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America's 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails - 2011*

# Pathways Across America

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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

Juan Bautista de Anza NHT

Lewis and Clark NHT

Mormon Pioneer NHT

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Old Spanish NHT

Oregon NHT

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Santa Fe NHT

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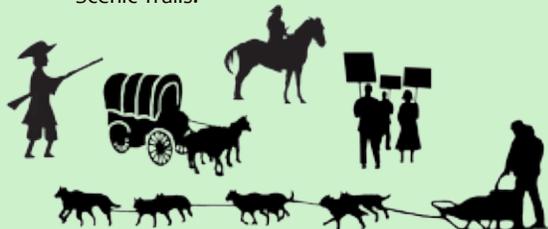
Star-Spangled Banner NHT

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.



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**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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## ABOUT THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF PATHWAYS

This report, the first ever attempt to summarize the public and private partnerships for each of the National Scenic and Historic Trails, was first distributed in Washington, DC, in February 2012 during Trails Advocacy Week. It was provided as an educational and advocacy tool for those visiting congressional representatives, and several hundred copies were given to policy makers responsible for Federal funding for the NTS. Many public and private partners expressed a desire to distribute this more generally across the National Trails System community. Consequently, with the generous support of our Federal partners, we are delighted to share this report as a special issue of *Pathways Across America*. We hope that it gives you a more comprehensive perspective on the vast array of collaborative partnerships that bring the National Trails System to life across the nation.

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## ABOUT THE PATHWAYS COVER

The cover design is a compilation of all of the official logos of the scenic and historic trails of the National Trails System, the nonprofit trail stewardship partners, and the administering Federal agencies. Logos are placed approximately corresponding to the geographic location of that National Scenic or Historic Trail, with some logos placed in the middle of the trail and others placed at either end. Logo size was determined exclusively on the basis of aesthetics and spacial availability. Logos are used with permission from the corresponding agencies and organizations.

If you would like to request poster versions of the cover design or use this map design, please contact Julia Glad at [PNTSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:PNTSCommunications@gmail.com) for more information.

# About the *Partners of the National Trails System Report*

## Why a “Partners” Report?

By tradition, culture, and law, National Scenic and Historic Trails are made, protected, interpreted, and sustained by public/private partnerships. In 1968, Congress acknowledged the extraordinary tradition of citizen engagement in the creation and maintenance of trails for public use and made it the law of the land in the National Trails System Act (16 USC 1241). Congress made it a purpose of the National Trails System to foster citizen stewardship of these public resources and gave Federal agencies the guidance and authorities to do so. Staffs of the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service and their partners in nonprofit trail organizations have nurtured a vigorous culture of citizen stewardship of the National Scenic and Historic Trails.

This report is an initial attempt to sketch some of the key facets of these public/private partnerships and to provide samples of the broad spectrum of activities, projects, and programs that comprise this culture of citizen stewardship. For a number of years, the Partnership for the National Trails System has reported annually the contributions made by the trail organizations through volunteer labor and funding. Similarly, the Federal agencies, under an interagency memorandum of understanding guiding their collaborative administration of these long-distance trails, have issued annual reports on the progress of the trails. For the first time this report combines elements of both these reports and provides additional information about the current condition of the nonprofit trail organizations. The format for each trail reflects the public/private partnership that sustains it with side by side Federal and private elements.

This report is not a comprehensive picture of all the work that is being done. Rather, it provides a sampling of the activities and accomplishments during 2011 of the dedicated public and private staffs and legions of volunteers sustaining the National Scenic and Historic Trails. They have leveraged limited resources to accomplish remarkable and innovative public outreach to people of all ages and stewardship of natural, cultural, and historic resources. These trails are much more than paths upon which users travel or traces of routes used in the past. They are more like multi-faceted and complex linear parks extending hundreds or thousands of miles requiring a multitude of skills, practices, academic and professional disciplines for their proper stewardship.

These long-distance trails are “works in progress.” Only two of the 11 national scenic trails provide continuous off-road routes for their users to follow as Congress intended. Thousands of miles of right-of-way still need to be obtained to complete the other nine scenic trails. Significant sites and segments are still being discovered along the national historic trails, and inventories of all the significant places to be preserved and interpreted on these 19 trails are far from complete. Interpretation of the stories these trails can tell of our Nation’s diverse heritage is similarly incomplete.

This report is an attempt to convey the magnitude of effort and resources needed to preserve and make available America’s 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails for public recreational and educational benefit. More funding – both public and private – and many more citizen stewards and agency professionals will be needed to make these trails fully operational for public enjoyment. Perhaps this report also provides a blueprint for what remains to be done while it celebrates what has been accomplished by these enduring public/private partnerships – a grand experiment in citizen-based stewardship of critical components of America’s natural and cultural heritage.

## What is Included in this Report?

- An introduction to the Partnership for the National Trails System, which assembled this report.
- Brief organizational overviews highlighting the focus, programs, partnerships, and capacity of each nonprofit trail stewardship partner.
- Summaries of both general and specific initiatives led by each trail’s Federal agency partner(s).
- Basic quantitative information about both Federal and nonprofit capacity, including funding, volunteer hours, and details about current trail development status
- Major related websites and a description of each trail.

All 30 National Scenic and Historic trails are highlighted within this report, including:

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Nonprofit Stewardship Organizations in 2011:*

**\$8,714,610**



## About the Information in this Report

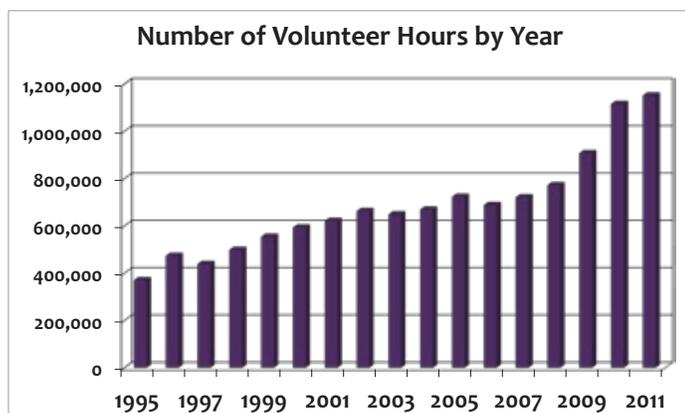
We have done our best to assemble information from our partners, both Federal and nonprofit, that depict the overall financial and on-the-ground picture for the trails, but this report is not a precise numerical assessment. Many of the figures used in this report are estimates with varying degrees of accuracy. Organizations were given the option of submitting their information based on the calendar year, the Federal fiscal year, or the fiscal year they use for their operations, so this “snapshot” in time roughly covers the 2010-2011 period. A significant portion of the Federal funding and programmatic information was taken from existing reports by agency trail managers, or through phone dialogues with trail superintendents. Organizational information was gathered through a combination of surveys, phone interviews, and website material. We hope to refine and expand the information presented in this report in future years, and there is plenty of room for improvement in reporting and information collection for most of the trails.

## About the Pie Charts

**Federal Funding** – Includes base funding for each trail, typically from just the administering agency, but sometimes a composite of two or more managing agencies that supplied funding for that trail. The number shown does not include extra funding that may have been available in 2011 because it would skew the depiction of typical funding levels.

**Contributions** – This number is the sum of private money that has been collected by the nonprofit trail stewardship organization. It may include membership dues, private donations, foundation grants, and program revenues. It does not include state or Federal funds.

**Value of Volunteer Hours**—This value is the total number of volunteer hours reported by the nonprofit trail stewardship organization over the course of a year times the Federal rate for a volunteer hour. This report uses the most recently published value for a volunteer hour, \$21.36.



The growth of volunteer hours as shown in the chart above reflects both increased capacity of individual organizations and the addition of new organizations as the National Trail System has added new trails, most recently with the addition of four new national trails in 2009.

## National Trails System All Trails - Partnership Value 2011 Total: \$55,328,958



**Volunteer Time Contributed by Nonprofit Stewardship Organizations in 2011: 1,141,866 Hours**  
**Value of 2011 Volunteer Hours: \$24,390,258**



## About Volunteer Hours

While a few trails have fairly precise recording methods for volunteer hours, many other volunteer hours numbers are estimates based on variables such as number of events, number of people involved, number of active chapters, and so forth. It is widely understood that the number of volunteer hours submitted by organizations is generally conservative, with estimates being from 5% to as much as 50% short of the actual time spent due to volunteer hesitancy to keep records and/or a limited view of what constitutes an eligible volunteer hour. For example, while a volunteer may record the three hours they spent working out on the trail, they may not have recorded the 2 hours spent driving up and back to the trail site, the hour they spent assembling supplies, or the several hours of administration and planning that went into organization of that trail event. Overall, the national trails community is working to increase the accuracy of volunteer record keeping to demonstrate the impressive work they contribute and their effectiveness at leveraging funding.

# WHAT IS the Partnership for the National Trails System?

A nonprofit 501(c)3 tax exempt federation of 36 nonprofit organizations that work in partnership with Federal and state agencies to help sustain and manage America's 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails.



## WHAT DOES the PNTS DO?

- Fosters information exchange among trail organizations.
- Provides skill-building training for partner volunteers and staff.
- Coordinates public policy advocacy efforts of partners.
- Advises Federal agency managers about issues related to the National Trails System.

### SERVICES FOR TRAIL STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

**Print Communications Services**, including Pathways Across America, the Quarterly Magazine of the National Scenic and Historic Trails, the “Youth Programs on the National Trails System” and other reports applicable for internal capacity growth and public outreach.



**Digital Communications Services**, including a PNTS website with partner organization listings/links, E-Newsletters and emailed Action Alerts.



**Biennial conferences and workshops** for training, networking, and idea sharing between the public and private partners of the National Trails System.



**Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy** on behalf of the National Trails System as a whole to maintain and increase public funding and policy support for National Scenic and Historic Trails and the cultural, natural, and historic resources along them.



### WHO is involved with the PNTS?

#### 1.) Federal Partners

Trail administrators, managers, and supporters from the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Federal Highway Administration. Federal staff involved with the national trails in any way are welcome participants in PNTS events and activities.

#### 2.) Organizational Partners

Trail stewardship organizations, each sustaining a specific national scenic or historic trail, are the core of the PNTS. Representatives from each of these partnership member organizations serve on the Leadership Council to direct the activities to best support each trail as well as the system as a whole. National organizations such as American Hiking Society and Back Country Horsemen of America that support the National Trails System are affiliate members.

#### 3.) PNTS Staff

##### Gary Werner, Executive Director

Gary is the founding executive director of the PNTS, and has advocated for the NTS for decades. He coordinates PNTS advocacy work and maintains the public and private partnerships that comprise the PNTS. On the local Ice Age NST, he specializes in trail protection and ecosystem restoration.



##### Julia Glad, Communications Coordinator

Julia began with the PNTS in 2009 and manages PNTS communications, publications, and events. Also an MBA student, Julia is interested in leveraging economic and trail user data for securing support for the NTS.



##### Liz Wessel, Administrative and Event Support

Liz Wessel has a background in nonprofit leadership and ecotourism, and assists with PNTS events and administration. She is an environmental advocate and runs her own eco-travel agency, Green Concierge Travel.



##### Christine Haag, Project Specialist

Christine's extensive background with trails and land protection has included being the executive director of the Ice Age Trail Alliance (then IAPTF). She has particular experience in land acquisition and public policy.



### Mission

To recognize the roles and strengthen the capability of public and private partners to preserve, develop, commemorate, and promote the National Trails System for the enjoyment, education, and appreciation of all Americans and their international visitors.

### Purpose

The Partnership works to secure better public and private funding for the important work of both its nonprofit trail organizations and their volunteers and the Federal agencies that administer the National Trails System.

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

# Nationwide Partners Supporting the National Trails System

Across the National Trails System, several nonprofit organizations are critical partners for multiple national scenic or historic trails. While many other national organizations dedicated to conservation and/or outdoor recreation are involved with trails, these organizations stand out as significantly involved with the National Trails System as a whole and as partners in development of the trails and advocacy for them.

## Back Country Horsemen of America

BCHA was founded in 1979 in Montana. Shortly thereafter, Idaho, Washington, and California joined. Today there are 25 state organizations in addition to a number of affiliate state memberships. BCHA is a volunteer service organization working in the backcountry and educating the users of the backcountry. BCHA is dedicated to: 1) perpetuating the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry; 2) working to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; 3) assisting the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance of land resources; 4) to educating, encouraging, and soliciting active participation in the use of backcountry resource by stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritag; 5) fostering and encouraging formation of new state organizations.



## Trail Building and Maintenance

BCHA members contribute over 300,000 volunteer hours and hundreds of days of stock use each year to assist government agencies with tasks such as clearing, building, maintaining and improving trails and trailhead facilities. Working relationships are developed to help agencies with horses and mules transport tools, equipment, camp supplies and materials into the backcountry. Over the last 16 years BCHA has contributed over \$ 63, 250, 975 in service hours stock support on public lands, wilderness areas including many national, scenic and historic trails.

## Trail Advocacy

BCHA leaders from throughout the country represent the organization at symposiums, horse events, and in Washington, DC. BCHA has fostered alliances with other horsemen's organizations to help protect recreational livestock use on public lands and educate the public in the responsible use of those lands.

## Student Conservation Association

Officially incorporated as the Student Conservation Association in 1964, the SCA works to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. SCA provides college and high school-aged members with hands-on conservation service opportunities in virtually every field imaginable, from tracking wildlife to restoring ecosystems, building trails, and teaching environmental education. Student members can build career skills and develop their leadership potential through National Crews, Individual Conservation Internships, Community Programs, and Conservation Corps. The SCA has recently had up to 140 student members involved with the National Scenic and Historic Trails through either conservation internships or corps, and they are a critical partner for the PNTS in establishing contacts with young adults engaged in trail-related activities.



## The American Hiking Society

Founded in 1976, the American Hiking Society (AHS) works to protect and support trails and hiking opportunities. AHS coordinates several initiatives and programs for advocating for trails and encouraging outdoor recreation. AHS publishes a regular magazine, *Backpacker*, mobilizes thousands of volunteers through **Volunteer Vacations** and manages the **National Trails Fund**, a national private grants program that helps trail-maintaining organizations across the United States build and improve hiking trails. For the **Families on Foot Initiative**, AHS works with local, state and Federal agencies to expand urban and suburban hiking opportunities and provide information, resources, and close-to-home opportunities to get families outside and hiking. Every year, AHS sponsors **National Trails Day®**, a celebration of trails recognized through a broad array of trail-related events around the country.



In 2004, American Hiking Society launched the **Southeast Trails Program** (SETP) to help build capacity among trail and hiking organizations in the Southeastern states, including fundraising, volunteerism, advocacy, environmental education, marketing, and organizational development assistance. American Hiking's **Western Public Lands Initiative** raises awareness of the phenomenal trails and resources of lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), particularly the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System.

Advocacy has consistently been a crucial part of the mission of AHS; American Hiking's **Policy Program** has worked with Congress, Federal agencies, and many recreation and conservation partners on policy issues and legislation to ensure funding for trails and the preservation of natural areas. AHS coordinates trail-related policy information and encourages its membership to take action on trail issues.

AHS has also been a significant advocacy partner with the Partnership for the National Trails System, co-hosting an annual event, "Hike the Hill Trails Advocacy Week" in Washington, DC. This event enables trail enthusiasts and professionals from across the country to participate in cutting-edge policy briefings, nonprofit management training, and to meet with Federal agency officials and members of Congress.

## Additional Nationwide Partners for the National Scenic and Historic Trails

These organizations are critical partners for preservation of trail lands and resources across the nation and trail advocacy.



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## Agency Information - Ala Kahakai NHT (National Park Service)



E MAU  
NĀ ALA HELE

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Founded	1979
Members	100+
Volunteer Hours (2011)	~300
Outreach Events	5-6/year
2011 Funding (private)	\$2,600

2011 NPS Base Budget - Ala Kahakai	\$519,000
Ala Kahakai NHT Staff	4
Miles of trail open to the public	70+
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	4
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In progress

### E Mau Nā Ala Hele Overview

E Mau Nā Ala Hele, which translates to “Perpetuate the Trails for Walking,” was founded in 1979 for preserving and perpetuating Hawai‘i’s historic trails and the natural and cultural resources along them. Instrumental in the development of Hawai‘i’s Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access System and in the designation of the Ala Kahakai NHT as a national historic trail, E Mau conducts hikes and work days on Hawai‘i’s historic trails, including the Ala Kahakai, throughout the year. The organization partners with state and Federal agencies to provide updates on trail conditions and needs and celebrates American Hiking Society’s *National Trails Day*. A “Keeping Public Places Public” committee actively pursues access issues in a number of different areas around the island.

Since 2004, E Mau Nā Ala Hele has sponsored Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele (Trail Revitalization Day), commemorating the Highways Act of 1892 through a series of island-wide hikes over historic trails.

### Ala Kahakai Trail Association Overview

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association is a non-membership organization consisting of an active board from the Ahupua‘a (land districts) along the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Board members trace their heritage and genealogy to the indigenous peoples of Hawai‘i who have used the Ala Kahakai as an access route to the ocean for hundreds of years. The organization uses familial and community contacts and familiarity with ethnic Hawaiian heritage to facilitate partnerships among local communities, tourism interests, and public organizations and agencies.



