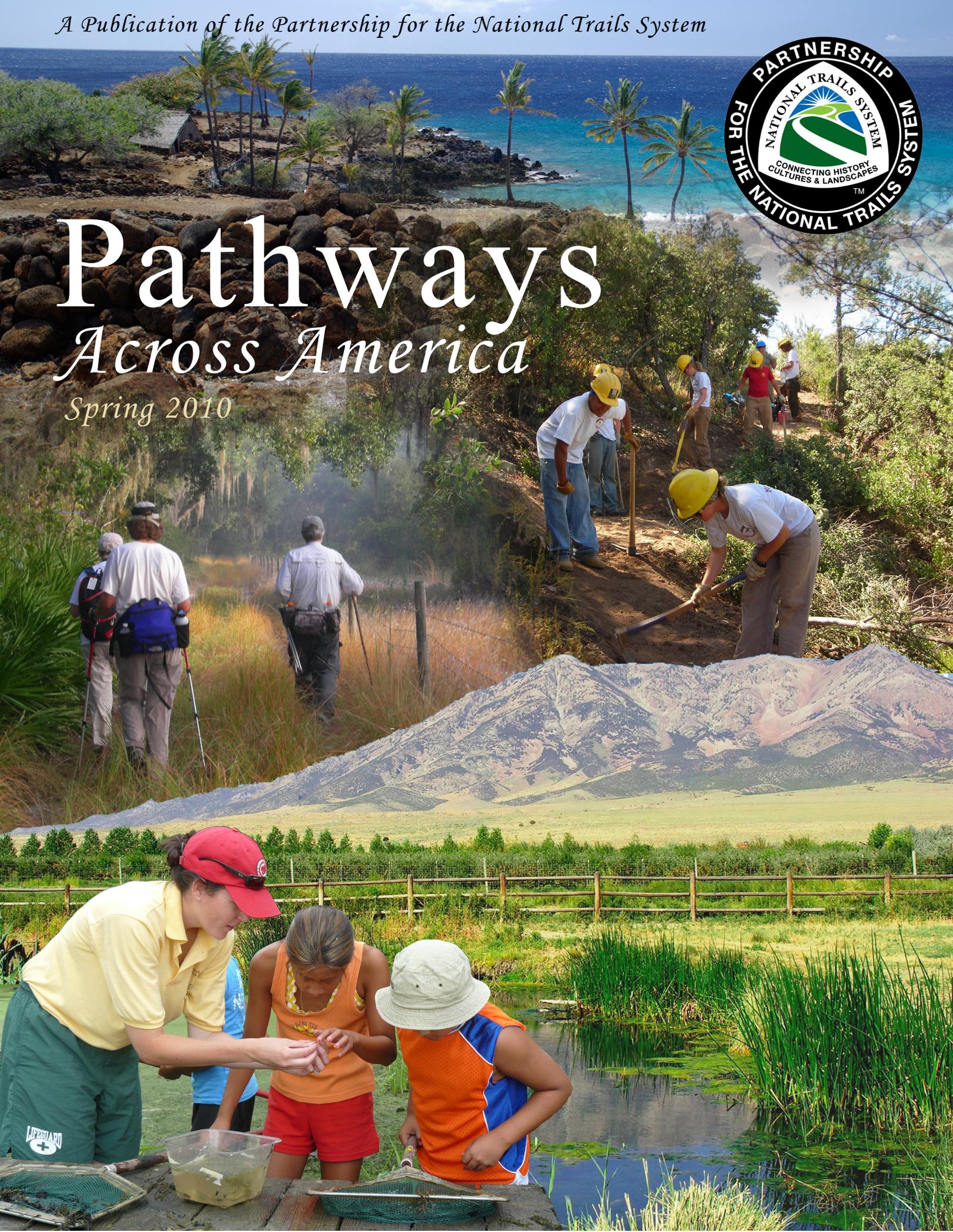


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Building Community...

The National Trails Pathways Nationwide for

Greetings, Trails Enthusiasts!

Among many fascinating and thought provoking presentations during the recent National Historic Trails Workshop in San Antonio was one given by Dr. James Parrent, which reminded me of the dual nature of the National Trails System. An archaeologist and cultural resource management specialist, Dr. Parrent is the Executive Director of Falmouth Heritage Renewal (FHR). He described and showed impressive pictures of the work FHR is doing restoring and renewing historic buildings in Falmouth, Jamaica while training Jamaican young people in various historic preservation and restoration skills and techniques. The training has given the young people both basic construction and highly technical skills which have resulted in employment opportunities as well.

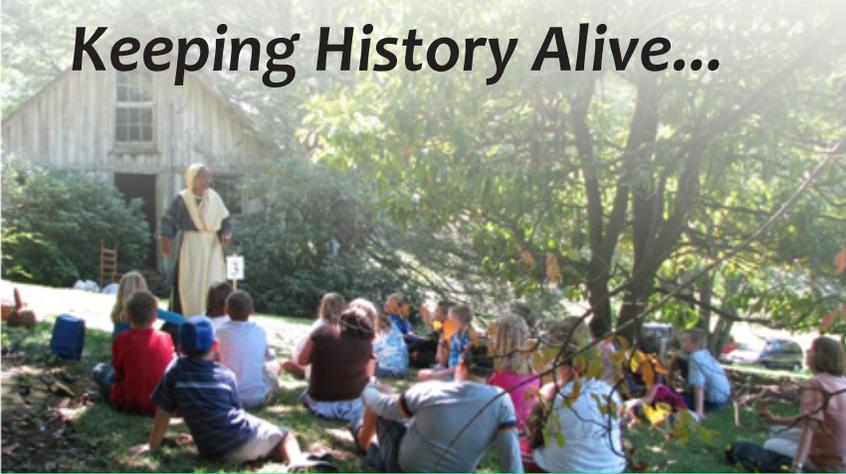
Toward the conclusion of his talk, Dr. Parrent told us that "at FHR we used to think our mission was to restore old buildings, but we have come to realize that our mission is also to train young Jamaicans to help restore and renew their community." Through this dual mission, the small nonprofit organization is providing value to the community of Falmouth, Jamaica in multiple ways. It is restoring fine old buildings – including turning some that were nearly wrecks – into usable, inhabitable, and affordable structures. This restoration in turn has instilled a new pride in the residents of the community, prompting many of them to restore their own homes and surroundings. Just as importantly, the new skills, training, and job opportunities the young people are acquiring have given them and their parents a new sense of accomplishment, pride, and purpose.

