

## 1 - Tax Dollars to Trails

Non-highway vehicle recreation is estimated to generate **\$300 million** in fuel taxes annually. The RTP is funded at **\$85 million** annually. This money is distributed to states, which select which projects to fund.

## 2 - Matching Dollars

RTP projects require matching funds. These dollars come from various sources, including donations, volunteer labor, and use of conservation corps. Details on projects are in the RTP database at <http://recreationaltrailsinfo.org>.

## 3 - Trailheads & Bridges

RTP bridge and trailhead projects have helped make thousands of miles of trails safe and accessible. Some of the projects even provide access to **water trails**. RTP is key to funding trail projects in many **state and federal parks and forests**.

## 4 - Local Economies

Recreational trails are key to America's outdoor economy. The federal Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates that outdoor recreation contributes **\$778 billion** annually and supports **5.2 million jobs**.

## 5 - Access to Healthy Outdoor Fun

RTP aids the nation in many ways, including better **physical and mental health**. It helps those with mobility challenges, and millions of Americans with different trail use interests, access our public lands and waters.

# Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Every year, tens of millions of Americans pay federal gas taxes to fuel non-highway recreation equipment like motorcycles, snowmobiles and ATVs. Created by Congress in 1991, the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) puts these tax dollars towards trailhead facilities, trail construction and maintenance, environmental education materials, and more. RTP unites and benefits various trail users, including equestrians, hikers, bicyclists, cross-country skiers, joggers – even water trail enthusiasts in kayaks and canoes.



For additional information on the RTP, contact the  
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