ALA KAHAKAI  
TRAIL ASSOCIATION

### Gateway Project - Kuhai Ahupua‘a

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association has identified 15 of the 172 total miles of the trail to undertake a collaborative initiative with elders and families to dialogue and share stories of their ancestral sites (heiau). This effort, also called the South Kohala Gateway Project, brings land owners, private businesses and resorts, and communities together to make this segment of the trail the first for full signage and interpretation.

Staff	Board Leadership Only
Members	Non-membership
Volunteer Hours (2011)	9,790
Total Funding (2011)	\$100,000 (all Federal)
Interpretation/Outreach Events	5-8/year

### National Park Service Initiatives for the Ala Kahakai NHT

- Significant **technical and land management support** for several communities along the Ala Kahakai involved in multiple coastal land acquisitions along the trail for historic preservation.
- Collaboration with state and county agencies for **training in historical preservation** work, including prehistoric site identification, dry set masonry reconstruction, and archaeological approaches.
- Development of local **partnerships for land management planning**, including the presentation of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association land efforts as a model for other communities to follow.
- Procurement of an America’s Best Ideas grant for the music and **Talk Story cultural event series**, administered in partnership with the Ala Kahakai Trail Association.
- Procurement of a **Connect Trails to Parks** Grant (also administered in partnership with the AKTA).
- Coordination of the partnerships for the **South Kohala Gateway Project**, a 15-mile segment of private land to be the first non-public segment to be signed and publicly identified.
- **Creation of natural-disaster partnerships** with agencies as the Ala Kahakai is a likely disaster evacuation route for local communities and as a coastal trail highly susceptible to tsunami damage.
- Development of the trail’s **Comprehensive Management Plan**.

### Land Preservation Efforts

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association is collaborating with many local partners, the Trust for Public Lands, and the National Park Service to acquire a 34-acre ancient Hawaiian village site with superb archaeological remains. This site is located along the shoreline on the trail and is significant to the cultural heritage of the area. The Ala Kahakai Trail Association has been identified as the appropriate steward by the local community and will hold the deed to the land once acquisition is complete.

### Talk Story Events

In collaboration with other local organizations and the NPS, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association assists with putting on a series of community gatherings that bring together cultural musicians, artists, and storytellers to present educational public programs and promote the trail and cultural awareness.

### WEBSITES

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

[www.nps.gov/alka](http://www.nps.gov/alka)

### ABOUT THE TRAIL

This “trail by the sea” connects and preserves ancient Hawaiian foot trails, some parts dating back 600 years. The trail captures island history and links superb beaches, freshwater springs, luxury resorts, evocative petroglyphs, and remote wild areas.

Photo courtesy of E Mau Nā Ala Hele.





Year Founded	1925
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff" Members	45+ ~40,000
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	100+/year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	100+/year

## Agency Info - Appalachian NST (NPS + USFS)

2011 Base Budget	\$1,599,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	2,181
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	16
Trail-wide meetings in 2011	13
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	12



### Organizational Overview

Founded in 1925, The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), the oldest and largest of the national trail organizations, is both a membership



organization and a confederacy of 31 local partner organizations. The organization focuses on trail management and support, conservation, youth and education, and community engagement. *AT Journeys*, a full-color magazine, is published 6 times per year, and the organization offers an extensive array of branded merchandise.

### Trail Management and Support

As the primary partner of the NPS & USFS in maintaining the trail, the ATC recruits, trains, and leads volunteer trail crews for large-scale projects. To monitor the trail, the ATC administers a community of trail maintaining clubs and over 30 individual hired "ridgerunners" or "caretakers" who report trail conditions, assist with trail projects, and provide information to hikers. The ATC also publishes trail management resources, including a Toolkit for Volunteer Leaders.

### Conservation & Land Protection

Working in conjunction with land trusts and public agencies, the ATC is actively involved in protecting the trail corridor, viewshed, and ecology through border monitoring, acquisition of lands, management of land within ATC's land trust, and advocacy work with local, state, and Federal public agencies. Citizen ecological monitoring projects evaluate climate change and monitor exotic, rare, and disease-threatened species.

### Youth and Education

Through a partnership with the NPS, the Appalachian Trail served as the birthplace of the Trail to Every Classroom (TTEC) program, which has since spread to several other National Scenic and Historic Trails. The TTEC program educates teachers on ways to incorporate the trail into classroom curricula. The ATC also hosts family hiking events and has ongoing partnerships with Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups along the trail.

### Community Engagement

The Appalachian Trail Community™ program recognizes communities along the AT that protect and promote the trail through areas such as citizen involvement, public events, sponsorship of trail projects and equipment, and services for hikers.

*Note: Appalachian Trail Conservancy 2011 financial figures are estimations as finalized official numbers had not yet been released as of the printing of this report.*

### Federal Agency Initiatives for the Appalachian NST

- **Trail to Every Classroom** – Now in its sixth year, the TTEC program continues to grow and has been adopted by other national trails.
- The **Teacher-Ranger-Teacher** program has come to the AT, with a TTEC alumni serving eight weeks at a visitor center along the AT.
- Resource management work includes **establishment of a natural resource priority zoning map** using natural heritage or rare plant data to delineate areas of high sensitivity. Use of Google Earth and hard copy maps help maintainers identify where sensitive species are located. Appalachian State University is developing an open areas data layer and an invasive species model for the trail.
- **Superfund site management and remediation efforts** in Palmerton, PA, include slope stabilization in partnership with FHWA, planning for a major trail project with funds from the responsible party, and re-vegetation and invasive species control.
- Both direct and cumulative impacts of **energy infrastructure** projects continue to threaten the AT, and the NPS and USFS are working towards **mitigation efforts** for these projects.
- Development of **Group Use of the AT resource** for trail-wide guidance to assist groups with using the AT appropriately, while providing framework for protection of natural resources.
- Development of **commercial use comprehensive strategy** to respond to increasing pressures from for-profit groups and race event organizers.
- Updating of **state and national park MOUs**.
- An updated **Backcountry Sanitation Manual**, led by the Green Mountain Club and ATC including USFS visitor use research.

Appalachian NST Partnership Support  
2011 Total Value: \$12,844,082



- Value of ATC Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to ATC
- Federal Funding
- State Funding - Land Acquisition

### AT Mega-Transect Research

As the AT connects many otherwise separate natural lands, the AT offers a unique research opportunity. A collaborative effort called the AT Mega-Transect leverages trail lands as a large environmental monitoring and research project, including the gathering of extensive ecological information across the trail, the development of comprehensive reports on environmental trends (particularly with regards to climate change), and community education initiatives.

### WEBSITES

[www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org)  
[www.nps.gov/appa](http://www.nps.gov/appa)

### ABOUT THE TRAIL

First envisioned in 1921 by regional planner Benton MacKaye, this hiking trail hugs the crests of mountain chains from Maine to Georgia.

Photo courtesy of the ATC.



## Agency Information Arizona NST (USFS & BLM)



Year Founded	1994
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff" Members	4 paid, 5 volunteer
Members	1300
Volunteer Hours (2011)	19,952
Volunteers (2011)	605
Private Contributions (2011)	\$197,339
Total Funding (2011)	\$289,866
Trail Tread/Resources Mapped	100%
Trail Built/Maintained per year	50%
Trail Adequately Signed/Marked	70%
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	75/year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	5/year

Agency Info - USFS - Arizona NST	
2011 FS Trail Budget (\$175,000 directly allocated)	\$260,000
Trail has part or full time data steward	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly accessible	No
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	3
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In Progress

### Federal Initiatives on the Arizona NST

- USFS: Development of a **Comprehensive Management Plan** for the AZNST.
- USFS: Independent Resources, a Forest Service enterprise team, working on a public engagement strategy, beginning with building relationships with key contacts and ATA volunteers.
- USFS & NPS: Development of a multi-use Greenway link between Grand Canyon National Park and the gateway community of Tusayan. The eight mile Greenway III Trail extends from the Grand Canyon Visitors Center to the Kaibab National Forest.
- FS & BLM: In conjunction with ATA, **trail maintenance** efforts and **trail restoration projects** following fire damage.
- BLM: Completion of a northern terminus campground and trail facility, including a fully accessible trail and amenities.
- Analysis of routes to relocate the AZT away from proposed mine projects.

### Organization Overview

Founded in 1994, The Arizona Trail Association focuses on building and maintaining the 817-mile Arizona Trail through a system of volunteer trail stewards - from individuals to organizations or corporate groups - who "adopt" a particular segment of trail. This system has proven to be quite effective for ATA, who celebrated the completion of the Trail in February, 2012. The focus now will be to sustain a volunteer force to maintain the Trail and assist with the upgrades that are still needed on many sections. The organization places a specific emphasis on corporate partnerships and foundation grants, and has over 40 corporate supporters.

### Community Involvement

Through their Gateway Communities Program, the ATA has developed informal community partnerships with 21 of 28 communities along the trail. These partnerships contribute to public awareness, and typically involve the local governments and/or chambers of commerce. Many communities view the AZT as a way to draw visitors to their towns, and some have put up trail signs and markers identifying the town as an AZT Gateway Community. The ATA regularly presents at elementary schools in the trail communities and hosts community events.

### Trail and Land Protection

Mining and energy projects threaten the scenic integrity of the AZT corridor, and forest health projects are also modifying the visual resources. Large fires have threatened to obliterate some sections. Two trail realignments are being analyzed due to large mining proposals. Since most of the AZT already lies on public lands, the ATA has not been actively involved in land-preservation projects. The organization hopes to see larger protected corridors for the trail identified in the comprehensive management plan, in addition to other actions to protect the AZT corridor.

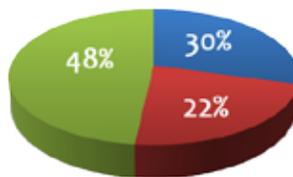
### WEBSITES

[www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)  
[http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/blm\\_specialareas/az-scenic-trail.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/blm_specialareas/az-scenic-trail.html)

### LAND STATUS REPORT

Approximately 11% of the AZT is located on Arizona State Land Department lands, some on narrow easements that do not adequately protect the trail corridor, and some with no easement. These lands are also important watersheds, and wildlife and open space corridors. Corridor protection would be beneficial to the communities in those areas and would fit well with broader landscape management initiatives. Potential changes in land use adjacent to and in the Trail corridor could cause significant loss of National Scenic Trail values on State and Federal lands and adjacent private land.

### Arizona NST 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$883,514



- Value of ATA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to ATA
- Federal Funding

### Mapping Status

The Arizona Trail Association has relied on its own staff and volunteers to GPS survey the entirety of the Arizona Trail and makes hiking maps and GIS information available online to their members. While the US Forest Service also has some GIS information for the trail, the Arizona Trail Association has effectively leveraged their hiker-friendly data as a membership incentive. Consequently, the vast majority of hikers on the ATA make use of ATA resources to follow and identify the trail.

### ABOUT THE TRAIL

This non-motorized trail explores seven distinct ecosystems over the length of Arizona, from lush Sonoran Desert to sub-alpine forests. The trail is easily accessible to residents of Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson.

*Photos courtesy of ATA.*





## Agency Information

Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT  
(National Park Service)



### Chesapeake Conservancy

Year Founded	2008
Paid Staff, Consultants	3, 3
Members	Non-membership
2011 Operating Budget	\$1,002,165
Private Contributions raised by CC	\$807,860
Interpretation/Outreach Events	3/year

2011 Trail Budget	\$375,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of water trail open/accessible to the public	205 (6.8%)
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	1
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	1
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	Completed 2011

### Organizational Overview

The Chesapeake Conservancy (CC) was formed through a merger of the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake NHT and the Friends of Chesapeake Gateways. This newly merged organization works towards creating partnerships for land protection and increasing public access to the Chesapeake Bay and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT water trail. The organization is also involved with historic preservation/interpretation of sites related to the trail, including work towards the designation of Fort Monroe (visited by Captain John Smith) as a National Monument.

### Trail and Land Protection

Since its founding in 2008, the CC has helped to preserve over 5,775 acres along the John Smith Trail. Together with the NPS and other members of the Advisory Council, the CC has been instrumental in developing the Concept Plan for the 95-mile lower James River Segment of the CJSNHT. This plan, to be released in 2012, details an action agenda, locations for interpretation, and access point needs. The CC has also helped establish several interpretive displays about the CJSNHT and has constructed a boat dock for increased public access and enjoyment. Initiatives to build and enhance additional access points are already in progress.

### Trail Expansion Initiative

Fifteen partner organizations and agencies are currently collaborating in an effort to include four river segments totalling more than 900 miles as connecting trails to the John Smith Trail, including the Upper James, Susquehanna, Upper Nanticoke, and Chester rivers. Submitted applications are awaiting approval from the Department of the Interior.

### WEBSITES

[www.chesapeakeconservancy.org](http://www.chesapeakeconservancy.org)  
[www.smithtrail.net](http://www.smithtrail.net)  
[www.nps.gov/cajo](http://www.nps.gov/cajo)

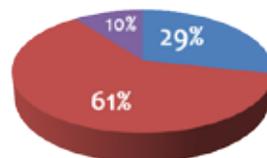
### Federal Initiatives for the John Smith Trail

- The **Captain John Smith Geotrail**, developed in 2011, consists of geocache locations at more than fifty sites along the trail and a passport system for collecting them (NPS development).
- The **Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS)** uses a network of digitally-connected buoys to track and share real-time weather and environmental information and location-specific historic narrations. Visitors can access each buoy's information by phone, internet, or smartphone at [www.buoybay.noaa.gov](http://www.buoybay.noaa.gov) (Developed by NOAA).
- The **"Boater's Guide to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT,"** an interactive PDF on [www.smithtrail.net](http://www.smithtrail.net), provides directions and information for boaters at a large number of itineraries along the trail (CC & NPS).
- **Land Protection Plan** to guide land conservation approaches and priorities, to be released in 2012 (NPS Plan).
- The **Indigenous Cultural Landscape Initiative** aims to document landscapes along the trail and use the information to inform interpretation and land conservation efforts.

### Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT Advisory Council

The CJSNHT has an advisory council established by the National Park Service to bring a wide variety of partners together towards matters related to the trail, including trail management, public access, recreation opportunities, and indigenous cultural landscapes along the trail route. The 25 members of the advisory council are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and include representatives from the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, several Federal agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Department of Defense. A multitude of governmental, non-governmental and American Indian organizations are part of this collaborative effort, including the Chesapeake Conservancy.

### John Smith Chesapeake NHT 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$1,318,418



- Private Contributions to CC
- Federal Funding
- State Public Funding



### ABOUT THE TRAIL

Among Jamestown's first settlers, John Smith and crew explored and mapped the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries from 1607 to 1609. The trail recognizes 1600s American Indian culture and societies.

Photos courtesy of the NPS.

# Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDTA)



# Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

**Note: The Continental Divide Trail Alliance ceased operations permanently in January 2012.**

## Agency Information Continental Divide NST (USFS & BLM)



Year Founded	1995
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff"	13, 10
Members	650
Active Volunteers per year	2000
Volunteer Hours (2011)	21,800
Private Contributions (2011)	\$90,000
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	50+/year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	5-10/year

Comprehensive Management Plan	2009
Trail Maintained per year	25% (784/3100)
Total Federal Funding for CDT (Including 2010-2011 ARRA funding)	\$2,280,000

## Organization Overview

The Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDTA) is dedicated to the building, maintenance, and effective management and use of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. The organization is involved in land preservation efforts, organization of trail crews, and has published a Volunteer Guide to assist the many volunteers working on behalf of the trail.



## Youth Programs

The CDTA offers many programs encouraging the involvement of youth on the CDT. Family Volunteer Programs encourage children, young adults, and their families to be involved with the CDT through organized family trail maintenance events. The Flat Stanley on the CDT program offers children an interactive way to record their trail experiences. The CDT has also made this program available to local libraries along the trail.

## Step into Cuba Health Initiative

The Town of Cuba, New Mexico is involved in an initiative and study to evaluate and promote health benefits from walking and hiking. This study partners with the NPS, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, the Center for Disease Control, and many local health and public organizations to encourage the use of trails for healthier citizens.

The Step into Cuba initiative makes use of community-wide informational campaigns, point of decision prompts (such as signs encouraging walking to a nearby library), walking/hiking events, health referrals for program participation, and increased trail and pathway infrastructure. The program's study continues to find that trail access fosters community health through increased exercise.

## Federal Initiatives

- In 2010, the Continental Divide NST was the recipient of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Funds which are being applied toward continuing the construction and maintenance of the trail. A particular emphasis on **employing youth** through several youth corps characterized these efforts, with over 20 Youth Corps members from the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Southwest Conservation Corps, and Montana Conservation Corps worked along the Trail in six locations across New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado.
- **Rights-of-way, inventoried, and surveyed**, easement and acquisition work continued primarily in Catron and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico; and Cadotte Pass, Montana.
- Collaboration with CDTA through a **cost-share program to map the entire CDNST** by gathering information that will be suitable for high quality maps and for planning purposes.
- **Development of partnerships** with additional trail and conservation organizations to help build and protect the CDNST.