His realization, that achieving the goal of restoring historic buildings by training young people in marketable skills was just as valuable as achieving that goal is both elegant and relevant to our work in the National Trails System. Like FHR we in the National Trails System inherit a similar dual mission. Each of our trail organizations has the mission to develop, preserve, and maintain one or more of the national scenic or historic trails on the ground. The National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and US Forest Service (USFS) also have this responsibility.

But all of us, nonprofits and agencies alike, also have the mission to develop and sustain these trails by recruiting, training, and empowering volunteers to be their citizen stewards. We inherited these dual missions from Congress through the National Trails System Act in 1968. Congress in turn was guided by the then half-century model of the Appalachian Trail inspired by Benton Mackaye. Mackaye proposed the creation of a footpath spanning the length of the Appalachian Mountains in a 1921 article entitled "An Appalachian Trail – An Exercise in Regional Planning."

The radical part of Mackaye's proposal was not the long-distance trail – the project to be done – but his proposal for how it was to be accomplished. Mackaye proposed that the trail should be built by citizens coming from the crowded cities of the East Coast to the clean air of the mountains during their vacations. They would live and work from camps set up along the length of the route. When the Appalachian Trail Conference was organized and adopted this approach, rather than mounting an advocacy campaign to convince the Federal government to build the Appalachian Trail, the now venerable tradition of citizen stewardship of our National Scenic and Historic Trails was born. You can easily trace a similar citizen-based effort led by Ezra Meeker, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and others to mark and keep alive the routes of some of our national historic trails in the first decades of the 20th Century.

Keeping History Alive...



Preserving Biodiversity

System... Discovery, Learning, & Understanding

A lesson inherent in the National Trails System that we practice in many ways every day is that the journey is just as important – perhaps even more important – than the arrival at the destination. Put in the terms of historic building restoration in Falmouth, Jamaica, or in operation of the National Trails System – how we accomplish the goal or task is just as important as completing it.

Like Falmouth Heritage Renewal the work of the National Trails System is inherently educational. One strand of the value we provide to individuals and communities all across the land (and to ourselves, as well) is the bundle of skills and techniques that we teach, practice, and share. In the craft of trail finding, preservation, interpretation, construction, and maintenance, and in the stewardship of lands. Another strand of the value and service we provide to numerous communities is how we engage and include people of all ages, colors, and cultures – especially the children and young folks -- from those communities in making and sustaining our trails. A third strand of value we provide to local communities and the Nation is the many communities of citizen stewards and the vibrant spirit of volunteerism they foster along the lengths of our long-distance trails.

These values of the journey – if we practice them with great integrity and careful attention to detail, and if we share them widely – will not only assure the quality and joy of that journey, but the quality of the arrival at the destination. The quality and value of the National Scenic and Historic Trails is directly proportional to how we make and sustain them both on the ground and in the communities they touch.

We are embarked now on the Summer of America’s Great Outdoors, featuring a series of public Listening Sessions around the country organized by the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. We will have opportunities during these public forums and also on the website to tell our stories about how we, in public/private partnership, are preserving, interpreting, and creating these important elements of our national heritage. We will have opportunities to tell how we are connecting our children and youth to the Great Outdoors and our historical and cultural heritage through Ice Age Summer Saunters and Pacific Northwest SKY projects and OCTA’s award-winning “In Pursuit of a Dream” and Captain John Smith Summer Youth Camps and the dozens of other projects and programs we are doing. We will have opportunities to show how our system of 30 trails provides a blueprint to connect many of the Nation’s largest cities to National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, and Wilderness Areas, providing untold recreational and educational opportunities for people and travel ways from refuge to refuge for wildlife. We will be able to share what assistance we need to continue and complete the National Trails System journey.

Let us make the most and the best of that journey together!

Gary Werner, Executive Director

Retraction: On page 6 of the Spring 2010 Issue of Pathways, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association is listed as having received \$3,375,000 in financial contributions for 2009. The correct amount is \$290,000 for 2009, whereas the previously listed number is a sum of contributions for the last ten years.

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THE PATHWAYS COVER

The Summer 2010 Pathways Cover features the John Smith Explorer Camp (Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail - NPS photo); The California Trail, (NPS photo), Morning Hike at Fisheating Creek by Winnie Lo (courtesy of the Florida Trail Association); the Ala Kahakai NST, (courtesy of Barbara Schaefer of E Mau Na Ala Hele); and trail work photo courtesy of the CDTA. Photos inside the cover from left to right: tree planting contingent on the Pacific Northwest Trail, (courtesy A Call to Arms event by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, (photo courtesy of the City of Abingdon, and Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

An Introduction to W3R

(officially known as) the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

By Robert Selig, Ph.D. & NPS Trail
Superintendent Joe DiBello



Elfreth's Alley in Philadelphia, typical of 18th-century city sections. Photo by Robert Selig.

Image at top of page from Rochambeau Map Collection, Library of Congress, detail of a road map drawn by Louis Alexandre de Berthier showing the crossing of the Rappahannaock at Falmouth in Virginia.

With the signing of Public Law No. 111-11 by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2009, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT became the 19th National Historic Trail. A symbol of Franco-American friendship, the trail is defined as “a corridor of approximately 600 miles following the route taken by the armies of General George Washington and Count Rochambeau ... in 1781 and 1782”. Upon completion this trail-corridor will link over a thousand historically significant resources with tremendous educational, preservation, and tourism opportunities into a single network of land and water routes.

Traveling the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail takes you to some of the best-known and many little-known sites of the struggle for Independence, onto I-95 as well as over dirt roads virtually untouched since 1781. The sites and sights tell the story of the struggle for Independence: from victory at Bunker Hill to the “days that try men’s souls” at Trenton, and from the misery at Valley Forge to the triumph at Yorktown.

