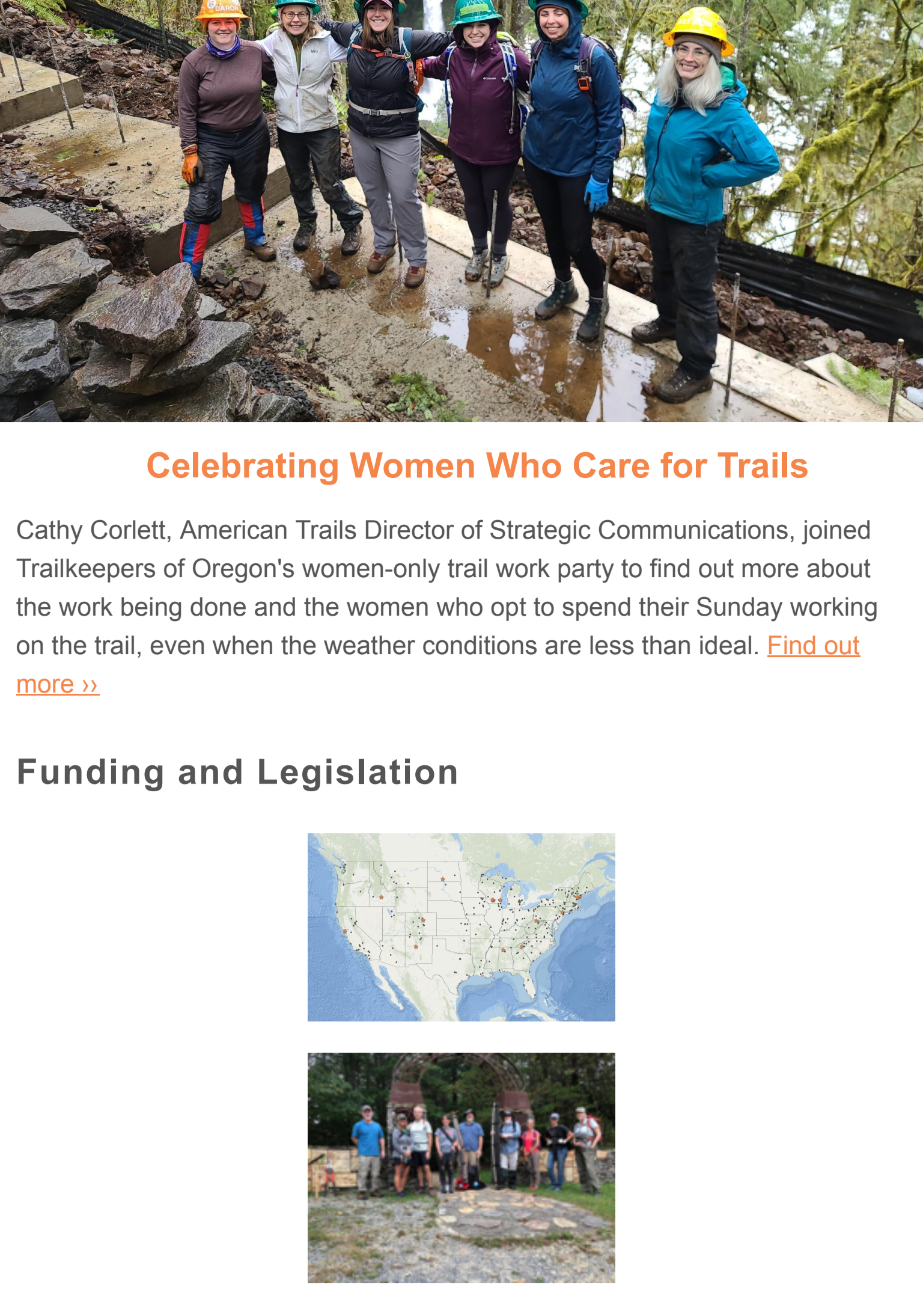




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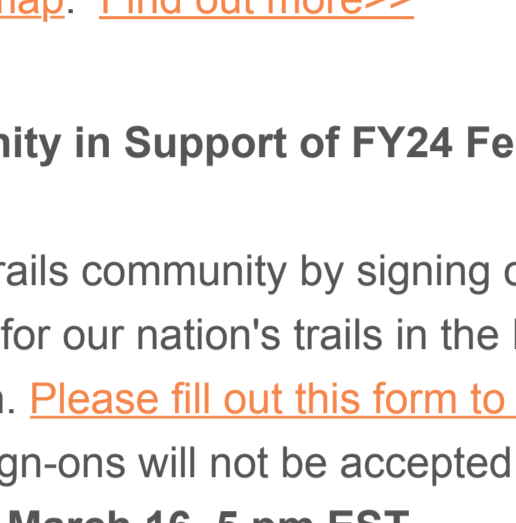
March 2023



Celebrating Women Who Care for Trails

Cathy Corlett, American Trails Director of Strategic Communications, joined Trailkeepers of Oregon's women-only trail work party to find out more about the work being done and the women who opt to spend their Sunday working on the trail, even when the weather conditions are less than ideal. [Find out more >>](#)

Funding and Legislation

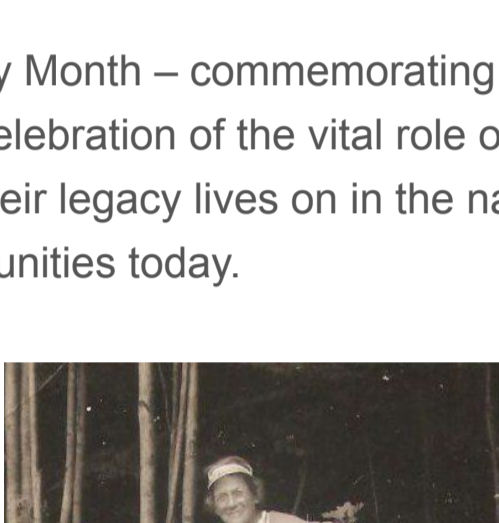


2023 Trails Capacity Program Awardees Announced!

American Trails is excited to announce that we have been able to award funding to seven more trail projects in early 2023 as an extension of our 2022 Trail