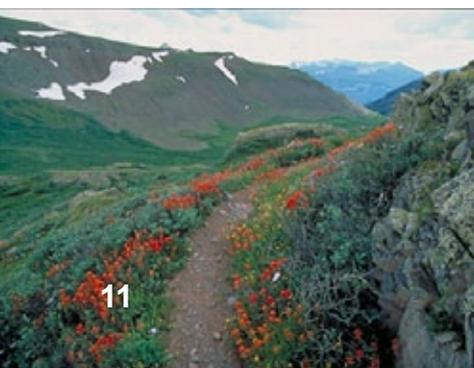
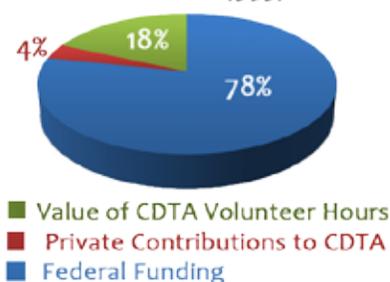
## Mapping Status

The NPS and CDTA are working on a joint project to GIS survey the entire trail and have produced 2 official map books for NM and CO. The effort is progress for the creating such GIS hiking guides for MT, WY, ID, All GIS Maps are available online at the CDTA website.

## WEBSITES

[www.cdtrail.org](http://www.cdtrail.org)  
[www.fs.fed.us/cdt](http://www.fs.fed.us/cdt)  
[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

**Continental Divide NST 2011 Partnership Support  
Total Value: \$2,555,000**



## ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) traverses along the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico. It navigates dramatically diverse ecosystems through mountain meadows, granite peaks, and high-desert surroundings. The nature and purposes of the CDNST are to provide for high-quality scenic, primitive hiking and horseback riding opportunities and to conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources along the CDNST corridor.

Photos courtesy of CDTA.

# Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association



# Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail

Year Founded	2003
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff"	1, 2
Members	146
Volunteer Hours	3,379
Interpretation/Outreach Events	5/year

## Agency Info - Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (BLM and NPS)



2011 Base Trail Budget (BLM + NPS)	\$341,800
Miles of trail open for public use	3.5
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	5
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	2
Website hits in 2011	20,836
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	2004

## CARTA Overview

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA) places special emphasis on historical research and protection of the historic sites of the trail. With its academic focus, CARTA publishes a quarterly award-winning journal, *Chronicles*, which includes research findings from archaeologists and geologists. CARTA hires through Federal Challenge Cost Share funding.

As part of its goals to make the story of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro accessible to the public, CARTA also pursues educational projects, including film-making workshops for graduate students to learn how to document the trail and its history. CARTA members lead trips to historic sites along the trail, called "insiders' tours," and help maintain the interpretive sites developed by the BLM.



## Partnerships

With its historical research focus, CARTA has been successful in establishing an ongoing relationship with the New Mexico Historical Commission. To expand awareness of the trail, CARTA has also developed a partnership with the Las Cruces, NM Convention and Visitors Bureau and is currently working on a similar relationship in Socorro, NM.

## Trail Signage & Marking

Very few areas of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro are marked, except at specific historic sites along the trail. Much of the trail passes through private, remote lands, and some areas are sufficiently delicate from an archaeological standpoint that additional foot traffic is actively avoided. The entirety of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT has been GIS mapped by the National Park Service, though some map variations have been developed by CARTA's member historians that recognize other pathways of the historic trail.

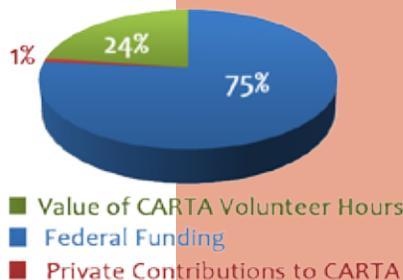
## WEBSITES

- [www.caminorealCARTA.org](http://www.caminorealCARTA.org)
- [www.nps.gov/elca](http://www.nps.gov/elca)
- [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/el\\_camino\\_real\\_de.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/el_camino_real_de.html)

## Federal Initiatives on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT:

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-funded **Historic Trails Inventory** completed, addressing cultural resource inventory, condition assessment, and setting and visual resources documentation on approximately 22 miles of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro high potential route segments. (BLM)
- Contracted through New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for a **Multiple Properties Nomination Form** and Historic Context and eleven National Register nominations. Approved by the Cultural Properties Committee for the NM SHPO for state register listing, pending listing on the National Register by the Keeper of the Register. (NPS)
- Preparation of **13 National Register Nominations**, currently pending review by the Cultural Properties Committee for the NM SHPO. (NPS)
- Archeological survey** of 56.5 acres of trail alignments and surrounding area at La Bajada, a formidable geologic obstacle for travelers in the form of a volcanic escarpment located seventeen miles west, southwest of Santa Fe. The survey is informing a **cultural landscape report**, phase I for the same area. Both the survey and the cultural landscape report were implemented through a CESU with the University of New Mexico. (NPS)
- Tribal Listening Session** – Pojoaque, NM, bringing tribes along El Camino together to discuss trail issues and perspectives. (NPS)

Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$453,668



## ABOUT THE TRAIL

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro is the longest and oldest of European roads in North America. This route linked Mexico City to Santa Fe and the Ohkay Owingeh pueblo. Formally opened in 1598, this vital link spurred settlement, revolt, conquest, and trade and helped create the vibrant mix of cultures of today's U.S. Southwest.

Photo courtesy of CARTA.



Year Founded	2007
Paid Staff, Volunteer Staff	1, 4
Members	120
Volunteer Hours (2011)	1400
Interpretation/Outreach Events	30/year

## Agency Information El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT (National Park Service)

2011 Base Trail Budget	\$198,800
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	4
Trail-wide partner meetings in 2011	3
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	Completed 2011

### Organization Overview

Founded in 2007, El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT Association “seeks to protect the historic integrity of the trail, its

contributions to tourism and economic development along its path, and to educate the public about its resources and opportunities.” El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT Association divides the trail into 4 geographic regions to assist with trail management and has board leadership from each of the regions.



The organization places special emphasis on building partnerships with local tourism and economic development entities as well as providing public educational events along the trail. The Texas Historical Commission is a particularly strong partner present at virtually all major events and programs. The organization publishes an electronic newsletter 6 times per year with trail updates and events for members and the public.

### Mapping

The NPS trail map provides a general outline of El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT, and efforts by the Association have led to some additional GIS maps of particular regions and communities, available on the organization’s website. The Association website also features a tourist-friendly online interactive map with historic sites, major tourism resources along the trail, and marked communities with particular trail involvement or resources.

### El Camino Real Gateway Communities

Still in its early stages, El Camino Real Gateway Program is modeled after gateway community programs established by other partners of National Scenic and Historic Trails. The organization connects with specific communities that have a strong tourism or historical tie to the trail and fosters a relationship with shared promotion of local and trail events, partnerships with local convention and visitors bureaus, and contacts with historical groups and sites.

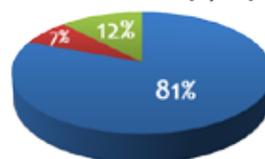
### Federal Initiatives on the El Camino Real de los Tejas NST:

- Completion of **Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Assessment**
- Development of **online sign plan** for the use of trail partners, a resource for consistent formatting for directional signs as well as approaches for a cohesive signage system. The plan sets the foundation for a comprehensive tourist-friendly identification of major sites while portraying specific sites as part of a linked system of historical experiences along the trail.
- Supported development of two sets of a **trail-wide photographic exhibit** that traveled along the entire trail corridor. In addition to 20 framed photos, the exhibit project included the development of brochures and a computerized slide show with close to 300 images of the trail.
- Supported preparation of a **Multiple Property Designation Form** and a series of **National Register of Historic Places nominations** for historic resources along the trail.

### Traveling El Camino Real de los Tejas Educational Program

El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT Association, in cooperation with the NPS and Texas state agencies, has coordinated a video conference educational program bringing together students, teachers, trail professionals, and historians to learn about the trail. Students use plays, skits, and powerpoints to broadcast live video lessons to other students around the state explaining the history of their segment of the trail.

**Camino Real de los Tejas NHT  
2011 Partnership Support  
Total Value: \$246,204**



- Value of Nonprofit Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to Nonprofit
- Federal Funding

### WEBSITES

[www.elcaminorealde los tejas.org](http://www.elcaminorealde los tejas.org)  
[www.nps.gov/elte/](http://www.nps.gov/elte/)

### ABOUT EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NHT

Starting in the early 1700s this route connected a string of Spanish missions across southeastern Texas into what is now Louisiana. Most noted are those in and near San Antonio, Texas. Later, U.S. settlers poured in from the northeast, spurring Texas’ independence in 1836 and U.S. annexation in 1850.

Photos courtesy of El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT Association.





Year Founded	1964
Chapters	18
Paid Staff	12
Members	4,990
Volunteer Hours (2011)	65,356
Private Financial Contributions (2011)	\$149,208
Total Funding (2011)	\$785,762
Trail Protected, Open for Use	1143/1,400 (82%)
Trail adequately signed/marked	60%
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	110/per year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	320/per year



## Organizational Overview

The Florida Trail Association (FTA) is the stewardship partner of the US Forest Service in building, maintaining, and providing hiker services along the 1,400-mile Florida National Scenic Trail. The organization hosts several regional hiking events and an annual conference. *Footprints*, the quarterly magazine of the Florida Trail, is

distributed to members and supporters of the trail.

## Trail and Land Protection

While local chapters are active in maintaining large segments of the trail, the FTA has a system of trail crews, called F-Troops, active with more intensive projects such as bridge, boardwalk and new trail construction. A revised FTA website will provide additional volunteer resources and allow for digital submission of volunteer hours.

## Gateway Community Program

The FTA Gateway Community Program encourages local communities along the trail to support their tourism and outdoor recreation industries by becoming a recognized Gateway Community. Communities can apply for this designation and publicize themselves as official gateway communities if they are near or on the trail and participate in a variety of trail initiatives such as making information available at local visitor centers/chamber of commerce, collaborating with FTA for hosting local events, monitoring the number of visitors to the trail, and encouraging local businesses to provide special discounts or services to FTA members. In exchange, the FTA publicly promotes the gateway community, supplies signage materials, hosts events and periodic guided hikes in that community, and customizes hiking information for local hikers.

## Youth Engagement

For the past several years, the FTA has administered a series of alternative spring break programs for college students to come work on the trail at St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. The FTA has also created a Florida Trail version of Flat Stanley for youth to bring along on hikes on the trail. The Association also hosted the Charter School Florida Trail-a-thon, a full spectrum curriculum including math, science, language and history projects utilizing the FNST.

## Agency Information Florida NST (US Forest Service)

2011 Base Trail Budget	\$1,500,000
Miles of trail open for public use	1,043
Trail has part or full time data steward?	No
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	2
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	3
Trail-Wide Partner Meetings in 2011	5

## Federal Initiatives on the Florida NST:

- Development of the **FY 2011 program of work** between the Florida Trail Association and the Forest Service under the existing Challenge Cost-Share Agreement which focuses on the building of volunteer capacity, increased safety, and training for volunteers and staff.
- **Revisiting and refining the original 20-mile wide planning corridor** to focus shared resources towards the completion of a single, continuous corridor spanning the length of Florida.
- Continued support of programs with a **focus on youth and environmental service** including Student Conservation Association seasonal crews and one-time service projects, and collaboration with FTA youth initiatives.
- Development of a **new Forest Service Florida National Scenic Trail Website**, which will include a page for land managers as well as a link to the [www.arc.gis.com](http://www.arc.gis.com) website, which currently houses a web-map of the FNST for public use.
- Work towards **establishing a complete GPS line of FNST** available on-line for download and for use as a foundation for a FY12 State of the Trail Report.

## Mapping and Resources

A detailed guidebook for hikers contains hiking maps and GIS information for hikers. Online interactive GIS maps are also available for major campsites, water segments, and trailheads. The FTA website also offers information on short hikes and loops to accommodate day hikers as well as details on trail conditions.

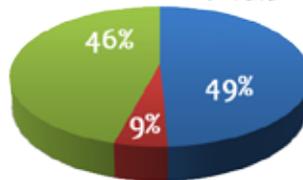
## Trail User Survey

The partners of the Florida NST, in conjunction with the University of Florida, has completed the most sophisticated Trail User Survey yet performed on any of the National Scenic and Historic Trails. Beginning in 2003, this partnership surveyed users at 28 representative segments over a 5-year period. The survey used human observations, mechanical counters, trail visitor questionnaires, and visitor registrations to get a comprehensive demographic profile for the trail visitors and their habits on the trail.

## WEBSITE

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

## Florida NST 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$2,873,304



- Value of FTA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to FTA
- Federal Funding



## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Spanning the length and breadth of Florida's interior, The Florida National Scenic Trail joins the Everglades to Pensacola Bay. This footpath explores a great variety of different natural communities, including America's only subtropical landscape as well as globally significant scrub and longleaf pine ecosystems.

Photos courtesy of the FTA.



Year Founded	1958
Chapters	21
Paid Staff	9
Members	3,268
Volunteer Hours (2011)	65,894
Volunteers	2,204+
Private Contributions (2011)	\$380,000
Total Income (2011)	\$1,084,000
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	100+/year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	75+/year

## Agency Information Ice Age NST (National Park Service)



2011 NPS Base Trail Budget	\$833,808
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	No
Miles of Trail open to the public	635/1,200 (53%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	36
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	1
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	Ice Age NST Handbook, Corridor Plans, and Trailway Protection Strategies replacing CMP

## Organizational Overview



The Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) focuses on protecting the unique, glacier-carved landscapes across the state of Wisconsin. Founded over 50 years ago and deeply involved with the successful national designation of the trail, the IATA now dedicates the majority of its efforts to a combination of land protection and trail construction/maintenance.

## Land Protection

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a land trust, and in cooperation with other land conservation groups works to acquire and protect easements and land parcels surrounding the trail. To date, the organization has protected over 4,720 acres of land around the trail, and continues to dedicate a significant portion of its efforts to land protection goals.

## Mobile Skills Crew Program

The IATA's Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) program brings together volunteers for advanced training and trail construction on the Ice Age NST. The Mobile Skills Crew program emphasizes volunteer leadership and skills in teamwork, sustainable trail building, and strong land ethics during multi-day, large-scale projects along the Ice Age NST.

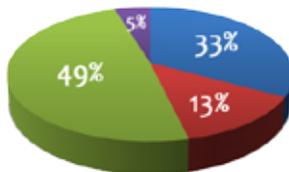
## Youth Programming

The Summer Saunters program, started by two middle school teachers, takes youth ages 8-17 from four school districts and over a dozen teachers out on the Ice Age Trail for week-long daytime programs. The program incorporates geology, history, math, and writing to keep academic skills fresh during summer break while getting kids outdoors for healthy hiking exercise. The program, started in 2008, has expanded to include several teachers and schools, including inner-city classrooms, bringing kids with minimal outdoor experiences onto the trail.

## Federal Initiatives on the Ice Age NST:

- **Planning and compliance** efforts in cooperation with the IATA and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, including corridor planning by county.
- **Public meetings** to determine appropriate new trail locations and evaluate corridor considerations.
- Development of **connections with six of nine National Scientific Reserve Units** associated with the Ice Age Trail, including the creation of a general management plans for the Cross Plains Reserve Unit.
- **Collaboration with Groundworks Milwaukee**, an urban outreach group for trail building and maintenance.
- **Evaluation of potential urban connections** to the Ice Age Trail, including exploration of a partnership with Dane County Transit to enable urban residents to reach the trail by bus.
- Support of the **IATA Summer Saunters Youth Program**.
- Land protection planning that includes the use of the Ice Age Trail as **part of a greater landscape conservation effort** and preservation corridor.
- Initiate an America's Great Outdoors project to develop a **Model Trail Segment** connecting the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Cross Plains, WI to the Aldo Leopold Foundation visitor center in Baraboo, WI.

## Ice Age NST 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$2,873,304



- Value of IATA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to IATA
- Federal Funding
- State Public Funding

## WEBSITES

[www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org)  
[www.nps.gov/iatr](http://www.nps.gov/iatr)  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/iceagetrail/>

## ABOUT THE ICE AGE TRAIL

North America's Ice Age ended 10,000 years ago, leaving a chain of moraines, kames, and eskers across what is now Wisconsin. This trail, conceived in the 1950s by Ray Zillmer, traces these glacial landforms from Lake Michigan to the St. Croix River.

*Photo courtesy of the IATA.*





Year Founded	1999
Members	80
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff"	1, 2
Volunteer Hours (2011)	15,000
Volunteers (2011)	1,500
Private Contributions Raised (2011)	\$29,000
Operating Budget 2011	\$215,000
Trail Building Events	3/year
Interpretive events	5/year

## Organization Overview

The focal project for the IHTA since 2008 has been the adjudication of rights of way on public lands, including the securing of easements. Towards that effort, the IHTA has succeeded in establishing an



Iditarod Easement Unit in the State of Alaska Division of Mining, Land, and Water. The IHTA and its partners have worked to secure the funding for 1,800 miles of easements since 2008.

To protect the history of the trail, the IHTA is also involved in archaeological surveys and has assisted in the hiring of a graduate student to identify old roadhouse sites along the trail in the Innoko Wildlife Refuge.

## Publications and Communications

The IHTA has published a booklet showcasing the history of the trail called "The Frozen Trail" in collaboration with the Alaska Historical Commission, and has a second publication compiling monographs by the trail's original builder demonstrating early trail construction in progress. A regular newsletter informs members of updates, and their website is currently undergoing revisions.

## Community Partnerships

The presence of two major races along the trail, The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and its snowmobiling counterpart, the Iron Dog, have led to partnerships with the groups that are invested in maintaining the trail tread and traveler safety. The IHTA has collaborated with the Iditarod Trail Committee in the refurbishment of the trail following forest fires as well as the construction of shelter cabins and tripod trail markers. As a race route and a modern-day transportation pathway between rural communities, the Iditarod has significant recognition in the towns it passes through, enabling the IHTA to collaborate for trail maintenance and marking. However, despite this general awareness, many are unaware of the Trail's history. The IHTA exhibit at the Alaska State Fair showcases and promotes the history of the trail throughout its trail endeavors.

