

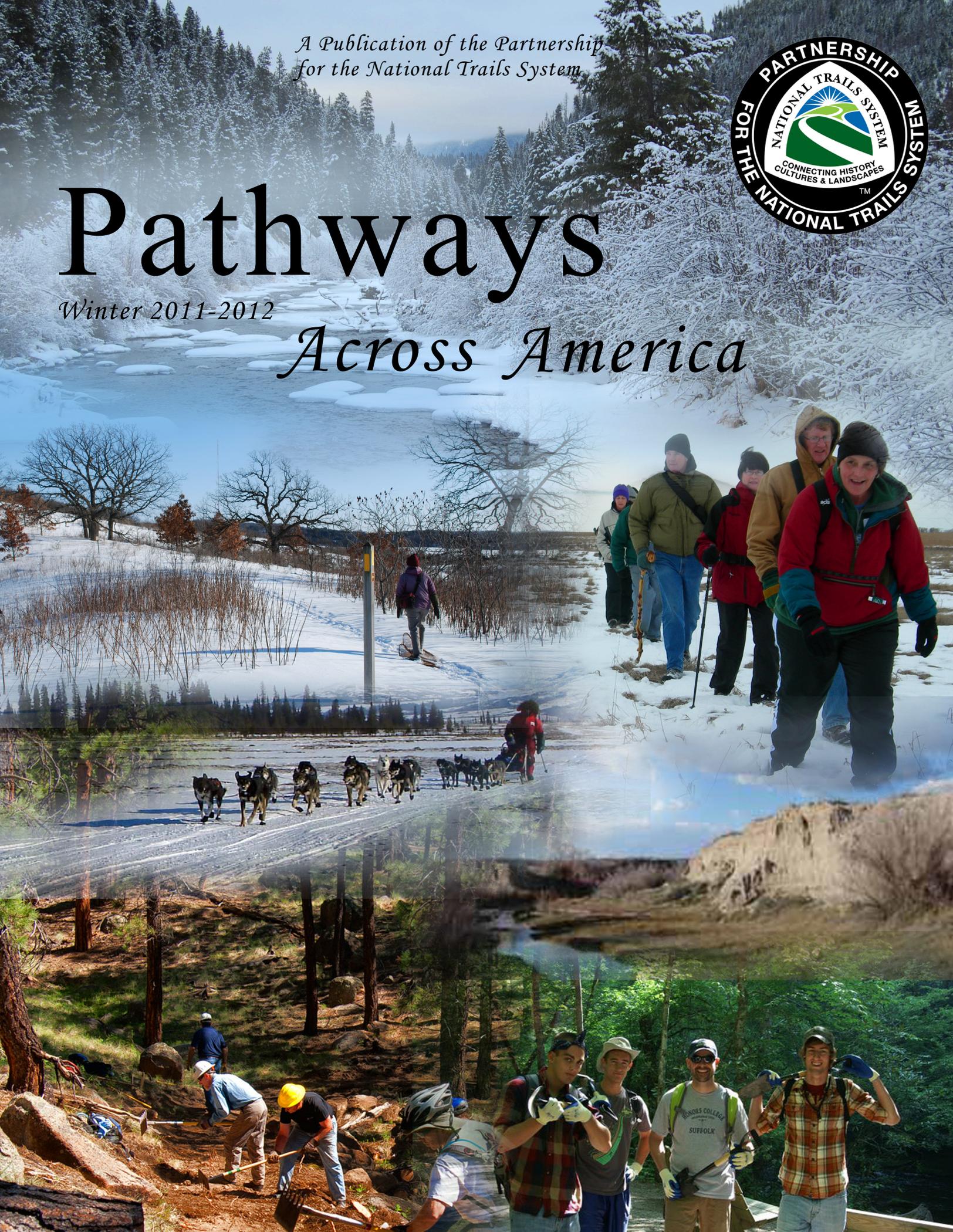
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 Oregon National Historic Trail  
 Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail  
 Pony Express National Historic Trail  
 Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail  
 Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail  
 Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail  
 Santa Fe National Historic Trail  
 Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail  
 Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail  
 Trail of Tears National Historic Trail  
 Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route  
 National Historic Trail



## Building Community...

# The National Trails Pathways Nationwide for

## What is the

## National Trails System?

The National Trail System includes 3 main types of national trails: Scenic Trails, Historic Trails, and Recreation Trails.



### Categories of National Trails:

#### National Scenic & Historic Trails

NSTs and NHTs are designated by Congress (see specific descriptions below). The Partnership for the National Trails System (see left) is the nonprofit dedicated to facilitating stewardship of the Scenic and Historic Trails as a group.

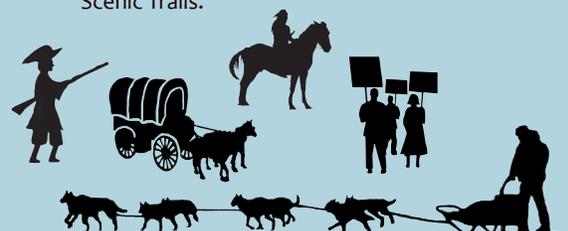
#### National Recreation Trails

Offer local and regional trail experiences in thousands of locations around the country. The nonprofit American Trails encourages the stewardship of the National Recreation Trails (NRTs). NRTs are designated by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

## 19 National Historic Trails

Ala Kahakai NHT  
 California NHT  
 Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT  
 El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT  
 El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT  
 Iditarod NHT  
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 Selma to Montgomery NHT  
 Star-Spangled Banner NHT  
 Trail of Tears NHT  
 Washington-Rochambeau  
 Revolutionary Route NHT

National Historic Trails may be foot or horse paths, travel routes, roadways, or a combination of both designated as a route retracing a part of American history. Many National Historic Trails have interpretive centers and regular events to immerse you in the past. While historic trails may run through urban and suburban settings, they boast wilderness and hiking opportunities as beautiful and diverse as the National Scenic Trails.



Heritage • History • Hiking • Culture • Reenactments



Keeping History Alive...



Preserving Biodiversity

# System... Discovery, Learning, & Understanding

## Strengthening Communities

through heritage and ecotourism, public involvement, and community collaboration.



## Enhancing

**Access** to natural areas and historic treasures through innovative interpretation and community outreach efforts.



## Facilitating

### Public-Private Partnerships

for preservation of history, natural environments, and human health through outdoor recreation.



## 11 National Scenic Trails

The National Scenic Trails represent some of the most magnificent long-distance hiking trails anywhere in the world. Virtually every major ecosystem in the US is traversed by a National Scenic Trail, from deserts, temperate rainforests, tundra, mountains, prairies, temperate deciduous forests, wetlands, and rivers. The National Scenic Trails offer natural corridors for wildlife preservation and unspoiled views, and they create fitness and outdoor leadership opportunities for all ages.

