



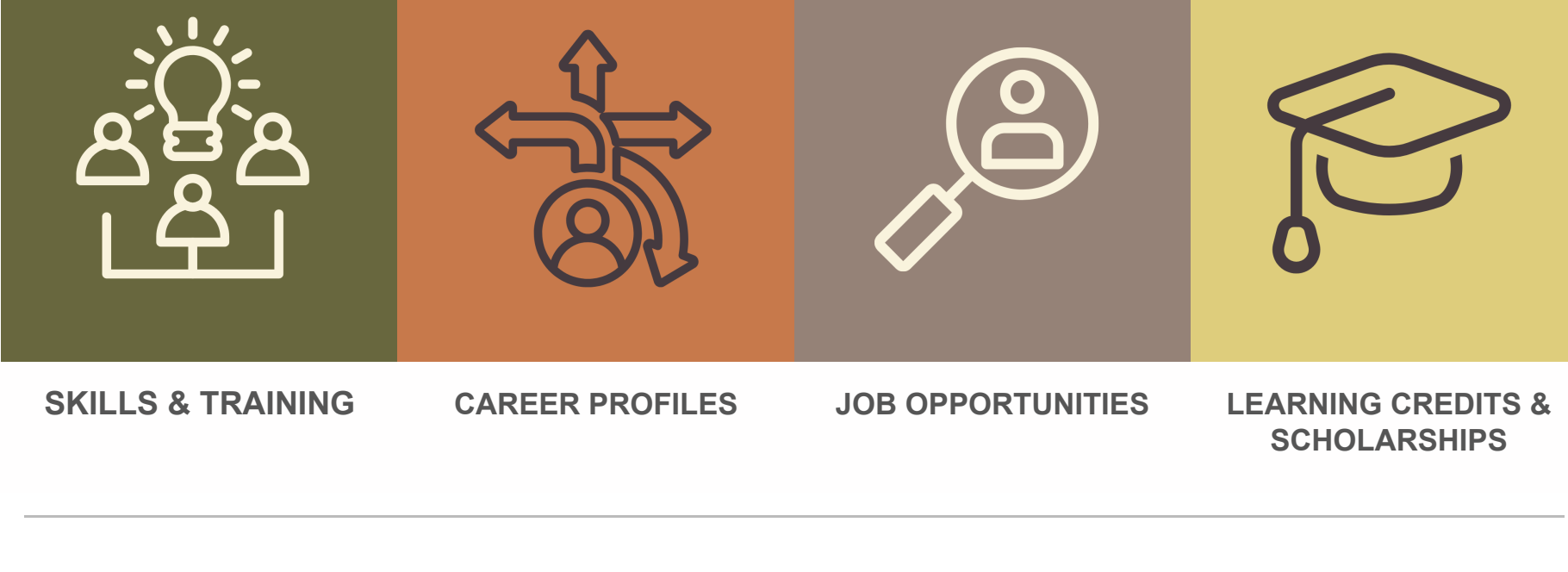
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The Trails Professional Development Newsletter

February 2024 Edition

Get the Skills You Need

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



SKILLS & TRAINING

CAREER PROFILES

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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

AMC's Complete Guide to Trail Building and Maintenance

Hiking trails don't simply spring from the ground. They're the result of planning, hard work, knowledge, and elbow grease. Fortunately, with proper instruction, anyone can learn to build and maintain safe, durable, and environmentally sound hiking trails that provide paths into nature for everyone. [Find out more >>](#)

Mountain Bike Trail Development

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) recognized the need to create a resource for mountain bike (MTB) trail construction that would assist land and park managers seeking to build sustainable trails. The result of this effort is the Mountain Bike Trail Development Guidelines, a comprehensive "how to" that breaks down the process from start to finish beginning with assessing the project and ending with how to maintain the newly built trails. [Find out more >>](#)

Introduction to Trail Planning

One part of a three-part series on the Introduction to Trail Planning, Design and Development, and Management. PART ONE: In the Introduction to Trail Planning we will discuss different types of trail plans including Master Plans Conceptual Plans, Development Plans and Management Plans. [Find out more >>](#)



ADVANCING TRAILS WEBINAR SERIES



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](#).