## WEBSITES

- [www.iditarodnationalhistorictail.org](http://www.iditarodnationalhistorictail.org)
- [www.iditarod100.org](http://www.iditarod100.org)
- <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/nlcs/iditarod.html>
- <http://innoko.fws.gov/iditarod.htm>

## Agency Info Iditarod NHT (BLM & USFS)

2011 BLM Budget	\$219,000
2011 USFS Budget	\$177,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	1,362/2,2450 (56%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	10
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	3
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	8
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1986



## Federal Initiatives on the Iditarod NHT:

- Use of ARRA Funds for **trail widening on high use segments** between communities. (BLM)
- Partnerships with local communities for **installation of trail markers**, including the large wooden "tripods" visible from a distance across large open tundra segments.
- Administration of funds for trail repair activities by the IHTA following large fires. (BLM)
- **Interagency outreach efforts** including an extended interview on a state-wide radio talk show, and a partner/interagency booth at the two-week long Alaska State Fair, highlighting the Trail Centennial.
- **Public outreach** about the history of the Iditarod NHT for over 3,000 spectators of **The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race**. (BLM)
- Coordination of **iTREC! (Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom)**, a multi-agency sponsored professional teacher training program. (USFS & BLM)
- Management of the Chugach National Forest Segment of the Iditarod NHT, including **construction of a new trailhead and bridges**. (USFS)

## Youth Engagement

Through a unique, multi-agency, public-private collaboration, the "Trail to Every Classroom" program initiated by the National Park service on the Appalachian trail has been adapted with NPS assistance for the Iditarod NHT. The program, re-branded as iTREC (Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom), helps teachers build classroom programming based around the trail. The IHTA facilitates the travel logistics for teachers coming from across the state while the BLM provides educational resources and the USFS provides financing and coordination.

For older youth, the IHTA leverages its relationship with the Iditarod Trail Committee in towns along the trail to employ local native youth in building safety shelters and trail markers.

**Iditarod NST 2011 Partnership Support Value: \$930,900**



## ABOUT THE IDITAROD NHT

This route commemorates the role sled dogs played in Alaska's 1910 Gold Rush, although Native Alaskans established many parts of it centuries before. It was used well into the 1930s by gold-seekers. Much of the route is open for public use, for subsistence, recreation, intervillage travel, and several famous long-distance winter races.

Photos courtesy of the IHTA.



Agency Information

Juan Bautista de Anza NHT  
(NPS & BLM)



2011 Trail Budget (NPS )	\$554,600
Trail Staff	3
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	250
Miles of Autotour route signed	900/1200 (75%)
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	3
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	5
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	11

Federal Programs for the Anza Trail

- **The Anza Trail Expedition**, a 24 minute film (produced as a Challenge Cost Share project with the Arizona Department of Transportation) was completed and premiered at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park (Arizona) in November 2011. Look for it at parks and historical sites along the trail.
- Development of two temporary, **bilingual exhibits** about the Anza Expedition which are touring the US and Mexico.
- Development of web-based **GIS and Trail Certification Toolkit** for partners and volunteers to assist with trail inventory and planning and spur an efficient and complete Anza trail inventory and certification process. The NPS collaborated with Chico State University students to develop and test the Toolkit.
- Partnership with GreenInfo Network (a nonprofit GIS contractor) to develop a **public, web based GIS interface** for Anza Trail that will make it easy for users to locate the historic trail corridor, the Auto Tour Route, and Recreational Trail segments. A related online GIS application, MapCollaborator, will facilitate planning and documentation of existing Recreational Trail segments and allow partners to upload trail data (consistent with FTDS data standards) for review and approval by trail staff.
- **Anza Trail Ambassadors**, a youth development program begun in September 2011 in Nogales, Arizona. In partnership with the Santa Fe Ranch Foundation, high school students from Nogales area high schools learn about and present the Anza Trail to the public and to elementary school students.
- Continuation of the **Anza Junior Ranger Program**, an interactive online journey whereby youth can become Junior Rangers by learning about the Anza story.

**Note:** The Juan Bautista de Anza has several organizations dedicated in whole or in part to the commemoration, interpretation, and protection of the Anza Trail. Each organization has a different focus and approach.

Anza Trail Foundation

Incorporated in 2009, the Anza Trail Foundation is the primary fund-raising organization and friends group of the entire Anza Trail. With a board that represents interests in both California and Arizona, the Anza Trail Foundation is focused on education, complemented by advocacy work toward trail corridor protection and implementation. The Foundation partners with both the NPS and BLM in California and Arizona. The organization, with support from NPS, developed Anza Trail lesson plans for 3rd and 4th grades, that include a series of plays for classroom performances. The Foundation is working on a project to update and improve Web de Anza, an online public research and education database that offers an extensive collection of primary sources.



Active Volunteers	81
Volunteer Hours (2011)	2,384
2011 Federal Funding (NPS grant)	\$50,000
2011 Private Funding	\$10,170

Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona



The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona, founded in 1992, focuses on historical outreach and creating a hiking path to commemorate the route of Juan Bautista de Anza in Arizona. Completely volunteer-based, the Coalition regularly hosts and participates in community historical events and manages exhibits and presents at local libraries and educational institutions. The organization has a particularly strong focus towards developing local public partnerships for both education and trail management. The Coalition maintains a regular involvement with school children, with members visiting K-8 classrooms to present about the trail.

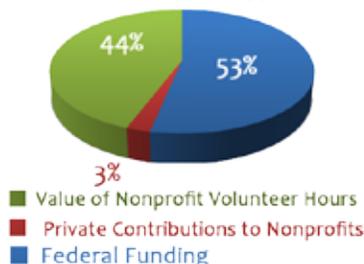
The Coalition works toward establishing hiking trail, including negotiation of private easements, trail marking, mapping, and a guidebook for hikers wishing to retrace the footsteps of the Anza Expedition in Arizona. Furthermore, the Coalition collaborates with the NPS to certify trail segments and is a partner in the development of a Master Plan for the Anza NHT in Arizona.

Members - Anza Trail Coalition	116
Volunteer Hours (2011)	12,015
Trail Building, Interpretation Events	6, 12/year

Amigos de Anza

Amigos de Anza features a unique living history component, with the Amigos de Anza equestrian drill team riding horseback in period dress, and participating in reenactments, public exhibitions, and parades to commemorate the Anza Trail.

Juan Bautista de Anza NHT  
2011 Partnership Support  
Value: \$1,041,633



South Coast Railroad Museum

This museum has developed the "Coast Starlight Trails & Rails" interpretive program featuring the Juan Bautista de Anza NHT through guided talks and materials on Amtrak's Coast Starlight Route, which roughly follows a segment of the Anza NHT.

WEBSITES

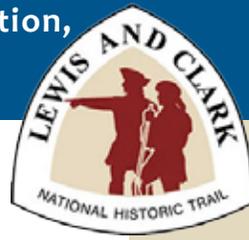
- www.anzatrail.com (Coalition)
- www.anzatrailfoundation.com (Foundation)
- www.nps.gov/juba
- http://anza.uoregon.edu/ (Web de Anza)

ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail commemorates an epic 1775-76 journey of 300 settlers and soldiers from northern Mexico to San Francisco Bay, led by Lt. Col. Juan Bautista de Anza. The expedition crossed desert and wilderness to establish the Presidio at the entrance to the Gold Gate.

Photos courtesy of the NPS.





Agency Information  
Lewis & Clark NHT  
(NPS & BLM)

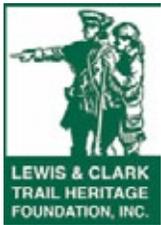


Year Founded	1969
Paid Staff	1.7
Volunteer Hours (2011)	128,000
Members	1,128
2011 Private Contributions	\$103,000
Meetings, Outreach Events 2011	100+

2011 Trail Budget	\$2,014,686
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Limited
Miles of Trail open to the public	Unknown
Miles of Autotour route signed	7,000
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	3
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	5
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	9
Website Hits in 2011	117,775

**Organizational Overview**

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) was incorporated in 1969 to preserve the legacy of the Lewis and Clark expedition for future generations. With members in all 50 states, the LCTHF promotes the responsible use of resources and preservation of historic view sheds along the Lewis and Clark NHT, building continued interest and involvement, offering learning resources for teachers, students, and anyone who seeks a deeper understanding of the exploits of Lewis and Clark, and continued promotion of tribal involvement in the mission



of the Foundation. *We Proceeded On* is the organization's primary publication; it is a scholarly journal published and distributed to LCTHF members on a quarterly basis.

**Trail Stewardship**

The LCTHF is actively involved in management of the LCNHT, which is largely under private ownership. The Foundation supports the efforts of local, state, and Federal agencies and private landowners in proper Trail maintenance, in addition to supporting public acquisition of significant Trail sites from willing sellers. The Foundation also supports education and interpretive efforts along the Trail, volunteers with protection and education efforts, and encourages the practice of good conservation ethics. LCTHF collaborates with museums featuring in-depth expedition and tribal stories, and supports Lewis and Clark-related parks and art installations, exhibits and public programs, such as the Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge.

**Education**

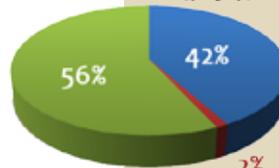
The LCTHF offers guidelines, lessons, and activities for K-12 teachers, as well as a review of current and needed research for post-secondary educators. The LCTHF offers a series of patch programs through an MOU with Boy Scouts of America.



**Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.**

This new partner of the Lewis and Clark NHT is dedicated to telling the story of the entire Lewis and Clark expedition, preservation of the trail sea to sea, and garnering support for the recognition of the Eastern Legacy, the eastern segment of the historic Lewis and Clark route.

**Lewis and Clark NHT  
2011 Partnership Support  
Total Value: \$4,851,766**



- Value of LCTHF Volunteer Hours
- Federal Funding
- Private Contributions to LCTHF

**Federal Initiatives for the Lewis & Clark NHT**

- **Efforts toward accurate identification of the trail route.** The entire trail will be accurately mapped by the end of 2012.
- **Review of proposals for development, regulatory changes, or management** (providing extensive written comment on 14; engaged in significant consultation on 4 more).
- Development of **criteria for assessing interpretive assets** across the trail, to be integrated into a sign assessment project.
- Collaboration with communities and partners on ways to replace their **Lewis and Clark-related signs and waysides**.
- Launch of a **new web site, Tribal Legacy Project**, highlighting 1,400 video presentations of American Indian presenters taken during the bicentennial.
- Collaboration with University of Oregon to design a framework for an **American Indian education curriculum**. Secured funds for continuing the framework project into FY2013, through developing and hosting teacher workshops across four regions.
- Development of a new public-facing Federal financial assistance program known as the **Partnership Support Program (PSP)**. Secured Assistance Technical Representative (ATR) training for all PSP staff so they could be empowered to make independent decisions regarding projects.

- Support for the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles to present a **5-day living history encampment** of Lewis & Clark to the greater Omaha area.

**WEBSITES**

- [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) (LCTHF)
- [pmjlmallory@windstream.net](mailto:pmjlmallory@windstream.net) (L&C Trust)
- [www.nps.gov/lecl](http://www.nps.gov/lecl)
- [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

**ABOUT THE TRAIL**

One of America's great adventures, the 1804-06 Lewis and Clark Expedition, commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson, explored the Louisiana Purchase, following the Missouri River upstream. Helped by native peoples to cross the mountains, the Expedition wintered near the Oregon coast and returned.

Photos courtesy of the LCTHF.





Note: The Mormon Pioneer NHT represents a significant chapter in history for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), and is incorporated into current Church programming for youth and individual LDS communities. The most significant example of involvement with the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail for these communities is probably the handcart trek programs, which allow youth to reenact the handcart journeys of the early LDS pioneers from the Midwest to Utah. These programs engage large numbers of youth on the trail, and many communities further extend their trail involvement to trail marking and interpretation, but these efforts are typically within the LDS community and not in collaboration with the trail's public administrative partner (National Park Service).

## Agency Information Mormon Pioneer NHT (NPS & BLM)



2011 Base Trail Budget	\$242,300
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	250
Miles of Autotour route signed	1,415 (100%)
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	3
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	4
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1999

## Federal Initiatives for the Mormon Pioneer NHT include:

- **Scoping for a feasibility study to add routes** to the Oregon, California, Pony Express, and Mormon Pioneer NHTs has been completed and released. Staffers are defining alternative actions for consideration, and a consulting firm has begun drafting parts of the Feasibility Study/ Environmental Assessment.
- **A historical study of African Americans** on the Oregon, California, and Mormon Pioneer trails has been completed.
- Negotiations with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office and a nonprofit research facility to produce a **Multiple Property Documentation Form** for the entire Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail. If final agreement is reached, the project also will include preparation of several **National Register nominations** for sites and segments along the trail.
- Completion and publishing of the **Auto Tour Route Guide Across Utah**, the sixth in a series of state-by-state trail guides. Some 2,100 copies of the guide, which focuses on the Mormon Pioneer, Pony Express, and California trails across Utah, were distributed.

## WEBSITES

[www.mormontrails.org](http://www.mormontrails.org)  
[www.nps.gov/mopi](http://www.nps.gov/mopi)  
[www.handcarttreks.com](http://www.handcarttreks.com)  
[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Forced from Nauvoo, Illinois, in February 1846, thousands of Mormons went west seeking freedom from persecution. In 1847 Brigham Young led a pioneer company up the Platte River, paralleling the Oregon Trail, and, once across the Rockies, southwest to the Great Salt Lake valley. This became a two-way trail as the first wave returned to escort others.

Photos courtesy of the MTA.

Year Founded	1999
Interpretation/Outreach Events	4/year
Funding	Operates on savings and revenues from book publication proceeds

## Organizational Overview

The Mormon Trails Association (MTA) promotes communication among private and public agencies and individuals interested in Mormon trails. The MTA works to identify and preserve Mormon historical sites along the Mormon Pioneer NHT. This small organization offers an extensive historical information



about the trail as well as detailed descriptions of how to visit important sites and do self-guided tours on its website. The organization's board members present trail

history at schools and churches and serve as historical experts for community gatherings.

In the late 1990s, MTA assisted the Mormon community with its pioneer sesquicentennial celebrations, publishing a book, "Guide to the Mormon Pioneer Trail" with trail history and directions to 76 major sites.

## Mapping and Signage

The Mormon Pioneer NHT shares significant trail segments with the Oregon, California, and Pony Express National Historic Trails, and many places identify these multiple routes simultaneously. In some places the trail has partnered with the Oregon California Trail Association (OCTA) to mark the overlapping trail. The seventy miles of trail leading up to where the Mormon Pioneer NHT enters its end point in Salt Lake City is particularly well-marked through efforts of groups such as the Sons and Daughters of Utah, and because that segments is particularly common for LDS youth hand cart trek routes.





Tracing the Journey of Southern Discovery

Year Founded	1934
Volunteer Staff	2
Members	100
Volunteer Hours (2011)	1,200
Interpretation/Outreach Events	4/year
Funding for 2011 (All private sources)	\$3,500

## Agency Information Natchez Trace NST (National Park Service)



2011 Base Trail Budget	\$29,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	65
New Partnership Agreements 2011	5
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	5

### Organizational Overview

Tracing its roots back to 1934, the Natchez Trace Parkway Association (NTPA) was originally involved with the completion of the Parkway, a driving route that is in itself an NPS unit. With the final completion of the Parkway in 2005, the organization began a fundamental identity transition, now working towards historical interpretation of the trail and public education and engagement. The organization's legacy means that they currently operate under 501(c)6 status and have begun a transition to becoming a 501(c)3 organization. With several existing chapters and several more under development, the organization now places its primary focus on bringing the stories of the trail to life through living history.

As the name implies, the organization is primarily involved with the entire Parkway rather than specifically the National Scenic Trail segment of the trail (see note at right). However, the NTPA is nonetheless the main stewardship organization for the trail as well and features some information about the natural environment of the scenic trail segments on its website. The organization has recently published a photo history book entitled "Building the Natchez Trace Parkway."

### Events and Partnerships

The NTPA regularly collaborates with the National Park Service along the Trace as well as local public entities. Given the 2012 Bicentennial of the War of 1812, The NTPA is particularly involved in the promotion of the trail as a major site during that episode of US history, hosting several living history interpretive events to draw public awareness and enthusiasm. The organization is also pursuing partnerships with the NPS towards creating War of 1812-specific signage and interpretation along the Parkway.

The NTPA is interested in strengthening relations with the Chickasaw tribe, who have a strong history along the Trace. To that end, the organization is developing an event in partnership with the Chickasaw nation to celebrate a new Chickasaw interpretive center near the Trace.

*NOTE: The Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail is unique among the National Scenic Trails in that the "National Scenic" designation only applies to approximately 150 miles of what is otherwise known as the Natchez Trace Parkway. The National Scenic Trail segment of the Parkway refers to a recreational hiking segment of the otherwise car-friendly Parkway. Consequently, the funding and activities shown in the below Federal summary include only activities pertaining to the 65 miles of hiker-friendly National Scenic Trail along the driving Parkway. As one of the largest units in the National Park Service, the Natchez Trace Parkway has a more extensive number and variety of Federal initiatives.*

### Federal Initiatives towards the Natchez Trace NST include:

- **Trail maintenance**, including rehabilitation of tread surface with crushed stone and soil, litter removal, cleaning and painting of interpretive signs, reconstruction of culverts, clearing and cleaning water bars, replacement and repair of bridge railings and decking.
- **GIS surveys** for enhanced trail mapping.
- Rehabilitation of an **outdoor classroom facility**.

