



TRAIL TRACKS

June 2023



International TRAILS SUMMIT




2023 At A Glance

Reno, Nevada, April 17-20

Attendance from:



20 Countries



47 states plus Puerto Rico

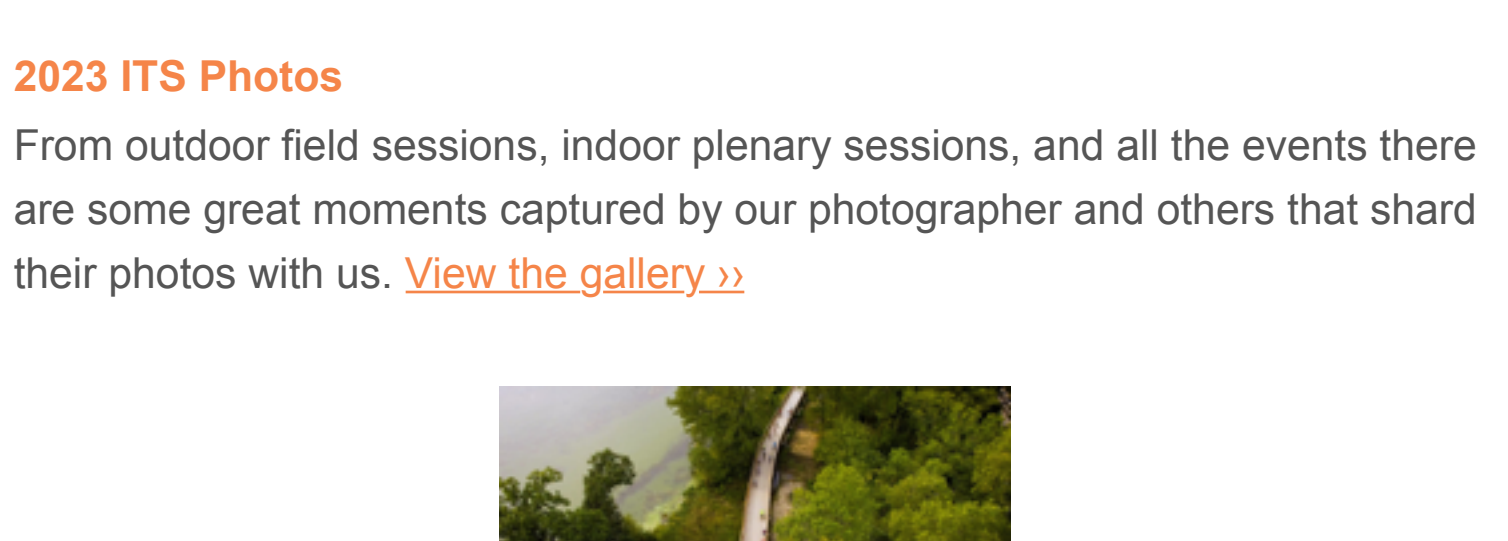
175 Sessions, including:

- Welcome general plenary sessions
- Affinity space meetings
- Caucuses
- 7 Field seminars
- 120+ Concurrent Sessions
- Offsite Field Day with 18 demonstration machines, 11 adaptive mountain bikes, 13 experiential education sessions, and free food trucks!
- Poster Presentations
- Tech Talks
- 9 Technical skills training workshops (pre and post-summit)

Why Trails Matter: International Trails Summit in Reno Breaks Attendance Records!

The International Trails Summit (ITS) was a huge success, breaking records as the largest summit to date. It brought together over 900 attendees from 20 countries and 47 states. The Summit featured two full days of concurrent sessions in the classroom and an extended pre and post-event schedule with hands-on workshops in the field, as well as an offsite field day on Thursday featuring demonstrations of heavy machinery, adaptive bicycles, trail auditing using digital platforms, horse and goat-packing demonstrations, and more. In addition, the World Trails Film Festival had its North American premiere as part of the Summit's evening offerings. You can access the presentations and conference proceedings list from presenters who shared their presentations, view the photo gallery, and more.

