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November 2021

Trail Accessibility Hub

Our brand new accessibility hub brings information together so you can easily find everything you need to know about planning, building, and maintaining accessible trails.

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2021 Holiday Gift Guide for Outdoor Lovers

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Highlight: Wintergreen Gorge Trail Project

The Wintergreen Gorge Trail in Erie, Pennsylvania used RTP funds for improvements including accessible parking, improved signage, and improved trail infrastructure. [Read more...](#)



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

The Trail Fund Announces a \$50,000 Collaboration with the Ford Motor Company



The Ford Motor Company will make a donation to American Trails via the Bronco Wild Fund to support on-the-ground trail projects across America. [Read more...](#)

National Recreation Trails (NRT) Photo Contest Deadline is Dec. 15

Submit your photos that highlight the diversity of the NRTs and to make more Americans familiar with these great trails. [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.

- **New Economic Report Showcases Outdoor Recreation Economy's Strength**
The Bureau of Economic Analysis released economic data for 2020 on outdoor recreation's powerful and positive economic impact on the U.S. economy today. These new numbers show outdoor recreation generates \$689 billion in economic output and creates 4.3 million jobs. The report, a snapshot in time of a challenging and uncertain year, includes national and state-level data.

- **H.R. 5118: Continental Divide Trail Completion Act**

This bill will serve to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Hearings are currently underway for this bill.



Resources and Training

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Club Start-Up Kit

NOHVCC offers a booklet called Guidelines for Off-Highway Vehicle Clubs: A Resource Guide to Assist in the Formation, Development, and Management of OHV Recreation Enthusiast Clubs. [Read more...](#)

Getting Organized – Creating Equestrian Trail Organizations

The future ability of people to enjoy and keep horses in open spaces will hinge largely on the efforts of today's equestrian users. What is the alternative? Loss of trails for equestrians. [Read more...](#)

Building Better Asphalt Trails

Design and construction guidelines for asphalt trails. [Read more...](#)

2022 Environmental Excellence Awards Open for Nominations

The Federal Highway Administration is excited to announce the opening of the 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards Program. The Program features a range of categories designed to highlight best practices across the Nation. Nominations will be accepted through December 15. [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.

Featured Trail Manufacturer: Terrabilt Wayfinding Systems

Terrabilt builds high-quality, long-lasting outdoor signs, kiosks, and exhibits for parks, trails, and preserves with sustainable materials and "green" manufacturing. [Learn more about this company...](#)



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Advancing Trails Webinar Series and Learning Credit Opportunities

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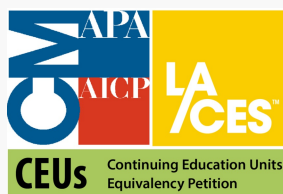
Free November Webinars

- November 4: *Developing a Trail Competency Framework*
- November 10: *Trails Count: Getting the Most Out of Trail Use Data*
- November 18: *How GIS Can Be Used to Save the Places We Love*

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*

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

American Trails is excited to partner with the following organizations to offer learning credits for free to attendees.

Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) Webinar Series

As part of the American Trails Advancing Trails Webinar Series, the PTBA is hosting a three-part webinar series the first Thursday in October, November, and December. The webinars and their learning credits are free to attendees thanks to a generous sponsorship from PTBA and the Federal Highway Administration. The second webinar in the series, titled "Developing a Trail Competency Framework," was held on November 4. [Download the recording and learn more about the other webinars in the series...](#)

Virtual National Outdoor Recreation Conference – November 8-10, 2021

Learning credits are still available if you attended this conference! And if you missed the live sessions, you can still register as recordings are available for the next three months. The theme for this conference is "Outdoor Recreation: From Resilience to Transformation". Expert presenters will share stories and examples from the field of transformative solutions of any scale that address the biggest challenges in outdoor recreation – whether they be social, environmental, or economic. [Learn more...](#)

Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) Webinar: December 7

PNTS is proud to host a webinar about the National Digital Trails Network Project. Join them Tuesday, December at 12:00pm Eastern to hear from Elizabeth McCartney, the National Digital Trails (NDT) Project Manager, and Tatyana DiMascio, NDT Project Technical Lead, both from the National Geospatial Program at US Geological Survey. [Register and learn more...](#)

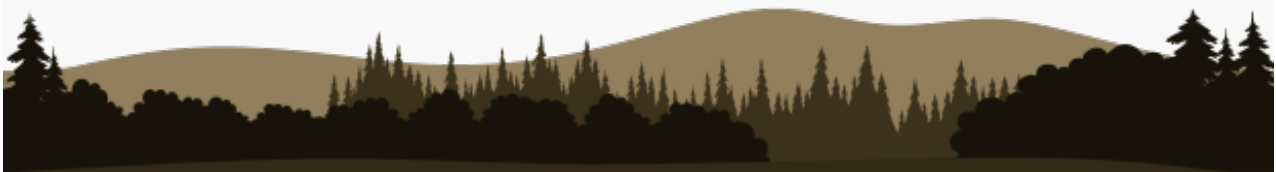
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Featured Trail Job: Off-Highway Vehicle Specialist for Oregon Department of Forestry

As the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Specialist you will support and advance the OHV Program across state forest land. Specifically, the development, maintenance, and improvement of OHV trail and facility infrastructure. You will be involved with OHV trail system management, program planning, OHV event administration, and volunteer program coordination. [Read more...](#)



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