### WEBSITES

[www.natcheztrace.info](http://www.natcheztrace.info) (NTPA)

[www.nps.gov/natt](http://www.nps.gov/natt) (National Scenic Trail)

[www.nps.gov/natr](http://www.nps.gov/natr) (Parkway)



### ABOUT THE TRAIL

Once an Indian trade route, then an early primitive way to explore "the Old Southwest," this route joins Nashville on the Cumberland River to Natchez on the Mississippi River bluffs. After the American Revolution, "Kaintuck boatmen" from the Ohio Valley floated goods south and returned home on this trail. Four segments are now open to hikers and equestrians. The 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway runs alongside.

Photos courtesy of NTPA.



The New England National Scenic Trail, also known as the “NET,” has two trail stewardship organizations: The Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and the Appalachian Mountain Club - Berkshire Chapter. Both organizations are responsible for trail stewardship and have staff devoted to the NET. CFPA & AMC are also involved in other land and outdoor recreation initiatives outside of the National Trails System.

**Agency Information  
New England NST  
(National Park Service)**

2011 Trail Budget	\$127,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Updated, not yet publicly accessible
Miles of Trail open to the public	215/233 (92%)
Volunteer Hours in 2011 (CFPA + AMC)	9,085
New Partnership Agreements 2011	2
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	5



**Organizational Overview - CFPA**

The Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) has been working on behalf of land protection, trails, conservation, and forest advocacy since its founding in 1895. The organization stewards over 825 miles of “blue-blazed hiking trails” across the state of Connecticut, approximately 130 of which are designated as part of the New England Trail (NET). A land trust itself, the CFPA collaborates with a network of community land trusts throughout the state to protect and acquire land, including parcels on or near the NET. CFPA trail managers are actively involved in building, maintaining, and marking the trail in Connecticut.

**Organizational Overview - AMC-Berkshire Chapter**

The AMC is the nation’s oldest outdoor recreation and conservation organization, working since 1876 to promote the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of the Appalachian region. Through thousands of hours of volunteer time, AMC maintains nearly 385 miles of trail in Massachusetts. AMC-Berkshire Chapter maintains 85 miles of the NET in Massachusetts.

**Communications**

The NET has its own regular e-newsletter for trail updates and event information. A joint-effort website, [www.newenglandtrail.org](http://www.newenglandtrail.org), serves as the primary information hub for hikers with updates and trail news and offers an interactive trail map through Google Maps.

**Federal Initiatives for the NET:**

- “Trails to Every Classroom” in Connecticut.
- Development of **trailside public art**.
- **Collaboration with Scouts** to install tree identification labels, bat houses and build kiosks on the trail.
- Coordination of programming, trail stewardship & maintenance, visitor management, mapping and long-term trail protection and enhancement initiatives with AMC & CFPA.

**Trail Stewardship Councils**

Trail Stewardship Councils (TSCs) in both CT and MA help guide implementation of NET’s Trail Management Blueprint. The Councils include representatives from the states, municipalities, landowners, regional planning agencies, nonprofit land conservation organizations, AMC and CFPA.

**Mapping & Marking Status**

The entirety of the NET has been mapped and is available to the public through hiking guides available from CFPA and AMC. The NET is marked with blue blazes in CT and white blazes in MA. GIS mapping is being used by both organizations for a variety of land protection initiatives.

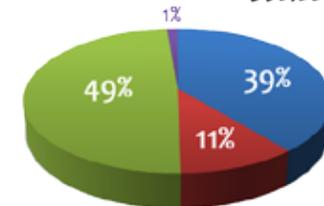
**Youth Programming**

Flat Stanley has been discovered on the NET! With over six hikes held in 2011, this family-friendly hike series has been introducing young explorers to the wonders of the trail. Partners are piloting a Trails- to- Every- Classroom initiative to build trail-based curriculum with local educators.

**WEBSITES:**

[www.newenglandtrail.org](http://www.newenglandtrail.org)  
[www.nps.gov/nees](http://www.nps.gov/nees)

**New England NST Partnership Support  
2011 Total Value: \$395,556**



- Value of NET Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to NET
- Federal Funding
- State Funding

**ABOUT THE TRAIL**

The New England Trail links 39 central Connecticut and Massachusetts communities. hikers enjoy classic New England scenery--mountain summits and traprock ridges, forest glades, farms, waterfalls, river valleys--and rural townscapes and historic landmarks.

Photos courtesy of CFPA.





## Agency Information Nez Perce NHT (USFS & BLM)



Nez Perce Trail Foundation Founded	1991
Paid Staff	1
Members	150
Volunteer Hours (2011)	15,910
Private Contributions (2011)	\$334,815
Total Funding (2011)	\$414,175
Trail on the ground	30% (350/1170)
Interpretive sites monitored	15/year
# Interpretation/Outreach Events	25/year

2011 Base Budget	\$640,000
Federal Trail Staff	2
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	In progress
Miles of Trail open for public use	388
Miles of Autotour Route Signed	1,500
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	78
Trail-wide meetings in 2011	68
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	10
Website Hits in 2011	360,000
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In progress

## Organizational Overview

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation exists to promote public awareness and appreciation of the historic route of the tragic 1877 flight of the Nez Perce from the U.S. Army. The Foundation works with governmental agencies and others to preserve and protect cultural resources and values



while promoting respectful use by all. Chapters gather once a year at an annual conference where they are joined by Federal trail managers and tribal leaders.

## Tribal and Community Engagement

With Native American history at the core of the trail and several tribal reservations along its length, engaging local tribes is a central focus for the NPTF. Each tribal entity along the trail has an organizational structure to dialogue with Federal and private entities along the trail, and the NPTF regularly seeks the perspectives and advice of the tribal nations regarding interpretive signage, trail marking, and any other pertinent trail issues.

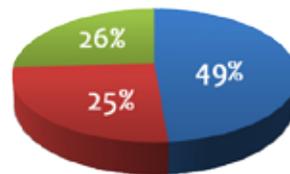
## Education and Outreach

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation has developed a set of partnerships with universities along the trail, including the University of San Diego, Sacramento California Extension. The universities use a combination of materials created by the NPNHT and guest speakers to offer two separate for-credit teacher continuing education courses and approaches to conveying Nez Perce NHT history to middle school students.

## Mapping and Signage

An interactive Google Earth map is available on the NPTF, NPNHT, and Google Maps websites. The NPTF and the Forest Service are collaborating on signage and trail marking. The areas where there is trail tread on the ground are thoroughly marked with the Nez Perce NHT logo.

**Nez Perce NHT 2011 Partnership Support  
Total Value: \$1,314,653**



- Value of NPTF Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to NPTF
- Federal Funding

## Federal Initiatives for the Nez Perce NHT:

- Creation of **Google Earth interactive maps** for auto tour routes which will allow the public to experience the trail through their computer (In partnership with NPTF).
- Utilization of ARRA and base funding for **trail maintenance, bridge relocation, and puncheon replacement.**
- **Partnering with young Nez Perce tribal members** for trail work for the youth to learn a number of practical skills, including trail maintenance and bridge building, use of equipment, first aid, CPR, and chainsaw training.
- Development of **interpretive signage and educational partnerships.**

## WEBSITES:

- [www.nezperctrail.net](http://www.nezperctrail.net) (NPTF)
- [www.fs.usda.gov/npnht](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht) (USFS)
- [www.nps.gov/nepe](http://www.nps.gov/nepe) (NPS)
- [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail commemorates the flight of the Nez Perce Indians from their homeland in the Pacific Northwest to Canada to escape capture by the U.S. military. Using an indirect escape route as dictated by terrain and strategy, the Nez Perce passed through four states and traveled from Wallowa Lake, Oregon, to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana.



Year Founded	1981
Paid Staff,	10
Members	2,410
Active Volunteers (2011)	928
Volunteer Hours (2011)	68,505
Private Contributions (2011)	\$375,697
Total Income (2011)	\$906,028

## Agency Information North Country NST (National Park Service)



2011 Base Trail Budget	\$913,745
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Updated
Miles of Trail open to the public	1903/4,600 (41%)
New Partnership Agreements 2011	10
Local Trail Corridor Plans underway	3

## Organizational Overview



The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) works to protect, build, and maintain the longest designated national scenic trail, totalling 4,200 miles across seven states in the northern US. NCTA chapters support members who maintain

trail segments, sponsor hikes and other social events in local trail communities, and plan and conduct major trail-building projects. The organization hosts an annual conference and publishes a quarterly magazine, *The North Star*.

## Land Protection Efforts

The NCTA typically pursues land protection at the chapter level, though the national organization is involved with mitigating trail effects from energy projects and mining on public lands, which currently represent a significant challenges to the NCT. The NCTA is involved in partnerships with many other groups to protect the trail as much as possible from this threat. The organization is developing a prioritized plan for land protection to pursue a cohesive approach to preservation.

## Capacity Development & Partnerships

The NCTA encourages its chapters to connect with convention and visitors bureaus in their states and has started a pilot Trail Town Program in Pennsylvania. The organization has stressed reaching out to community partners at the chapter level at its trail-wide events. NCTA recently hired a director of development to expand corporate relationships and private funding sources. The organization's website also has a system for online volunteer hour reporting.

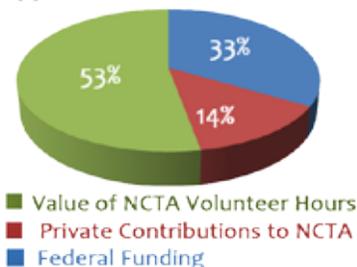
## Federal Initiatives for the North Country NST:

- Feasibility study for a corridor plan to **potentially link the North Country NST to the Appalachian NST in Vermont.**
- **Wisconsin-Michigan Corridor Planning Plan**, to evaluate potential for creating a continuous land corridor between the two states.
- Participation in wider NPS **response to the threat of high volume hydro-fracking** at multiple points along the trail, including scoping, comment sessions, and mitigation evaluation.
- Collaboration with the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation in the **creation of an Adirondacks Plan** for trail management specific to that area.
- **Collaboration with individual national forests** along the trail to evaluate the existing trail and its management.

## Mapping and Marking

The NPS administers a GIS system, and most GIS data is online. An online mapping system uses Google Maps for segments of the trail as well as directions to trailheads. NCTA has an organization-wide signage guide to assist chapters with use of the trail logo and blazes. However, the fact that many segments of the trail are not certified is a major obstacle to signage as temporary connectors do not permit blazing. Consequently, gaining certified status for trail segments is a crucial effort for NCT partners.

North Country NST 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$2,828,778



## WEBSITES

[www.northcountrytrail.org](http://www.northcountrytrail.org)  
[www.nps.gov/noco](http://www.nps.gov/noco)



## ABOUT THE NORTH COUNTRY NST

Conceived in the 1960s, this trail traverses seven northern states, linking New York's Adirondack Mountains to the Missouri River in North Dakota. Hikers enjoy mountains, forests, historic canals, Great Lakes shorelines, glacier-carved lakes and streams, and prairies of the Great Plains.

Photos courtesy of the NCTA.

Year Founded	1982
Paid Staff	2
Members	1,474
Active Volunteers (2011)	600+
Volunteer Hours (2011)	75,260
Private Contributions (2011)	\$554,655
Total Funding (2011)	\$780,381
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	10+/year
Interpretation/Outreach Events	30/year



## Agency Information - Oregon, California NHTs (NPS & BLM)



<b>AGENCY INFO - CALIFORNIA NHT</b>	
2011 NPS Trail Budget	\$348,100
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Auto Tour route signed	3,079/5,839 (53%)
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	1
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	3
New Partnership Agreements in FY 2011	3
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1999

<b>AGENCY INFO - OREGON NHT</b>	
2011 NPS Trail Budget	\$428,200
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Auto tour route signed	2,130 (100%)
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	2
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	7
New Partnership Agreements in FY 2011	5
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1999

## Organizational Overview

The Oregon-California Trail Association (OCTA) works towards identification, preservation, interpretation, and improved accessibility of extant rut segments, trail remains, graves and associated historic trail sites, landmarks, artifacts and objects along the overland western historic trails. OCTA collaborates with Federal, state and local entities as well as historical nonprofit partners to secure land and easements for trail protection and to conduct original research.



## Mapping and Signage

The OCTA website features a detailed interactive map with information about over 150 individual trail sites. OCTA offers a set of online MET (Mapping Emigrant Trails) resources for members who wish to participate in the mapping and signage effort. Marking sites along the trail and improving mapping and documentation is a constant effort for the organization.

## Publications and Outreach.

OCTA publishes the *Overland Journal*, a scholarly journal, and *News from the Plains*, an organizational newsletter. A by-youth-for-youth trail newsletter, *OCTA Trail Scout*, was recently initiated. The organization publishes trail history books and modern-day site guides. OCTA's website features an extensive collection of educational resources, historic trail stories, and lesson plans.

## In Pursuit of a Dream Film

OCTA's *In Pursuit of a Dream* is a reality-style film profiling the journey of contemporary middle-school students traveling the Oregon trail as the original emigrants did, wearing period dress, hitching up wagons, cooking over a fire, and meeting colorful trail characters along the way. The film won multiple awards and is now available on DVD.

## NPS Activities for Oregon and California NHTs:

- **Scoping for a feasibility study to add routes** to the Oregon, California, Pony Express, and Mormon Pioneer NHTs. Staffers are defining possible alternative actions for consideration, and a consulting firm has begun drafting parts of the Feasibility Study/Environmental Assessment.
- **A historical study of African Americans** on the Oregon, California, and Mormon Pioneer trails.
- Development of partnerships with State Historic Preservation Offices to produce **Multiple Property Documentation Forms** and **National Register of Historic Places nomination packages** for sites and segments.
- **Tribal listening sessions** with northern plains tribes on the Oregon and California Trails.
- Collaboration with partners to **design wayside exhibits** on the Oregon and California NHTs in Kansas City, MO.

Oregon-California NHTs 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$2,985,036



## WEBSITES

- [www.octa-trails.org](http://www.octa-trails.org)
- [www.inpursuitofadream.org](http://www.inpursuitofadream.org)
- [www.nps.gov/cali](http://www.nps.gov/cali)
- [www.nps.gov/oreg](http://www.nps.gov/oreg)
- [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

## ABOUT THE TRAILS

**California NHT-** In just two years, 1849 and 1850, over 70,000 gold-seaking "49ers" rushed this braided trail system to get to the California gold fields. Weather, water, and feed conditions resulted in varied routes. This migration anchored California to the rest of the United States and precipitated statehood in 1850.

**Oregon NHT -** Key to westward expansion, this route followed earlier paths used by Native Americans and fur trappers from the early 1840s. Some 300,000 people attempted this arduous "Road to Oregon," usually taking five to six months.



Year Founded	1994
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff" Members	1, 14
Active Volunteers (2011)	500
Volunteer Hours (2011)	367
Private Contributions (2011)	15,310
Organization Funding (2011)	\$13,200
Trail Signage/inventory events	\$69,000
Outreach Events	6/year
	15-20/year

## Organizational Overview

The Old Spanish Trail Association is a membership organization with 10 local chapters in the 6 states traversed by the Trail. Up to 3 additional chapters are in the discussion phase and the Association has a chapter in Great Britain.



The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) focuses on trail resource protection and engaging the public with the history of the trail through its publications and events. OSTA hosts an annual conference, offers seminars on trail history, and leads field trips on the trail.

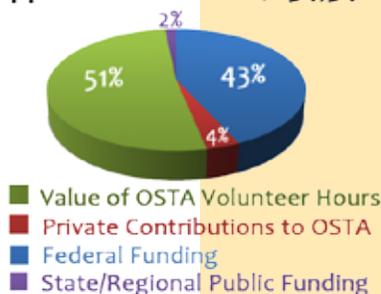
## Partnerships and Stewardship

Through the support of the BLM, OSTA has put together workshops for training volunteers, called the OSTA Trail Stewardship Trail Program, to engage volunteers and increase overall protection of the trail. OSTA has assisted with tribal listening sessions led by the NPS and maintains relationships with tribal groups along the trail, including a partnership with the Ute Museum. On the state level, OSTA encourages its chapters to connect with their respective State Historic Preservation Offices. In response to the threat posed by energy development projects in the vicinity of the Trail, OSTA participates with the Cultural Resource Preservation Coalition and collaborates with Federal partners and other Trail Associations.

## Publications and Outreach

*Spanish Traces* is published three times per year for OSTA members with new research, trail news, and event overviews. An annual conference brings members together and features seminars on trail history and field trips out on the trail. To engage young adults with the trail, OSTA offers a collection of online educational plans for teachers to introduce the trail in the classroom, and the organization has worked to incorporate history themes into children's playgrounds along the trail. The trail has also made a specific effort to hire a "trails apprentice" part-time to aid in organizational capacity and conference administration.