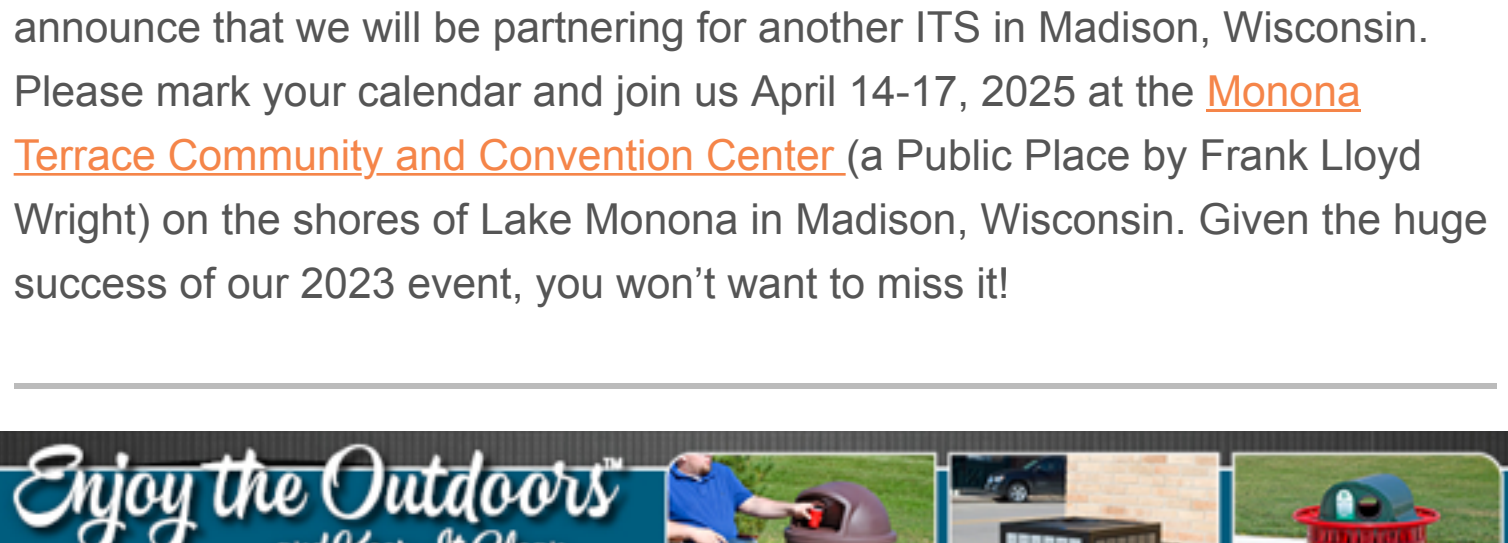
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Trail EAffect Podcasts

Thanks to Trail EAffect we have podcasts for the following ITS presentations!

- [Luther Propst - Keynote Speaker](#)
- [Martha Becton "She Saws"](#)
- [Greg Mazu "Value of a Professional Dirtbag" Part 1](#)
- [Drew Pollak-Bruce "Value of a Professional Dirtbag" Part 2](#)



2023 ITS Photos

From outdoor field sessions, indoor plenary sessions, and all the events there are some great moments captured by our photographer and others that shared their photos with us. [View the gallery >>](#)

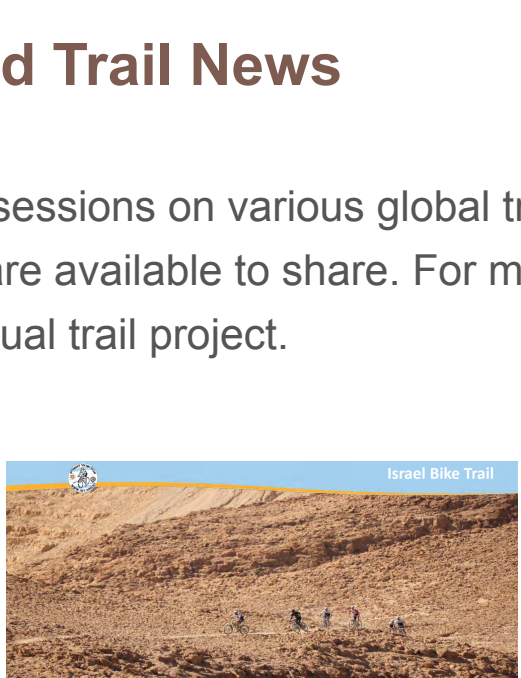


2025 ITS Location Announced

American Trails and the Professional Trailbuilders Association are excited to announce that we will be partnering for another ITS in Madison, Wisconsin. Please mark your calendar and join us April 14-17, 2025 at the [Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center](#) (a Public Place by Frank Lloyd Wright) on the shores of Lake Monona in Madison, Wisconsin. Given the huge success of our 2023 event, you won't want to miss it!

