationwide Hiking Trail Will Cross through Indiana and Illinois*
 - *(Arkansas) Bentonville Firm CEI Forms Department for Parks, Trails, Recreation Work*
 - *(Connecticut) New Website Allows Users to Explore Connecticut Public Trails*
 - *(Idaho) Idaho Trails Supporter Sticker is Back for a Second Year*
 - *(Kentucky) Green and Nolin Rivers Blueway Designated as Kentucky's First National Water Trail*
 - *(Minnesota) Duluth City Council Considers Use of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds, Trail Development*
 - *(New York) Court Decision Blocking Adirondack Snowmobile Trail has Other Outdoors Enthusiasts Concerned*
 - *(Pennsylvania) Study: Rail-Trails Inject \$930M Annually into Pennsylvania Economy*
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Here are some of the policy and advocacy issues we are tracking.

- ***The INVEST in America Act of 2021 Is a Major Step Forward for Active Transportation***

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed the \$547 billion INVEST in America Act of 2021, which includes game-changing provisions for trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes across the country.



Resources and Training

Trail Tools: Survey, Layout, and Measuring Tools

These are the most commonly used survey, layout, and measuring tools with tips on using them safely and effectively. [Read more...](#)

Photo Gallery: Mile Markers and Distance Signs Along Trails

Mileage can be marked off on signs, posts, stones, or stencils on the pavement. [Read more...](#)

National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding 2021 Projects Selected

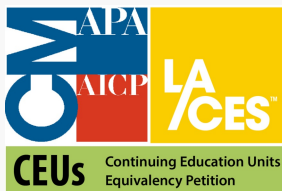
The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service is pleased to announce 48 funded projects. [Read more...](#)

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.



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: Nordic Manufacturing Ltd.

Nordic Manufacturing Ltd. manufactures the Single Track Cat, a utility motorcycle designed to increase the productivity of individuals that maintain or build narrow width trails. [Learn more about this company...](#)

Featured Trail Job: Volunteer Relations Coordinator

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is seeking a Volunteer Relations Coordinator based out of Denver, Colorado. [Read more...](#)



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Advancing Trails Webinar Series and Learning Credit Opportunities

Free June Webinars

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 and learning credits.

June 3 – Using Interactive Maps to Engage Trail Users

June 10 – Understanding the National Recreation Trails (NRT) Program

June 17 – Introduction to Trail Design and Development (Part 2 of 3)

June 24 – Current and Future Trends in Equestrian Trails: Sustainability, Stewardship, and Community

[View a list of all of our upcoming and archived webinars...](#)



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We plan to continue to offer increased options for training via our Advancing Trails Webinar Series in place of the many conferences that have been canceled/postponed this year and are continuing to hold one webinar per week, when possible. It is also our intention to continue to make all of these webinars FREE to the public. But we need your sponsorship dollars to help make

this possible!

All webinars noted below have **partner** sponsorships available (\$250) but only the ones marked with an asterisk (*) have **public** sponsorships available (\$3,000 – listed as main sponsor with more recognition). We added MORE benefits for public sponsors in 2021. Email candace@americantrails.org to become a sponsor today and learn more.

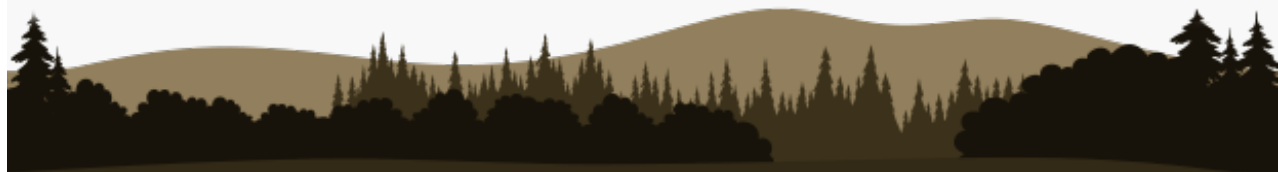
2021 Webinars (With Dates):

- **June 17, 2021** – *Introduction to Trail Design and Development (Part 2 of 3)* (Sponsored by South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism)
- **June 24, 2021** – *Current and Future Trends in Equestrian Trails: Sustainability, Stewardship, and Community* (Sponsored by Tennessee Valley Authority)
- **July 1, 2021** – *Using Wildlife Fright Distances to Inform Trail Planning* (Sponsored by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation)
- **July 14, 2021*** – *Trail Construction Costs, Risks, and Tips for Success*
- **July 22, 2021*** – *Return on Investment of Trails and Parks: Economics and Beyond* (In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association)
- **August 26, 2021*** – *Introduction to Trail Management (Part 3 of 3)*

2021 Webinars (Dates TBD):

- *Wheels and Legs: How Well Do They Mix? Addressing Nonmotorized Trail User Conflicts* (Sponsored by Rhino Marking & Protection Systems)
- *Dealing with Trail Maintenance Backlog Forum** (Partner sponsor Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado)
- *Policy and Trails**
- *Railroads and Right-of-Ways* (Sponsored by Rhino Marking & Protection Systems)
- *Justice for Trails and Outdoor Recreation* (In partnership with the Society for Outdoor Recreation Professionals) (4-part webinar series in September 2021)

We welcome your suggestions to host your own webinar or sponsor a topic of interest (we can assist with finding presenters)!



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