THE STORY BEHIND THE TRAIL

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail begins in Newport, Rhode Island, where French forces under the command of Jean Baptiste Donatien de Viemeur, comte de Rochambeau, landed in July 1780. The trail culminates in Yorktown, Virginia, where General George Washington led the combined forces of the Continental Army and their French allies in victory with the surrender of the British under General Charles Lord Cornwallis. The trail also includes the triumphant ascent north to Boston that ended the campaign of the allied forces. Historians regard this cooperative effort in securing the Yorktown surrender as one of the most decisive events of the American Revolution. The victory of allied forces resulted in an enduring friendship between the people of America and France.

After wintering in Newport, Rochambeau’s army marched through Rhode Island and Connecticut before joining Washington’s army in Phillipsburg, New York. Forgoing the original intent of attacking New York City, the two generals devised a southern march. Through August and September, the armies traversed New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the future District of Columbia, and Virginia, finally reaching Williamsburg in late September. A French fleet under Admiral DeGrasse blocked the Chesapeake Bay from British entry, consequently eliminating the only possible escape route of British troops at Yorktown. On October 19, 1781, Cornwallis surrendered his forces to Americans who had suffered British oppression and their heroic French allies, ultimately forging the birth of a nation.

In this crucial march south, followed by the victorious procession north, American and French troops were warmly greeted and celebrated by the populace. In all, nine future states and the future District of Columbia comprised portions of the route and supported the march, providing ports, roads, campsites, officers’ lodging, food provisions, and supplies. The excursion ended in the summer of 1782, when most of Rochambeau’s army marched north to Boston before sailing back to France by Christmas Eve of that year.

French campsite in East Hartford, CT. June 1781. Painting by David Wagner



W3R IN THE PRESENT

As one follows the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, the places that ring of our nation's revolutionary past come into view from Newport to Hartford; Peekskill to Morristown, Princeton, and Trenton; Philadelphia and Valley Forge to Wilmington and Baltimore; and Mt. Vernon to Williamsburg and Yorktown. As you pass through some of our nation's most densely populated areas, you can see the many challenges we face in telling this story.

A study report on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route was prepared by the National Park Service (NPS) in 2006, identifying the principle routes of the French and Continental forces. Over the next few years, the National Park Service will collaborate with the W3R Association and a host of partners to conduct a comprehensive planning effort to identify specific routes and to unify and enhance efforts to commemorate this aspect of our nation's history.

In cooperation with the W3R Association and the help of the NPS's Harper's Ferry Center, we are developing a brochure that will provide general information about this campaign to a broad audience. More specific guides will be developed for those interested in experiencing the route by foot, bike, train, driving, boating, and otherwise while visiting the many sites along the route. In addition, we are developing a national trail sign that incorporates the logo used by the W3R-US Association.

The NPS is also developing a web page that will provide information and links to help spread the word about this new NHT and integrate the content of associated Revolutionary War organizations. The U.S. Postal Service will be commemorating the trail in philatelic service postmarks, stamps, and other media with many possibilities for the future. The American Revolution Center being developed near Independence National Historical Park and along the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Philadelphia holds much promise for telling this story. We encourage you join in our planning efforts and share your thoughts about the future of this National Historic Trail.

For more information about National Park Service efforts please contact Joe DiBello at joe_dibello@nps.gov. If you would like to learn more about the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, please go to:

www.w3r-us.org

Below: Campsite of French and American forces along the Schuylkill in Philadelphia. Market Street Bridge is in the distance. Photo by Robert Selig.



The Court House in Chester, PA, built in 1724. The courthouse is the oldest in the country in continuous use. Photo by Robert Selig.

The NHT links many units of the National Park System:

- Boston National Historic Park and Freedom Trail
- Roger Williams National Memorial
- Morristown National Historical Park
- Independence National Historical Park
- Fort Mifflin National Monument and Historic Shrine
- Prince William Forest Park and Colonial National Historical Park

The NHT traverses National Heritage Areas:

- the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor
- Crossroads of the American Revolution
- Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor
- Schuylkill River Heritage Area
- Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Hudson River Valley
- Baltimore Heritage Area

The W3R also connects with the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, John Smith National Historic Trail, and the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and shares resources and partners with them.

Photo at Right: Brothers in Arms Marching the Road to Yorktown. Photo by Robert Selig.



National Pony Express Association presents in Washington, Celebrates 150th Anniversary Ride

by Pat Hearty, National Pony Express Association



Above: National Pony Express Association National President Les Bennington delivers a message to Congress. Below left: Riding demonstrations for a crowd gathered to watch. Photographs courtesy of the NPS, Intermountain Region National Trails System Office, Salt Lake City, UT - Chuck Milliken

This year, 2010, marks the 150th anniversary of the historic mail service known as the Pony Express, and the National Pony Express Association has built a big loop for the celebration. From April 3, 1860, to late October, 1861, the Pony Express provided the fastest means of communication between “the States” and the western regions. The excitement continues.

April 3, the actual anniversary date of the Pony Express, saw a variety of celebrations in nearly every State crossed by the Pony Express National Historic Trail. Examples include Nevada, where a Pony Express Living History Festival was held at Fort Churchill State Park; Utah, where Pony Express Day cards, made by school children, were delivered on horseback to children at Shriners’ and Primary Children’s Hospitals in Salt Lake City; and St. Joseph, Missouri, where a large crowd attended a Pony Express celebration at Pattee House Museum. There were lots of other events held on and around April 3.



Many important messages carried by the Pony Riders of old originated in our nation’s Capitol, so a high-profile Washington, DC, kick-off seemed appropriate. On Wednesday, April 14, NPEA members participated in the Noon Lecture Series at the National Postal Museum. Interested visitors heard speeches, studied memorabilia from Pony Express and NPEA history, and took home pins, brochures, and copies of a beautiful art poster, signed by the artist. A new trail map was also unveiled. The Postal Museum staff were wonderful hosts.