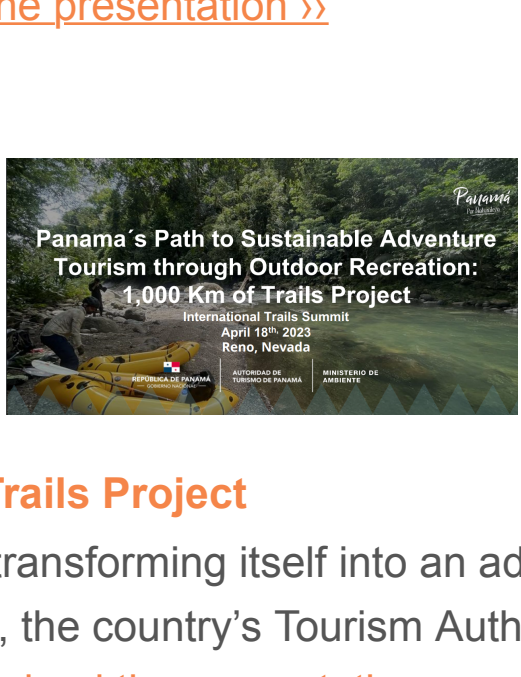


Funding and Legislation



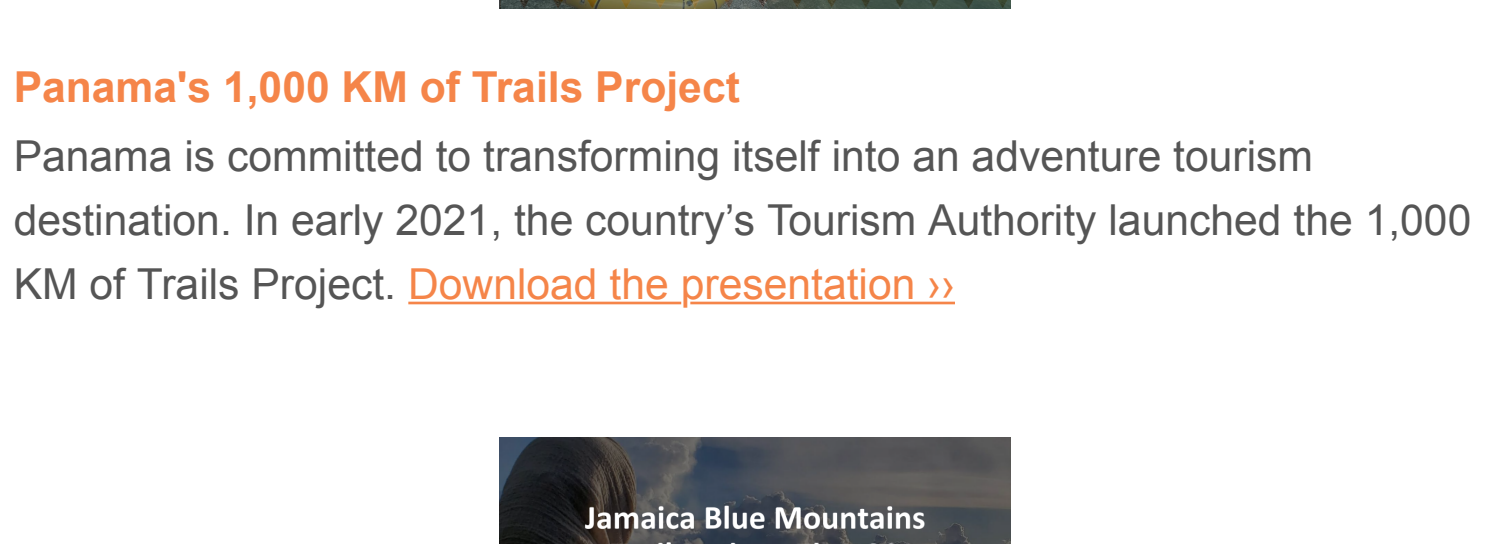
Proposed \$2.8 Billion in Funding for Fiscal Year 2024

The Departments of Agriculture and the Interior have announced a proposed \$2.8 billion in funding authorized by the Great American Outdoors Act to improve infrastructure, recreation facilities, federal lands access, and land and water conservation. [Find out more >>](#)



Legacy Trail Program

We are excited to share more information about our 2023 Legacy Trail Grant Program awardees. In the first year of this program, we funded a total of \$1.35 million to 33 organizations. [Find out more >>](#)



The Trails Capacity Program Receives \$10K From Maverik

This support from Maverik's Outdoor Enrichment fund will be designated for American Trails' Trails Capacity Grant Program projects in 2024. The program is for trail projects that feature outdoor educational experiences such as stewardship training and outdoor experiences for at-risk or minority groups in the 12 states where Maverik operates. [Find out more >>](#)

