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Inviting the Community Back Into the Woods



Natural Trails in Urban Landscapes

How Do We Invite the Community Back Into the Woods?

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- Accessibility
 - Low Barriers to Entry
 - Connectivity
 - Community
 - Fun



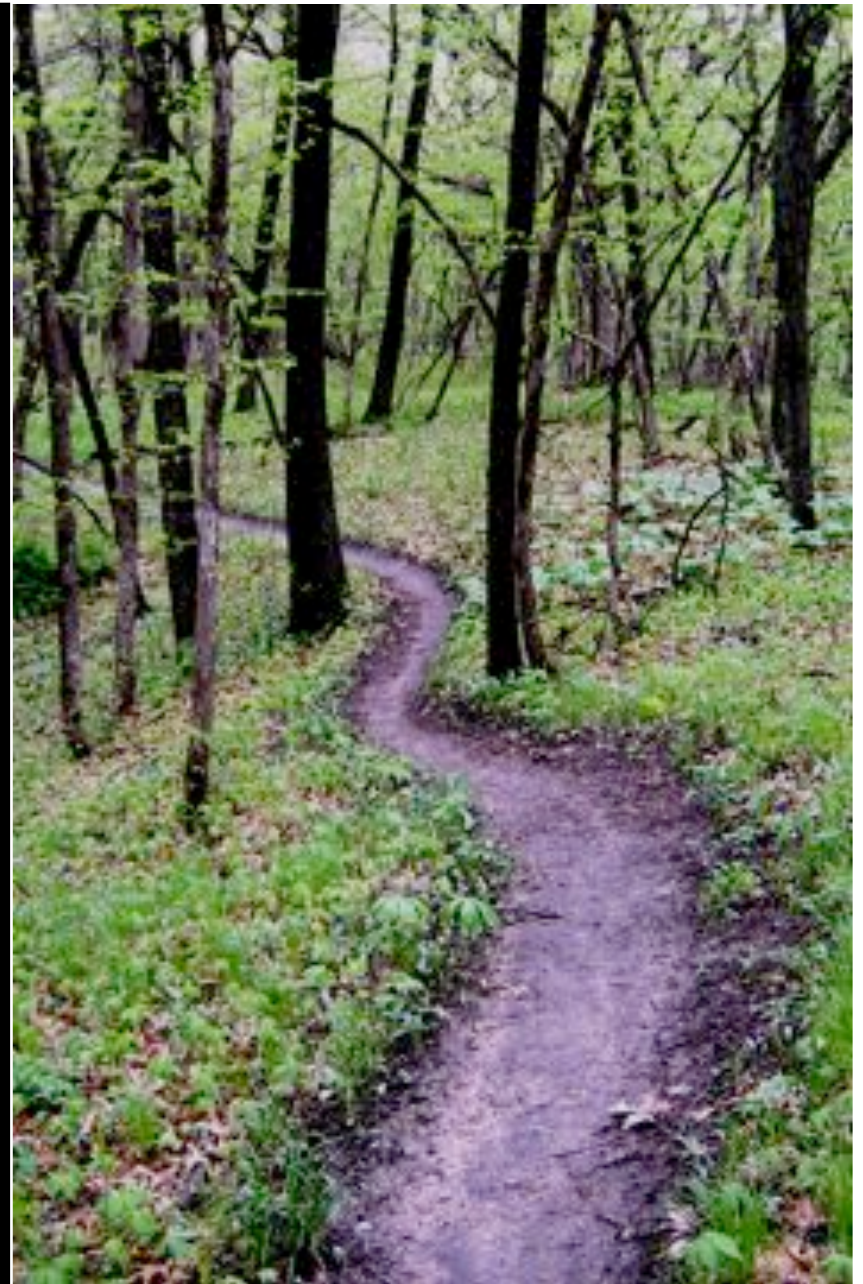
IMBA Gateway Trails



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What is a Gateway Trail?

- An accessible introduction to trail sports
- Starting point for a new generation of riders and outdoor enthusiasts



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Gateway Trails Provide a Place to Start

- Novice riders will have a fun, safe place to start out together
- In turn, newcomers will build:
 - Fitness
 - Confidence
 - Skills



Gateway Trails Will Foster Progression

- From Beginner To Intermediate
- Then From Intermediate to Advanced (and Beyond...)



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How Much Space Do We Need?

- Not much - Can fit almost anywhere
- Different property sizes can yield different experiences

Small

Medium

Large



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Gateway Trails Are Visible and Accessible



Gateway Trails Are Planned and Built to Connect With Communities

- Lower Barrier to Entry for Trail Sports
- Bringing Trails to the People



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Community and the Environment

- Natural Resource Protection
- Building a Constituency for Outdoor Recreation



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Community

Great Trails Build Communities
Great Communities Build Great Trails



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Gateway Trails - Putting Kids on Trails

- Let Kids Be Kids -
The Benefits of
Unstructured Play
- Explore the Natural
World in a Safe
Environment



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Gateway Trails - Putting Kids on Trails

- Positive Associations With Exercise
- Major Impact on National Health Crisis



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Gateway Trails - Cross Generational Fun

- Parents, grandparents and children
- Mountain biking is accessible for all ages - on the same trail



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Skills for Trails and Roads

- A skilled cyclist has control over their bike
- Skills learned on a mountain bike are invaluable for biking on the road



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Enabling Cycling as Transportation

- As the country invests resources toward creating a safe environment for cycling as transportation, Gateway Trails will help create riders who are safe in all conditions



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