

# **Pitch in on Creating a Trail Funding Clearinghouse**

American Trails needs your help! Please fill out the following survey identifying the Federal, State, Local, and private funding sources your organization or agency has used to fund trail projects. This effort will help us to create a Trail Funding Clearinghouse that can support new and growing members of the Trails Community.

Fill in this short survey!



### Trails in the News...

- Mexico's First Cross-County Hiking Trail will Support Mayan Culture-Cyclists Welcome (International)
- Why the Abel Tasman Track is New Zealand's Best Coastal Trail (International)
- <u>The Most Scenic Hiking Trails in the U.S. for Fall Foliage</u> (National)
- <u>13 Fun Hiking Trails with Scary Names</u> (National)
- San Francisco's Trail Blazers (California)
- New Equipment Helps Disabled 'Share the Stoke' (Colorado)
- Disney World, Maine Edition: A Guide to Acadia's Magnificent Staircases, Bridges, and Ladders (Maine)
- Breweries, Restaurants, and a Zoo: Explore the Scenic Lansing River Trail (Michigan)
- Bryant Creek State Park is now Officially Open for Visitors (Missouri)
- AllTrails Launches First of its Kind Partnership with West Virginia to Empower Travelers to Explore the Outdoors (West Virginia)



### **Reminder to Apply for National Recreation Trail Designation by November 1**

The National Recreation Trail (NRT) program works to preserve and celebrate our nation's pathways. If you are interested in applying, check out our NRT webinar and the additional webinar we held on National Water Trails, then visit this webpage for information on submitting your application.



# **Submit Your Photos for the National Recreation Trail Photo Contest**

American Trails sponsors the annual contest for

photographs of designated National Recreation Trails across the country. Our annual contest provides awards in several categories and shows off entries (and previous winners) on the NRT website. The deadline is December 15 of each year. Find out more >>>



# **Featured National Recreation Trail: Back Bay** National Wildlife Refuge Trail System, Virginia

The trail system consists of seven trails that provide the opportunity to observe the seven distinct habitats of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Find out more >>>



### **Recreational Trails Program Highlight: Tennessee State Parks Tires to Trails Program**

Tennessee State Parks wins national award for its Tires to Trails Program. Find out more >>>

#### **Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer:** ((TRAILSENSORS.COM)) TrailSensors.com

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# **International Trails Summit Updates**





### Exhibit Hall Serves as the Trail Hub of ITS 2023

We are excited to announce that the exhibit hall will serve as the Trail Hub for the International Trails Summit (ITS) in Reno, Nevada, April 17-20, 2023, and to invite your participation! In the spirit of collaboration, American Trails, PTBA, and the World Trails Network – Hub for the Americas are putting ITS exhibitors front and center, with a central location within the conference center. Find out more >>

# **Registration is Open! Members Save \$100**

We are curating a high-impact conference program that combines some of the most pressing issues in the trails community right now, with technical trail education to ensure that our trails are designed and built to stand the test of time. We have a general day-by-day agenda available now. A more detailed agenda with concurrent sessions will be available next month. Find out more >>>

# **Training and Resources**



# **2023 National Trails System Intern Grant Application Open Through November 18**

The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service-will offer National Trails System Intern Grants of up to \$10,000 to Federal agency partners. PNTS will be accepting applications for the 2023 National Trails System Intern Grants through November 18, 2022. Find out more >>>

# **Feedback Invited to Improve Popular Forest Service Trail Publications**



The Trail Construction & Maintenance Notebook and Wetland Trail Design & Construction document are great resources for field-going trail workers. The 2007 editions are being revised this fall with updated text, drawings, and photos. Please consider giving your feedback about these publications through an online survey available to employees, partners, and volunteers. Feedback will be most helpful if received by October 31, 2022.

- Trail Construction & Maintenance Notebook: <u>Take</u> the survey >>
- Wetland Trail Design & Construction document: Take the survey >>>

# Mass Central Rail Trail User Survey



The Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) is a proposed eastwest trail that will provide a direct connection from Boston to Northampton. Today, 53 miles of the 104-mile route are currently open. Your feedback is essential for understanding what a completed MCRT would mean to Massachusetts! Learn more about the MCRT. Take the <u>survey</u> >>>

# **Revised Eligibility Table Posted**

U.S.Department of Transportation **Federal Highway** Administration

The Federal Highway Administration posted the revised USDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities Table. This table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. The table has links to program information. Project sponsors should integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects. Find out more >>



# Nominate a Spotlight

Leave No Trace is calling for nominations for the 2023 Spotlight program. A new program from Leave No Trace, Spotlights create opportunities for communities to be the solution to conservation. That's why we're launching the Spotlight program. It includes multi-day events to bring attention to community conservation, to spread education, to build momentum, and inspire involvement for the future. Nominations close on October 16, 2022. Find out more >>



### **Submit Your Proposal for an Educational** Session at the 2023 California Trails and **Greenways Conference**

The 2023 California Trails and Greenways Conference will be held in Palm Springs March 28-31, 2023. This is your opportunity to share with your trails colleagues lessons learned – what made your project and programs



successful and what you learned the hard way - and to seek help with on-going challenges and opportunities. Workshops are due October 24, 2022 and sessions are due November 18, 2022. Find out more >>>



#### **Advancing Trails Webinar Series**

All webinars are recorded and can be accessed for free via our online store at any time. Recordings are also being added to our <u>YouTube channel</u> on a weekly basis.

#### **Free October Webinars**

 October 6, 2022: Effectively Using Social Media to Market Your Trail or **Organization** 

October 27, 2022: Building a Trail Foundation from the Ground Up

#### **Additional Free Future Webinars**

- November 17, 2022: <u>The National Digital Trails Project: Increasing Access</u> and Opportunities
- December 1, 2022: <u>Wilderness Trails: Special Places, Special</u> **Considerations**
- December 15, 2022: U.S. Bicycle Route System: Success Stories from Across the Network





**Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities** American Trails is partnering with the following organization(s) to offer free learning credits to attendees:

**Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit – October 27-29 in Mt. Hood, Oregon** Find out more >>

Successful U.S. Bicycle Route System Designation for State DOT **Transportation Professionals – November 2 Webinar** Find out more >>



**Build Your Skills Training Calendar** 

Enter the Trails Workforce Job Board

#### Join the "Trail Workers of America" Group

Join your fellow trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail-related issues. Find out more >>

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