**Old Spanish NHT 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$634,346**



## Agency Information Old Spanish NHT (NPS & BLM)



2011 NPS Trail Budget	\$244,300
2011 BLM budget	\$105,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Autotour route signed	Unsigned (0/2700)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	5
Federal Interagency Projects in 2011	2
New Partnership Agreements in 2011	4
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In progress

## Federal Initiatives for the Old Spanish NHT:

- Development of **Comprehensive Management Plan** (trail designated in 2002).
- Coordination of ARRA-funded **historic trails cultural resources inventory, condition assessment, setting and visual resources documentation** on approximately 400 miles of Old Spanish Trail high potential route segments.
- BLM & NPS – Preparation of **draft brochure and official mapping guide**.
- NPS - Sponsored a series of events including **tribal listening sessions**, a **database workshop**, and a **cultural resource preservation workshop**.
- NPS –Contracting with New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Old Spanish Trail Association for **development of a Multiple Property Nomination Form and Historic Context and National Register nominations** for six trail segments.
- BLM – Offering **trail stewards workshop trainings**.
- USFS - Prepared a **nomination of a trail segment** - the Fishlake Cut-off - for the National Register of Historic Places.

## Mapping and Signage

From a site perspective, many key sites along the trail are well identified and/or interpreted. The OSTA website features a detailed interactive online map highlighting both historical sites along the trail as well as travel amenities and nearby tourism services. The specific trail route is significantly less distinguished, as very few trail segments are signed and the lack of a completed Comprehensive Management Plan and GIS mapping initiative for the trail means the precise route is not yet well determined in many areas. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded Historic Trails Inventory (BLM) greatly advanced this effort.

## WEBSITES

- [www.oldspanishtrail.org](http://www.oldspanishtrail.org)
- [www.nps.gov/olsp](http://www.nps.gov/olsp)
- [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Opened in 1829 by Santa Fe trader Antonio Armijo, this trade route between Santa Fe and Los Angeles hosted Mexicans, Americans, and Native Americans trading wool goods, horses, mules, and human captives. Trail use declined after the 1846-48 U.S. - Mexican War.

National Park Service Photo.





Year Founded	1975
Paid Staff, Volunteer "Staff"	0, 5
Members	180
Volunteer Hours (2011)	11,915
Private Contributions	\$31,000
Total Funding (2011)	\$49,000
Trail on the ground	80/330 (24%)
Interpretation/Outreach Events	100+/year

## Organizational Overview

For the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA), "telling the story" is central among the organization's goals and applied as a way to encourage trail protection among future generations. OVTA members, dressed in period garb for the Revolutionary War era, are, above-all storytellers for communities along the trail, acting out historic scenarios and offering multi-station educational events for school children. To build on this interpretation focus, the OVTA has

capitalized on unique relationships with the trailhead Town of Abingdon to create an interpretive center capable of hosting large educational groups.

The OVTA has a significant academic and research component as well, providing a forum for authors and researchers for the trail and hosting seminars on trail history. The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution also play a pivotal partnership with the organization for many of their initiatives.

## Education and Outreach

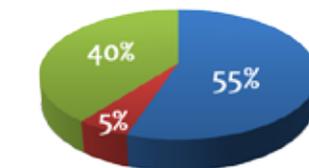
The pinnacle of the OVTA's annual activities takes place every October, during which a large member contingent assembles in Abingdon, Virginia to begin a 2-week whirlwind educational program and march along the entirety of the trail from the Abingdon, Virginia trailhead to Kings Mountain Military Park in South Carolina. During the march, the OVTA members put on a series of educational events along the trail, reaching over 10,000 school children over the 2-week period. Much of this programming was supported through an Active Trails Grant from the National Park Foundation.

## Trail Preservation

The OVTA assists local preservation groups and land trusts to acquire significant historic sites along the trail and works with landowners to encourage land protection and secure easements. To maximize the number of miles open to the public and increase recognition, the OVTA makes a special effort to overlap the trail with local and community walking trails wherever possible.



## Overmountain Victory NHT 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$584,916



- Value of OVTA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to OVTA
- Federal Funding



## Agency Information Overmountain Victory NHT (National Park Service)



2011 NPS Base Budget	\$339,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Auto Tour Route signed	104/300 (34%)
Local Trail Corridor Planning Projects	4
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	80
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	1
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	7
Comprehensive Management Plan completed	1982

## NPS activities along the OVT include:

- Development of **Master Plans for certified sites** on the trail, including archaeological surveys.
- Underwriting of **exhibits in new interpretive center** at the Muster Grounds trailhead in Abingdon, VA.
- **Support for the annual march** and related educational programming.
- Establishment of a **long-range interpretive plan**.
- Completion of **feasibility study for new trail headquarters** in Morganton, NC.
- Partnership with North Carolina State University for **GIS trail mapping**.
- Significant role in coordinating OVT's hosting of the **13th National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference**.

## Trail Marking and Accessibility

Much of the trail is marked along roadways, with only 79 out of 330 miles characterized by a separate footpath. On the roadways, OVTA is working with the National Park Service and North Carolina DOT to re-sign major roads with missing or damaged signs and to add wayside exhibits. The 79 miles of footpath are well marked, and a recent trail guide assembled by an OVTA member highlights public access points.

## WEBSITES

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

[www.nps.gov/ovvi](http://www.nps.gov/ovvi)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail travels through VA, TN, NC & SC, retracing the route of patriot militia as they tracked down the British. Eventually the two forces clashed, ending in patriot victory at the battle of Kings Mountain.

Photos courtesy of the OVTA.



Year Founded	1977
Staff	22
Members	9,000
Active Volunteers (2011)	1724
Volunteer Hours (2011)	118,450
Private Contributions (2011)	\$854,274
Total Organization Funding (2011)	\$2,108,862
Miles of Trail maintained (2011)	1,096
Trail Building/Maintenance projects (2011)	367

## Agency Information Pacific Crest NST (USFS & BLM)

2011 Base Trail Budget	\$2,000,000
Special 2011 Funds	\$360,000 BLM, \$3,400,000 ARRA
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	2650/2650 (100%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	10
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	4
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	8



## Organizational Overview

The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) works to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in partnership with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and California State Parks. Founded in 1977 as a merger of many smaller organizations,

the PCTA was the product of more than four decades of work to establish the trail and the 1968 National Trails System Act. The organization now provides an extensive array of services to maintain 2,650 miles of trail tread, protect the surrounding lands, and support, educate, and engage trail users and the public.

## Services for Trail Users

The PCTA serves as the primary clearing house for PCT information. Their website offers comprehensive trip planning resources, including safety recommendations, long distance permit procedures, re-supply strategies, maps, and trail conditions reports. Members receive the *Pacific Crest Trail Communicator*, a periodic magazine encouraging the use, enjoyment, protection, and improvement of the PCT. The PCTA also maintains a toll-free PCT telephone line with trail closures and other important information.

## Trail and Land Protection

Trail protection activities include work to protect the trail from encroachment, to advocate for a special management corridor and to protect the trail user's experience. Protection activities also include the PCTA's work to advocate for Federal funding for trail management, operations and land acquisition.

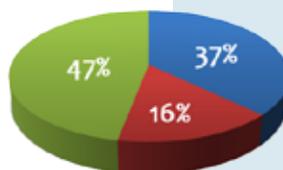
## Youth and Trail Crews

The PCTA successfully engages adults who are passionate about the PCT but also actively engages youth. In 2011, 54,007 service hours were accomplished with youth corps crews and other youth programs including Northwest Service Academy and Student Conservation Association. This important volunteer work connects volunteers with nature and develops future citizen stewards. Additionally it also introduces new generations to outdoor-based resource management jobs.

## Capacity and Organizational Development

To build organizational capacity, the PCTA focuses on raising funds from individuals. The PCTA has also developed a Corporate Partnership Program that offers sponsorship options. The PCTA board of directors uses a strategic plan with milestones to guide the organization's development.

## Pacific Crest NST 2011 Partnership Support Total Value: \$5,384,366



- Value of PCTA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to PCTA
- Federal Funding

## Partnership Initiatives for the Pacific Crest NST:

- Implementing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act agreements with the Student Conservation Association, Northwest Service Academy, and the Pacific Crest Trail Association to complete an extensive backlog of **trail maintenance and reconstruction** in 2010 and 2011.
- Offering more than 20 **Trail Skills College trainings** for volunteers, partner volunteer organizations, and agency partners. These trainings offer experienced volunteers an opportunity to improve their restoration skills in more advanced training sessions, and also target new volunteers who are interested in developing basic restoration skills. These volunteers are the future stewards and leaders to maintain the PCT and other public trail systems.
- Continuing support for the **Warm Springs Tribal Youth Corps Crew** to maintain 25 miles of the PCT that traverses tribal lands. In 2011, leveraging public and private foundation funding, the Warm Springs Crew contributed more than 2,400 service hours to the PCT including work on huckleberry mitigation with the Mt. Hood National Forest.
- **Partnering with diverse youth programs**, including Boy Scouts, NAACP Rites of Passage, Warm Springs Crew, Environmental Charter Middle and High Schools from inner-city Los Angeles, Alternative Spring Break with various out-of-state universities, Young Marine Corps, and the Williams S. Hart Unified School District Trails Program.
- **Addressing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use** of the PCT with a task force – including the USFS PCT Manager, BLM staff, PCTA staff, the Kern County Sheriff's Department and Supervisors Office, local community members including OHV users, local equestrian groups and members from an OHV watch group – to eliminate the ever-growing illegal OHV activity in California's Tehachapi Mountains.
- Interagency/partner program **review of corridor acquisition needs/strategy and easement management**.
  - Continuing priority **land acquisition work** along the PCT Corridor, including outreach to Priority 1 and 2 parcel owners for the PCT in California to identify potential willing sellers.
  - Coordinating with BLM and the PCTA on **Optimal Location Reviews** of sections of the PCT.
  - Developing **webinars and teaching tools** for agency staff and line officers on the National Trails System Act, the PCT, PCTA partnership, and special management considerations.

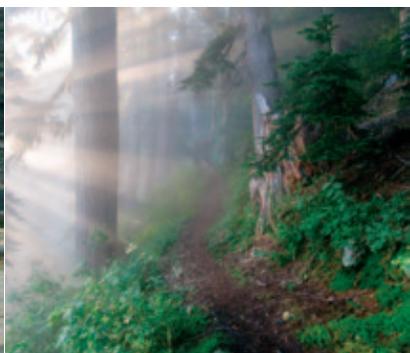
## WEBSITES

[www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org)  
[www.fs.usda.gov/pct](http://www.fs.usda.gov/pct)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Extending border-to-border along the Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains, this hiking and equestrian trail was first laid out in the 1930s. Citizen activists and the Forest Service had most sections open and maintained by the mid-1960s. It crosses 25 national forests, nine national parks, and several BLM districts.

Photos courtesy of the PCTA.





## Agency Information Pacific Northwest NST (USFS & BLM)



2011 Base Trail Budget	\$175,000
Trail Staff	1
Miles of Trail open to the public	800/1200 miles (67%)
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In progress

## USFS Overview

As the Pacific Northwest NST was designated as National Scenic Trail only recently in 2009, the US Forest Service is in the early stages of more in-depth involvement with the Trail and has recently hired a trail manager. The USFS has provided some support for the PNTA for trail construction, and it is currently developing the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Trail to guide future activities.

## SKY (Service Knowledge-Youth) Programs

The PNTA offers a collection of innovative trail work programs for young adults ages 13-25. Through participation in several day-long outdoor education experiences and extended overnight camping and trail building/maintenance excursions, SKY participants achieve personal growth, have positive social experiences, learn teamwork and goal setting, and reap the rewards of personal and group accomplishment all while building and maintaining the Pacific Northwest NST for public enjoyment.

- **SKY Ranger Corps** for youth ages 13-15. Each Ranger Corps works two paid days a week during the summer and focuses on developing trail building and maintenance skills, with a special emphasis on skill refinement and teamwork.
- The **SKY Educational Program** works with youth ages 14-18 from alternative schools that specialize in reaching struggling students. While learning trail building skills and leadership, students earn up to two school credits to help them graduate.
- **SKY Performance Crews** arose out of demand from students who participated in the SKY Educational Program; participants learn masonry, construction, carpentry, and culinary skills.
- **SKY Job Corps** youth (ages 18-25) work on either the Pacific Northwest NST or on an as-needed project basis for the USFS. The USFS provides funding for individual projects on USFS land.

Year Founded	1977
Staff (paid or volunteers of 10 hrs/week+)	5
Members	340
Active Volunteers per year	~200
Volunteer Hours (2011)	28,300
Private Contributions (2011)	\$17,700
Total Organization Funding (2011)	\$396,190
Trail Built or Maintained per year	400 miles/year (33%)
Trail Building/Maintenance Events	16/year



## Organizational Overview

Founded in 1977, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) welcomed the addition of the PNNST to the National Trails System in 2009. The PNTA

is dedicated largely to the construction and maintenance of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, and it focuses on employing of young adults in need of leadership and job development opportunities to reach this goal. The PNTA publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Nor'wester*, and offers an e-newsletter.

## Trail and Land Protection

The PNTA has collaborated with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Trust for Public Lands, and the Whatcom County Land Trust for land protection. The PNTA was involved in the acquisition of a crucial 22-acre parcel with a mile of the PNNST.

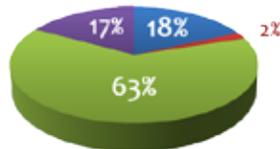
## Trail Building

PNTA contracts with both state and Federal partners to build and maintain the trail tread for the PNNST. A major percentage of the trail building that takes place on the trail is done through the PNTA's various SKY programs (at right), and total the organization build or maintains about 400 miles of trail per year.

## Mapping Status

The PNTA has compiled 880 miles of trail on .jpg maps and a Google Earth File, including all camping areas along the trail. National Geographic Illustrated Series for Glacier NP, North Cascades NP, Olympic NP, and Baker Snoqualamie NF all show the trail, and new Flathead NF Maps will also have the trail outlined. The US Forest service has done additional GIS maps for trail segments on Forest Service lands.

## Pacific Northwest NST Partnership Support 2011 Total Value: \$959,690



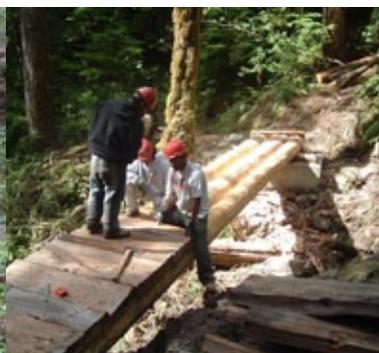
- Value of PNTA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to PNTA
- Federal Funding
- State Funding

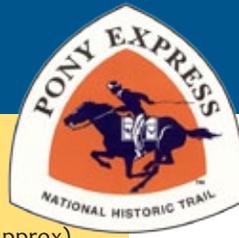
## WEBSITES

[www.pnta.org](http://www.pnta.org)  
[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas/NLCS/Trails.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Trails.html)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Set mostly in wilderness areas, this hiking trail connects the Olympic Peninsula in Washington to Glacier National Park in Montana, some of America's most breathtaking and varied landscapes. First conceived and scouted by writer Ron Strickland in the early 1980s, the trail today attracts volunteers from around the world and boasts innovative youth programs to build tomorrow's conservation leaders.





## Agency Information Pony Express NHT (NPS & BLM)



Year Founded	1977
Staff (paid or volunteers of 10 hrs/week+)	5
Members	340
Active Volunteers per year	200 (Approx)
Volunteer Hours (2011)	33,916
Total Funding (2011)	\$69,800
Trail Building/Maintenance Events year	16/year
Young Adults Ages 13-25 Engaged per year	90

2011 NPS Trail Budget	\$250,000
Miles Auto Tour Route Signed	1,378/2005 (69%)
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	15
Website Hits in 2011	106,906
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1999

## Organizational Overview

The National Pony Express Association is an entirely volunteer-led effort to celebrate the history of the Pony Express and to manage the annual re-ride of the entire trail as a reenactment of the original mail route. The organization is comprised of mostly autonomous state divisions involved at the state and community level, but the re-ride, which takes place each summer, involves collaboration between chapters, and an annual meeting each September brings chapters together.



Wearing uniforms of distinctive yellow scarves, bright red shirts, and brown vests, riders of the National Pony Express Association participate in community parades and historical events, visit schools, hold social rides along the trail, and meet regularly to plan for their events.

## Publications

Each division of the NPEA manages communications between its members differently, but most have a newsletter available online and/or in print, and a trail-wide NPEA publication, *Pony Express Gazette*, comes out once per year, and an additional NPEA newsletter comes out twice annually.

## Youth Programming

The NPEA places a significant focus on engaging youth and a substantial portfolio of resources on the trail for teachers and students is available on their website, which also provides a forum for students of any age to post research, essays, poems, and reflections on the Pony Express for others to enjoy. The NPEA has also been involved with the National Postal Museum.

## NPS Initiatives for the Pony Express NHT:

- Scoping for a **feasibility study to add routes** to the Oregon, California, Pony Express, and Mormon Pioneer NHTs has been completed and released. Staffers are defining alternative actions for consideration, and a consulting firm has begun drafting parts of the Feasibility Study/Environmental Assessment.
- Partnerships with two State Historic Preservation Offices to produce **National Register of Historic Places nomination packages** for sites and segments on the Pony Express National Historic Trail.
- Publishing of the **Auto Tour Route Guide Across Utah**, the sixth in a series of state-by-state trail guides. Some 2,100 copies of the guide, which focuses on the Mormon Pioneer, Pony Express, and California trails across Utah, were distributed.
- Development of the **Auto Tour Route Interpretive Guide Across Nevada**, the seventh installment of National Trails Intermountain Region Office's popular trail guide series.
- Collaboration with partners to design seven **wayside exhibits for Pony Express sites** in Utah and Kansas including design of two replacement exhibits for a Pony interpretive site in Utah.

