November 2018

Power Lines Along Trails

Trails are often built in utility corridors of all kinds, from underground pipelines to electric power lines overhead. Over the years some articles have raised concerns about electro magnetic fields emanating from power lines. However, research seems to find that trails along electric lines are safe.

Read more...

Featured Recreational Trail Project
Lafitte Greenway Corridor, New Orleans, Louisiana

The former shipping canal and railway that once connected the historic French Quarter to Bayou St. John has been converted into publicly accessible open space.

Read more...

International Trails Symposium
The 2017 International Trails Symposium Created Lasting Momentum in Ohio

Dayton, Ohio— the “Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest”— hosted the American Trails International Trails Symposium in May 2017. A year later, excitement continues to build— creating the momentum needed to take things to the next level.

Read more...

American Trails is participating in "Walk easy; Hike strong:" a veteran’s...
North State Giving Tuesday on November 27th!

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is known as “Giving Tuesday,” and is reserved for giving back to organizations you love and support.

This year all the money raised will go towards the Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship program, which helps create the next generation of trail leaders. Will you pledge your support?

You can schedule your donation now by following this link, or give on the day of. Thank you for being a trail hero! (Get a TRAIL BOSS mug for donations of $50 or more!)

Schedule a donation...

Trail News and Notes

- The psychology and science behind how hiking trails are created - Read more
- Senators introduce Recreational Trails Program Full Funding Act - Read more
- The Land and Water Conservation Fund needs your help - Read more
- NRT Photo Contest! Submit your favorite photos by December 15
- Five National Recreation Trails to visit this Thanksgiving - Read more

Resources and Training

December webinar demonstrates how to build strong volunteer partner organizations

With increased use of our public trails and limitations on agency resources, how can volunteer organizations be more responsive and effective partners? Join us for our next webinar in our Advancing Trails Webinar Series to learn about a successful statewide effort in Colorado—the Colorado Outdoor Stewardship Coalition (COSC) -- that is laying the groundwork for advancing the state’s stewardship movement by building a stronger and more effective infrastructure of volunteer programs across the state.
Learn more and register for this webinar...

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) has an all new website

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council is a nonprofit public benefit organization. Primarily funded by the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, NOHVCC exists to create a positive future for OHV recreation. Check out their new website...

Ask a Trail Expert

Since we began our work in 1988, American Trails has befriended some pretty darned amazing trail folks. These folks are more than willing to help us answer your toughest questions. If you cannot find what you are looking for in our extensive Resource Library, use the contact form to pose your question to our team. If we don’t know the answer, we will find someone that does and put you in touch. Learn more here...

American Trails website resources

Check out our volunteer portal for the latest available volunteer opportunities, and our training calendar for upcoming conferences and events.

Featured Trail Industry Manufacturer: Zeager Bros., Inc.

Zeager Bros., Inc. offers a variety of safe and accessible surfaces for trails throughout North America. Their WoodCarpet® Bonded 1 is your most cost-efficient answer to easily creating flexible, natural, pervious walkways that offer excellent access, low maintenance, and eco-friendly nature trails. Learn more about this company in the American Trails Online Business Directory...

International Trails Symposium News

Early 2018 registration discount ends December 1

We have launched registration and our brand new American Trails mobile app! View the agenda, sessions, speakers, workshops, and more! Register early and save! Explore and register today...

Call for award nominations deadline December 3

American Trails presents the National and International
Trails Awards Program to recognize the tremendous contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working for the betterment of trails both nationally and internationally in both rural and urban settings. Winners will be recognized onsite at ITS 2019. Categories are open to both national and international nominations (some exceptions apply).
View the categories and apply online...

Sponsor the Emerging Trail Leaders Program
The Hulet Hornbeck Emerging Trail Leaders Scholarship Program brings 16 young adults, ages 21-28, to attend the 2019 International Trails Symposium and Training Institute in Syracuse, New York this coming April. Each scholarship is valued at $2,500 but we welcome any sponsorship amount. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us so we are welcoming individuals of all backgrounds to apply for this scholarship regardless of past trails experience.
Learn more and become a sponsor today...