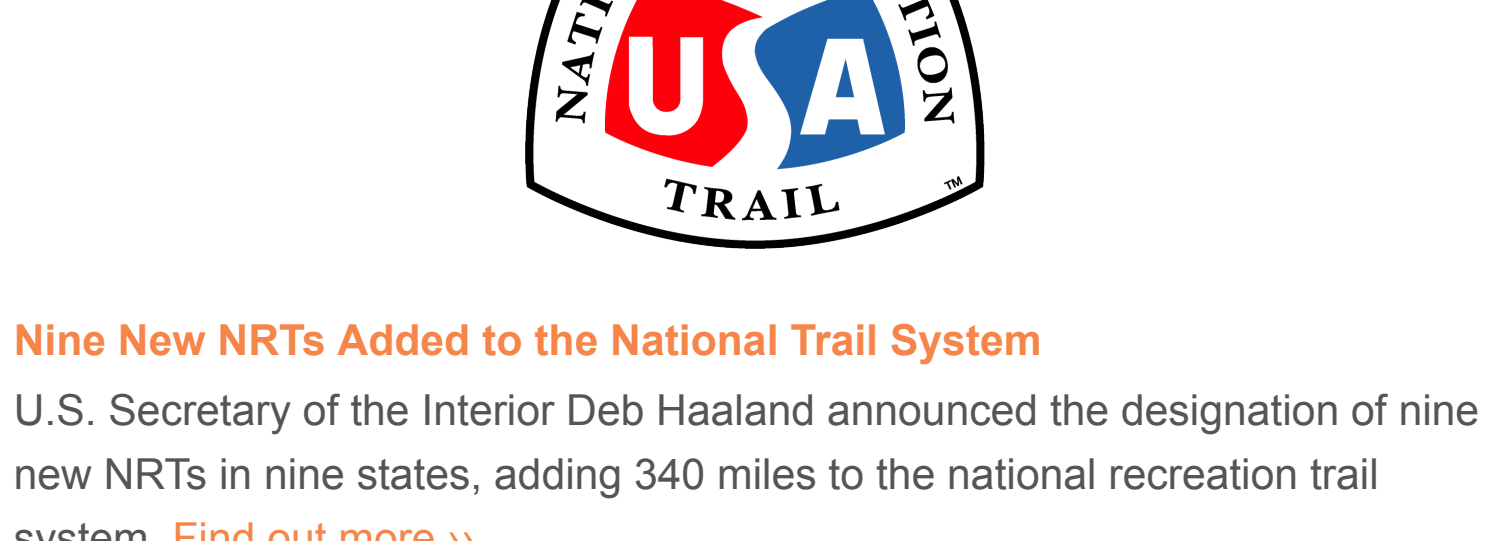
Featured Trails and Trail News

The 2023 ITS hosted 12 sessions on various global trail projects! Here are three presentations that are available to share. For more information, you can also search by the individual trail project.



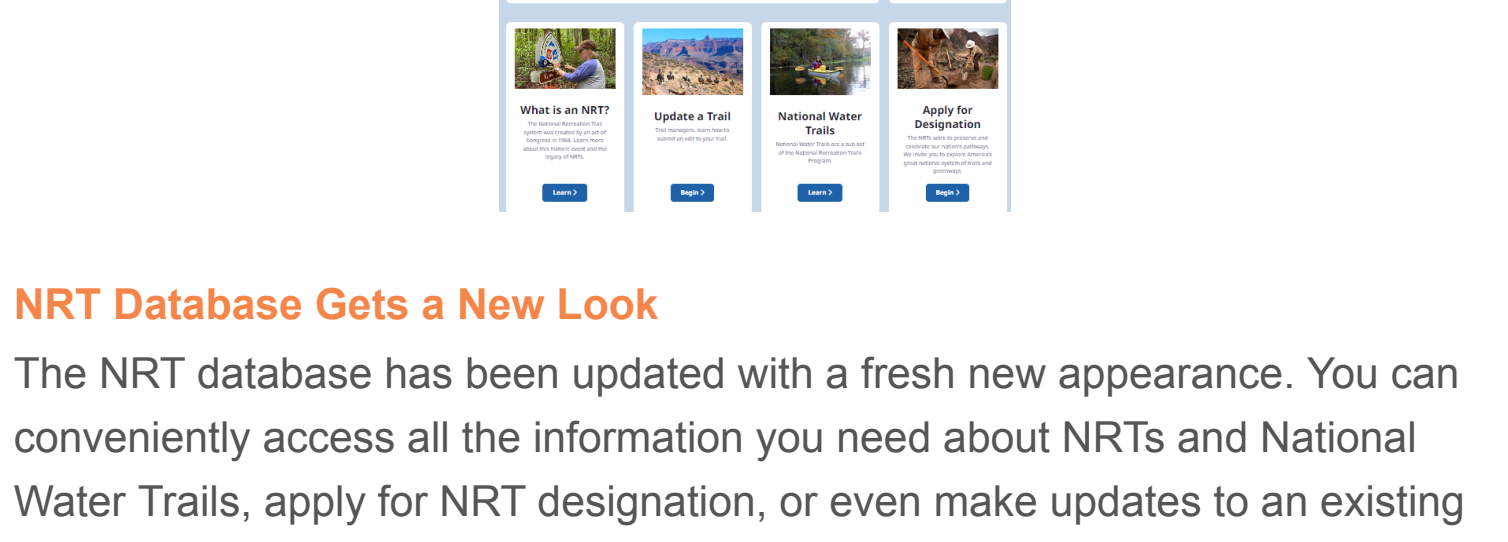
Israel Bike Trail: Sustainable Desert Trail