CALL FOR PRESENTERS:

American Trails is conducting research into best practices around communities that have successfully built a trail maintenance line item into their larger municipal, county, state, or regional budgets. If you know of a community that has succeeded in ensuring the sustainability of their trail system by including it in their operational budgets, please [email American Trails](#).

We would like to explore with them how they made it happen and how other communities might use their experience to succeed in doing the same. We hope to hold this webinar in the second half of 2024.

Upcoming Webinars in February:

- February 1: [Volunteer Engagement on the Appalachian Trail](#)
- February 8: [Systemic Condition Analysis and Management for Multi-Use Trails](#)
- February 15: [Trail Sector Research with Trans Canada Trail](#)
- February 22: [Trails Are Rural Economic Drivers](#)
- February 29: [Trail Assessment for Accessibility and Sustainability](#)

Future Webinars (with Confirmed Dates):

- March 7: [Giving Back to the Trail and Building Community During National Trails Day®](#)
- March 14: [Cultural Landscape Training Framework](#)
- March 21: [Celebrate Trails Day: An Overview of the Celebration + Ways to Engage](#)
- March 28: [Six Steps to Build a TrailNation™](#)
- 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](#)
- May 23: [Building Adaptive Trail Programming: Lessons from the Field](#)
- June 27: Community Legislative Update (*registration coming soon*)
- July 18: [Grants for Trails: Finding, Applying, and Managing](#)

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).

CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

Professional TrailBuilders Association Sustainable Trails Conference - Core Conference SOLD OUT!

The core conference is sold out for the only international trails conference in 2024 taking place in Lanier Islands, Georgia March 19-21! They have launched a limited waitlist, and there are still spaces in workshops and in the Trail Expo! [Find out more >>](#)

CHECK OUT THE TRAIL SKILLS PROJECT WEBSITE



Trail Education. Expertise. Jobs.

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

Add your own trainings or job opportunities on the [Trail Skills website!](#)

Featured Job Opportunities:

- Alabama/Full-Time/Government: [Superintendent](#)
- Massachusetts/Full-Time/Government: [State Park and Forest Trails Planner](#)
- Washington/Full-Time/Nonprofit: [Central Washington Regional Coordinator](#)
- Washington/Full-Time/Nonprofit: [Trail Crew Leader for LGBTQ+ Crew – Youth Volunteer Vacations](#)
- Idaho/Seasonal/Nonprofit: [Trail Crew Member](#)
- Virginia/Seasonal/Nonprofit: [Seasonal Base Camp Coordinator](#)



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.

[View all job opportunities](#)



Increase Your Skills

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

[Upcoming trainings](#)

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Professional Development News

Start the month right. Get seen in our new eNewsletter!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUBMIT A CONTRACT/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Share your Request for Proposal (RFP) with PTBA for your trail-related project and find the best of the best. PTBA provides this free service. Your contract solicitation will be sent directly to all PTBA member companies and you can post it on the [PTBA website](#). [Submit a contract/RFP >>](#)



ADDITIONAL 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)*.

Consensus That Works: Formal Consensus Decision Making for Groups and Organizations
In partnership with *The Harbinger Consultancy* (*Special pricing through February 3 + save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code*)

- February 13-27, 2024 (Tuesdays, 10-12pm PT)
- Virtual (three two-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* (*Special pricing through February 3 + save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code*)

- March 28-April 11, 2024 (Thursdays, 9-11am PT)
- Virtual (three two-hour video conference sessions)
- [Learn more >>](#)

Do-It-Yourself Trail User Research You Can Start Right Away
In partnership with *The Harbinger Consultancy* (*Special pricing through February 3 + save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code*)

- April 10-May 1, 2024 (Wednesdays, 10-11am 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* (*Special pricing through February 3 + save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code*)

- April 18-May 16, 2024 (Wednesdays, 10-11am 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 >>](#)

Tell the Economic Story of Your Trails and Conserved Lands Without Hiring an Economist
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- September 18-October 16, 2024 (Wednesdays, 10-11am PT)
- Virtual (five one-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* (*Special pricing through February 3 + save an additional 15% by using "AmericanTrails" discount code*)

- October 10-November 14, 2024 (Thursdays, 10-11am PT)
- Virtual (six one-hour video conference sessions)
- [Learn more >>](#)