**Pony Express NHT 2011 Partnership Support**  
Total Value: \$987,646



- Value of NPEA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to NPEA
- Federal Funding

## WEBSITES

[www.xphomestation.com/frm-npea.html](http://www.xphomestation.com/frm-npea.html)  
[www.nps.gov/poex](http://www.nps.gov/poex)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Operating just 18 months in 1860-61, this perilous mail route connected the new state of California to the rest of the United States. Adventurous young riders proved that the 15-day journey could provide regular overland communications before they were supplanted by telegraph wires as the Civil War began.

*Photos courtesy of the NPEA.*



Year Founded 2003  
 Volunteer Hours (2011) 14,000  
 Trail Building/Maintenance Events year 16/year



## Agency Information Potomac Heritage NST (NPS & BLM)



2011 Trail Base Budget	\$397,700
Trail has part or full time data steward?	No
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Partially
Miles of Trail open to the public	764/1256 (61%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	2
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	8
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	7
Website Hits in 2011	7,641
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	Foundation Document completed Jan 2012

### Organizational Overview

The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail is a network of trails. A diverse range of agencies and organizations develop, manage, interpret and promote the Trail network, independently and through partnerships with the National Park Service (NPS). The Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) is one such organization, focused on coordination among local groups, scouting suitable trail tread locations on public lands, blazing routes and researching opportunities to connect trail sections through easements.

### Mapping & Signing Status

As planning for and completion of Trail segments increases, the availability of maps, signs, route markers, interpretive panels and blazes native to various Trail segments has also increased. Maps are available for most Trail segments and a M1-8a bicycling route sign was installed along the Northern Neck PHNST route. A workshop in 2011 outlined the contents of a PHNST route marking guide, currently being developed and tested in Prince William County.

### Outreach and Volunteerism

The PHTA has partnerships with local REI and Eastern Mountain Sports whereby those retailers post PHNST trail building events on their web calendars, drawing many local volunteers and encouraging store employees to participate in development of the PHNST. A relationship with local Boy Scout groups allows the Association to recruit potential Eagle Scouts to pursue trail-related projects such as small bridge building to complete the prestigious award.

### Website and Communications

Most PHNST-related organizations maintain websites and communicate through print and/or e-newsletters. The PHTA website includes information about PHTA projects and some related Trail segments, an interactive map (indicating trail locations, services, etc.), and past newsletters. Regional meetings often supplement an annual Trail-wide workshop, and the NPS produces an annual report. An effort by the NPS and C & O Canal Trust to support communications among heritage tourism promotion interests is reflected in a Potomac Heritage Explorer website.

### WEBSITES

[www.nps.gov/pohe](http://www.nps.gov/pohe)  
[www.potomacheritage.net](http://www.potomacheritage.net)  
[www.potomactrail.org](http://www.potomactrail.org)  
[www.canaltrust.org](http://www.canaltrust.org)

[www.gaptrail.org](http://www.gaptrail.org)  
[www.garretttrails.org](http://www.garretttrails.org)  
[www.bikewalkvirginia.org](http://www.bikewalkvirginia.org)  
[www.pwtsc.org](http://www.pwtsc.org)

### NPS Initiatives for the Potomac Heritage NST:

- Completion of a “Foundation” for planning, administration, management, interpretation and coordination, providing the **basis to assemble a comprehensive management plan** through the addition, as appendices, plan adopted at the local, regional and state scales of planning and management.
- Establishment of agreement with Harpers Ferry NHP to secure a part-time **interpretive media specialist**.
- Collaboration with American Hiking Society, using Connect Trails to Parks Program funds, to assist with stakeholder outreach prior to completing **compliance for a Civil War Defenses of Washington Trail**.
- Development of formal agreements for management of trail segments.
- Assistance to trail office partners with completion of **gap analyses and trail projects**.
- Assessment of trail network partners for development of various interpretive media and with route marking.

### Partnerships for Development

Partnerships are essential to eliminate the remaining gaps in the PHNST network. The PHTA collaborates with local, regional and state agencies to identify potential trail alignments, secure funding and easements, and advocate for completion of the PHNST, especially in Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and southern Maryland. Due to the diverse character of the PHNST, coalitions involve hiking, equestrians and bicycling groups.

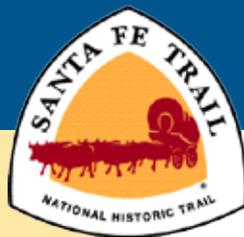
### Trail partners

Over 25 nonprofit organizations (and over 30 governmental agencies) contribute in some way to development and management of the PHNST, including the Allegheny Trail Alliance, the C & O Canal Trust, Garrett Trails, Bikewalk Virginia and Prince William Trails and Streams.

### ABOUT THE TRAIL

With the 184-mile Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Towpath as the geographical heart, existing and planned segments of this Trail network include the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, Great Allegheny Passage, Mount Vernon Trail, Tidewater Potomac bicycling routes, Alexandria Heritage Trail, and hiking trails in Northern Virginia and the Nation’s Capital.





Santa Fe Trail Association Founded	1986
Paid Staff, Volunteer staff	3, 8
Members	~700
Volunteer Hours (2011)	74,047
Total Funding (2011)	\$384,136
Private Contributions (2011)	\$207,426
Trail Signage/inventory events	6/year
Outreach Events	15-20/year

## Agency Information

### Santa Fe NHT (National Park Service)

2011 Trail Budget	\$715,600
Miles of Autotour Route Signed	1,202 (100%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	3
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	1
Website Hits in 2011	79,190
Comprehensive Management Plan	1990

## Organizational Overview



The Santa Fe Trail Association works to preserve the heritage of the Santa Fe NHT through scholarly research, public education through interpretation, events, and tourism, and identification and

marking of critical sites. Founded in 1986, the organization collaborates closely with the National Park Service and several other historical preservation partners to protect, research, and interpret critical sites. The organization is involved in the design of interpretive materials and development of local and tribal partnerships. The organization hosts an annual rendezvous and biennial symposium to bring together chapters and Federal partners.

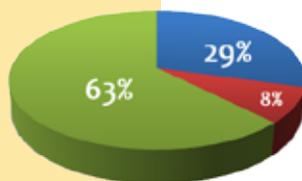
## Research and Trail Marking

The SFTA Scholarly Research Fund funds academic research efforts along the trail, and the results of these endeavors are published in the organization's scholarly journal, *Wagon Tracks*. SFTA also maintains a speakers bureau, whereby chapters and academic institutions can access a network of historical experts and invite presenters to their events. Members are involved with the transcription of primary source documents and the installation of interpretive kiosks at key locations throughout the length of the trail. The SFTA also has a "Marker Fund" that allows chapters to apply for support and how-to information for marking trail sites.

## Education and Outreach

The SFTA is developing four age-appropriate educational activity booklets to be distributed at sites along the Santa Fe NHT. The booklets are designed to raise public awareness and encourage families to actively study the trail's historic sites. Participants who complete a specific number of activities will be rewarded with a Wagon Master badge. The organization also leads bus tours for the public to sites along the trail. A biennial youth program, called *Santa Fe Trail Trips*, brings students from Wamego Middle School on a 10-day overnight bus trip along the trail as part of their history curriculum.

**Santa Fe NHT 2011 Partnership Support**  
Total Value: \$2,534,280



- Value of SFTA Volunteer Hours
- Private Contributions to SFTA
- Federal Funding

## Federal Initiatives on behalf of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail:

- Development of an **interactive map** for the general public displaying publicly accessible sites that were surveyed for the Rediscovery Project in 2006.
- **Tribal Listening Sessions** for tribal groups along the trails to meet with trail organizations and Federal trail administrators to share perspectives, preferences, and concerns.
- **Signing and marking**, including development of interpretive and orientation exhibits and educational wayside areas.
- Coordination efforts with Kansas SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) on amending the MPDF (Multiple Property Documentation Form) and preparation of 30 **National Register of Historic Places nominations** for sites in Kansas on the NHT.
- Coordination with New Mexico SHPO for preparation of **National Register of Historic Places nominations** for sites in New Mexico on the NHT.
- Facilitation and funding of **historical research** by partner organizations, including the SFTA.
- Maintenance of a series of **online video "tours"** that allow visitors to the [nps.gov/safe](http://nps.gov/safe) site to "visit" important trail sites and segments, as well as an online database of all interpretive wayside exhibit content.
- Development of a series of **kiosks** to provide in-depth information at key sites along the trail such as Gardner and Dodge City, Kansas.

## WEBSITES

[www.santafetrail.org](http://www.santafetrail.org)  
[www.nps.gov/safe](http://www.nps.gov/safe)

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

Opened in 1821, this trade route joined the United States to Mexico until the 1880s. After the 1846-48 U.S. Mexican War, New Mexico became a U.S. territory, and the trail remained an important freighting, stagecoach, travel, and mail service route.

Photos courtesy of the SFTA.





## Organizational Overview

There are three friends groups involved with the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail: the Dallas County Friends Group, the Lowndes County Friends Group, and the Montgomery County Friends Group. All three of the organizations are primarily volunteer run and funded, though some of the organizations receive in-kind services from their respective counties and cities.

### Selma/Dallas County Friends Group

The Selma/Dallas County Friends group actively encourages the community of Selma and Dallas County to volunteer at the trail's interpretive centers and participate in research about the trail. The organization hosts an annual meeting bringing together supporters and enthusiasts of the trail. The organization contributed programming and volunteer time to the city of Selma's annual Jubilee event, which includes guests speakers, book signings, and a re-crossing of the famous Edmund Pettus Bridge. Efforts to become involved with the city of Selma's Black History Month Field Trips, which take close to 700 youth to historic civil rights sites, are underway.

### Montgomery County Friends Group

The Montgomery County Friends Group is also engaged in the recruitment of volunteers to serve at the trail's two interpretive centers. The organization is active in engaging students at Trinum Community College to establish a legacy garden on the college campus.

### Lowndes County Friends Group

The Lowndes County Friends Group is involved in contributing public programming for Selma's Jubilee event, and has coordinated some of the book signing events. During the Jubilee, they assist with leading youth tours for students to visit significant trail sites.

## WEBSITES

[www.nps.org/semo](http://www.nps.org/semo)

[www.selmajubilee.com](http://www.selmajubilee.com)

## Agency Information Selma to Montgomery NHT (National Park Service)



2011 Base Budget	\$990,000
Federal Trail Staff	9.5
Miles of Autotour Route Signed	54/54 (100%)
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	3
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	1
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	Update Needed

## Federal Initiatives on behalf of the Selma to Montgomery NHT:

- **Management of two visitor centers** along the trail including one owned by the city of Selma, and orchestration of local volunteers who help within them.
- Collaboration with University staff and nonprofit groups towards **development of an additional third interpretive center** on the campus of Alabama State University.
- Expansion of **Travel Information Station antennae** for a wider broadcast along the trail.
- Development of additional **programs and activities for the annual Jubilee event** (see below) in addition to providing ranger crowd control and event services.
- Partnership with St. Jude Educational Center to **engage youth in volunteering regularly with the interpretive centers**. This program recruits several young adults to help greet visitors and answer questions about the trail.

## Bridge Crossing Jubilee

The Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, hosted by the National Voting Rights Museum, is a major cultural event with music, art, and educational programming that draws up to 30,000 people annually. The event celebrates the Civil Rights movement, Bloody Sunday, the March from Selma to Montgomery, and the passing of the Civil Rights Act. The culmination of the Jubilee is the re-crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

The "Selma Movement" for voting rights culminated on March 7, 1965, in a mass march violently turned back at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Regrouped and reorganized under the protection of Federal marshals and the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., the march reach Montgomery on March 25. It electrified the world and led directly to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Photo courtesy of the National Park Service.





## Agency Information Star-Spangled Banner NHT (NPS)



The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail was designated by Congress in 2008 and many Federal, state, and local partners have contributed to planning the trail relative to the upcoming War of 1812 bicentennial. The NPS Chesapeake Bay Office has worked closely with the state of Maryland's Office of Tourism Development and State Highway Administration to complement and align the trail's comprehensive management plan with management of Maryland's Star-Spangled Banner Scenic Byway. The trail is managed through partnerships with Federal, state, and local agencies; War of 1812 Bicentennial commissions and committees; and private organizations in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

2011 Base NPS Trail Budget	\$250,000
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Trail open to the public	0/560 (0%)
Miles of Autotour Route Signed	0/106 (0%)
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	16
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	6
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	1
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	1
Website Hits in 2011	24,583
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	To be released 2012

### Star-Spangled Banner Geotrail

The Star-Spangled Banner Geotrail continues to be active, featuring 37 unique hides at a network of historic places with a War of 1812 connection. The geotrail has received glowing feedback from users and site managers; there have been over 4,000 visits, and coins are awarded for visits to 20 or more sites. Staff also provided professional development on the War of 1812 to 90 Maryland teachers and oversaw the development of an inventory of existing educational materials and new curriculum-related materials for teachers' use trail-wide.

### Interpretive Planning Toolkit

An interpretive planning toolkit was launched in 2011 to guide trail sites and communities through an easy 8-step process for developing effective interpretive projects and programs. The toolkit, available online at [www.interpretiveplanningtoolkit.org](http://www.interpretiveplanningtoolkit.org), also provides blank templates and links to best practices, to assist novices and experts alike with matching their site or community's resources and stories with media and programs that meet the expectations of current and desired audiences.

### Star-Spangled Water Trails Opportunity Plan

The Star-Spangled Water Trails Opportunity Plan, developed by agency partners in Maryland, identifies 11 high-priority project areas where water access improvements could bring War of 1812 stories to life.

### Star-Spangled Banner Trail Interpretive Plan

The Star-Spangled Banner Interpretive Plan aims to improve access to and interpretation of the trail, with the purpose of identifying short-term infrastructure and interpretation investments for the Maryland War of 1812 Commission and partners to implement through 2015.

**WEBSITE** [www.nps.gov/stsp](http://www.nps.gov/stsp)

### NPS Initiatives on the Star-Spangled Banner NHT

- Involvement in the **comprehensive management planning process**, which will result in one plan for both the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Maryland Star-Spangled Banner Scenic Byway.
- Completion of a **graphic standards and sign placement plan** for the Chesapeake Bay Office that will be utilized along the both the STSP (Star-Spangled Banner NHT and CAJO (Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT) and throughout the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network.
- Hosting of **public workshops** with Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia partners for community input on the development of the CMP.
- Development of an **e-newsletter** about the trail and related bicentennial activities.
- **Exploration of a water trail route** by boat trips on the Chesapeake Bay with the aim to connect overlapping segments with the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT and the Star-Spangled Banner NHT.
- Development of three significant planning and interpretive resources, the **Interpretive Planning Toolkit**, the **Star-Spangled Water Trails Opportunity Plan**, and the **Star-Spangled Banner Trail Interpretive Plan** (see left).
- Collaboration with the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network on **grant projects for education, planning, and interpretation** that will build awareness of the trail and improve virtual and physical visits by trail users.

Photos courtesy of the National Park Service.

## ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail (STSP) commemorates the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake and the events leading to the writing of The Star-Spangled Banner along the historic travel routes of the British and Americans during 1812-1815. The 560-mile land and water trail connects parks, sites, and landscapes in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia through a network of scenic byways and biking and water trails, providing learning and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors and fostering preservation of important resources and landscapes.





Year Founded	1993
Paid Staff	2
Members	~600
Active Volunteers (2011)	1,152
Volunteer Hours (2011)	73,846
Private & Tribal Contributions (2011)	\$40,123
Total Funding (2011)	\$216,328
Interpretive Events	20/year

## Agency Information Trail of Tears NHT (National Park Service)

2011 NPS Base Trail Budget	\$493,900
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Yes
Miles of Auto Tour Route signed	993
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	2
New Partnership Agreements in FY2011	2
NPS Website hits 2011	268,896
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	1992, Needs updating following addition of routes in 2009

## Organization Overview



The National Trail of Tears Association (TOTA), which is comprised of a central national office and nine semi-autonomous state chapters, is involved with historical research, site protection, and public awareness of the Trail of Tears NHT. Each chapter pursues significantly different strategies and activities for the trail but receives centralized guidance and funding including NPS Challenge Cost Share Agreements and administration of project grants through the national office. TOTA

publishes a newsletter *Trail News*, semi-annually and hosts an annual conference.

## Chapter Activities

From marking the graves of hundreds of the survivors of the trail, to archeological research projects, to academic seminars open to the public, to conducting archival research for removal documents, TOTA endeavors range significantly from state to state. Chapters are also involved in site certification and development of interpretive exhibits and waysides.

## Partnerships

The Trail of Tears Association operates in partnership with the National Park Service and, with NPS funding, was responsible for the placement of 207 directional and informational signs and 8 interpretive panels along roadways following the development of the NPS sign plan. TOTA also collaborates with the Alabama Historic Commission, with which it is currently studying two archaeological sites, as well as many other state-wide historical organizations. The organization works regularly with the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes.

## Conferences and Youth Program

For the last two years, as part of a developing youth initiative designed to engage young adults with Trail of Tears history, TOTA's annual conference has included a youth scholarship program. This program provided the funding and programmatic support to bring high school and college students, including youth active in the Cherokee Nation, to learn about the trail and contribute their ideas and perspectives.