On Thursday, April 15, we “Carried a Message to Congress.” The setting was spectacular, on the tree-lined Union Station Plaza, with the beautiful Senate Terrace Fountain behind, and the northern end of the Capitol Building just a bow-shot away in front. Uniformed NPEA members holding the American Flag, Pony Express flags, and the flags of the eight States crossed by the trail formed an arc on the grass, while speakers representing the National Park Service, BLM, NPEA, and elected representatives talked about the importance of our history and our trails. After the speeches came the horses, and a *mochila* exchange was performed to the delight of spectators. The letters delivered carried a message of gratitude for the support Congress has given to our trails through the trails organizations and through our Federal partners. Particular thanks to the Capitol Police and the American Horse Council for making it possible.

In June was the Annual Re-ride of the Pony Express National Historic Trail, and many more than our usual 500 riders participated. The mail left from San Francisco on Sunday, June 6, and traveled by boat to Sacramento. The horseback relay of nearly 2000 miles began in Old Sacramento. Rather than running day and night as we usually do, the re-ride traveled primarily during daylight hours to allow celebrations in cities and towns all across the trail. The Re-ride reached St. Joseph on Saturday, June 26. A full article detailing the 150th Anniversary Celebration will follow in the Autumn 2010 Issue of Pathways. For more information on NPEA, the Trail, and the 150th Anniversary, go to www.xphomestation.com.



Jeff Meade helps a young visitor to the National Postal Museum to imagine how it would feel to ride with the Pony Express.

Students tackle Old Spanish Trail Dramatic Challenge at Old Spanish Trail Annual Conference



Six drama students from Kanab, UT, accepted an unusual challenge this spring: find a fun way to portray an era of cultural strife and political upheaval.

Their work was the heart of a new historical drama created and presented by the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) at its annual conference in Kanab in April. The students are part of an award-winning Kanab High School drama group, directed by Linda Alderman.

“Tales of the Trail: the Armijo Adventure” is a two-act depiction of an 1829 history-making mule caravan that had a profound effect on trade across what is now six southwestern states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.

The OSTA play also treats the event as a cameo representation of the cultural and political conflict that characterized those years.

OSTA Manager Don Mimms, who wrote the script and one song used in the play, says they wanted a realistic portrayal of issues such as racial tension, but without being too negative. “The students did a great job



Kanab High School drama students with Life Achievement Awards provided by OSTA for their work in “Tales of the Trail: the Armijo Adventure.” L-R: Andrew Corry (“Jed Rogers”); Cheryl McAllister (“Marie Trujillo Rogers”); Judah Evangelista (“Antonio Armijo”); Josh Ochoa (“Rafael Rivera”); David Kirby (“Smoke Dancer”); Christi Cox (“Willow”). Photo courtesy of OSTA.



IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN! In a scene from OSTA’s new historical drama, Kanab High School drama students portray cultural tensions that plagued 19th century Old Spanish Trail travelers. L-R: Andrew Corry (“Jed Rogers”); Josh Ochoa (“Rafael Rivera”); David Kirby (“Smoke Dancer”); Christi Cox (“Willow”). Photo courtesy of OSTA.

of balancing confrontation with camaraderie,” he said. “For example, we know that Armijo, the leader of the caravan, eventually was involved in Indian slavery, but his portrayal in the play made room for that unfortunate fact without making him unlikable.”

At the final performance of the play, OSTA presented “life achievement awards” to each student actor, honoring their work with monetary honoraria for use upon graduation from high school. Funds were supplied by OSTA and several Kanab area organizations. The students also received life memberships in OSTA.

Mimms commented that OSTA “feels blessed” by the availability of the students and their director, adding that they were amazed at the group’s talent and dedication.

The cast also included two professionals: Fritz Davis of Red River, NM, playing the part of Mose Johnson, narrator and musician; and Arvel Bird of Nashville, TN, providing violin and Native American flute music.

The play was videotaped, and OSTA is considering making copies available for limited public use. Information is available by e-mail: manager@oldspanishtrail.org.

Other key features of the OSTA conference...

included presentations by National Landscape Conservation System Director Carl Rountree, PNTS Executive Director Gary Werner, Kaibab Paiute Tribe Member Benn Pikyavit, discussions of genealogy and oral history as tools to assist OSTA in achieving its mission, and a community-focused workshop on civic tourism, led by Dr. Dan Shilling.

OSTA Manager Don Mimms says response to the conference was “beyond our expectations,” adding that it was well received not only by OSTA members but by local residents and agency stakeholders. Article submitted by Don Mimms.

SNAKE GULCH HIKERS: A field trip group poses in front of ancient rock art in a remote area southeast of Fredonia, Arizona. L-R: Virgil Cruz, Doug Knudson, Gary Werner, James Page, Prairie Hady, Mark Franklin, John Crowther, Jody Gebhardt. Photo by Bob Ford of Fredonia, field trip leader.



PNTS Conference & Workshop News

Greetings from Abingdon, Site of the 13th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails!

On behalf of the Town of Abingdon and as a committee member for the 13th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the National Trails Community! Trails are a major part of the Town of Abingdon: The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail and Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail both begin in our historic town and we serve as a launch site for hikers on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. We are excited to be able to share our rich history and Appalachian Mountain culture with the future participants of the 2011 National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference. The conference will be held at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, which features a grand ballroom and meeting spaces for individual sessions. We hope you will all visit us and enjoy our history, culture, and outdoor recreation during the conference. Looking forward to seeing you soon!



(Shown at left in period dress teaching geography to students during the annual OVTA Call To Arms Educational Event)

Sincerely,
Garrett Jackson,
Director of Urban Planning,
Town of Abingdon, Virginia

(Shown at left in period dress teaching geography to students during the annual OVTA Call To Arms Educational Event)

The conference is to be located at our town's brand new Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, which features a grand ballroom and meeting spaces for individual sessions.



National Scenic Trails Workshop October 19-22, 2010

Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, Reisterstown, MD

The workshop will be round-table format to allow opportunities for National Scenic Trail organization staff, volunteers, and Federal agency participants to share experiences and knowledge, and to ask questions and learn about selected topics. The focus will be on an exchange of information as opposed to more formal presentations. The basic workshop format will consist of discussion times for selected topics for an allotted amount of time.

The Workshop is to have four concurrent tracks:

- Organization Management
- "On the Ground" Operations
- Protecting NSTs and their corridors
- National Scenic Trails Outreach

This workshop will be highly interactive and participatory; as a result, registration will be capped to allow for maximum participation from those attending.

