

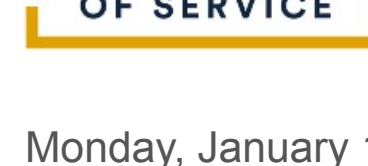


Photos courtesy of the California Conservation Corps

## Stewardship in Action

On Saturday, January 7, three crews of California Conservation Corps Corpsmembers were dispatched to near Sloughhouse, CA in Sacramento County to help shore up a levee along Deer Creek. Corpsmembers filled 6,000 sandbags to repair the damage and shore up the levee.

The [California Conservation Corps](#) is a great way for young adults living in California to get involved with natural resources and find career pathways. More than 1,600 18- to 25-year-olds, and military veterans up to age 29, work across California to build trails, complete fuel reduction projects, and respond to emergencies. During the recent atmospheric river storm events, Corpsmembers across the state were called in to help protect communities and infrastructure from rising flood waters.



## Volunteer for America's National Day of Service

Monday, January 16, 2023, is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, National Day of Service. A defining moment each year when Americans across the country step up to make communities more equitable and take action to create the Beloved Community of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King believed the Beloved Community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. His example is our call to action.

At American Trails, we are excited to help you find an opportunity to translate Dr. King's inspiration into action and participate in a community service project or trail stewardship effort near you.

All federal land management agencies have designated Monday, January 16, 2023, as a fee-free day. You can go to any trailhead on land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or National Park Service without paying a fee. Consider giving back by picking up trash you might see along the way.

Want to volunteer? Use the AmeriCorps Volunteer Search, powered by VolunteerMatch, to find an opportunity near you through one of these organizations: AmeriCorps, Idealist, California Volunteers, Catholic Volunteer Network, JustServe, MENTOR, Volunteer.gov (National Park Service), and VolunteerMatch.

[Search Here](#)



## Register for Hike the Hill®

You can still register for Hike the Hill® 2023! Virtual Issue Briefings January 23-27, 2023. In-person Hike the Hill® in Washington, DC February 12-17, 2023. [Find out more >>](#)



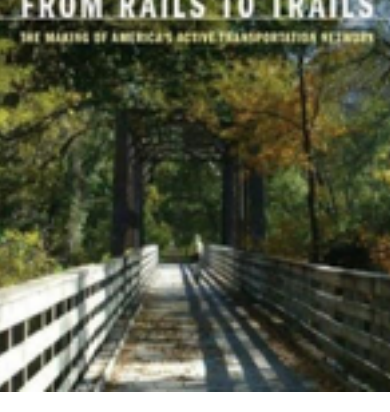
## Arkansas College Receives Grant Funds for Trails Trade School

NorthWest Arkansas Community College was recently awarded an \$8,000,000 grant from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation to establish a trails trade school with a state-of-the-art lab. [Find out more >>](#)



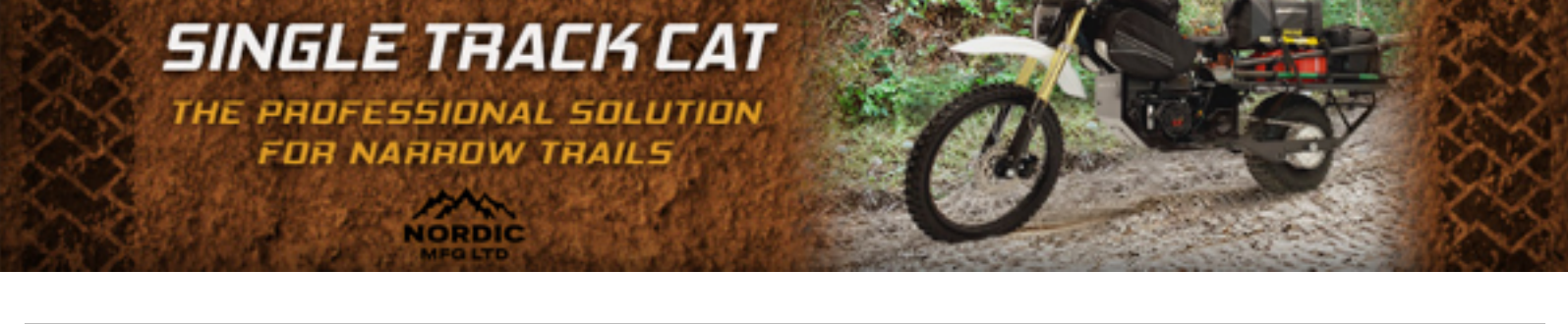
## Podcast on Hiking Trails, Accessibility, and Opportunities for All

Listen to American Trails Executive Director, Mike Passo, on Rockland World Radio. [Download podcast >>](#)



## From Rails to Trails: The Making of America's Active Transportation Network

Peter Harnik's book covers the political, cultural, transportation, design, and land-use issues that have shaped the rail-trail movement. A book review by Jim Schmid. [Find out more >>](#)



## Featured National Recreation Trail (NRT): Conotton Creek Bike Trail, Ohio

Formerly a Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway line, the Conotton Creek Bike Trail now provides one of the few walking, running, and biking trails in this region of the state. [Find out more >>](#)