- Appalachian NST
- Arizona NST
- Continental Divide NST
- Florida NST
- Ice Age NST
- Natchez Trace NST
- New England NST
- North Country NST
- Pacific Crest NST
- Pacific Northwest NST
- Potomac Heritage NST

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## THE PATHWAYS COVER

The Winter 2011-2012 Pathways Cover includes photos from many national scenic and historic trails. From upper left to lower right: Lolo Creek along the Nez Perce NHT by Roger Peterson, USFS; snowshoeing on the Ice Age NST by Gary Werner, PNTS; hiking along the North Country NST, courtesy of the NCTA; sled dog team on the Iditarod NHT, courtesy of the IHTA; the Amagosa River along the Old Spanish NHT, courtesy of the NPS; trail work along the Arizona NST, courtesy of the ATA; and conducting user surveys on the Florida NST, courtesy of Justin Fisch, FTA.



## 15th Annual “Hike the Hill” Trails Advocacy Week takes place in Washington, DC

The Partnership for the National Trails System and the American Hiking Society once again collaborated to hold the 15th annual “Hike the Hill” Trails Advocacy Week, in Washington, DC from February 10-16, 2012. The two trail organizations partnered for many logistical arrangements but this year experimented with offering separate programs to meet the different advocacy needs of their members. The PNTS event drew over 80 participants from across the nation, including Alaska and Hawaii.

As usual, PNTS programming started with internal business meetings for the Leadership Council and Board of Directors, with a special guest presentation and brainstorming session led by the PNTS’s new consultant, Sound Governance. The official PNTS Advocacy component began with the opening reception on Sunday evening, featuring a presentation on Google Earth interactive mapping opportunities for trails led by Ron Hall, who used the Nez Perce National Historic Trail as an example of effective use of trail mapping through Google Earth.

Partnership for the National Trails System partners joined the American Hiking Society for the 3rd Annual Hike on the National Mall, starting at the Lincoln Memorial. The event opened with remarks by AHS President Greg Miller and USFS National Director of Recreation and Heritage Resources Jim Bedwell. Special this year was musical accompaniment by Kalani Souza of the Ala Kahakai NHT of Hawaii, who brought along his ukulele and led favorite popular songs at several stops along the mall.

On Monday, February 13, President Obama released his 2013 budget. The President requested \$450 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for 2013 and proposed a slight increase in BLM and NPS funding for the national scenic and historic trails. The encouraging numbers in the President’s budget set a positive tone for our agency and congressional meetings.

Leaders from the nonprofit stewardship organizations for the national scenic and historic trails packed in meetings with their state senators and representatives, presenting information about their trails and programs. During these lobbying meetings PNTS partner organizations encouraged congressional representatives to

continue to support their individual trails, advocate for full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, encourage passage of the Federal Land Transfer Facilitation Act (FLTFA), and stress the importance of transportation enhancements and recreational trail programs.

As in previous years, leaders from NSHT organizations met with leaders of our federal agency partners. This was the year of the “deputies”—meetings with new Deputy Director of the USFS Lesley Weldon and repeat meetings with NPS Deputy Director Mickey Fearn and Deputy BLM Director Mike Poole and Deputy NLCS Director Robert Towne and Deputy Wildlife Refuge Director Cynthia Martinez.

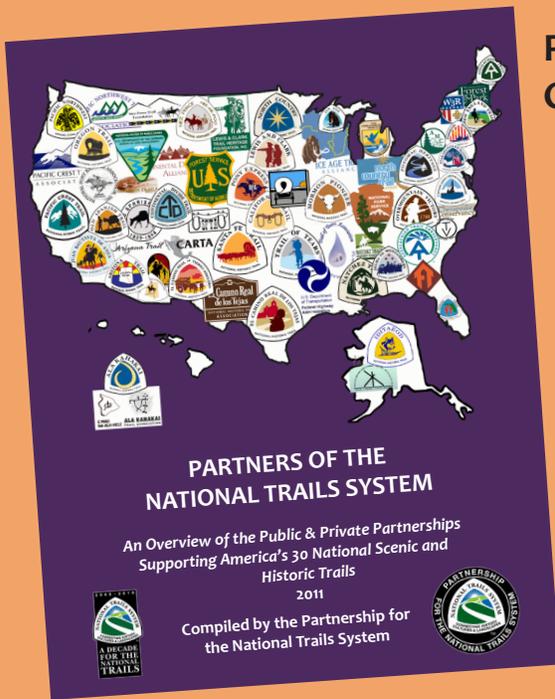
The event was definitely a success, and PNTS Executive Director Gary Werner stated, “We had some of our most productive meetings ever with agency leaders and Office of Management and Budget staff.” Trails leaders also had the opportunity to network and reconnect with other trails.

*The 3rd Annual “Hike on the National Mall”  
Photo courtesy of the American Hiking Society.*



The PNTS provided several documents to trail advocates to use in their meetings, including an updated 2011 version of the “Gold Sheet of Volunteer Hours and Contributions,” and informational handouts about the Land and Water Conservation Fund created in partnership with the Trust for Public Lands. New this year was the PNTS National Trails System Partners Report. (See below). Both of these documents are available at the PNTS website, [www.pnts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/PNTS-Partners-Report-2011.pdf](http://www.pnts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/PNTS-Partners-Report-2011.pdf)





## PNTS Releases National Trails System Partners Report; Corrections & Comments Period Now Open

The Partnership for the National Trails System is proud to announce the inaugural release of *Partners of the National Trails System: An Overview of the Public and Private Partnerships Supporting America's 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails*. The report is the result of several months of collecting data and programmatic descriptions from the federal partners (with significant assistance from the Federal Interagency Council on Trails) and trail stewardship organizations. These charts attempt to highlight the partnerships critical to maintaining the national scenic and historic trails.

Each trail, regardless of length or complexity, has a one-page profile that includes information about the primary private partner(s) for that trail as well as a description of the federal initiatives related to that particular trail. Data including membership, number of employees, volunteers, website hits, and funding is listed for both public and private partners.

Unique to the report is a pie chart for each national scenic and historic trail that attempts to combine total support for the trail, in terms of dollars spent (either raised through the nonprofit organizations or allocated through federal funding) as well as the financial value of volunteer labor contributed by the nonprofit stewardship partner(s). These charts attempt to highlight the tremendous leveraging effect of volunteer time and private contributions for federal dollars spent.



The first version of the report is available online at <http://www.pnts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/PNTS-Partners-Report-2011.pdf>. The next issue of *Pathways* will feature the complete revised 2011 report.

### Corrections? Comments?

The next issue of *Pathways* will be a special release of the Report. A comment period of the first version is open through **April 30th**. Please contact Julia Glad at [PNTSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:PNTSCommunications@gmail.com) or call 608-249-7870 (Ex 2) for further information.