The Israel Bike Trail is a 1,200 km long mountain bike trail that is planned and built by the Israel Nature Reserve Authority and sponsored by the Israel Tourist Office. This presentation describes the art of desert trail building in Israel Negev. [Download the presentation >>](#)



Panama's 1,000 KM of Trails Project

Panama is committed to transforming itself into an adventure tourism destination. In early 2021, the country's Tourism Authority launched the 1,000 KM of Trails Project. [Download the presentation >>](#)

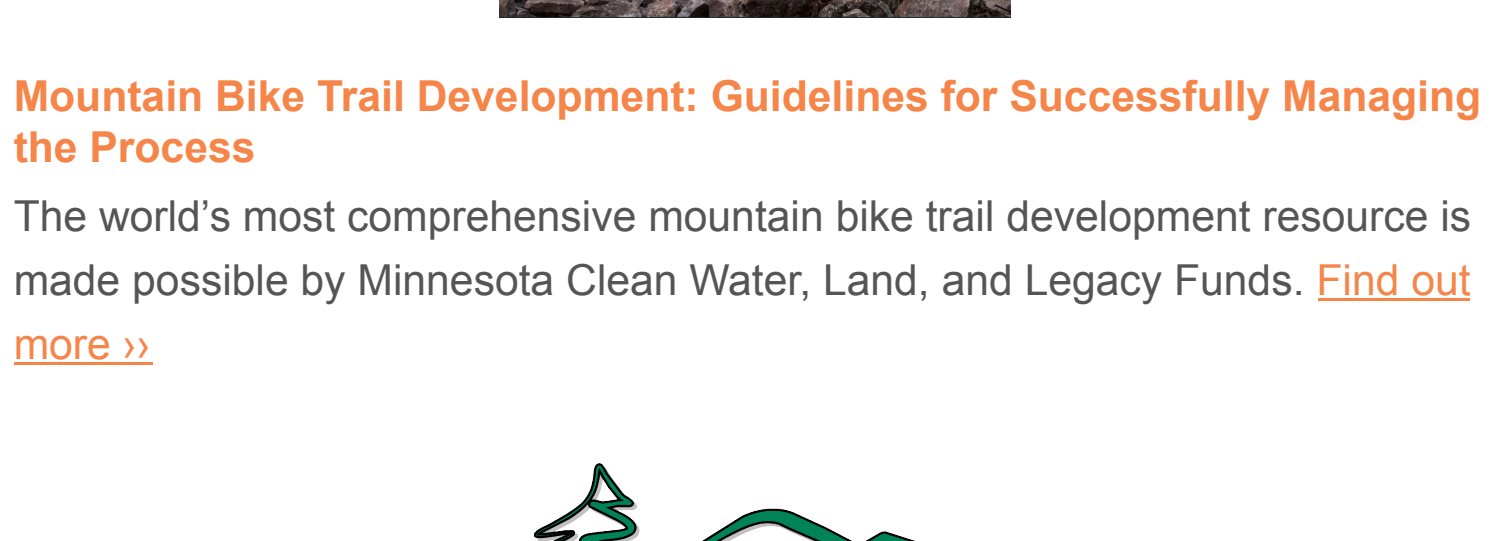


Jamaica Blue Mountains Trail Project: First 30 Months and Vision of the Future

This presentation will showcase trail development and planning efforts in the rugged Cloud Forests of Jamaica's Blue Mountains National Park and its buffer zone communities, aimed at increasing Jamaican and international eco-tourism in this beautiful region. [Download the presentation >>](#)

National Recreation Trails (NRTs)

NRTs are existing land-based and water-based trails that provide close-to-home recreation opportunities on Federal, State, and local lands in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Over 1,300 of these trails have been designated throughout the nation.