Capacity Program. We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Ford Bronco Wild Fund to support trail stewardship, research, and training projects across America. "These projects in the Northeast, Midwest, and West were selected based on their excellent project applications, relevant, high-impact work, and representation of areas of the country that we were not able to support in 2022," says Cathy Corlett, Trail Fund Director at American Trails. As of March 2023, we are proud to have awarded over \$120,000 of support to a total of 14 trail projects in North America. Explore these projects in greater detail on [our interactive map](#). [Find out more>>](#)

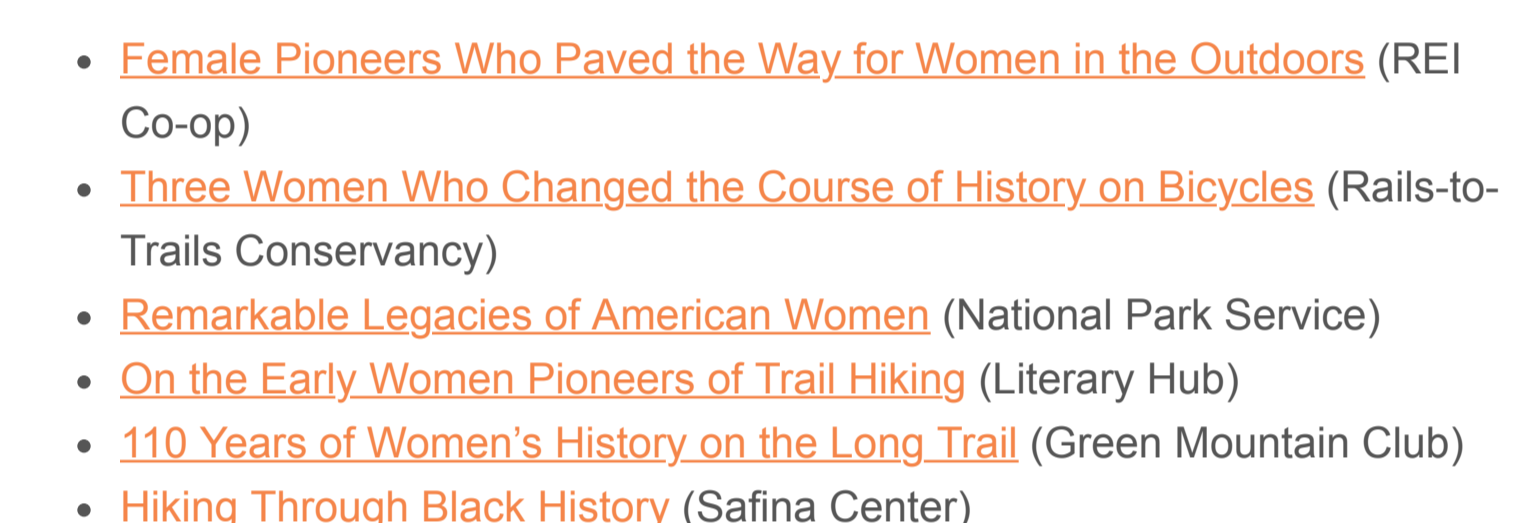
Join the Trails Community in Support of FY24 Federal Funding for Trails!