Information sharing from organizations and individuals is crucial to this workshop's success. To ensure maximum participation from all the National Scenic Trails organizations, travel scholarships are being offered through funding provided by our Federal agency partners.

Special Note: The US Forest Service is sponsoring a one-day training on October 19th, prior to the workshop, entitled "Leading Effective Meetings." This training will be paid for by the USFS; participants will need to pay for their lodging.

US Postal Service Commemorates PNTS Events, Celebrates National Trails Day with Unique Postmarks

USPS Philatelic Program Specialist Robert Reyes designed and coordinated the May 13th-14th pictorial postmark to commemorate the Partnership for the National Trails System Historic Trails Workshop in San Antonio. The Alamo was featured in the postmark art and was used to service stamp cachets and the new National Parks Post Cards. The Post Office also had available the new Co-Branded NPS-USPS Coffee Table Stamp Book, The Grandest Things available for sale.



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NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL WORKSHOP
May 13, 2010 ★ San Antonio, TX 78205

A series of Pictorial Postmarks in 26 Post Offices nationwide commemorated the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day. National Trails Day, an annual event held on June 5 this year, promotes activities on trails of different types. Postmarks are being done in select Post Offices on National Trails near National Parks. Postmarks on the Appalachian Trail include Millinocket ME, Rangeley ME, Hanover NH, Gorham NH, Twin Mountain NH, Mount Washington NH, Woodstock VT, Delaware Water Gap PA, Stroudsburg PA, Boiling Springs PA, Gardners PA, Harpers Ferry WV, Cherokee NC, and Gatlinburg TN. Other trails being celebrated across the country with Pictorial Postmarks are the Continental Divide Trail including Grants NM, Estes Park CO, Yellowstone National Park WY, and West Yellowstone MT. The Pacific Crest Trail will include Yosemite CA Mineral, CA, Mount Shasta CA, Government Camp OR, Ashford WA, and Packwood WA. The Grand Canyon's Bright Angel Trail and finally Bar Harbor, ME (with a Postmark for Acadia National Park's Precipice Trail) are also involved for National Trails Day. *By Robert Reyes, US Postal Service.*





From May 12th to May 14th, historic trails leaders and advocates met in San Antonio, Texas to discuss developing heritage tourism. After an opening reception (photo below) guest speaker

Laura Mandala, of Mandala Research, LLC, presented her recent findings on current heritage tourism trends in the United States. Daniela Jelencic, from the Institute for International Relations flew all the way in from Croatia to present an analysis on Europe's cultural routes program, a European parallel to the US National



Historic Trails. James Parrent also traveled from Jamaica to present on youth outreach and historic preservation practices in Falmouth, Jamaica. The Workshop also included a field trip to the San Jose and San Juan Missions, which served as case studies for discussion on heritage tourism and goals and opportunities unique to the local trail, El Camino Real de los Tejas.



Guest speakers from Tejeda Middle School of San Antonio included Bethany, Colette, Courtney, and Navya. The eighth graders, who are officers in their school's Young Historians Club, shared their experiences with getting peers and their community engaged in history through projects and fairs on their school's campus.



Snapshots

From the
National Historic Trails Workshop
San Antonio, TX
May 12-14, 2010

Photo below: The PNTS was excited to welcome American YouthWorks Environmental Corps members who had worked on various historic sites of El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT. The Corps members participated in the field trip, providing anecdotes about their experience at sites visited, and contributed in workshop sessions. From left to right: Zach Kronisch, Kylie Wood, Laura Anderson, and Brittany Spencer.



To encourage healthy tourism practices, the PNTS modeled *Travel Philanthropy*, the idea of giving to organizations supporting the heritage resources of the area. Both sponsor organizations of the NHT workshop, El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT Association and El Camino real de la Tierra Adentro (CARTA) received donations from workshop proceeds. Photo: Gary Werner, PNTS executive director, presents checks to Jean Fulton of CARTA, and to Steve Gonzales, of Camino Real de los Tejas.



Anthony Bates, who works for the NPS interpretive center in Selma, Alabama, came to represent the Selma to Montgomery NHT.

Shirley Marshall, of the Santa Fe Trail Association, getting serious about some trail maintenance.

Based on the success of the service project at Traveler's Rest in Missoula, Montana during the 12th conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails, the PNTS wanted to include volunteerism as part of the workshop agenda. At the San Juan Mission National Park, many enthusiastic hands made light work of clearing and maintaining a path on the Park grounds.



Spotlight on Trails Apprentices

CHRISTIAN THOMPSON EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

My name is Christian Thompson and I'm attending East Tennessee State University for a master's degree in storytelling. I have a GA (graduate assistantship) working with the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA). I partnered with them all of the 2009-2010 school year and will continue to work with them through May 2011 when I graduate. The OVTA men and women keep alive the story of the Overmountain men from the Revolutionary War and the Battle of King's Mountain. This battle was so important the third president of America, Thomas Jefferson, said "this was the battle that turned the tide of the war to allow the patriots to achieve victory." In the fall of 2009, I was on the re-enactment march with several OVTA members. We spent three weeks winding through Virginia, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. We usually did a day program for school children and then an open program in the evening for the public. This was a very busy time; so busy that I was allowed to miss some class to attend more of the



re-enactment march! I gained more responsibility as the march continued. We would set up several "stations" representing different aspects of 18th century life and school children would visit each site. I would close the program for all the school children speaking about the importance of the Battle of King's Mountain. The children were excited to learn about history from the area where they live.

After the march ended, I began telling the story in several different locations. I've told the story in elementary schools, Rotary Clubs, nursing homes, for friends and County Commissioner meetings, everywhere from northeast Tennessee to Missouri to Maryland. The vast majority of people are not familiar with the story and are excited to hear about this historical battle. In April 2010, I led a historical storytelling seminar at Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton, TN to aid storytellers to further enhance the stories they tell. Also in April, I attended an OVTA Board meeting and was voted to become the inaugural student member, serving as a nonvoting member of the Board for the duration of my degree.