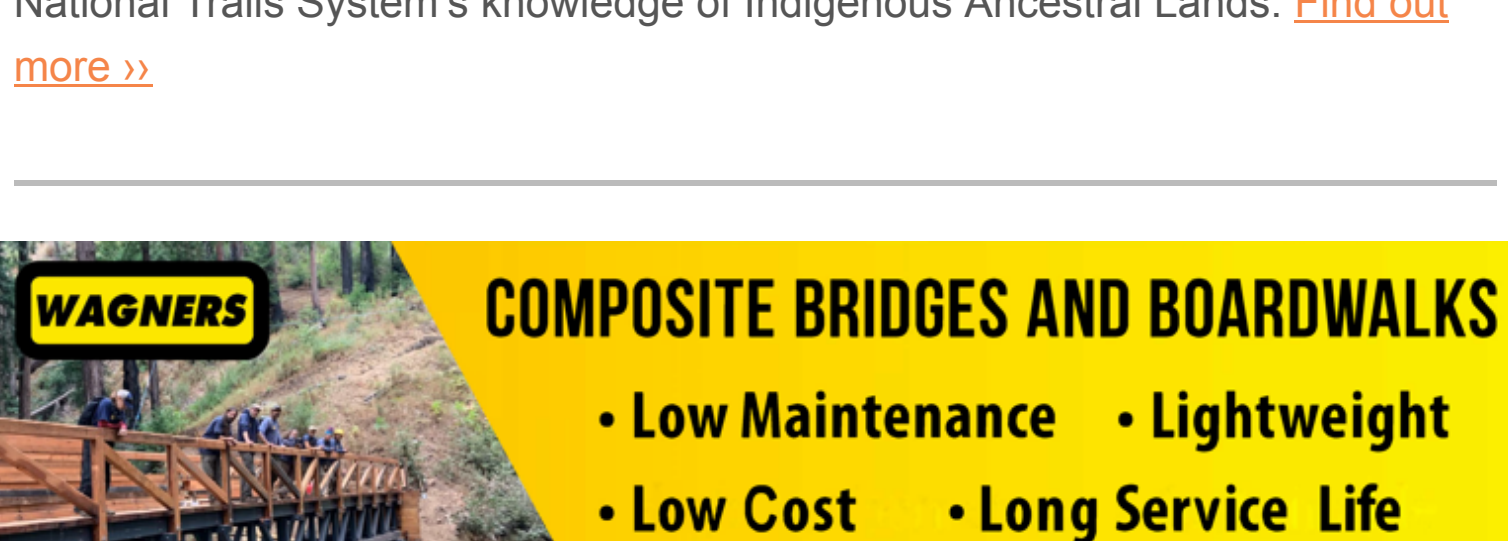
Featured NRT: Joe's Canyon, Arizona

This three-mile trail begins on Coronado Peak and ends at the Coronado National Memorial Ranger Station. [Find out more >>](#)



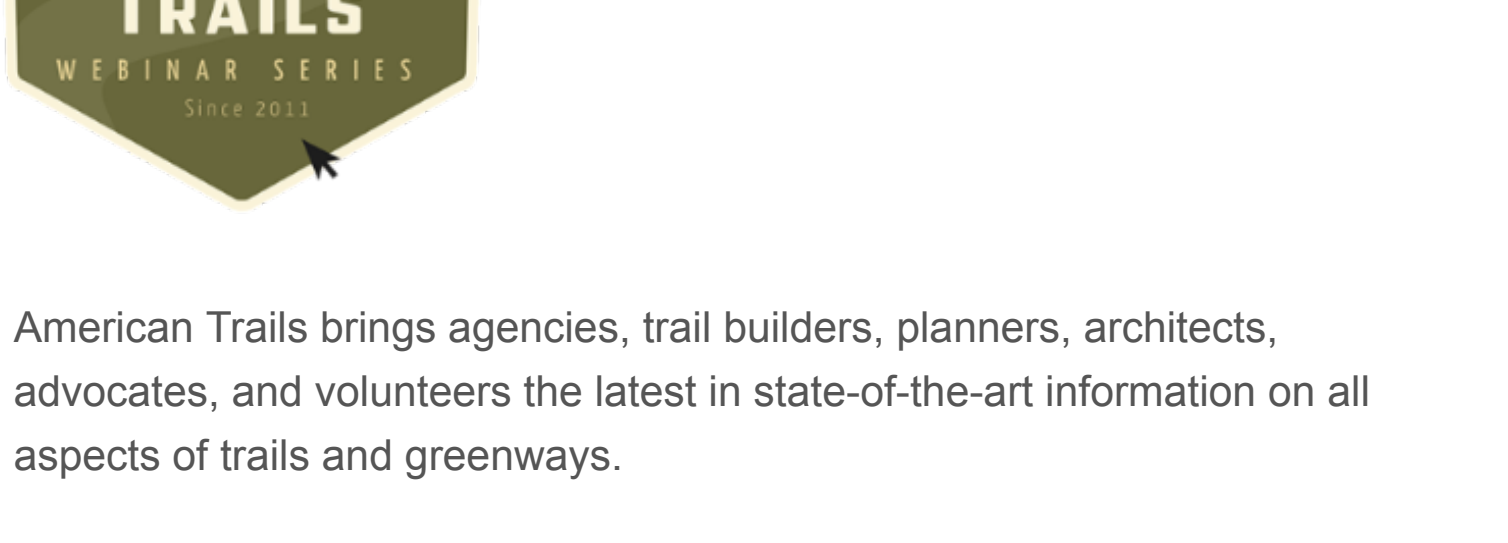
Nine New NRTs Added to the National Trail System

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced the designation of nine new NRTs in nine states, adding 340 miles to the national recreation trail system. [Find out more >>](#)