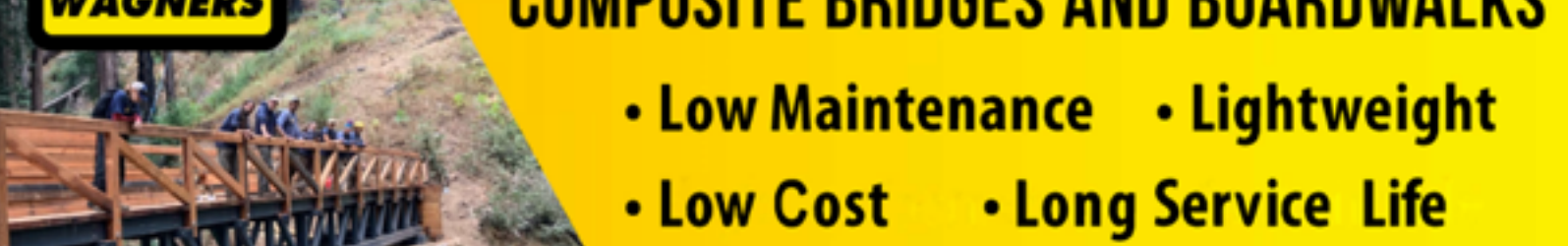
## View the 2022 NRT Photo Contest Entries

The 2022 NRT photo contest closed with a record-breaking 591 entries! Winning photos will be announced in February. [View FLICKR album >>](#)



## Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Voss Signs

The solution for all of your signage and banner needs. Thousands of signs in stock and ready for same-day shipping; specializing in custom signs that meet the customer's specific needs. [Find out more >>](#)



## International Trails Summit (ITS) Updates

### List of Concurrent Sessions Now Available

Concurrent sessions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19 during four time slots. The days and times schedule will be published by the end of January 2023. Please note that some sessions are not listed as a description is not yet available and the list is subject to change. [Find out more >>](#)



### Field Seminars Added

You must be an attendee in order to register for these workshops:

- Tour of Sutter Trail Dozer/Attachments Manufacturing Facility (Cost: \$25)
- Tahoe-Pyramid Trail Hike (Cost: \$25)
- Tahoe-Pyramid Trail Bike Ride (Cost: \$42 or \$91 with bike rental)
- Prison Hill OHV Side-by-Side Ride (Cost: \$115)
- Tahoe East Shore Trail Hike (Cost: \$35)

You can [register](#) for these workshops under the Additional Items webpage during registration. Additional field seminars may be added once confirmed. [Find out more >>](#)



### Nearing 60% Booth Capacity

Be an exhibitor and a part of the Trail Hub that is in the center of the action, next to the registration area and where all food will be served including two Happy Trails Hours. Trail Talk networking opportunities take place in the exhibit hall and will provide optimal time to connect with attendees. [Find out more >>](#)

### In Remembrance

American Trails and PTBA are saddened to hear of the passing of two 2023 ITS planning team members, [Janet Phillips](#) and [Carlo Luri](#). We look forward to honoring their memories at ITS.



## Advancing Trails Webinar Series



All webinars are recorded and can be accessed for free via our [online store](#) at any time.

Recordings of past webinars are also being added to our [YouTube channel](#) on a weekly basis.

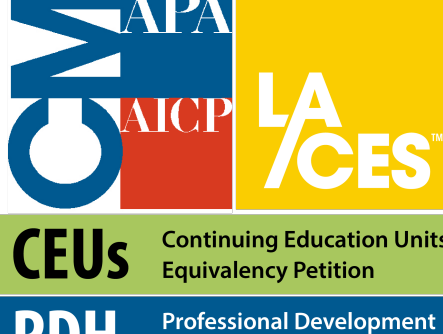
### Free January Webinars

- January 19: [Effective Communication with Elected Officials: Making the Case for Trails](#)
- January 26: [Introduction to Marketing for Non-Marketers and Small Agencies](#)

### Additional Free Future Webinars

- February 2: [Mainstreet to Mountaintop: The Economic Impact of the Contingent Trail in the Rocky Mountain West](#)
- February 9: [Best Practice Trail Auditing Using Digital Platforms](#)
- February 16: [Cultural Landscape Training Framework](#)
- February 23: The Trails Safe Passing Plan: Stop, Speak, and Stand Back (registration available soon)
- March 16: [Using a Digital Platform to Connect Trails to Tourism](#)
- March 23: [Activating the Trail Community in Conservation Issues](#)

## Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities



American Trails is partnering with the following organization(s) to offer [free learning credits](#) to attendees.

Send us an [email](#) if you wish to offer learning credits for FREE to your attendees for your conference, webinar, workshop, etc. (virtual or in-person).

Successful U.S. Bicycle Route System Designation for State DOT Transportation Professionals – Spring 2023 Virtual  
In partnership with Adventure Cycling Association  
(Details coming soon)

BLM Inventory, Assessment, and Monitoring Workshop – Wednesdays in March 2023 – Virtual  
In partnership with Logan Simpson and the Bureau of Land Management  
(Details coming soon)

California Trails and Greenways Conference – March 28-30 2023 – Palm Springs, CA  
In partnership with California Trails Conference Foundation  
[Learn more >>](#)



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