## Volunteers Hours on the NTS Top 1 million once again in 2011!

2010 marked the first year the organizations sustaining the national scenic and historic trails have reported that their volunteers contributed more than 1 million hours – actually 1,157,493 – of labor for their trails. It also continues a trend of consistent increases in effort to build and maintain the national scenic and historic trails by the private sector partners over more than a decade.

Once again, the total financial value contributed by the nonprofit trail organizations exceeded the funding provided by Congress to support the scenic and historic trails during 2011. Besides the value of the volunteer labor – \$24,724,054 – the organizations provided \$8,713,574 to fund projects and activities benefitting the trails. The more than \$32 million of effort supplied by these organizations more than matched the \$29.07 million that Congress appropriated to the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and USDA Forest Service to administer and manage the 30 national scenic and historic trails in 2010.

The 2011 "Gold Sheet of Volunteer Hours and Contributions," compiled by the PNTS, was once again distributed during Trails Advocacy Week in Washington, DC, in February of 2012. The "Gold Sheet" demonstrates the commitment of the National Trails System Partners and the leveraging of federal dollars to those who make the fiscal decisions for the nation.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN 2011 BY NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAIL ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM			
Organization	Volunteer Hours	Estimated Value of Volunteer Labor	Financial Contributions
Ala Kahakai Trail Association & E Mau Na Ala Hele	10,090	\$209,114	\$2,600
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	230,575	\$4,925,082	\$4,320,000
Arizona Trail Association	19,952	\$426,175	\$197,339
Camino Real Trail Association	5,050	\$107,868	\$4,000
Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT Association	1,400	\$29,904	\$17,500
Chesapeake Conservancy	-	-	\$930,940
Continental Divide Trail Alliance	21,770	\$465,000	\$90,000
Florida Trail Association	65,365	\$1,396,004	\$149,208
Ice Age Trail Alliance	65,894	\$1,407,496	\$380,000
Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance	15,000*	\$320,400	\$29,000
Anza Trail Foundation, Anza Trail Coalition of AZ	21,576	\$460,863	\$26,170
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	128,000*	\$2,734,080	\$60,000
Mormon Trails Association	600	\$12,816	-
Natchez Trace Parkway Foundation	1,200	\$25,632	\$3,500
National Pony Express Association	33,916	\$724,446	\$13,200
New England NST (CFPA + AMC)	9,085	\$194,055	\$42,000
Nez Perce Trail Foundation	15,910	\$339,838	\$334,815
North Country Trail Association	68,505	\$1,463,266	\$375,697
Old Spanish Trail Association	15,310	\$327,022	\$22,639
Oregon-California Trails Association	75,260	\$1,607,554	\$554,274
Overmountain Victory Trail Association	11,915	\$254,504	\$34,000
Pacific Crest Trail Association	118,450	\$2,530,092	\$854,274
Pacific Northwest Trail Association	28,300	\$604,488	\$17,699
Potomac Heritage Trail Association	14,000*	\$299,040	\$825
Santa Fe Trail Association	74,047	\$1,581,644	\$206,771
Trail of Tears Association	73,846	\$1,577,350	\$40,123
Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT Association (W3R-US)	16,850	\$359,916	\$7,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,141,866</b>	<b>\$24,390,258</b>	<b>\$8,714,610</b>

# America's Great Outdoors 50-State Report Features Three National Scenic and Historic Trail Projects

## America's Great Outdoors National Trails Projects

A major component of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors (AGO) initiative to establish a 21st Century conservation and recreation agenda and reconnect Americans to the outdoors is a set of two collaborative projects with each state and the District of Columbia. Inclusion of these projects within the AGO is the result of 50 meetings with governors and stakeholders held by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and other senior Interior Department officials during June and July 2011 to solicit ideas on how to best implement AGO in their states. According to Secretary Salazar, "My staff and I asked each governor for the most promising projects to support in their states, and we will do all we can to help move them forward."

The Ala Kahakai and Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trails and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail are among the 102 projects comprising the State Projects component of AGO. Specific implementation plans to accomplish resource preservation, land conservation, and to provide more recreational opportunities along these three national trails are being developed within the federal agencies that administer and manage them in collaboration with key state agency partners.

The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail extends along 175 miles of the coast of Hawaii and links together four national parks and several state and local parks and many communities. The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail follows the historic water routes of John Smith's travels for 3,000 miles through Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. This water route trail connects with 16 national wildlife refuges, 12 national park areas, and three other national trails. Winding for 1200 miles across Wisconsin the Ice Age National Scenic Trail traces the terminal moraine and other features left by the most recent continental glacier 15,000 years ago. The trail also connects many state and local parks, wildlife areas, and Wisconsin's national forest and the St. Croix-Namekagon National Scenic River. All of these trails are still under development and only partially available for public use.

By Gary Werner, Executive Director, PNTS.

## About the 50-State AGO Report

On November 11, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Salazar released the final 50-State America's Great Outdoors Report outlining more than 100 of the country's most promising projects designed to protect special places and increase access to outdoor spaces. The full report – which contains two projects per state – comes as part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors (AGO) initiative to establish a community-based, 21st century agenda for conservation, recreation, and reconnecting Americans to the outdoors.

Among the projects outlined in the report are 23 projects to construct new trails or improve recreational sites – such as completing gaps in the Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin and expanding the multi-use Shingle Creek Trail in Florida;

*Adapted from the official Department of Interior press release, available in entirety at:*

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/AMERICAS-GREAT-OUTDOORS-Salazar-Releases-50-State-Report-Highlighting-Projects-to-Promote-Conservation-Outdoor-Recreation.cfm>

**The complete America's Great Outdoors 50-State Report is available online at:**

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/upload/ago50staterreport.pdf>

## North Kona-South Kohala Coastline / Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail

### Greenway and Water Trail - Island of Hawaii

**Project Description and Need:** Thirty-one miles of coastline on the Island of Hawaii make up the North Kona-South Kohala Coastline String of Parks, beginning at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor and ending at Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site. Hawaii wants to connect these seven national, state, and county parks via aquatic and terrestrial trails interspersed with multi-use recreation facilities. The NPS Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail already provides land links through parks in coastal areas, and it could be linked by sea as well, via recreational boating opportunities. In addition to providing recreation access, the North Kona-South Kohala Coastline has a rich cultural history, including ancient artifacts at sacred sites, and great potential for environmental education and interpretation. The NPS is working with a dozen local communities in the trail corridor to develop community-based trail management plans. The plans include an economic development component focused on creating jobs in the recreation and visitor services fields. This project meets AGO outdoor recreation goals and is supported by state and community entities. Potential Action: Provide technical and financial assistance to the Island of Hawaii to enhance the Ala Kahakai Trail and provide new access



along the Kona Coast. Work with the state and local communities in greenway, water trail, and interpretive planning for 31 miles of the Kona Coast.