Please join the broader trails community by signing on to this [letter](#) in support of robust federal funding for our nation's trails in the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations legislation. [Please fill out this form to sign your organization on and to view the letter](#). (Sign-ons will not be accepted via email.) **The deadline to sign-on is Thursday, March 16, 5 pm EST.**



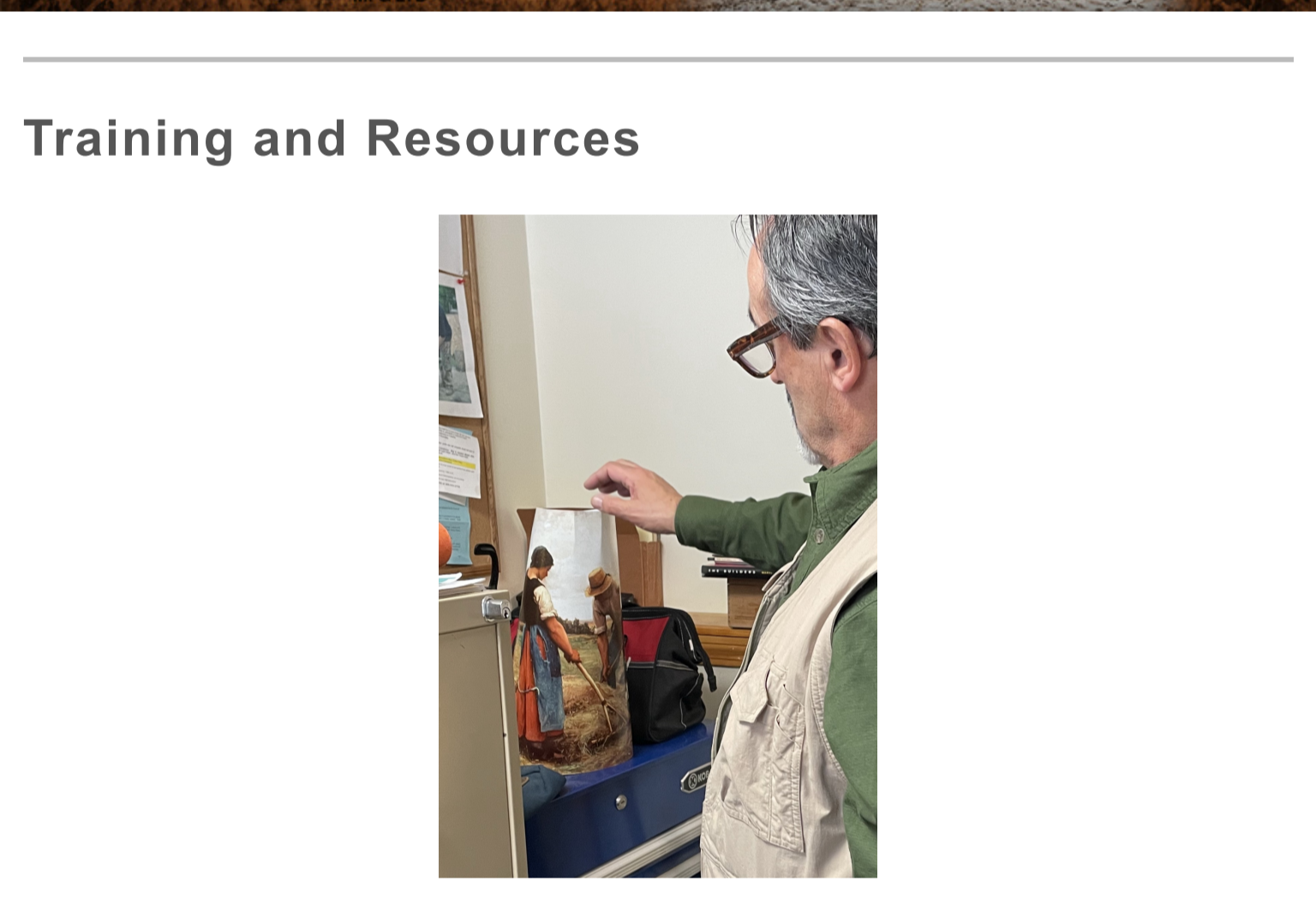
National Wilderness Stewardship (NWSA) Funding Programs - 2023 Funding Program Information Available!