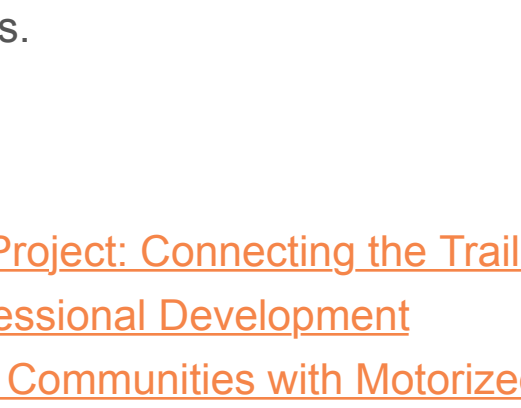


NRT Database Gets a New Look

The NRT database has been updated with a fresh new appearance. You can conveniently access all the information you need about NRTs and National Water Trails, apply for NRT designation, or even make updates to an existing trail from one location! [Find out more >>](#)

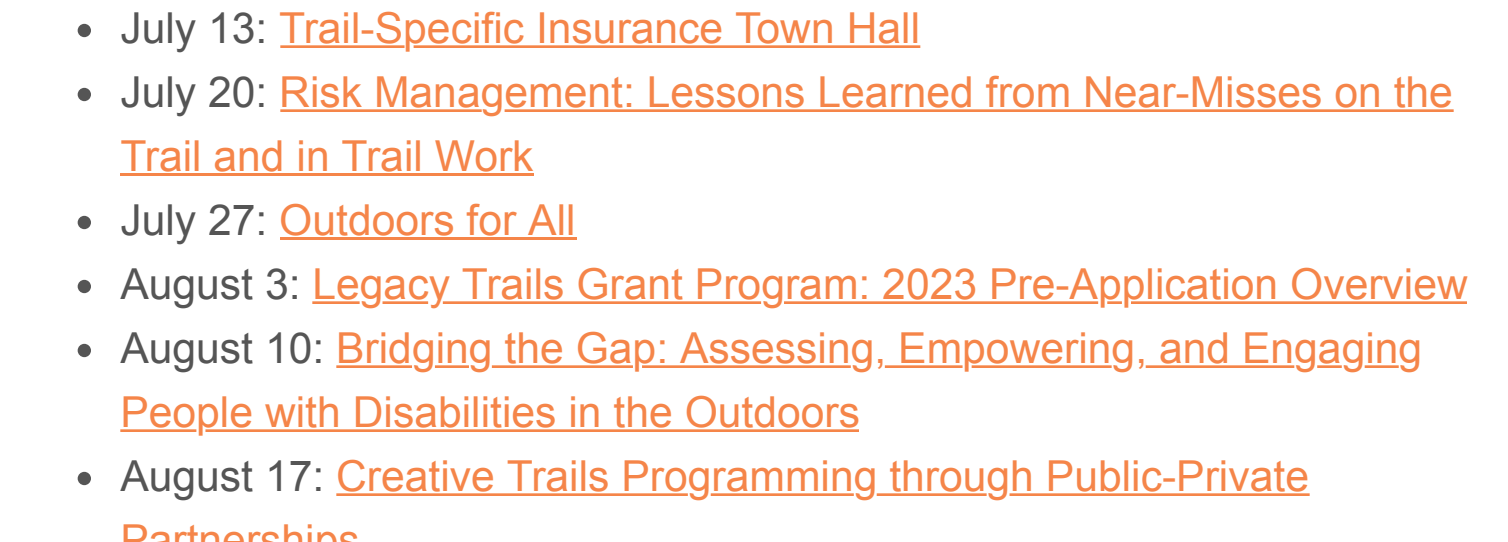


Training and Resources



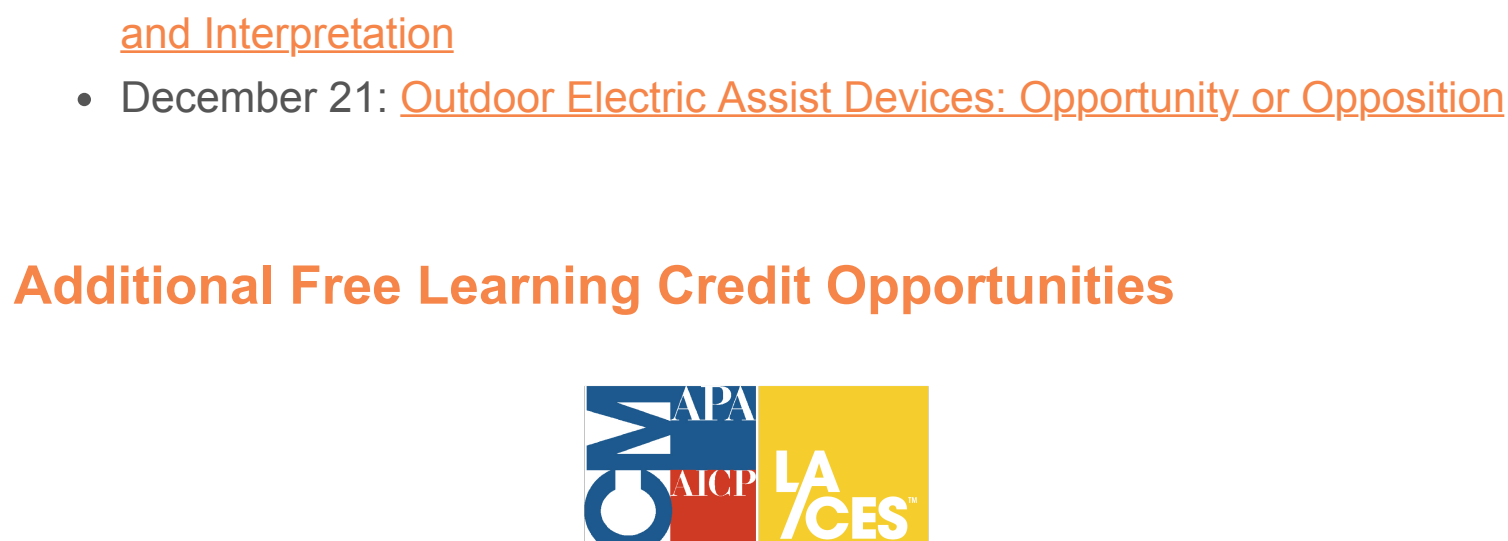
Mountain Bike Trail Development: Guidelines for Successfully Managing the Process

The world's most comprehensive mountain bike trail development resource is made possible by Minnesota Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Funds. [Find out more >>](#)



National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Announces New Executive Director

The NOHVCC Board of Directors has selected long-time Project Manager/Program Director Marc Hildesheim as the next Executive Director of the organization. [Find out more >>](#)

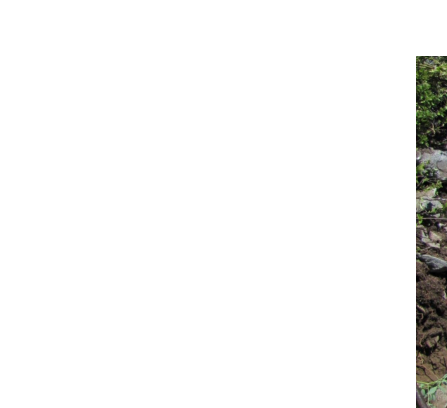


Native Lands, National Trails (NLNT) Indigenous Mapping and Research Project

NLNT is an Indigenous mapping and research project of the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). In collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, Native Land Digital, and Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps, PNTS is pleased to present a suite of resources designed to inform the public and help National Trails and their nonprofit organization partners to advance National Trails System's knowledge of Indigenous Ancestral Lands. [Find out more >>](#)



Advancing Trails Webinar Series



American Trails brings agencies, trail builders, planners, architects, advocates, and volunteers the latest in state-of-the-art information on all aspects of trails and greenways.