Partners: NPS, State of Hawaii, Island of Hawaii, local communities, and nonprofits.



# AGO Projects on National Scenic and Historic Trails

## Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia

Multi-State Project

(Also cross-listed as individual state projects)

**Project Description and Need:** The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail follows the historic water routes of Smith's travels. The trail stretches some 3,000 miles through parts of present-day Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, and connects with 16 national wildlife refuges, 12 national park areas, and three national trails. It offers opportunities for tourism, environmental and cultural education, conservation, and recreation. The multi-dimensional nature of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail makes it a model for a new system of National Blueways.

Maryland and Virginia are both partnering with NPS and various nonprofit organizations to enhance the recreational and scenic value of the trail. Both are actively engaging in trail development and signage to make the trail more accessible to the public, and Maryland has undertaken a comprehensive plan to connect visitors with 4,600 acres of historic and ecologically significant lands. Both states are also improving recreational access and engaging in river restoration. Pennsylvania is also engaged in landscape conservation along the lower Susquehanna River, a proposed connector trail to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. The state is improving access and enhancing a network of land and water trails to connect the public to this 27,500-square-mile watershed, which supplies 50 percent of Chesapeake Bay's fresh water.

### Individual Potential State Actions and Partners

**Maryland:** Potential Action: Support implementing the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail plan through investments in land, restoration, preservation, recreation, and interpretation. Designate the entire multi-state trail as a National Blueway.

Partners: NPS, BLM, and State of Maryland, with support from national and local entities, including The Conservation Fund.

**Virginia:** Potential Action: Provide technical and financial assistance to expand recreation access to the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail and to develop interpretative signage for Virginia's portion. Designate the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail as a National Blueway.

Partners: NPS, FWS, BLM, Commonwealth of Virginia, and nonprofit organizations.

**Pennsylvania:** Potential Action: Provide financial assistance for improvements to the Riverfront Park in Columbia Borough. Designate the Susquehanna as a connecting Water Trail to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

Partners: NPS, FWS, and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



Taylor's Island in the Chesapeake Bay. FWS public domain photo by Chris Koppie.



## Ice Age National Scenic Trail - Wisconsin

**Project Description and Need:** The variety of recreation options within a one-hour drive of Madison—the state capital—make the Baraboo Hills/Devil's Lake area a hub for outdoor activity that serves over 1.7 million visitors a year. The area combines unique geologic features, diverse fauna, prehistoric effigy mounds, historic Civilian Conservation Corps buildings, and spectacular scenery. The Baraboo Hills, long recognized as ecologically unique and valuable, host many preserves, state natural areas, and two state parks. The NPS designated the southern range of the Baraboo Hills as a National Natural Landmark in 1980. Various organizations, including the University of Wisconsin, Baraboo Range Preservation Association, and Wisconsin DNR have formed a strong conservation partnership and protected thousands of acres through acquisitions and easements. One such partnership is the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, a collaboration between the NPS, State of Wisconsin, and Ice Age Trail Alliance. They work together on trail management and development for the Ice Age Trail. One of only 11 National Scenic Trails in the United States, Ice Age Trail stretches for 1,200 miles across Wisconsin. State and local partners are working to connect trail segments through strategic conservation easements. This project supports several AGO goals, including large landscape conservation, preservation of natural and culturally significant areas, and support for creative public private partnerships.



Potential Action: Expand the Ice Age Trail through strategic conservation easements.

Partners: Wisconsin DNR, NPS, Ice Age Trail Alliance, and nonprofit organizations.



# Arizona National Scenic Trail Celebrates Completion



The final link in a continuous Arizona National Scenic Trail across the state of Arizona from Mexico to Utah was completed on Friday, December 16, 2011.

A ceremony was held on a scenic mountainside overlooking the Gila River, not far from the small communities of Kelvin and Riverside.

"This trail connects mountains, desert, rivers, and canyons - but what it really connects is people" said Arizona Trail Association president Emily

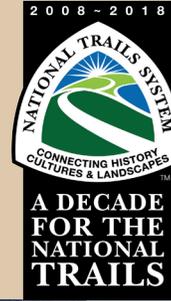
Nottingham. Many agency partners and volunteers worked together to complete this path used by hikers, bikers, and equestrians. 26 years ago, Flagstaff teacher Dale Shewalter walked from Mexico to the Utah border to scout out a route that would ultimately become the Arizona Trail. Shewalter died in 2010 but founding member of the Arizona Trail Association Jan Hancock said, "Dale's spirit was felt today".

Arizona Trail Association and multiple agency personnel, trail workers and long time Arizona Trail supporters attended the event and constructed the final stretch of trail. Adjacent to the trail, a brass cap commemorating the historic occasion was set in concrete. Friends of the late Dale Shewalter, the much respected and loved father of the Arizona Trail, inscribed his initials in the concrete.



An open to the public, grand celebration commemorating the AZT's completion was held on February 4th, 2012 in Tempe, Arizona. Details are available at [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org).

Photos by Mike Bieke. Text adapted from Arizona electronic newsletter and photo archive site.



This Trail success corresponds to

## Decade Goal # 2 PROTECTION

(One of the three goals of the Decade for the National Trails 2008-2018). For more information on the Decade, visit [www.pnts.org](http://www.pnts.org).



## Tool-Box-Building Resource: Volunteers in the Forest Service: A Coordinator's Desk Guide.

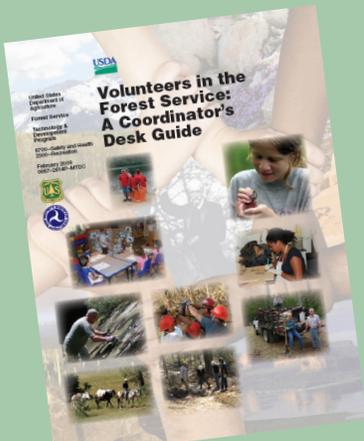
This guide provides coordinators with information to organize volunteers to work safely and productively. The guide, designed for forest service managers, features a variety of volunteer recruitment, training, project management, and evaluation approaches of use for the wider trail community.

The 31-page document is available online as a PDF, best located simply by searching "Forest Service Volunteers Coordinator's Desk Guide".



Some particularly useful features:

- Recruitment strategies
- Volunteer Project Preparations
- Orientation and Training
- Equipment Use & Reimbursement
- Safety and Liability
- Time and Progress Reporting



**Toolbox-Building Opportunity!**

## El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trails Association, Oregon-California Trails Association To Host Joint Symposium

April 26-28, 2012 ~ Austin, Texas.

El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association and the Oregon-California Trail Association are hosting a symposium in Austin, Texas. The symposium will seek to explore the histories of both trails and discuss developments taking place with each. The period of historic significance for the Camino is 1680-1845, while the Southern Route to California is focused primarily on the period from around 1849 through the Civil War. Lecturers will make connections, not only through time, but also geographically, where the trails intersect and have resources in common with one another. Native American history associated with the trails will also be highlighted.