Both the NWSA Performance Funding and the National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding programs are currently soliciting project proposals for the 2023 field season. Deadline to apply is April 15. New program allowances and criteria are in effect. [Find out more >>](#)



Trails and Conservation

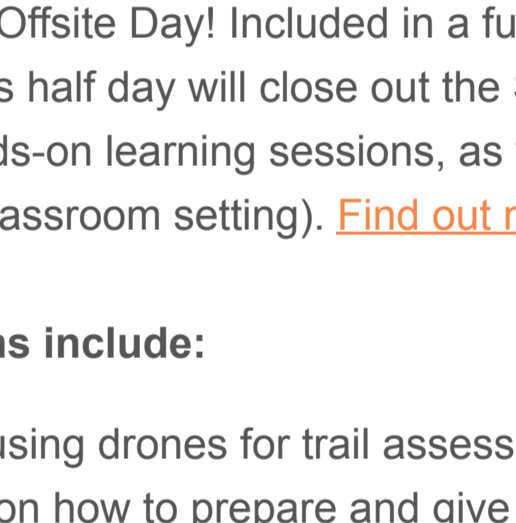
Dear Future Girl Conservationist



The world needs science, and science needs women and girls. It's your time and you are not alone! There is a community of women in many fields of science who are here for you. They can give you words of wisdom and encouragement to get past tough obstacles to succeed and keep you going. You go girl! Click on the arrow to view this video from the National Park Service's Dare to Imagine Series.

Featured Trails

March is Women's History Month – commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. In some cases, their legacy lives on in the names of trails that are used and loved by communities today.



