

PATHWAYS The Trails Professional Development Newsletter

April 2024 Edition

Get the Skills You Need

Scroll down to learn about upcoming webinars at American Trails, connect with the the greater trails industry on the shared partner website at <u>TrailSkills.org</u>, and more, or click the icons below to go to the NEW Career Pathways Portal on our website to discover (and add your own) trainings, profiles of notable professionals, jobs, and other resources.



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. Our webinars focus on a variety of trail topics, usually applicable to all trail types, with expert presenters. Webinar topics are chosen from current cutting-edge trail topics selected from attendee/presenter suggestions as well as recent popular conference sessions.

View the Advancing Trails Webinar Series homepage for a complete list of upcoming webinars (and a list of all of our archived webinars in case you missed any). All webinars are streamed live on YouTube (along with Zoom) and available for viewing at any time and offer free learning credits.

Interested in presenting? Share via our webinar topic submission form.

Upcoming Webinars in April:

- April 4: Grand Canyon Greenway: From Vision to Reality
- April 11: Adaptive Trail Mobility Equipment and Programming 101
- April 25: Community Driven: How Engagement Guides the Vision and Planning of a Community Wide Trail Network

Future Webinars (with Confirmed Dates):

- May 23: <u>Building Adaptive Trail Programming: Lessons from the Field</u>
- May 30: Communicate, Educate, and Inform Where Visitors are Planning Their Adventures • June 13: Estimating the Economic Impact of Trails and Outdoor Recreation (registration
- coming soon)
- June 27: National Trails Legislative Update 2024
- July 18: Grants for Trails: Finding, Applying, and Managing
- July 25: Indigenous Placemaking Along Canadian Trails
- September 26: Assessing and Advancing Belonging: Overcoming Roadblocks to Inclusion
- October 24: Making Organizations Inclusive: Stories of Deaf Gain in the Outdoors
- And many more to come!

A link to the recording, transcript, resources slide with presenter contact details, and learning credit information is sent within two days following each live webinar to all registered attendees (or in a confirmation email for archived webinars).



TRAIL EDUCATION. EXPERTISE. JOBS.



The Trail Skills Project serves as the workforce hub for the trails community providing connections to trail education, trail expertise, professional development, and job opportunities. View the project goals >>>

Add your own trainings or job opportunities on the Trail Skills website.



Increase Your Skills

Find trail skills training (or add your own) and connect with well-trained, effective volunteers, contractors, and trails professionals.



Enter the Trails Workforce

Organizations and agencies can post jobs on the job board, and individuals can find jobs that match their location, category, and time commitment.

Featured Job Opportunities:

- Washington/Seasonal/Nonprofit: <u>Trail Crew Leader All Girls Crew</u>
- New Mexico/Full-time/Private Sector: Bike Park Trail Crew Skilled Operator
- California/Full-time/Government: Equipment Mechanic/Operator
- Colorado/Season/Nonprofit: Wilderness Ranger
- Maine/Seasonal/Government: Trail Crew Leader

View all job opportunities





SPRING DATES NOW OPEN!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding Program funds volunteer and stewardship groups to maintain trails on the National Forest trail system. The program supports the National Trails Strategy, which aims to double volunteer trail work in the next ten years. Proposals for projects that engage many volunteers in trail maintenance across a District or Forest over a field season are preferred. The application period closes April 15. Find out more >>





The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) is partnering with DEI Outdoors to hold a virtual Inclusive Summit in April. The summit has a new format based on feedback from previous attendees and is designed for anyone who guides, trains, or encourages people to enjoy the outdoors. We encourage everyone to register to learn more about how to make outdoor recreation more inclusive for all. Find out more >>

DEI Outdoors Practitioner Certification Course

Get certified in DEI Outdoors Practitioner in just six weeks. Learn how to drive systemic change in outdoor organizations by elevating your expertise in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Lead transformative journeys that make outdoor spaces more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming for all. Find out more >>



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/PRESENTERS



The Oregon Trails Summit is a three-day event on December 5-7 at The Sunriver Resort in Central Oregon. It provides opportunities for in-person networking, educational content, trails stewardship work parties, and in-field tours and workshops. The summit welcomes proposals from the Oregon outdoor recreation community, including agency staff, volunteers, academics, and private sector professionals. The event aims to bring together people from different cultural backgrounds, perspectives, and locations, including those from beyond Oregon. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available! The summit is an amazing place to connect with outdoor recreation practitioners, decision-makers, and culture builders, and our sponsors are key to offering a rich program to a diverse community of attendees. The call for session proposals is open through May <u>31.</u>

Call for Presenters

HalfMoon Education, Inc. is a nonprofit continuing education provider and is excited to be sponsoring a live interactive, continuing education webinar on Accessible Trail Design, Construction, and Operation on June 14, 2024. Are you a planner, landscape architect, trail builder, or expert on the topic of accessible trail design and interested in presenting? They are looking for multiple speakers on the topic. Speakers will be compensated for their time. Email Lori Hilden at lhilden@halfmoonseminars.org.

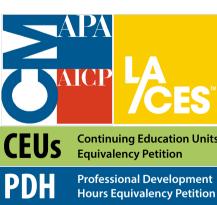
Submit a Contract/Request for Proposal (RFP)

Submit your upcoming trail project for bid to the Professional Trailbuilders Association (PTBA) to get the word out to a targeted audience! Request for Proposals/Bids can be posted publicly and are sent directly to the inboxes of more than 130 PTBA member companies who specialize in trail design, planning, and construction. PTBA provides this free service to support the trail industry and our partners. View upcoming projects or submit your project!





ADDITIONAL LEARNING CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES



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

Send us an <u>email if you wish to offer learning credits for FREE to your</u> attendees for your conference, webinar, workshop, etc. (virtual or inperson).

Project Management for Effective Planning and Design Results In partnership with the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals

- April 3 (1:00-2:00pm MT)
- Virtual
- Learn more >>

Do-It-Yourself Trail User Research You Can Start Right Away

In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code.)

- April 10-May 1(Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am PT)
- Virtual (four one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

Tell the Economic Story of Your Trails and Conserved Lands Without Hiring an Economist In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code.)

- April 18-May 16 (Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am PT)
- Virtual (five one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

California Trails and Greenways Conference

In partnership with the California Trails Conference Foundation

- April 30-May 3, 2024
- North Lake Tahoe/Olympic Valley, California
- Learn more >>

National Outdoor Recreation Conference

In partnership with the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals

- May 6-9, 2024
- South Lake Tahoe/Stateline, Nevada
- Learn more >>

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- September 18-October 16 (Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am PT)
- Virtual (five one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

Tell the Economic Story of Your National and State Parks & Heritage Areas Without Hiring an Economist

In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code.)

- September 25-October 23 (Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm PT)
- Virtual (five one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

Creative Placemaking: Creating Communities We Love Through Arts & Culture, Diverse **Partners and Community Spaces** In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails"

discount code.)

- October 1-15 (Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am PT)
- Virtual (three two-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

Outdoor Recreation Roadmap: A Community-Led Approach to Leveraging Your Natural Assets for Economic Success and Local Renewal

In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code.)

- October 10-November 14 (Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am PT)
- Virtual (six one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>

Do-It-Yourself Trail User Research You Can Start Right Away In partnership with The Harbinger Consultancy (Save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code.)

- October 24-November 4 (Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am PT)
- Virtual (four one-hour video conference sessions)
- Learn more >>



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