The symposium will better familiarize people with these two trail systems, inspire partnerships where historic resources are in common, and cross-pollinate interest between those primarily interested in the Camino and those interested in the Southern Routes.

To register online, visit [www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org](http://www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org).



Join National Historic Trails Leaders for the:  
**PNTS Historic Trails Workshop**  
**May 14-17, 2012 ~ Socorro, New Mexico**

“From Line on a Map to Real on the Ground”

This workshop on National Historic Trails (NHTs) has several objectives:

- To understand how the Trails Act governs the establishment, preservation, and development of national historic trails;
- To imagine and develop a vision for the preservation and development of a NHT and address how to strengthen our trails to achieve that vision
- To understand how national historic trails can relate to America’s Great Outdoors;
- To begin developing an action agenda linking NHTs to AGO.

Starting with two field exercises during the first two days, this workshop will allow participants to holistically examine and understand issues concerning the documentation, preservation, and development of national historic trails for public use on two historic routes through the historic city of Socorro and the little-changed Bosquecito Road. The exercises will engage participants in a fun, challenging, intensive, and structured effort, with lessons and experiences applicable to all NHTs. One session will also give nonprofit trail groups a chance to brainstorm how to strengthen their organizations.

Day three will broaden our discussion to current policy initiatives, such as AGO and its emphasis on “Large Landscapes.” It will be held at the nearby Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. We will examine trail corridor preservation strategies being developed by the Bureau of Land Management, the nexus between national trails and national wildlife refuges and a number of opportunities for historic trail preservation in AGO. We will also use several case studies to explore ways historic trails are being protected from (and damaged by) energy production projects. We will end the day with a tour of the Refuge before returning to Socorro.



**Workshop General Schedule**

**Monday, May 14**

Arrival at Albuquerque Airport  
 Guided coach tour of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro between airport and Socorro, NM  
 Evening Reception

**Tuesday, May 15**

AM Field Trip: Historic Trails in the Urban Setting  
 Workshop Session at Hotel  
 Trail Organization Issues Discussion  
 Guest Speaker Elsa Garcia Rodriguez from Mexico

**Wednesday, May 16**

Field Trip to El Camino Real East of Rio Grande  
 Field Trip Workshop Follow-up at Hotel  
 Guest Speaker Ben Brown, CARTA Archaeologist

**Thursday, May 17**

Trail Corridor Protection Workshop at Bosque del Apache Fish and Wildlife Refuge

**Friday, May 18**

Departure to Albuquerque Airport

**Register Online at:**

[www.pnts.org](http://www.pnts.org)

**A Special Thank you to the National Trails Stewardship Circle Donors**

*The National Trails Stewardship Circle recognizes the vision and generosity of supporters of the National Trails System who have individually supported the Partnership for the National Trails System.*

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## Decade Goal # 2 PROTECTION



Above: Blackwater NWR marshlands. Right: red-necked phalarope at Blackwater NWR. USFWS public domain photos.

The USFWS used \$1.4 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase the property from The Conservation Fund, which had negotiated purchase of the land from Tideland Ltd. The Chesapeake Conservancy served as a conservation catalyst by highlighting acquisition benefits and advocating for funding with the USFWS and Congress.

Since Congress created the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail in 2006, the USFWS and the National Park Service have worked together to implement the Trail. While the National Park Service has the lead role in developing the trail, the USFWS holds land that borders the trail on the Nanticoke, Chester, and Susquehanna Rivers in Maryland.



# Chesapeake Conservancy

## Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expanded along Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

On October 31, 2011, U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD) announced a major expansion of the 27,000 acre Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) with the purchase of the 825-acre Tideland parcel along the Nanticoke River. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) had identified the land as prime habitat for migratory waterfowl. The southern parcel protects a one-mile section of river along the Capt. John Smith Chesapeake NHT.



Senator Cardin stated, “The Tideland parcel conserves habitat for bald eagles, black ducks and other species dependent on healthy wetlands. This acquisition will also play an important role in protecting the historic landscapes associated with the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, and provide an important economic benefit to the economy of Dorchester County by attracting tourists to the heart of Chesapeake country and creating jobs for residents.”

As one of Dorchester County’s outdoor tourist destinations - which together support over 600 jobs and approximately \$6 million in state and local tax revenues - Blackwater NWR offers a variety of wildlife dependent recreational opportunities.

Since 2008, Senators Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski have worked to appropriate \$4.8 million for land acquisition at Blackwater NWR. Acting within the boundaries of its Comprehensive Conservation Plan, the USFWS has used this funding to purchase critically important parcels from willing landowners.

Joel Dunn, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Conservancy, said that conserving this land would enhance the experience of travelers along the Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. “Protecting the Nanticoke River corridor will encourage more heritage tourism and attract more visitors to the water trail, which is important for the local economy.”

“We are grateful that Senator Cardin and Senator Mikulski secured the funding needed to protect this historically and ecologically important property. Their leadership will allow future generations to experience the landscape and wildlife that Captain John Smith saw as he explored the Nanticoke and met with the American Indians over 400 years ago,” stated Patrick Noonan, Chairman Emeritus of The Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund has worked with landowners and federal, state, and nonprofit partners to protect nearly 9,000 acres at Blackwater NWR since 1990.

## Pacific Crest Trail Association Partners with Anza-Borrego Foundation to Conserve 40-acres along the Pacific Crest NST and Juan Bautista de Anza NHT.

The Pacific Crest Trail Association and the Anza-Borrego Foundation recently collaborated to purchase 40 acres within the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

The once privately-held parcel located next to the Pacific Crest Trail in upper Coyote Canyon in Riverside County will be preserved as open space and set aside for public use. PCTA helped pay a portion of the purchase price and the Anza-Borrego Foundation will hold the land in trust for the state park. It’s the first partnership between the two nonprofit conservation groups.

The area includes open grassland amongst swaths of chaparral shrubs and juniper woodland. The terrain is south facing and littered with rocky ridges and fields. A riparian area with water-loving native trees ribbons through the lower portion of the parcel.

The 1774 and 1775-76 Anza Expeditions to California traveled up Nance Canyon from lower Coyote Canyon to the San Carlos Pass, exiting the desert to a greener, more pastoral California. A Cahuilla Indian village was also located in this area.

“It’s a great property because it provides wildlife habitat, it has cultural and historic value,” said Diana Lindsay, ABF vice president of environmental affairs. “And it’s a fabulous property for hikers on the PCT because it has water and can be used for camping.”