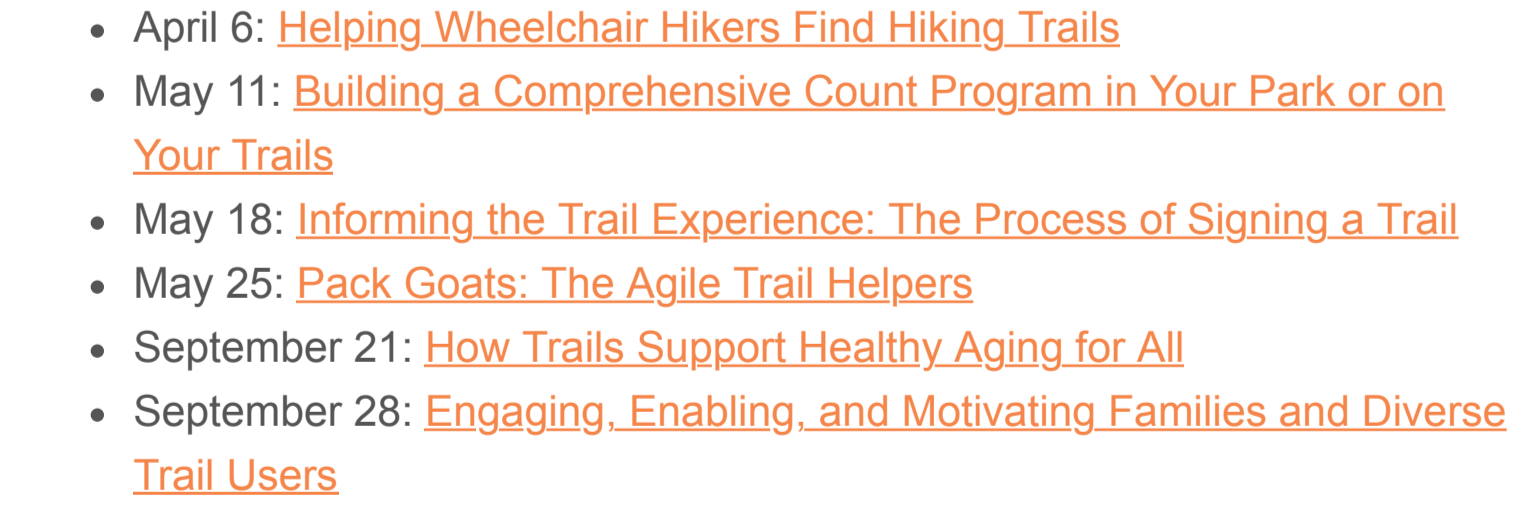
Featured National Recreation Trail: Grandma Gatewood Memorial Hiking Trail, Ohio

Emma "Grandma" Gatewood was the first woman to solo hike the Appalachian Trail. Gatewood participated in many famous hikes, but her favorite was a six-mile section of trail in [Hocking Hills State Park](#) in Ohio. This section was designated as the Grandma Gatewood Memorial Trail in January 1981. [Find out more >>](#)

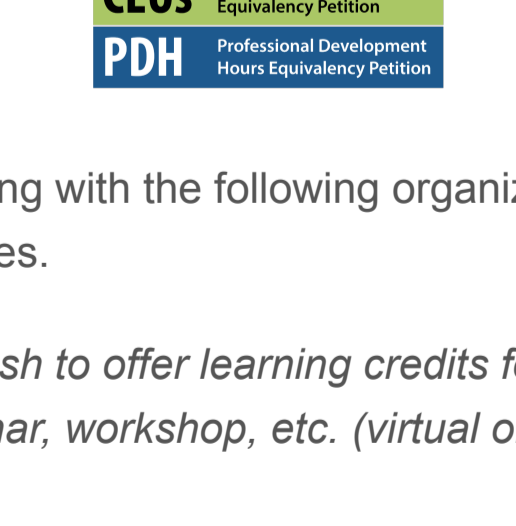
Trails in the News

These are a few articles that we found that highlight women in outdoor history:

- [Female Pioneers Who Paved the Way for Women in the Outdoors](#) (REI Co-op)
- [Three Women Who Changed the Course of History on Bicycles](#) (Rails-to-Trails Conservancy)
- [Remarkable Legacies of American Women](#) (National Park Service)
- [On the Early Women Pioneers of Trail Hiking](#) (Literary Hub)
- [110 Years of Women's History on the Long Trail](#) (Green Mountain Club)
- [Hiking Through Black History](#) (Safina Center)
- [National Votes for Women Trail](#) (National Collaborative for Women's History Sites)
- [Embracing the Magic of Life - Whitney Washington](#) (Enroute Transport)