Having moved to Tennessee for college, I had no idea such an important story came from the very city where I was attending school. This story has been an important part in my development as a storyteller. I've had the chance to learn from incredibly knowledgeable OVTA board members. The story has given me a greater appreciation for my city, and I am proud to be a part of the OVTA.

ASHLYN GOODWIN AGE 18 SELMA, ALABAMA

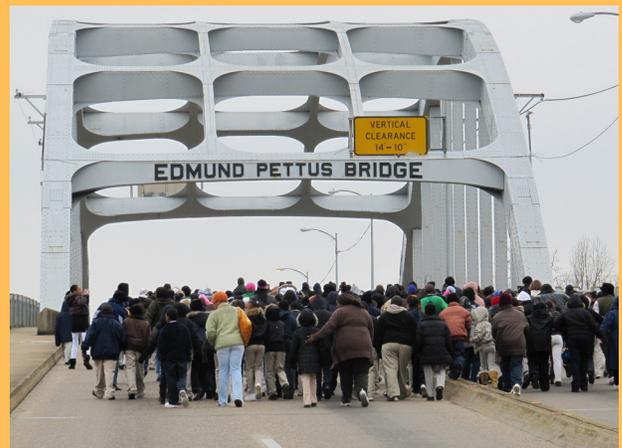
As far as I can tell, everyone in Selma learns of the Selma to Montgomery marches early in life, for they are probably the biggest part of our city's history. In Selma, we are very proud to have the Selma to Montgomery route commemorated as a National Trail, and to honor the history every year there is an annual reenactment of the protest. As I child I heard the story of the protestors marching for Civil Rights, so when I heard about an opportunity to help with a student field trip related to the annual march reenactment, I wanted to help.



I helped the administrators with the event and recruited students from my high school class to assist the elementary students on the field trip. I was really excited to be involved in passing on the History of the Selma to Montgomery March. This year, the event was organized by Nicole Reeves of the City of Selma Office of Planning and Development, and she did an amazing job putting the event together and I was very glad to be able to work with someone so enthusiastic.

My favorite thing about helping out with youth on the Selma to Montgomery history field trip was seeing how enthusiastic the kids were. Even though we had rain and had to spend much of our time indoors, they were interested and laughing and singing as they learned the protest songs sung during the marches.

This fall, I will be starting at Tuskegee University and plan to study Biology. Since I will be away from home, it will be a challenge to stay connected with the events related to the Selma to Montgomery march, but I hope that in the future I can continue to help convey our city's heritage to the next generations.



AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS INITIATIVE IS LAUNCHED

PLEASE ACT TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM!

About the Initiative

During a White House Conference on April 16th before 600 conservation and environmental leaders from throughout the country, President Obama signed a Memorandum establishing the America's Great Outdoors Initiative to promote and support innovative community-level efforts to conserve outdoor spaces and to reconnect Americans to the outdoors. The Initiative will support a 21st century conservation agenda that builds on successes in communities across the country.

A major part of this initiative involves an online forum that allows citizens to author and comment on ideas regarding three major categories: Reconnect with the Great Outdoors, Private lands conservation, and Public lands conservation.

The Partnership for the National Trails System has submitted the idea "Complete the National Trails System". Please vote for this idea online and let others in your trails community know of this great opportunity to put National Trails in the spotlight for America's Great Outdoors Initiative.

What is the purpose of voting?

The number of votes cast for proposals and the number of comments that support or elaborate them will be used to help determine which ideas are incorporated in the report to President Obama, essentially setting the land and water protection agenda for this administration. Your vote and your comments about our National Scenic and Historic Trails, about your community's and organization's efforts to protect them, and your ideas on how local, State, and Federal government can support local land and water conservation efforts will inform collaborative Federal agency reports and frameworks for a 21st century conservation agenda. This is our big opportunity to put the National Trails System on the agenda--don't miss it!

VOTE ONLINE FOR "COMPLETE THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM"



How to Vote:

1. Go to <http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/>.
2. Register by going to the top right of the page.
3. Once you are registered, search for "National Trails System" in the search box at the upper right. The idea posted by Gary Werner should appear, as well as comments on the idea. To vote, be sure to click on the idea, not the comments. The page should look like the image above.
4. About halfway down the page on the left is a small box outlined in orange with the word "Promote" written in green. Click on PROMOTE to vote in favor of this proposal!!!

How Else Can I Help?

Please also vote for other posted ideas related to Trails and land conservation, including:

- "Full & Dedicated Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund" posted by Maddy Pope of the Trust for Public Lands &
- "Full and Permanent funding for the Historic Preservation Fund" posted by Kristen Harbeson

Check for other ideas you would like to vote for; there are many great suggestions featured that could use your support!

You can also submit your own ideas and comment on those of others.

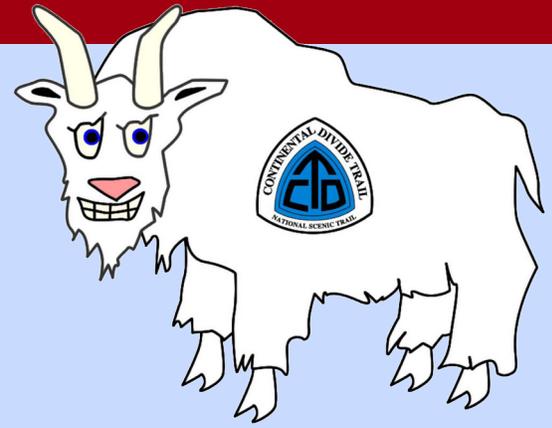
LISTENING SESSIONS PLANNED - MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Another major activity of the Initiative is to ask for public participation and to conduct a series of listening and learning sessions, engaging the full range of interested groups, including tribal leaders, farmers, sportsmen and women, communities, foresters, youth groups, educators, State and local governments, and recreation and conservation groups. The President's Executive Order on this initiative requests a summary report of the listening sessions by November 15th. The listening sessions we have identified to date are listed at right. Please gather as many members and trail supporters as possible and plan on attending one of these sessions!