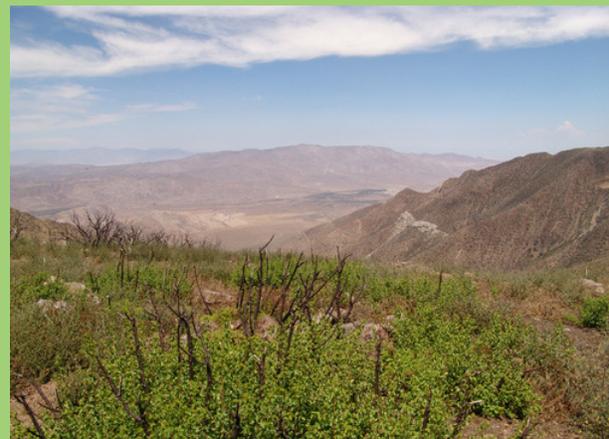
The Pacific Crest Trail is one of 11 National Scenic Trails. It runs along the southeast corner of this parcel. PCTA identified the parcel as a priority for purchase in 2004 because of its proximity to the trail. Donations to the association’s Land Protection Fund were used to pay for the conservation project.

“Through the generosity of our donors, we were able to partner on this purchase and help save this property from development,” said Liz Bergeron, PCTA executive director. “It’s highly likely that this parcel would have been sold for a house or some other project. Now it will be preserved for future generations.”



Adapted from the official PCTA press release, available in entirety at: <http://pcta.org/general/news/press-releases/pcta-anza-preserve-space.asp>.

Photo below: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park by Martha Alejandre. Public Domain.



# “Let’s Take a Hike”

## Middle School Classroom Program Highlights National Historic Trails to teach Geography, History, and Fitness and Recreation Opportunities

Preliminary research on the National Trails System. From left: Karlie Mariano, Alexandr Torres, and Brandon Taylor.



Students in Ms. Andra Beames’ class at Sawgrass Middle School have been exploring US history by learning about the stories and landscapes of several national historic trails. Although these students, located in Coral Springs, Florida, are hundreds of miles from the nearest national historic trail and most had not previously been exposed to the Florida National Scenic Trail, they use the national trails to explore not only history but also the relationship between environmental protection and diversity, outdoor recreation, and physical fitness.

Working on a natural features map for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. From left: Sarju Patel, Cachandre Rawlins, Olivia Brandel, Amy Kamio, and Sarang Patel.



The *Let’s Take a Hike* curriculum program, now in its second year, consists of a total of five 45-minute classes with an established lesson plan with goals, outcomes, discussion questions, and grading criteria. The program will also be using resources supplied by the PNTS, including Pathways Across America, NTS documents, and individual trail maps.

Importantly, the program serves as a launching point for discussions about hiking and outdoor experiences, and education about outdoor recreation. Students are asked about their previous experiences in the outdoors, and are educated about the hiking, biking, and even kayaking and canoeing opportunities available to promote physical fitness on public lands.

Ms. Andra Beames’ classroom has received a grant from the Broward Education Foundation to cover the costs of basic materials. So far, over 200 students have participated, with the program likely to grow significantly following Ms. Beames recent presentation at a gathering of teachers at the Broward Education Foundation 15th Annual IMPAC II Idea Expo. The planning materials she has compiled are now being made available to other geography teachers in the area to help spread the program to other schools.



These trail successes correspond to

**Decade Goal # 1  
OUTREACH**

### The Program

- 1.) Students research general facts about the National Trails System, including the 1968 signing of the National Trails Act by Congress using online federal resources and the National Trails System Map.
- 2.) All students divide into small groups and select a national scenic or historic trail on which to focus.
- 3.) Using the info gathered in the research process, each student group designs a brochure about that scenic or historic trail using the Five Themes of Geography designed by the National Geographic Society, including Location, Place, Human Environmental Interaction, Movement, and Region.  
  
Students include the states the trail traverses, facts such as total length, rest areas, and points of interest, and use reference maps to list climates, landforms, and bodies of water bordering the trail. Students include five historical facts as well as contemporary environmental concerns facing the trail. The final side of the brochure lists elevation, points of interest, and potential physical fitness and outdoor recreation opportunities along the trail.
- 4.) The final part of the classroom project is the hands-on creation of a topographical map to include a visual component commonly found in national or state park displays. Using craft materials like Stickit Kits and modeling clay, students depict elevation and physical features like river systems or lakes.
- 5.) Students share their models and brochures with their classmates so all student groups learn about all of the trails explored via the project.

Building a natural features map for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. From left: Hannah Kornitsky and Samantha Gaynor.



# National Historic Trails Interpretive Center wins BLM Award

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This October BLM Director Bob Abbey presented the Director's Team Accomplishment Award to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (Casper, WY). This was the second annual presentation of the BLM Director's Awards to agency employees for exceptional public service.



A news release on the BLM's website states "Through extensive community partnerships and volunteer contributions, the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (NHTIC) brings Western history to life through the cultural interpretation of America's westward expansion during the 1800s. Over the past two years, the NHTIC successfully promoted public understanding of America's Native American cultures and the historic westward expansion while also highlighting the BLM's role as stewards of America's public lands."

The news release quotes Director Abbey as saying "People are the BLM's most valuable asset, and these awardees set superior examples for all of us to follow. These awards recognize outstanding leadership, successful stewardship, collaborative efforts, and innovative approaches that are helping the BLM pursue our goal of becoming the premier natural and cultural resources management agency in all of the government."



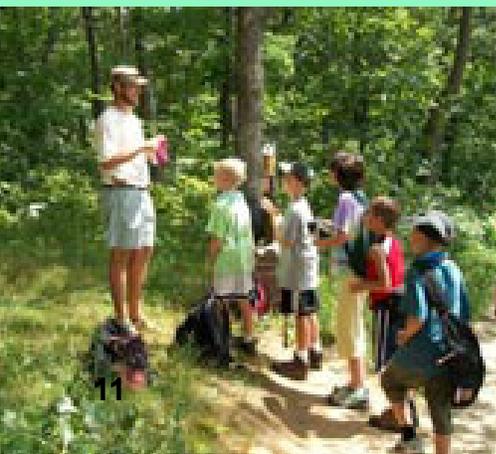
# Hartzog Awards for Outstanding Service to NPS Awarded to Volunteers with Ice Age and North Country National Scenic Trails

## Youth Volunteer Group Award Summer Saunters Youth Group Ice Age National Scenic Trail

The idea is simple: take students into the woods, let them explore, and they will discover the world independently. The creativity lies in the simplicity -- trusting kids' natural curiosity. Summer Saunters may sound like a low-key way of lazing away a warm, sunny day, but in reality it is a vibrant and energy-packed youth program that incorporates volunteer service, service learning, and a week of hiking on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Summer Saunters youth crews - students, teachers, and family members from the school districts of Lodi, Milwaukee, and Wausau - volunteered more than 1,600 hours on the trail. Students gained a week's worth of invaluable exposure to nature, learned about area pioneers, glacial formations, and other environmental factors. Student lesson plans connected these outdoor activities to Wisconsin academic standards.