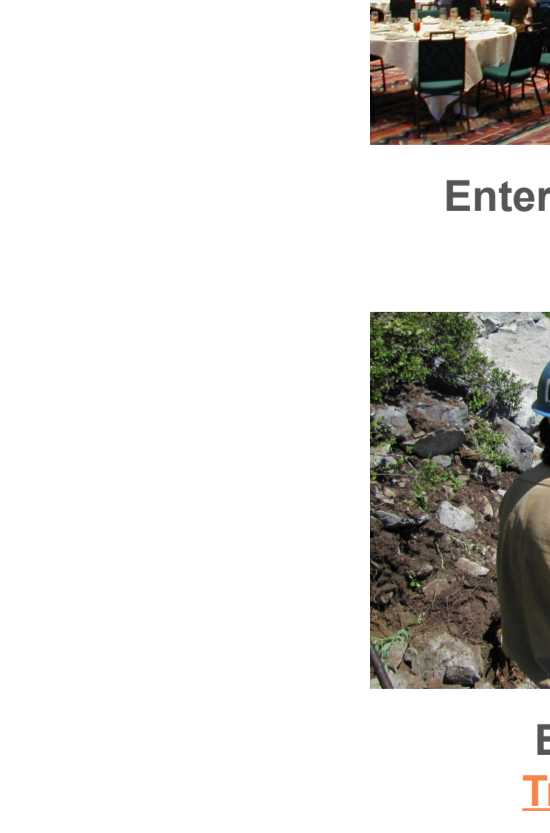


Training and Resources



"The Beautiful is the Fitting"

An insightful story about Tony Cacula, former NAVY SEAL, founder of Camelot Tools LLC, and creator of the versatile SITEMASTER tool. (Sponsored Content) [Read Tony's Story >>](#)



International TRAILS SUMMIT
AMERICAN TRAILS PTBA
Reno, Nevada April 17-20, 2023

Early Registration and Hotel Discount Deadline Ends March 20

The early registration discount ends on March 20. Don't delay in [registering](#) to save \$100 off a full registration! The deadline for our room block for the Thursday single day), this half day will close out the Summit (or Thursday single day), this half day will close out the Summit will include demonstrations and hands-on learning sessions, as well as a dirt demo **in a field setting** (versus a classroom setting). [Find out more >>](#)

Thursday Offsite Day Sessions Coming Together

Adding to the already packed 3.5 day schedule showcasing 140+ sessions, don't miss our Thursday Offsite Day! Included in a full registration (or Thursday single day), this half day will close out the Summit will include demonstrations and hands-on learning sessions, as well as a dirt demo **in a field setting** (versus a classroom setting). [Find out more >>](#)

Thursday Field Sessions include:

- Demonstration on using drones for trail assessment
- Education session on how to prepare and give an effective Tailgate Safety Talk
- Bridge building demonstration
- Demonstration and education on adaptive cycling equipment
- How to set up a trail counter
- How to use pack goats for trail excursions
- How to use horses for packing in materials and supplies for trail projects
- Hands-on learning of High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) tools
- Practice using a trail auditing app on the trail
- The Dirt Demo will feature opportunities to learn about and try out mechanized trailbuilding equipment
- And so much 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 March Webinars

- March 2: [Using Film Festival Events to Fundraise and Build Community](#)
- March 9: [Saints, Sinners, and Sunsets: Creating a New 250-Year-Old Path Between California's Spanish Missions](#)
- March 16: [Using a Digital Platform to Connect Trails to Tourism](#)
- March 23: [Activating the Trail Community in Conservation Issues](#)
- March 30: [The Trails Safe Passing Plan \(TSPP\) Stop! Speak and Stand Back](#)

Additional Free Future Webinars

- April 6: [Helping Wheelchair Hikers Find Hiking Trails](#)
- May 11: [Building a Comprehensive Count Program in Your Park or on Your Trails](#)
- May 18: [Informing the Trail Experience: The Process of Signing a Trail](#)
- May 25: [Pack Goats: The Agile Trail Helpers](#)
- September 21: [How Trails Support Healthy Aging for All](#)
- September 28: [Engaging, Enabling, and Motivating Families and Diverse Trail Users](#)

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).

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

Successful U.S. Bicycle Route System Designation for State DOT Transportation Professionals – August 8, 2023 – Virtual
In partnership with Adventure Cycling Association
(Details coming soon)

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