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 June Webinars

- June 1: [Trail Skills Project: Connecting the Trails Community to Training, Expertise, and Professional Development](#)
- June 8: [Connecting Communities with Motorized Trails: The Southwest Wyoming Off-Road Trails \(SWOT\) Project](#)
- June 15: [National Recreation Trails: Designating Your Trail for NRT Status](#)
- June 22: [Developing a Program to Reduce Trail Conflicts](#)
- June 29: [Helping Wheelchair Hikers Find Hiking Trails](#)

Free Future Webinars

- July 6: [National Water Trails: Designating Your Trail for NWT Status](#)
- July 13: [Trail-Specific Insurance Town Hall](#)
- July 20: [Risk Management: Lessons Learned from Near-Misses on the Trail and in Trail Work](#)
- July 27: [Outdoors for All](#)
- August 3: [Legacy Trails Grant Program: 2023 Pre-Application Overview](#)
- August 10: [Bridging the Gap: Assessing, Empowering, and Engaging People with Disabilities in the Outdoors](#)
- August 17: [Creative Trails Programming through Public-Private Partnerships](#)
- August 24: [Porous Flexible Pavement, Asphalt, or Porous Asphalt: Lessons Learned for Multi-Use Trails in the District of Columbia](#)
- September 7: [Destination Stewardship: Reimagining the Purpose of Tourism in Outdoor Communities](#)
- September 21: [How Trails Support Healthy Aging for All](#)
- September 28: [Engaging, Enabling, and Motivating Families and Diverse Trail Users](#)
- December 14: [Encouraging Indigenous Participation in Trail Management and Interpretation](#)
- December 21: [Outdoor Electric Assist Devices: Opportunity or Opposition](#)

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).

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