- June 25 Annapolis, MD
- June 28 Charleston, SC
- July 1 Seattle, WA
- July 8 Los Angeles, CA
- July 15 Asheville, NC
- July 25 Minneapolis, MN
- July 29 Hudson River, NY
- August Maine/New Hampshire
- Anchorage
- Denver

CDTA Launches “Flat Stanley” & “Billy the Goat”

Inspired by teacher Dale Hubert’s Flat Stanley project phenomenon, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDTA) is launching Flat Stanley on the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) Adventure program. Flat Stanley was developed as an educational project in which students could send the easily-mailed Flat Stanley to other students and classes around the country and around the world. Those hosting Flat Stanley may journal and/or photograph his adventures so the students back home may learn from afar.



CDTA’s Flat Stanley & Billy the Goat are characters that students can print out and bring along on travels on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Students photograph to record the adventures of Stanley and Billy on the CDT. The program highlights the geography, history and uniqueness of the CDT and its nearby communities.



To encourage youth to record Flat Stanley and Billy the Goat’s adventures along the CDT, the CDTA has launched a contest for pictures and stories of towns and cities near the CDT, and even pictures of youth hiking with their characters and your family and friends on the CDT.

The goals of the CDTA’s Flat Stanley and Billy the Goat program are to:

- Educate youth about the history, flora, and fauna along the spine of the Divide
- Inspire people of all ages to go out in nature and become stewards of our public lands
- Feature CDT towns and their unique stories building stronger communities in towns along the CDT

Adapted with permission from the CDTA Flat Stanley webpage at: http://www.cdtrail.org/page.php?pname=family/flat_stanley

Ala Kahakai Unveils New Trail Logo



The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, managed by the National Park Service, has recently unveiled its own stunning trail logo. The logo was created to recognize the uniqueness of Hawaii and the Hawaiian culture, and it will help increase public awareness of the trail.

One of the many traditional Hawaiian fishhooks was chosen to show the importance of the Trail in the Hawaiian culture and the its proximity to the shoreline and ocean resources. The Trail is frequently used by local fishermen for both food and recreation and has been a fishing path for generations of native Hawai’ians.

The logo has already been rolled out during presentations and on print materials for the trail, and in the future it will be used on trail markers and on other signage and waysides.

Submitted by Ida Hanohano, National Park Service.

Discovery Trails Program gets Visually-Impaired Youth “In Touch” with History on the Oregon NHT.

Discovery Trails, sponsored by Accessible Arts, Inc. of Kansas City, Kansas, in cooperation with the Kansas State School for the Blind, has conducted annual treks along the western National Historic Trails since 1998. Arts and crafts, music, dance, and drama are important components of the learning experience. On their return, the students present their own trail-based arts-and-history lessons to Kansas City grade school students.



For most historic trail tourists, retracing the old covered wagon routes west is an “edu-vacation,” an adventure in history.

For Eleanor Craig’s Discovery Trails students, the trip is all that and more: a three-week lesson in outdoor living and tent-pitching teamwork, a time to grow in self-confidence, and an opportunity to develop creative teaching skills of their own. Eleanor’s students, ages 14 to 20, have visual impairments ranging from partial sight to blindness. They come from across the country to participate in this nationally recognized history-and-arts immersion program.

This year’s June trip took 17 students west along the Oregon and California National Historic Trails and returned east via the Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce National Historic Trails. The trek received Challenge Cost Share Program support from the National Trails Intermountain Region office of the National Park Service and from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail program of the USDA Forest Service. Subject-matter experts from national parks, the Bureau of Land Management, State parks, and the Nez Perce, Clatsop, Assiniboine, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse tribes provided interactive programming at key sites along the trails.

Students tried out new “talking” GPS units to hike the wagon trail at South Pass, Wyoming, and at Fort Laramie National Historic Site learned how to load and fire cannons — but the highlight of that visit was scrubbing laundry on old-time washboards.

“The whole thing was totally foreign to them,” explained Eleanor. “They never thought about how people cleaned their clothing in the past. Heating water, rubbing clothes with soap, scrubbing, and wringing – the whole thing was a complete surprise!”

*Submitted by Lee Kreutzer,
National Trails
Intermountain Region,
National Park Service.*

Photos courtesy of the NPS.





Alternative Spring Break Introduces Students to Florida Trail

Good, Clean, Fun. Well, not exactly clean in regard to the amount of dirt and mud that the alternative spring break crews battle, but good fun nonetheless. The Florida Trail Association's 2010



The Spring Break crew of 2010. Photos courtesy of the Florida Trail Association.

alternative spring break program welcomed students from Texas University and Drexel University who were excited to donate their time in exchange for a great experience along the Florida Trail. The crews were housed at the Florida Trail Association (FTA) bunkhouse and crew facility near the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge and enjoyed time in the area paddling the Wakulla River or enjoying the nearby Gulf Coast. This Season's Spring Breakers, always enthusiastic and energetic toward learning and conducting trail restoration, restored a total of nearly 12 miles of trail and had a great time doing it. With a safety briefing and training day to kick off the week, the crews worked daily during their visit with the FTA. The crews also had time to enjoy the area, and each crew was treated to a paddle trip up the Wakulla River courtesy of the FTA.

Most of these Spring Breakers are unfamiliar with Florida habitats. This unfamiliarity fosters their chance for a memorable

experience deep within the nature of Florida, while the Trail itself and the organization benefit from having these students volunteer. The students who participate can come away with a greater sense of what it takes to provide a service such as the Florida Trail for the public, but maybe they also get a new perspective that can only help them grow as they mature individually. Regardless, the effect is always a positive one. In the future, as an organization, we plan to expand our alternative break program with the goal of providing more opportunities for a growing number of students while building, maintaining, and protecting the Florida Trail.

By John Bauer, FTA, Trail Crews Program Coordinator

Photo at right: Trail Restoration Work along the Florida Trail. Photo courtesy of the FTA.



Florida Trail Days Brings together Florida Trail Enthusiasts

The scent of orange blossoms wafted along the long, rural drive to the FFA Leadership Training Center, providing an "Old Florida" feeling for this year's Annual Florida Trail Association Conference. The Conference featured many excellent presenters on topics such as Polk County's outdoor treasures, wilderness First Aid, backpacking 101, and Florida fauna.

