ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

WHO WE ARE

The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) is a 501(c)(3) that connects 30 member nonprofit trail organizations, nine affiliate members, and Federal land managers to further the protection, completion, and stewardship of the 30 national scenic and historic trails within the National Trails System.

- Represent 55,000 miles of congressionally authorized trails in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.
- $28.7 million in Federal funding matched with over $39.7 million in private and in-kind contributions in 2019
- $402 million recorded in volunteer labor since 1995
- 20.1 million volunteer hours recorded since 1995
- 125 scholarships awarded to young trail professionals since 2009
- Recruited more than 40 interns to serve our national trails since 2018
ACHIEVEMENTS IN ADVOCACY

The PNTS is a leader in national advocacy efforts and is a trusted voice to ensure our national trails are funded and protected. Our successes include:

1. Raising Federal agency trails funding from $2 million to $28 million annually.
3. Successfully advocating for funding full-time administrators for each of the national scenic and historic trails.
4. Convincing Congress to appropriate more than $90 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase land to protect sections of 11 of the national trails.

NEEDS OF THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

1. 4,000 miles of trail needed to complete the 11 national scenic trails.
2. Over 100 sites in need of protection along 19 national historic trails.
3. Protect against the loss of public access, proposed pipelines, and energy transmission lines and developments that jeopardize sections of all 30 national scenic and historic trails.
4. Increase access to and continue to engage broad, diverse stakeholders and visitors to all 30 national scenic and historic trails.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Ala Kahakai Trail Association
- Anza Trail Foundation
- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Arizona Trail Association
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- Connecticut Forest & Park Association
- Continental Divide Trail Coalition
- Continental Divide Trail Society
- E Mau Nā Ala Hele
- El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association
- Florida Trail Association
- Ice Age Trail Alliance
- Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance
- Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
- Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.
- Mormon Pioneer Trail Association
- Natchez Trace Parkway Association
- National Pony Express Association
- Nez Perce Trail Foundation
- North Country Trail Association
- Old Spanish Trail Association
- Oregon-California Trails Association
- Overmountain Victory Trail Association
- Pacific Crest Trail Association
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association
- Potomac Heritage Trail Association
- Santa Fe Trail Association
- Trail of Tears Association
- Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT Association
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association
- American Discovery Trail Society
- American Hiking Society
- Back Country Horsemen of America
- Carson Valley Trail Association
- Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association
- National Frontier Trails Museum
- National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance
- Smoky Hill Trail Association
- Tahoe Rim Trail Association