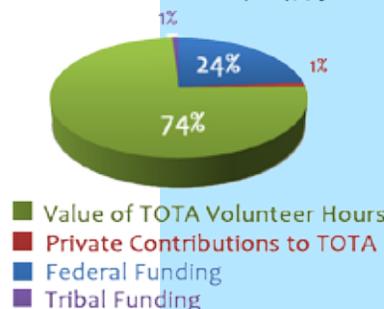
## Federal Initiatives on the Trail of Tears NHT

- Development of **online sign plan for trail partners**, including distinctive signage for auto tour routes, local tour routes, original verified routes, trail crossings, and directional signage to assist travelers in finding and accessing the Trail.
- **Design and construction of interpretive exhibits** along the trail, including waysides and informational kiosks.
- Support of **research projects on the Trail of Tears** in association with TOTA, universities, museums, historical societies, and other nonprofit entities. These projects have identified new trail segments and related structures.
- Completion of **charette for Tuscumbia Landing**, Alabama Development Concept Plan with a range of partners (including Tuscumbia, Alabama, city leaders and Trail of Tears Association members).
- **Trail of Tears DVD**, a 23-minute film made by the NPS in conjunction with the Cherokee Nation, is available for free by request.
- **Online database of interpretive exhibits** for online viewing of sites.

## NPS Programs affiliated with Trail of Tears NHT

- Part of the **Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP)** program through the NPS, with lesson plans for educators available through the NPS website.
- **National Parks Passport Program**, with stamps available at several Trail of Tears NHT sites.

Trail of Tears NST Partnership Support  
2011 Total Value: \$2,122,579



## WEBSITES

[www.nationaltota.org](http://www.nationaltota.org)  
[www.nps.gov/trte](http://www.nps.gov/trte)



## ABOUT THE TRAIL OF TEARS NHT

After years of pressure by southeastern states and despite several legal victories, 16,000 Cherokee people were forcibly rounded up in 1838 and 1839 and removed west of the Mississippi River. Detachments followed several different routes, and thousands died along the way. The trail today joins the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in North Carolina.

Photos courtesy of TOTA.



Year Founded	2004
Members	~200
Volunteer Hours (2011)	~1,600
Private Funding (2011)	\$5,000
Interpretive Events	15-18 /year

**Agency Information**  
**W3R NHT**  
**(National Park Service)**



2011 Base Trail Budget	\$218,000
Number of Trail Staff	2
Trail has part or full time data steward?	Yes
Trail data sets updated, publicly available?	Partially
Trail-wide Partner Meetings in 2011	4
Local Trail Corridor Plans Underway	20
Federal Interagency Projects 2011	2
Comprehensive Management Plan Status	In progress

**Organizational Overview**



The Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route’s national stewardship organization, W3R®-US, brings together independent state-level organizations dedicated to the W3R. The organization received an NPS grant in 2010 to establish its capacity as a united national organization following the organization’s successful attempts to have the trail designated as a

National Historic Trail in 2009.

Although the national-level organization coordinates some programs, offers resources through its website, and is the main coordinating contact for many W3R® partners, individual state chapters pursue a wide range of activities independently. These events typically focus on public outreach through living history reenactments to bring to life the stories of the trail, development of educational seminars led by historical experts, and encouragement of media coverage of the W3R® and important anniversary dates for specific sites. W3R® state chapters have also been involved in trail marking and development of interpretive displays and resources.

**Partnerships**

W3R®-US partners extensively with the National Park Service, which is helping to facilitate connectivity between the state W3R® organizations, as well as the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution (SAR & DAR). Each state organization also pursues its own partnerships with local public entities, and historical organizations. W3R®-US also collaborates with historic organizations in France, including a W3R® France organization, to commemorate the role of the French in the US Revolution.

**Website and Resources**

The W3R® website has a database of current signage along the trail by state, an online library of resources related to the trail and Revolution War history, records of organization achievements, and links to the individual state trail organization websites.

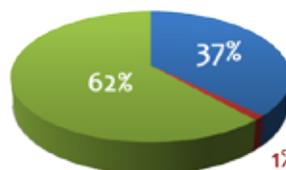
**WEBSITES**

[www.w3r-us.org](http://www.w3r-us.org)  
[www.nps.gov/waro](http://www.nps.gov/waro)

**Federal Initiatives for the W3R NHT:**

- Development of a **NPS W3R website**, [www.nps.gov/waro](http://www.nps.gov/waro).
- Creation of the **NPS trail brochures**, available at parks and sites along the W3R.
- Recording of the **W3R auto route with Google Maps**, which include GIS features.
- Development of **foundation materials for a future comprehensive management plan** for the trail, including preliminary consideration of a potential network of NPS Revolutionary-War era sites, parks, and trail.
- **Exploration of water trail segments** to explore possible overlaps with the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT and Star-Spangled Banner NHT.
- Establishment of relationships with other parks in the region to gain a **public presence at public events commemorating the US Revolutionary War**.
- Collaboration with the W3R-US organization for events and **assistance with capacity development** to further unite state chapters
- **Evaluation of multiple trail experience methods**, including hiking, cycling, driving, and by boat.
- **Distribution of banners** to dedicate the W3R NHT in cities and towns along the corridor in collaboration with W3R-US.

**W3R NHT 2011 Partnership Support**  
**Total Value: \$584,916**



■ Value of W3R-US Volunteer Hours  
■ Private Contributions to W3R-US  
■ Federal Funding

**Trail Marking and Signage**

With W3R only recently designated as a national historic trail, the standard “rounded triangle” sign design is just being introduced for trail marking. However, large segments of the trail do have some form of signage, as the various W3R have been working for many years to mark the trail at important points and along the route itself. The NPS and W3R-US are collaborating to increase the consistency and thoroughness of signage for the trail.

**ABOUT THE TRAIL**

This route commemorates French and American forces joining to defeat the British at the decisive Battle of Yorktown in 1781. It consists of overland routes used by the French who landed at Newport, P.I. in 1780 and joined Washington’s forces the next year in Philipsburg, N.Y.; land and water routes both forces used to go south to Yorktown, Va.; and the French return routes to Boston.

*Photos courtesy of W3R-US.*



# Federal Agency Partners of the National Trails System



## National Park Service (Department of the Interior)

The National Park Service (NPS), established by law in 1916, today manages many types of resources, including national parks, national monuments, national historic sites, national seashores, and national recreation areas. Its core mission is to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations. When the National Trails System was established in 1968, NPS was assigned to administer and protect the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Today, NPS administers (or co-administers with BLM) 23 of the 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails. These trails cross or touch 80 NPS units. In addition, NPS prepares for secretarial review and approval of all national recreation trail applications that are not in national forests.



## Bureau of Land Management (Department of the Interior)

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands, that is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau accomplishes its multiple-use mission by managing outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), within the Washington Office Division of the National Landscape Conservation System, provides leadership and oversight, budget development, policy direction, partnership support, and technical assistance for over 6,000 miles of 16 congressionally designated trails in 14 States. This includes support for the trailwide administration of the Iditarod NHT in Alaska, and co-administration for the Old Spanish and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHTs with NPS.



## US Forest Service (Department of Agriculture)

The Forest Service program manager for Trails and Congressionally Designated Areas is responsible for the agency's trails program, including working with the Administrators of National Scenic and Historic Trails. The Forest Service administers the following trails: Pacific Northwest NST; Pacific Crest NST; Arizona NST; Continental Divide NST; Florida NST and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. The Agency works in partnership with nonprofit organizations and others in the overall administration of the trails.



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

## Federal Highway Administration (US Department of Transportation)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) leads in developing a surface transportation system to move people and goods in a safe, accountable, flexible, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner. The Federal-Aid Highway Program provides financial assistance to the States to construct and improve highways, bridges, and trails. The Federal Lands Highway Program provides access to and within national forests and parks, Indian reservations, and other public lands. National Scenic and Historic Trails can benefit from these programs working in partnership with States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Federal Land Management Agencies.



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior)

The Transit and Trails Coordinator for the national office of the FWS represents the National Wildlife Refuge System, the only lands set aside specifically for wildlife conservation and habitat protection, on the Federal Interagency Council on Trails. The FWS is a signatory to the National Trails System Memorandum of Understanding, and works with the other MOU signatories to coordinate efforts to promote and manage the National Scenic and Historic Trails where they cross or border National Wildlife Refuges. The Transit and Trails coordinator works with FWS regional offices and the refuges on issues and opportunities regarding the 70 National Wildlife Refuges that manage the natural and cultural resources that 18 of the NSHTs cross.

## U.S. Metropolitan Communities Over 500,000 People Crossed by or Near to National Scenic and Historic Trails

New York, NY  
Los Angeles, CA  
Philadelphia, PA/Camden NJ/Wilmington DE  
Washington, DC  
Boston/Cambridge/Quincy, MA  
San Francisco/Oakland/Fremont, CA  
Riverside/ San Bernardino/Ontario, CA  
St. Louis, MO  
Baltimore, MD  
Denver/Aurora/Broomfield, CO  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Portland, OR/Vancouver, WA  
San Antonio/New Braunfels, TX  
Sacramento, CA  
Orlando/Kissimmee/Sanford, FL  
Cincinnati, OH/Middletown, KY  
Kansas City, MO  
Las Vegas/Paradise, NV  
San Jose/Sunnyvale/Santa Clara, CA  
Austin/San Marcos, TX  
Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA  
Nashville, TN  
Providence, RI/New River, MA  
Milwaukee/Waukesha, WI  
Jacksonville, FL  
Memphis, TN/West Memphis, AR  
Hartford, CT  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Tucson, AZ  
Albuquerque, NM  
Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA  
Dayton, OH  
El Paso, TX  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Little Rock, AR  
Stockton/San Joaquin County, CA  
Poughkeepsie/Newburgh/Middletown, NY  
Boise, ID  
Madison, WI  
Ogden/Clearfield, UT  
Jackson, MS  
Palm Bay/Melbourne, FL  
Chattanooga, TN

# National Trails System Facts

- 11 NATIONAL SCENIC TRAILS
- 19 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS
- Congressionally authorized
- Extend over 53,000 miles through 49 states
- Pass through:
  - 70 National Wildlife Refuges,
  - 80 National Parks and Monuments
  - 39 other national preserves
  - More than 90 Wilderness Areas
  - 100 communities of 50,000 or more people (or pass near to)
- National Trails System Trails are important units of the Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System
- The Trails of the NTS can provide urban refuge links and engage a variety of new partners for wildlife conservation, historic preservation, and land stewardship
- Can be heritage and eco-corridors connecting these protected places and extending their values
- The National Trails System also includes over a thousand National Recreation Trails; the organization *American Trails* ([www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org)) is the primary nonprofit organizing partner for that vast network.



## National Wildlife Refuges Traversed by National Scenic and Historic Trails

### Appalachian NST

Walkill River NWR  
Cherry Valley NWR  
Silvio O. Conte NWR

### California NHT

Bear Valley NWR  
Clear Lake NWR  
Greys Lake NWR  
Lower Klamath NWR  
Pathfinder NWR  
Ruby Lake NWR  
Seedskadee NWR  
Tule Lake NWR  
William Finley NWR

### Camino Real de Tierra

#### Adentro NHT

Bosque del Apache NWR  
Sevillita NWR

### Captain John Smith

#### Chesapeake NHT

Blackwater NWR  
Eastern Neck NWR  
Eastern Shore of VA NWR  
Featherstone NWR  
Fisherman Island NWR  
James River NWR  
Martin NWR  
Mason Neck NWR  
Nansemond NWR  
Ocoquan Bay NWR  
Plum Tree Island NWR  
Presquile NWR  
Rappahannock River Valley  
Susquehanna NWR

### Florida NST

St. Marks NWR

### Iditarod NHT

Innoko NWR

### Juan Bautista de Anza NHT

Guadalupe Nipomo Dunes NWR

### Lewis & Clark NHT

Benton Lake NWR  
Boyer Chute NWR  
Charles M Russell NWR  
Desoto NWR  
Julia Butler Hansen NWR  
Karl E Mundt NWR  
Lake Andes NWR  
Lewis and Clark NWR  
McNary NWR  
Pierce NWR  
Ridgefield NWR  
Squaw Creek NWR  
Steigerwald Lake NWR  
Two Rivers NWR  
UI Bend NWR  
Umatilla NWR  
Willapa NWR

### Nez Perce NHT

Lee Metcalf NWR

### Mormon Pioneer NHT

Pathfinder NWR  
Seedskadee NWR

### New England NST

Silvio O. Conte NWR

### North Country NST

Audubon NWR  
Tamarac NWR

### Oregon NHT

Fish Springs NWR  
Pathfinder NWR  
Seedskadee NWR  
Steigerwald Lake NWR

### Pony Express NHT

Fish Springs NWR  
Pathfinder NWR  
Seedskadee NWR

### Potomac Heritage NST

Featherstone NWR  
Ocoquan Bay NWR

### Santa Fe NHT

Bosque del Apache NWR  
Maxwell NWR

### Trail of Tears NHT

Chickasaw NWR  
Cypress Creek NWR  
Holla Bend NWR  
Lower Hatchie NWR  
Sequoyah NWR  
Tennessee NWR  
Wheeler NWR  
White River NWR



STATEMENT OF POLICY

SEC. 2. [16USC1241] (a) In order to provide for the ever increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and in order to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation, trails should be established (i) primarily, near the urban areas of the Nation, and (ii) secondarily, within scenic areas and along historic travel routes of the Nation which are often more remotely located.

(b) The purpose of this Act is to provide the means for attaining these objectives by instituting a national system of recreation, scenic and historic trails, by designating the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail as the initial components of that system, and by prescribing the methods by which, and standards according to which, additional components may be added to the system.

(c) The Congress recognizes the valuable contributions that volunteers and private, nonprofit trail groups have made to the development and maintenance of the Nation's trails. In recognition of these contributions, it is further the purpose of this Act to encourage and assist volunteer citizen involvement in the planning, development, maintenance, and management, where appropriate, of trails.

VOLUNTEER TRAILS ASSISTANCE

SEC. 11. [16USC1250] (a)(1) In addition to the cooperative agreement and other authorities contained in this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the head of any Federal agency administering Federal lands, are authorized to encourage volunteers and volunteer organizations to plan, develop, maintain, and manage, where appropriate, trails throughout the Nation.

(2) Wherever appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, the Secretaries are authorized and encouraged to utilize the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969, the Volunteers in the Forests Act of 1972, and section 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (relating to the development of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans).

(b) Each Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency, may assist volunteers and volunteers organizations in planning, developing, maintaining, and managing trails. Volunteer work may include, but need not be limited to—

(1) planning, developing, maintaining, or managing (A) trails which are components of the national trails system, or (B) trails which, if so developed and maintained, could qualify for designation as components of the national trails system; or

(2) operating programs to organize and supervise volunteer trail building efforts with respect to the trails referred to in paragraph (1), conducting trail-related research projects, or providing education and training to volunteers on methods of trails planning, construction, and maintenance.

(c) The appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency may utilize and to make available Federal facilities, equipment, tools, and technical assistance to volunteers and volunteer organizations, subject to such limitations and restrictions as the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal land managing agency deems necessary or desirable.



Then and Now...

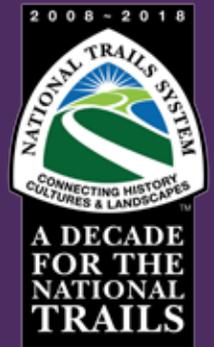
1968 - President Lyndon Johnson signs the National Trails System Act, creating the National Trails System.



2009 - President Barack Obama signs the 2009 Omnibus Public Lands Act, adding four new National Scenic and Historic Trails.

Decade for the National Trails System

The Partnership for the National Trails System—an organization of 34 organizations supporting American’s National Scenic and Historic Trails—and American Trails—an organization supporting America’s national recreation trails—seek to commemorate “A Decade for the National Trails” which spans the System’s 40th anniversary in 2008 and its 50th anniversary in 2018.



**Goal 1: Increase public awareness of the National Trails System and its component trails so that it becomes well known to every citizen and community in the United States.**

**Goal 2: Complete and enhance the designated National Trails for public appreciation and enjoyment.**

**Goal 3: Build the capacity of the organizations and Federal agencies involved to better administer, manage, and sustain National Scenic, Historic, and Recreation Trails.**



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## Trails Events Calendar Summer - Autumn 2012

### June 2012

June 13-23	Annual Commemorative Ride	National Pony Express Association	Sacramento, CA to St. Joseph, MO	<a href="http://www.xphomestation.com">www.xphomestation.com</a>
June 14-17	Old Spanish Trail Conference	Old Spanish Trail Association	Richfield, UT	<a href="http://www.oldspanishtrail.org">www.oldspanishtrail.org</a>

### July 2012

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

### August 2012

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

### September 2012

September 20-22	SFTA Fall Rendezvous	Santa Fe Trail Association	Larned, KS	<a href="http://www.santafetrail.org">www.santafetrail.org</a>
September 22-October 7	Annual Reenactment March to Kings Mountain	Overmountain Victory Trail Association	Abingdon, VA to Kings Mountain NMP, SC	<a href="http://www.ovta.org">www.ovta.org</a>

### October 2012

October 5-7	ATA Annual Rendezvous	Arizona Trails Association	Flagstaff, AZ	<a href="http://www.aztrail.org">www.aztrail.org</a>
October 22-25	TOTA Annual Conference & Symposium	National Trail of Tears Association	Norman, OK	<a href="http://www.nationaltota.org">www.nationaltota.org</a>