FTA member and author Sandra Friend presented a program highlighting her latest book, Florida's Botanical Wonders. Other guest speakers included Bill Belleville, Florida environmentalist and author of *Losing It All to Sprawl*, and Clyde Butcher, renowned landscape photographer and Florida environmentalist who left the audience awestruck with his evening keynote presentation of black and white photographs.

The Pathways to the Future event was also graced by demonstrations and workshops, including a kayaking workshop, fly-fishing demonstration, Dutch oven cooking, and a presentation on handmade walking sticks. For extra entertainment, all present greatly appreciated a performance by the Dixie Bluegrass Express and a viewing of the documentary, *Big Cypress Swamp: The Western Everglades*.

Adapted from the original article Eve Barbour, Central Chapter, published by the Florida Trail Association.

Kayaking Workshop during Florida Trail Days. Photo courtesy of the FTA.



New California NHT Interpretive Center Hosts 7th Annual California Trail Days, Prepares for 28th Annual OCTA Conference in Elko, Nevada

On May 27th and 28th the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center hosted its 7th annual California Trail Days event. The free event was organized to keep the pioneer experience alive and to increase public awareness of the importance of preserving our shared historic and cultural resources. Attendance topped 982 visitors to the event, up from 842 in 2009.

New to this year's event were the completed phase one exhibits: three bas-relief sculptures, twelve interpretive panels on the plaza, and three replica wagons. There were also two temporary exhibits: Strong Medicine on loan from the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, and an exhibit celebrating the 150 year anniversary of the Pony Express by Trail Center staff.

Community support was critical to the success of Trail Days. Volunteers attended a training meeting on May 24th during which they were instructed on the safety features and protocols of the Trail Center facility and their responsibilities as volunteers. Duties performed by the volunteers included informing visitors about the activities taking place, staffing interpretive stations about Native American life-ways, 19th century clothing, life on the trail, children's toys, and providing live music. Forty volunteers, ranging in age from eight to mid 70s, donated 283 hours.

The event received significant media coverage through the Elko Convention and Visitor's Authority (ECVA), posters, flyers, local television stories, radio public service announcements, and interviews about the Center's new exhibits and the Trail Days Event.

For more information on 2010 California Trail Days or the California Trail Center, please contact park Ranger Gary Koy at 775-738-1849 or gary_koy@blm.gov. Photos and event details courtesy of Gary Koy, BLM.



The California NHT Interpretive Center will also be a focal point for the Oregon-California Trails Association Convention (August 10-14, 2010). The new Interpretive Center is the product of strong partnerships between the BLM, OCTA, Humboldt Highroad, the City and County of Elko, the State of Nevada, and a multitude of community organizations. Therefore, it is fitting that the Convention will showcase the new 16,000 ft² facility and 40 acre grounds during meetings and field trips. For details on the OCTA conference, go to octa-trails.org.



Pacific Northwest Trail Welcomes International Youth Volunteers

Through a grant made possible by the Offices of Citizen Exchanges in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department, high school students from the Dominican Republic found their way to the small Central Washington town of Oroville during the month of May. The students came to the U.S. through Tres Bosques, Un Mundo (Three Forests, One World), an international, science-based exchange program that empowers students and their teachers to lead their schools in research, analyze data, and take responsible environmental action.



During their 11-day stay in the US, the students participated in tours, trips, and projects including visits to the Canadian Border and Grand Coulee Dam, orchard tours, a rodeo, a Fish Hatchery, a Department of Natural Resources Cow Camp, and Museums. Amid the flurry of activities, the students spent May 18th volunteering on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail.



Mariela Altigracia Perez Rosario at work on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. Photo by George Thornton.

Two students from Oroville High School, Serena Carper and Rebecca McCoy, served as interpreters on the trip. Rebecca McCoy stated, "I had a great experience doing this. I was able to get more involved with the students and I also felt I was doing a good thing not only for our community, but for the environment." According to Serena Carper, "The trip was wet but the Dominicans were ready to learn. On the field trip I learned how to tell the different types of plants apart. I learned which types of plants were OK to touch and which ones weren't. I also learned the right places to plant the trees so they could grow and have a long, healthy life."

The students clearly enjoyed themselves on this field trip/work party and got to spend time working and hiking on one segment of one of this nation's newest National Scenic Trails. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association greatly values the hours put in on the Trail by all involved and hope that future endeavors with Dominican students will spring from this project.

Submitted by Jon Knechtel, Director of Trail Operations, Pacific Northwest Trail Association

The tree-planting contingent. Photo by Ted Murray.





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Trails Events Calendar Summer - Autumn 2010

August 2010

August 1-4	Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting	Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	Lewiston, ID & Clarkston, WA	http://www.lewisandclark.org/
August 5-8	North Country Trail Association Conference	North Country Trail Association	Ashland, WI	www.northcountrytrail.org/conf10/
August 10-14	OCTA Annual Conference	Oregon-California Trails Association	Elko, NV	www.octa-trails.org

September 2010

September 13-17	ProWalk / ProBike	National Center for Bicycling and Walking	Chattanooga, TN	www.bikewalk.org/2010conference/
September 14-16	SFTA Annual Rendezvous	Santa Fe Trail Association	Larned, KS	http://www.santafetrail.org/symposium.php
September 20-23	15th Annual Conference & Symposium	Trail of Tears Association	Metropolis, IL	http://www.nationaltota.org/
September 23-October 7	Annual March to Kings Mountain Reenactment	Overmountain Victory Trail Association	Abingdon, VA - Kings Mountain Ntl. Military Park, SC	www.ovta.org

October 2010

October 2-5	Land Trust Alliance Rally	Land Trust Alliance	Hartford, CT	http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally
October 5-9	Tri-State Parks, Recreation, and Trails Conference (MT, WY, ID)	Montana Recreation and Park Association	West Yellowstone, MT	http://www.mtrpa.info/
October 19-22	National Scenic Trails Workshop	Partnership for the National Trails System	Reisterstown, MD	www.pnts.org
October 27-30	2010 National Preservation Conference	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Austin, TX	preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/

November 2010

November 14-18	National Trails Symposium	American Trails	Chattanooga, TN	www.americantrails.org/2010/index.html
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