The "Saunters" program continues to forge new partnerships and support youth throughout the state, who in turn will benefit the Ice Age NST, now and into the future.



## Enduring Service Award Albert F. "Al" Larmann North Country National Scenic Trail

A leader in planning and completing the Central New York Chapter's segment of the North Country NST, Larmann's volunteer efforts span a spectrum of involvement locally, regionally, and nationally. Since 1997, he has shared more than 10,000 hours of his invaluable time and skills.

Park friends describe him as a patient negotiator who carries a fiery passion and resolve, and who meets difficulties head-on. A six-time participant in "Hike the Hill" week, Larmann is an advocate for the North Country National Scenic Trail before Congress. He initiated his local trail chapter's newsletter, serving as its editor since 1997. He has negotiated numerous agreements with local and state entities for trail routing and development, and has managed major trail construction projects.

In his leadership role within the North Country Trail Association, Larmann was instrumental in establishing a joint effort between the association, the park, and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation to determine a North Country NST route through approximately 150 miles of Adirondack Park.



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Hartzog award information from the NPS article available at <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/hartzog-awards.htm>.

# Spotlight on Trails Apprentices

## Maxine Paul, Age 22 Columbia University



This past summer, I worked as an Environmental Education Specialist at the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and worked along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. I was hired through GeoCorps America to create a citizen-based program for environmental monitoring of public lands and improve environmental content on the website and at on-site exhibits.

Although I grew up in the city, I developed an appreciation for the natural world through family vacations in the mountains of New England, and chose to major in Environmental Science at Columbia University. I graduated in May of 2010, having focused on remote sensing for landscape ecology and biomass monitoring, and I interned at the Archbold Biological Station. Although my academic focus was in the sciences, I was also involved in the Native American Council student organization and Native American community youth programs.



In May 2011, I received a scholarship to attend the National Trails Conference in Abingdon, Virginia, where I attended sessions and served as a panel speaker during the Youth plenary.

I believe that all parties with a stake in the land or history of a national trail should be a part of the effort to preserve the ecological quality of such sites, and have a right to a say in the educational content provided. In my career I hope to help connect scientists, educators, and members of different cultural communities.



## Justin Fisch, Age 22 University of Florida

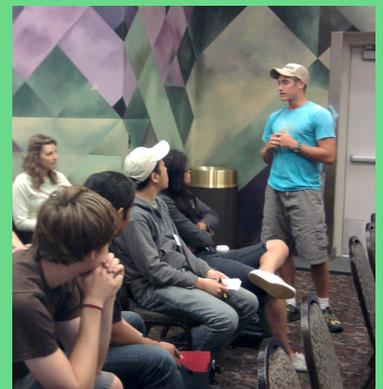
As the project manager for the Florida Trail Visitor Assessment, I oversee \$30,000 of grant funding from the US Forest Service to conduct over 300 survey questionnaires along the 1,500-mile Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST). The purpose of the study is to understand visitor motivations for visiting the FNST and how to best improve the trail to suit hikers' needs. Having begun as a research assistant on the survey, I have progressed to the role of Project Manager, a position usually assigned to graduate students of Forestry. In that position, I completely rewrote the questionnaire and revamped outdated methodology. My senior thesis focuses on the correlation between trail experience and political orientation as a result of outdoor recreation. I anticipate that this research will yield significant correlations between individuals' outdoor recreation experiences and pro-environmental behavior.



I also serve as the director of the University of Florida Travel and Recreation Program (TRiP), a student-run volunteer organization that leads outdoor adventures for UF students. Since my freshman year, I have led students on over 20 excursions throughout the southeastern US, and now administer the organization and its 45 student leaders.

Having first participated in the National Scenic Trails Workshop in Maryland in 2010, I was subsequently a scholarship recipient at the National Trails Conference in May 2011, where I participated in conference activities and presented a topic session about my trail user research.

Note: Justin continues to provide valuable insight for the Partnership through his participation in conference planning calls.



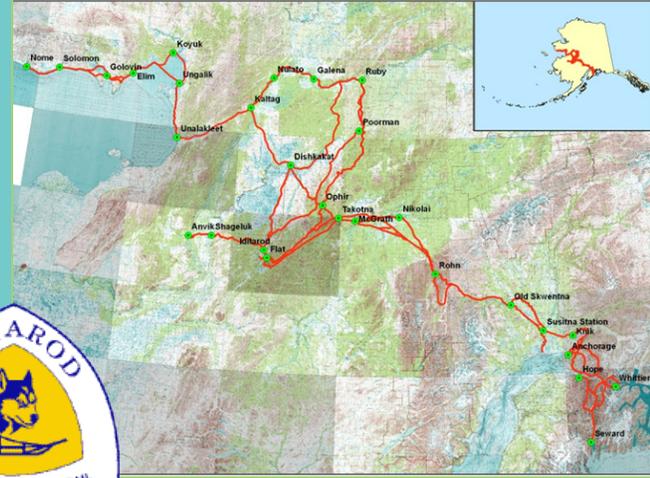
# Iditarod National Historic Trail Iditarod Easements Project

The Iditarod National Historic Trail serves as a crucial modern inter-village transportation route as well as the route of several major long-distance races, including the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. This continuing legacy means that the trail must be protected in a historical sense, with sites and shelters along the route dating back to the 1920s trail, and accessible for modern-day transportation needs including snowmobiles, sled dog teams, and skiing.

Several hundred miles of public and private land do not yet have easements or rights-of-way, and several historic shelter cabins, which have provided life-saving emergency shelter to travelers and racers since the trail first came into use had been in need of restoration. These needs spurred the initiation of the Iditarod Easements Project to identify, protect, and preserve historic, current, and future Iditarod Trail corridors and safety cabins on State of Alaska managed lands for the use of all Alaskans. The State of Alaska is the largest land owner along this transportation system, which consists of State roads, navigable water, inter-village travel corridors, Revised Statute 2477 routes, and numerous local trails and roads.

The Iditarod Easements Group was established within the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in January 2007 with funding received through assistance agreements with the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (the nonprofit for the historic trail) and State grants received through the Iditarod Trail Committee (the nonprofit that manages the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race). The goal of the project is to identify, protect and preserve historic, current and future Iditarod Trail corridors and safety cabins to the extent necessary and practicable on State of Alaska managed lands for the use of all Alaskans. The State of Alaska is the largest landowner along this transportation system, which consists of State roads, navigable water, inter-village travel corridors, Revised Statute 2477 routes and numerous local trails and roads.

A set of criteria was established to prioritize segments of the Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) that do not have easements, and to set standards to which segments will be adjudicated. The next phase of this project is to complete the remaining State easements (all of which abut private land without easements), continue negotiations with land owners for segments that cross unencumbered private lands and establish management agreements for existing safety cabins.



