Submit Your Photos for the National Recreation Trail (NRT) Photo Contest

American Trails sponsors the annual contest for photographs of designated National Recreation Trails across the country. Our annual contest provides awards in several categories and shows off entries (and previous winners) on the NRT website. The deadline is December 15 of each year.
Trails in the News...

- **New Book of Short Stories Supports G2G Rail-Trail** (International)
- **AKC Offers Tips for Hitting the Trail with Your Dog** (National)
- **Explore Walker County in Georgia Through its Newly Curated Selfie Trail** (Georgia)
- **New Multi-Use Trail Opens in Silvis and East Moline, Begins Connection to Grand Illinois Trail** (Iowa)
- **Home to Hiking Trails and Water Sports, Kentucky adds Central City to ‘TrailTown’ Program** (Kentucky)
- **Joe Louis Greenway will Connect Detroit to Hamtramck, Highland Park, and Dearborn** (Michigan)
- **Construction on Rail-Trail Underway - Saranac Lake to Lake Placid** (New York)
- **Williams Crossing Pedestrian Bridge Reaches Width of Arkansas River** (Oklahoma)
- **Ice Skaters Look to this Vermont Lake for the Longest U.S. Skate Trail** (Vermont)
- **Ice Age Trail Alliance Hosts Celebration of Partnership** (Wisconsin)

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**Featured National Recreation Trail: New York State Canalway Water Trail**

The New York State Canalway Water Trail is comprised of over 450 miles of land-cut canals, interconnected lakes, and rivers with more than 150 public access points for paddlers. [Find out more >>](#)
Apply to the Legacy Trails Grant Program

American Trails is pleased to partner with the U.S. Forest Service in announcing the National Forest System Legacy Roads and Trails Fund, which we are calling the Legacy Trails Grant Program. **Deadline to apply is December 15, 2022.** [Find out more ››](#)

Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative (OAI) Accepting Grant Applications

The Yamaha OAI is dedicated to those who work and play outdoors including, but not limited to, those who rely on off-highway vehicles to ride, camp, hunt, or fish. OAI operates on a quarterly schedule and is currently accepting applications for its latest round of awards. **Submission deadline is December 15, 2022.** [Find out more ››](#)

Pitch in on Creating a Trail Funding Clearinghouse

**American Trails needs your help!** Please fill out the following survey identifying the Federal, State, Local, and private funding sources your organization or agency has used to fund trail projects. This effort will help us to create a Trail Funding Clearinghouse that can support new and growing members of the Trails Community. [Take the survey ››](#)

Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Terrabilt Wayfinding Systems

Signage that clearly welcomes, guides, and informs visitors. Terrabilt builds high-quality, long-lasting outdoor signs, kiosks, and exhibits for parks, trails, and preserves with sustainable materials and “green” manufacturing. [Find out more ››](#)
Explore the Reno/Tahoe Area: "The Biggest Little City in the World"

There are many reasons to join us in Reno next April, but not just because we are hosting the International Trails Summit. We have shared some exciting things to see and do in Reno and the nearby world-famous Lake Tahoe! We encourage you to plan a trip to come early or stay late and bring your family to make it a vacation! Find out more

Technical Training Workshops: New Post-ITS Workshops Added

Universal Trail Assessment Process & High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process Coordination (UTAP/HETAP) (Friday, April 21, 2023 from 8:00 am to
12:00 pm classroom session and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm field session - Cost: $150

**Terrain Dynamics for Trail Folks** (Friday, April 21, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm classroom session and Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm field session - Cost: $300)

You must be an attendee in order to register for these workshops. You can register for these workshops under the Optional Additional Items webpage during registration. [Find out more ››](#)

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**Training and Resources**

**Tools for Trails: Measuring and Surveying Tools**

Before trailbuilders start digging, they first have to lay the trail, flag the line, and more to ensure a grade that not only matches the terrain but also is well throughout to prevent erosion. [Find out more ››](#)
National Park Service Awards $345K in Debut of New Battlefield Restoration Grants

The National Park Service has awarded $345,205 in Battlefield Restoration Grants for the first time in the agency’s history for projects at Civil War Battlefields in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Find out more ››

New Lifetime Pass for Gold Star Families and Military Veterans

The Biden-Harris Administration announced that starting on Veterans Day (Nov. 11), veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and Gold Star Families can obtain a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. Find out more ››

Forest Service Improves Rental Cabins Using Great American Outdoors Act Funding

The Forest Service cabin rental program provides a unique recreation experience for the public by allowing guests to stay in a historical Forest Service structure, surrounded by pristine national forest. While unique, these old structures need repairs and updates to remain serviceable. Find out more ››

One Year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law at the USDA

From improving roads and water quality to bringing affordable, high-speed internet access to rural areas and combating climate change through historic investments in
Advancing Trails Webinar Series
All webinars are recorded and can be accessed for free via our [online store](#) at any time. Recordings are also being added to our [YouTube channel](#) on a weekly basis.

Free November Webinars

- November 17, 2022: [The National Digital Trails Project: Increasing Access and Opportunities](#)

Additional Free Future Webinars

- December 1, 2022: [Wilderness Trails: Special Places, Special Considerations](#)
- December 15, 2022: [U.S. Bicycle Route System: Success Stories from Across the Network](#)
- January 19, 2023: [Effective Communication with Elected Officials: Making the Case for Trails](#)
- January 26, 2023: [Introduction to Marketing for Non-Marketers and Small Agencies](#)
- February 9, 2023: [Best Practice Trail Auditing Using Digital Platforms](#)
- February 23, 2023: The Trails Safe Passing Plan: STOP, SPEAK, and STAND BACK (*registration coming soon*)

Additional Free Learning Credit Opportunities
American Trails is partnering with the following organization(s) to offer free learning credits to attendees:

Successful U.S. Bicycle Route System Designation for State DOT Transportation Professionals – Spring 2023 Webinar
Details coming soon!
Email candace@americantrails.org if you wish to offer learning credits for FREE to your attendees of your upcoming conference, webinar, workshop, etc.! Options for both virtual and in-person.

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Training Calendar

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Join your fellow trail workers, planners, volunteers, and more to connect, ask questions, and discuss trail-related issues.
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