These trail endeavors correspond to

## Decade Goal # 2 PROTECTION

### Easement Status on Iditarod NHT to Date

- State easements and rights-of-way exist on 1,552 miles of the INHT; public notice has been completed for an additional 52 miles.
- For State and private land, 210 miles of the INHT still do not have easements (36 of which are on State land).
- An additional 180 miles of the INHT does not have easements on BLM managed land, 65 of which are selected for conveyance by Native corporations or the State of Alaska.



### Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance has been closely involved with the Iditarod Easements Project, with members of the Alliance working to identify priority segments and to assist in the maintenance of existing easement segments. The IHTA, through the support of the BLM and the USFS, has helped develop new safety cabins along the trail, often recruiting assistance from young adults from local villages for construction.

The IHTA is also involved in general trail maintenance and marking, making the trail identifiable to users across wide swaths of tundra through the building of the iconic tripod marking structures as shown in the photo below. IHTA members have also been major players in trail restoration following large fires that destroyed significant trail segments.



### Safety Cabins

Safety cabins serve an essential function along the INHT, even today. They assist travelers stranded by blizzards and other unforeseen circumstances between remote villages. The State of Alaska has issued multiple authorizations for safety cabins along the INHT, and manages two historic safety cabins listed in the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Iditarod Trail. Both historic cabins are still in use by travelers today.

The State of Alaska, with funding provided by the Office of History and Archaeology and assistance from the USF&WS historic cabin crew, completed an emergency move and restoration of the Skwentna Crossing Safety Cabin in 2010 (top left). Originally constructed by the Alaska Road Commission in 1924, this cabin is located at old milepost 218 of the Seward-Iditarod-Nome Trail.

Submitted by Judith Bittner, IHTA.

Photos courtesy of IHTA.



# Appalachian Trail Community Program

Hikers' excursions into nearby communities to rest and replenish are just as memorable as the journey along the trail itself. Countless A.T. hikers and volunteers over the decades have been welcomed and supported in Trailside neighboring communities. In recognition of the central role these locales play, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's (ATC) new Appalachian Trail Community™ program was launched as an innovative collaboration to promote the relationship that exists between the A.T. and Trail communities.



The Appalachian Trail Community™ program is designed to recognize communities that promote and protect the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Towns, counties, and communities along the A.T.'s corridor are considered assets by A.T. hikers and many of these towns act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail. The program serves to assist communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation, while preserving and protecting the A.T.

To become designated, leaders from the community must form a committee and work with ATC, local Trail volunteers, and teachers to fill out an application. One interesting criteria is a service-learning component, such as participation in the Trail to Every Classroom (TTEC) teacher training program. Once the application is approved, the committee works with ATC to host a ceremony to celebrate the official designation. To date, there have been 14 communities designated, and several more are in the process of applying.

Each community follows different approaches to supporting the Appalachian NST. For example, Hot Springs, NC has adopted a comprehensive plan that highlights the Trail as a community resource and asset. Teachers are implementing A Trail to Every Classroom curriculum, which has included working with the local trail club to adopt a section of the Trail for maintenance and outdoor study. Fourth grade students from the Hot Springs School wrote and published an Appalachian Trail ABC book. Construction of a visitors center is underway, eventually housing information on town history, recreational opportunities, and services for Trail visitors. After inventorying all invasive-exotic plant species through town and along the Trail, community volunteers have begun to remove these harmful species and restore the fragile ecosystem to its native flora.

Another A.T. Community, Franklin, NC, has used its designation to promote its Hiker Bash festival, increasing attendance from 200 to 1,000 after one year in the program. Franklin has incorporated the white Trail blaze (markers on the Trail) into its town logo and formed a committee of town leaders to move forward with promotion, education, and outreach goals. Teachers have created and developed an outdoor classroom trail system, brought students to the Trail to learn about water quality monitoring and other hands-on projects that support science literacy. The local ATCC (Appalachian Trail Community Committee) developed a hiker survey to capture demographic information and hiker comments. Local businesses have contributed to the building of a shelter, and a town hiker brochure and map was developed.

Submitted by  
Julie Judkins,  
Appalachian Trail  
Conservancy.



Designation as an Appalachian Trail Community™ and participation in the program is aimed to:

- Engage community citizens, Trail visitors, and stewards
- Recognize and thank communities for their service to the Trail and hikers
- Act as a catalyst for enhancing sustainable economic development
- Aid local municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning
- Help local community members see the Trail as a resource and asset

## SHORT TERM BENEFITS

- National designation network and communication
- Recognition and visibility through signage, press releases, Appalachian Trail Conservancy's website, and publications
- Enhanced partnerships with public land agencies and volunteers
- Teacher eligibility for an ATC place-based education and service-learning program

## LONG TERM BENEFITS

- Increased community environmental stewardship
- Increased sense of place and cultural sustainability
- Trail-friendly promotion through ATC-assisted marketing techniques



These trail endeavors correspond to  
**Decade Goal # 3**  
**CAPACITY BUILDING**



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## Trails Events Calendar Spring - Summer 2012

### **April 2012**

April 26-28	Joint Symposium - OCTA & El Camino Real de Los Tejas NHT Association	OCTA & El Camino Real de Los Tejas NHT Association	Austin, TX	<a href="http://www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org">www.elcaminorealdelostejas.org</a>
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### **May 2012**

May 14-18	<b>National Historic Trails Workshop</b>	PNTS	Socorro, NM	<a href="http://www.pnts.org">www.pnts.org</a>
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### **June 2012**

June 2	<b>National Trails Day</b>	American Hiking Society	Nationwide	<a href="http://www.americanhiking.org/ntd">www.americanhiking.org/ntd</a>
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June 13-23	Annual Re-Ride of the Pony Express	National Pony Express Association	Old Sacramento, CA to St. Joseph, MO	
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June 14-17	Old Spanish Trail Association Annual Conference	Old Spanish Trail Association	Richfield, UT	<a href="http://www.oldspanishtrail.org">www.oldspanishtrail.org</a>
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### **July 2012**

July 27-29	Trail Fest 2012	Pacific Crest Trail Association	Big Bear Lake, CA	<a href="http://www.pcta.org">www.pcta.org</a>
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July 28-August 1	44th Annual Meeting	Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	Clarksville, IN	<a href="http://www.lewisandclark.org">www.lewisandclark.org</a>
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### **August 2012**

August 2-4	NCTA Annual Conference	North Country Trail Association	Augusta, MI	<a href="http://www.northcountrytrail.org">www.northcountrytrail.org</a>
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August 6-11	OCTA Annual Conference	Oregon-California Trails Association	Lawrence, KS	<a href="http://www.octa-trails.org">www.octa-trails.org</a>
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